



Down republican monuments challenge

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A DUP assembly member last night (Thursday) confirmed that he had met with Down District Council officials to discuss the presence of republican monuments in the area.

Jim Wells said he was examining the possibility of challenging the council's decision to allow monuments to stand on council-owned property in the district.

His comments came after the Equality Commission last week criticised Omagh District Council for failing to act over an unauthorised republican Hunger Strike memorial at the Old Dromore church grounds and graveyard.

Mr Wells said he was opposed to monuments located on council land in Castlewellan, Downpatrick and Kilcoo.

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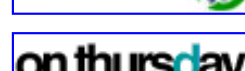
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