



COISTE CHONTAE AONTROMA

CUMANN LUTHCHLEAS GAEL

25th August 2011

RE: Michael Davitts GAC

To whom it may concern,

I understand you require a letter of support from the Governing Body of Michael Davitts G.A.C. to accompany their application to obtain preferential user status at Boucher Road playing fields. Michael Davitts G.A.C is affiliated to Cumann Luthchleas Gael Coiste Chontae Aontroma, (Antrim County Board of the G.A.A.), I have been asked, in my capacity as County Secretary, to provide a support letter. I am only too happy to do so.

Michael Davitts G.A.C, like other G.A.A. clubs, delivers ongoing coaching and development to a range of teams in both Hurling & Football, and provides players to Antrim County teams, and development squads as well as providing coaching to local schools.

As part of Antrim's strategic plan we set out (pages 27 – 28) a series of strategic actions to address current deficits in coaching and development infrastructure. Included are proposals to:

- “ improve the standards of coaching in all schools and clubs”
- “ increase the frequency of coaching courses for club mentors and teachers”
- “ensure that each club has a strategy for the promotion of coaching and games”
- “ ensure that each club has an overall Facilities Development Plan”
- “ increase the numbers of quality coaches available for higher grade coaching Sessions”

Having spoken with the officers of Michael Davitts G.A.C when they asked me to provide a formal letter of support, I am both satisfied and encouraged that one of the county's oldest clubs (100 years in existence in 2012) is now taking action to obtain and develop a quality facility in order to meet all of the above strategic targets. This will produce benefits not only for the Micheal Davitts club, but, more importantly, the larger GAA community in West and South Belfast.

At present I am aware that several other GAA clubs use the Boucher Road facilities, can assure you that if Michael Davitts GAA were granted privileged user status, there would be no negative reaction from any other Antrim GAA club currently using the site.

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I am therefore only too happy to provide this letter of support to Michael Davitts G.A.C and I wish them every success with this application.

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