

REPRESENTATIONS RELATING TO DISRUPTION TO THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

1. Representation from Mr McCabe

Dear Mr Douglas,

Thank you for your prompt response.

Regardless whether the proposed march is two miles or two yards is irrelevant. I would still object to any procession that incites hatred whether it be against race, colour creed or sexual orientation. While you state your powers are very limited the fact that there are two proposed processions on the same day will cause further intimidation and disruption. There are laws that protect actions of hatred against a particular group of people and Falkirk Council should respect that.

If no one requires to seek the consent of the local authority would this mean anyone else could also hold a procession at the same time of day?

I wish to formally object to both of these processions due to the fact it incites racial hatred against Roman Catholics particularly against those with Irish ancestry. I am sure the members of the Orange Order would act professionally but these processions attract a roguish element as it did when the Bonnybridge Orange Lodge passed my house and several members of the public urinated on my property and on the street. I would be forced to remain in my house for the entire day for fear of intimidation from parties taking part in these processions.

As explained in my previous email, everyone has a right to express their views but as long as it is not derogatory against a particular group of people regarding their race, religion or sexual orientation which these marches clearly are.

2. Representation from Mrs Schofield

I would strongly object to this procession taking place because it would still disrupt the village at this time, also why is someone outside the community asking for this to take place.