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cc Secretary
Mr Beckett
Mr Davidson
Mr Mackenzie
Mr Carson - Central
Secretariat

Reference: P239/86

To: PS/Minister

From: G Loughran

'SAYS NO' BANNERS

1. The purpose of this submission is to advise you of action which we intend to take as a result of the continuing display without consent of 'Says No' banners around the Province.
2. The 3-month consent given under the Control of Advertisement Regulations 1973 for the display of these banners has now expired in all cases. The attached schedule shows the present position with banners on display in 15 of the 26 Council areas.
3. In 5 areas Councils have submitted applications for consent to further display and these have been refused in 2 cases for the reason that permanent display would be unsatisfactory on visual amenity grounds. Refusals for the same reason will issue in the other cases where applications have been received. Applicants have the right of appeal to the Planning Appeals Commission against refusals but to date no appeals have been lodged. If no appeal is lodged and the banner is not removed, the Councils concerned could be liable for fines of up to £1,000 plus a daily fine of £20 if we take action through the Courts. However I propose to follow our normal procedure and in the first instance ask the responsible parties to remove the breaches. To this end it is intended to write to the Clerk of offending Councils drawing their attention to the breaches and asking to be advised of the action which is proposed to remedy these.
4. When we have responses from the Councils, I will advise you further.

G LOUGHRAN

10 September 1986

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BANNERS - POSITION AT 29.8.86

COUNCIL	BANNER	CONSENT EXPIRED	RENEWAL APPLICATION
ANTRIM	Yes	4.7.86	None
ARDS	Yes	31.8.86	Received 12.8.86 Under consideration
ARMAGH	No	-	
BALLYMENA	Yes	18.6.86	Refused 9.7.86
BALLYMONEY	No	A banner was erected for a short period but removed for renovations of building	
BANBRIDGE	Yes	21.6.86	None
BELFAST	Yes	12.6.86	Refused 27.6.86
CARRICKFERGUS	Yes	20.6.86	None
CASTLEREAGH	Yes	12.6.86	Received 22.5.86 Under consideration
COLERAINE	Yes	14.6.86	None - forms were sent out
COOKSTOWN	Yes	No application received	
CRAIGAVON PORTADOWN) LURGAN)	Yes (2)	31.7.86	None These banners have been removed. There are now boards attached to stanchions
DERRY	No	-	-
DOWN	No	-	-
DUNGANNON	No	-	-
FERMANAGH	No	-	-
LARNE	Yes	10.7.86	None
LIMAVADY	Yes	25.6.86	None
LISBURN	Yes	27.7.86	Received 7.8.86 Under consideration
MAGHERAFELT	No	-	-
MOYLE	No	-	-
NEWRY & MOURNE	No	-	-

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NEWTOWNABBEY	Yes	30.6.86	None
NORTH DOWN	Yes (2)	21.8.86 & 14.8.86	None
OMAGH	No	-	-
STRABANE	No	-	-

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