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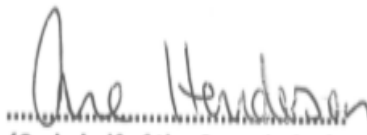
**DECISION MADE IN RELATION TO THE PARADE ORGANISED BY SOMME MEMORIAL  
FLUTE BAND NOTIFIED TO TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 IN  
BANGOR**

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1. The following is the decision of the Parades Commission in relation to the Somme Memorial Flute Band parade notified to take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020 concerning the Somme Memorial Flute Band parade notified to take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September, for one hour, from 3pm to 4pm. The purpose is stated as *'Ulster Day Parade.'*
6. The proposed parade is notified for 25 participants including one band, Somme Memorial Flute Band.
7. The notified route is *"Hamilton Road, Main Street, Round Roundabout, Bus Station, Main Street, Bridge Street, High Street, Donaghadee Road, Hamilton Road, 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.
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: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020**