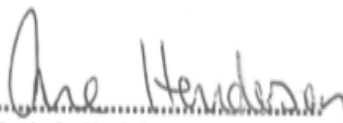

DECISION MADE IN RELATION TO THE PARADE ORGANISED BY DRUMDERG FLUTE BAND (KEADY) NOTIFIED TO TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2020 IN ARMAGH

1. The following is the decision of the Parades Commission in relation to the Drumderg Flute Band (Keady) parade notified to take place on Monday 28th September 2020.
2. Section 8 (1) of the Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998, provides that:

“The Commission may issue a determination in respect of a proposed public procession imposing on the persons organising or taking part in it such conditions as the Commission considers necessary.”
3. The Commission has noted the details provided on the 11/1 form submitted on 30th August 2020 concerning the Drumderg Flute Band (Keady) parade notified to take place on Monday 28th September 2020.
4. The Commission has given careful consideration as to whether to exercise its power under Section 8. It has done so within the relevant legal and statutory framework, constituted in the main by the 1998 Act, the various instruments made thereunder (in particular the “Guidelines” and the Human Rights Act 1998).
5. The parade is planned for Monday night, 28th September, for 2 hours, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. The purpose is stated as *‘A celebration and cultural expression to commemorate the signing of Ulster’s Solemn League & Covenant on the 28th September 1912.’*
6. The proposed parade is notified for 50 participants including one band. The named band is Drumderg Flute Band (Keady).
7. The notified route is *“Armagh Orange Hall, Mall East, Victoria Street, Drumadd Terrace, Gough Avenue, Grove Terrace, Georges Street, Gael Square, Barrack Street, Scotch Street, Upper English Street, College Street, A3 courthouse, The Mall, Armagh Orange Hall”.*
8. The Commission has informed the organiser that responsibility for compliance with current Covid-19 Regulations and the public health risks of the parade are the responsibility of the organiser. The Commission has advised the organiser to consult with all relevant authorities regarding such public health risks. The organiser has

stated 'Our discussions are ongoing with all the relevant statutory authorities; we will be Implementing our own safety measures and controls.'

9. The Commission has considered the potential disruption to community life arising from the parade.
10. The Commission has not received any representation about the proposed parade, and has therefore no evidence nor information regarding support for the parade, nor opposition to it.
11. The Commission has considered the need to issue a determination as outlined at paragraph 2 above against the factors outlined in its statutory guidelines, including the potential disruption to community life.
12. The Commission has decided that the imposition of conditions upon this parade at this time, is not appropriate.
13. The proposed parade has been brought to the attention of the Minister of Health, the Chief Constable of the PSNI, the Chief Medical Officer and the Chief Scientific Advisor.
14. This decision by the Commission does not confer approval of the proposed parade.

Signed: 
(On behalf of the Commission)

Date: 16th September 2020