

Ulster Unionist Party

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## Council facility name offends Protestant community



Ulster Unionist Assembly member Danny Kennedy has strongly supported the formal complaint lodged on behalf of Newry District LOL No 9 in relation to the name of Raymond McCreech Park which is a play park owned and upgraded by Newry & Mourne District Council in the Patrick street area of Newry City.

Mr Kennedy said the naming of a council facility after a dead hunger striker and convicted republican terrorist had always been regarded by the minority Protestant community in Newry as deeply offensive and improper given equality legislation.

Mr Kennedy said republicans would have to realise that equality is a two way street and not a one way cul-de-sac. Mr Kennedy said he was aware that the Equality Commission had raised their initial concerns months before a formal complaint was received by the Council from the local District Lodge and therefore any form of "revenge" against local Orangemen should be avoided.

Mr Kennedy said the Council would meet and receive legal advice on this issue but he remained of the view that the naming of this council facility was unacceptable.