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Not Too Late For Sinn Fein To Back Down

Ulster Unionist Belfast Councillor Jim Rogers has urged Sinn Fein to withdraw from their protest at Sundays Homecoming parade allowing members of the public to welcome home the British forces with 'dignity and respect'.

Speaking today, Jim said: "I wish to strongly urge Sinn Fein to step aside and cancel their protest parade. Their decision to politicize it is cowardly and in insisting upon it they could seriously undermine Community relations not only in Belfast but throughout Northern Ireland."

"They appear to forget that those participating in the parade and those attending it are from both sides of our community and also from both sides of the border."

"They have fought bravely for their country in Afghanistan and their heroism and courage should be recognised with dignity and respect."

"This is not a political parade to promote war - this is simply a chance for the people of Northern Ireland to come out and say a huge thank you to all the servicemen and women who have fought bravely and who have returned home safely. It really is time to honour our troops."

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