



2012 Centenary Committee

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Peter McNaney
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Dear Mr McNaney

I would like to apologise first and foremost for this late delay in putting this request to you and Belfast City Council as it arose from misunderstanding and misinformation being put forward.

We understand as part of the celebrations that the Ulster Centenary Committee in which we are part of have been given permission to hold a reenactment of the signing of the Covenant on Saturday 29th September 2012 from 9.30am till 10.30am in which there after they will vacate the City Hall and proceed to Stormont. We were under the understanding that the City Hall and the Covenant table would be available to us also at 1pm.

Our group although part of these celebrations will not be able to participate in this particular event due to the timing of the event as we will otherwise be engaged with the main Grand Orange Lodge parade up until 1pm.

It is therefore our request that we would be allowed access to the City Hall from 1pm till 1.30pm on the day 29th September 2012 to recreate again that iconic picture of Sir Edward Carson signing the Ulster Covenant on the table with his people around him. The main reason for this request is that we have the original Boyne Standard which will be on show and also a number of other dignitaries who will not be available at the UCC event but will be available at 1pm.

This historical happening in our history is such of an important dimension that we can't allow it to pass without getting the opportunity to reproduce such an iconic occasion within Belfast City Hall.

I again forward our apologies and hope that on this occasion there might be some understanding by the City Council of the complexities that exists within Unionist groupings and at times communications and misunderstandings can breakdown

Yours sincerely

Colin Beckett
Secretary
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