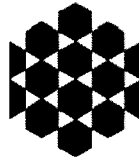


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Dear Assembly Member

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that I intend to announce in the near future my decision on the following planning application:

Ref No : Z/2008/2306

Description : Proposed runway extension by 590m at the north east end of the existing runway and a retraction by 120m at the south west end of existing runway, associated landing lights and ancillary works.

Location : George Best Belfast City Airport.

The Planning Service has recommended that the application be dealt with by way of a public local inquiry and I concur with this advice.

It is my intention to announce that a letter requesting that the Planning Appeals Commission arrange a public local inquiry will be prepared and issued in the near future.

Yours sincerely

**EDWIN POOTS MLA**  
**Minister of the Environment**