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Quinn family urged to reconsider position and meet with Sinn Féin leader

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Crossmaglen Sinn Féin Councillor Terry Hearty has called on the Quinn family to re-consider their position and meet with party leader Gerry Adams.

He said that the best way to address any concerns that the family might have is to sit down and talk to Sinn Féin. Councillor Hearty said it is important that the community is united behind the family in ensuring that those responsible for Paul's murder are brought to justice.

The Sinn Féin Councillor said:

"Sinn Féin has been unequivocal in supporting the Quinn family and we have called on everyone in the community to do all that they can to see the murderers of their son brought to justice.

"In a letter to Stephen and Briege Quinn almost two months ago Gerry Adams repeated his public condemnation of their son's murder and urged anyone with information to bring it forward to either the Gardai or the PSNI. He also assured the Quinn family that he had at no time said anything that should be construed as labelling Paul Quinn a criminal.

"Sinn Féin has made a number of attempts to meet with the Quinn family to discuss with them any concerns they have and to offer our assistance to their campaign. To date they have refused. I believe the best way to address any concerns they might have is to sit down with Sinn Féin.

"Sinn Féin represents tens of thousands of people in the area in which Mr Quinn lived and was murdered. It makes sense that the local MP and the Quinn family should work together.

"Conor Murphy has stressed his and Sinn Féin¹s willingness to assist the family in any way we can." Críoch

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