



SOUTH BELFAST PARTNERSHIP BOARD

20 December 2007

Dear Yvonne

I am writing in response to your query, LORAG have a nominated representative on the Neighbourhood Partnership. This representative is Marie Cavanagh who replaced Michael Goodman as the LORAG nomination. However, it is important to note that while groups in the area nominate candidates for election, the elected candidate represents the Lower Ormeau area as a whole, as opposed to the nominating group.

The strategic role of Inner South Belfast Neighbourhood Partnership is to oversee the development of a Vision Statement and accompanying Neighbourhood Action Plan as part of the Government's Neighbourhood Renewal Programme in Inner South Belfast. The Partnership has completed this development process and is now expected to take a strategic oversight role in relation to the implementation of the action plan. This strategic role covers the three inner-city Belfast communities of Donegall Pass, Lower Ormeau and the Markets.

There is support for the type of project proposed by LORAG in relation to Shaftesbury Recreation Centre in the Neighbourhood Action Plan. This can be found in the following 2 actions:

- 5C2 – An integrated strategy for the development and improvement of youth facilities in the area will be developed (to include existing facilities such as Shaftesbury Recreation Centre, St John Vianny Centre, Mornington Community Project as well as proposed developments in the Markets and Donegall Pass).
- 6B2 – Affordable, accessible and modern, community-based multi-sports facilities will be developed.

Although the Neighbourhood Partnership has indicated that there is a need for this type of project to be developed in the area, the Partnership has no input into the implementation

or management of any of the projects across the three communities that would meet the aims of these actions.

I hope this is of use to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Hodge', written in a cursive style.

Jonathan Hodge
South Belfast Partnership Board