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PLANNING CONSENT FOR PLAYING PITCHES AT BALLYMENA

The Department of the Environment (NI) has decided to grant planning permission to All Saints Gaelic Club to develop lands at Woodside Road, Crebilly, Ballymena, for playing pitches and changing facilities.

The decision follows a Public Inquiry on 18th and 20 March 1980 at which those interested in the proposed development expressed their views. The sole ground on which the Inspector subsequently recommended that the application should be rejected was that such a development would have serious detrimental effects on a single adjoining dwelling.

In making its decision the Department has considered most carefully and sympathetically the Inspector's recommendation and as a result has attached certain conditions which will minimise possible adverse effects. The stringent conditions to be met are as follows:-

1. The prior approval of the Department of the siting, detailed design, and external appearance of the buildings associated with the proposed development and the point of road access.
2. An area of 20 metres width from the site boundaries of adjoining properties to be fenced off, landscaped and planted with trees, and shrubs in accordance with a scheme approved by the Department; the landscaping to include a mound 2 metres high between the proposed car parking area and 79 Woodside Road.
3. Parking spaces for 100 vehicles within the development site.
4. The provision of visibility splays of 4.5 metres by 90 metres on the roadway from the access in each direction.

A Decision Notice granting planning permission was issued earlier today by the Department.