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CONCERNED RESIDENTS OF UPPER ARDOYNE

1. I have indicated in today's daily report my concerns about the situation in Glenbryn. If a public meeting goes ahead tonight without an appropriate intervention there is a potential for some negative response. I remain doubtful that they will fully resume the school protest but that would be the most catastrophic outcome. I will have difficulty accepting the invitation to attend the public meeting in the current situation.
2. The latest drawing from the landscape architect is due later today and it will for the first time show precisely what Glenbryn wants from the road realignment project. Unfortunately I suspect that Ardoyne will not like the design at all (although interestingly the CRUA committee agrees that while sight lines must be disrupted, they accept the need for Ardoyne people to be able to monitor parents and children going to and from Holy Cross school.) However I doubt if the new drawing will in itself assuage anger in Glenbryn, because there will still not be any indication that Ardoyne will support it. Indeed Ardoyne's intention to create a linkage between agreement on the project and progress on a Joint Forum may make it impossible to proceed.
3. An added factor in the scheme of things is that the local Apprentice Boys intend to parade on the Crumlin Rd at Easter and will want to go past the Ardoyne shops. Glenbryn feels Ardoyne will use this as an additional pressure point in these discussions.
4. I feel that we must now formally alert Ministers to the situation and ask them to consider some intervention, perhaps by offering to meet with the local politicians to review progress and to seek a way out of this emerging impasse.

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Subject: Glenbryn Impasse

Mary, a note to register my concern about Glenbryn. I am trying to reach as many people today to help resolve the impasse but I fear time is against us.



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