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FAO Mr Nigel Grimshaw, Director of City and neighbourhood Services

I write on behalf of Belfast Model Flying Club. We have been pursuing a proposal to hold the 2019 European Championships for Control Line Model Aircraft at Blanchflower Park, Holywood Road, Belfast.

The proposal was strongly supported by the Council with a commitment of £30,000 for infrastructure works at Blanchflower Park.

This was forwarded through the Northern Ireland Area of the British Model Flying Association, and thence through the BMFA to the Federation Aeronautique Internationale.

Unfortunately, our proposal has been supplanted by an alternative from Gran Canaria, which no doubt has strong Tourist support and more reliable weather.

The Funding above is therefore no longer required.

On behalf of the Club, I wish to thank the Council formally for its support to this venture, which would have been the biggest event ever run here (and one of the biggest in the UK) and a great fillip for Tourism in Belfast.

Regards

Maurice Doyle

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Northern Ireland Area of the British Model Flying Association.