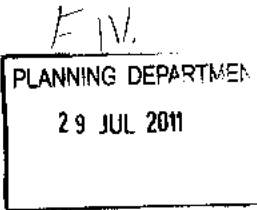




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Dear Frank,

I refer to your recent letter to the Minister for Justice, Equality and Defence, Mr. Alan Shatter, T.D., concerning the proposed protocol regarding Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnell.

The Department of Defence is aware and takes note of the statutory role of the Elected members in relation to the adoption of Development Plans and that their formal approval is required for any agreed protocol. The potential scope of the protocol will be addressed at meetings between the officials of the Department and the Council.

It is noted that the South Dublin County Council Development Plan is subject to review during its currency and the Department assumes that the discussions between both sets of officials will constitute the review of matters pertaining to Casement Aerodrome for the lifetime of the Development Plan.

Yours sincerely,

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27 July, 2011