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DEPARTMENT OF THE  
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Dear Mr. Shanahan,

I acknowledge receipt of your letters of 23 May 2006 and 5 April 2006 respectively, concerning the agreement of a motion at the meeting of the Terenure-Rathfarnham Area Committee on 4 April 2006.

I refer you to article 19(3) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 which states:

“Where a planning authority considers that the erection or fixing of a single site notice is not sufficient to comply with the requirements of sub-articles (1) and (2), or does not adequately inform the public, the authority may require the applicant to erect or fix such further site notice or notices in such a manner and in such terms as it may specify and to submit to the authority such evidence as it may specify in relation to compliance with any such requirements.”

The existing article makes it clear that in each case the planning authority has the right to require additional notices where it considers it necessary. It is, of course, important that a planning authority exercises its discretion appropriately. It would not, however, be possible to amend the regulations as suggested. It would introduce too much uncertainty for applicants, who would not know in any particular case how many notices they would have to erect to ensure their application was valid.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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