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Sinn Féin stands in solidarity with the residents of the Garvaghy Road

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Ms. McDonald said, “This is a reckless decision from the Parades Commission. The disregard for the community on the Garvaghy Road is shocking and is impossible to understand.

“All sense of responsibility has gone out the window and this represents a fundamental assault on the Good Friday Agreement.

“The community on the Garvaghy Road has the right to live free from sectarian harassment and hatred.

“They have the right to live and raise their families in peace, as they have done for the last twenty eight years. There is no going back. The forces of the past cannot undermine the progress which was so hard won or stop progress for the future.

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"We have spoken to the Chief Constable and made plain the serious implications of this decision for communities across the north.

"We have spoken with the British Secretary of State and with the Taoiseach and Tanáiste. The Irish government must stand in support of the Garvaghy residents and their obligation under the Good Friday Agreement to ensure this community can live free from sectarian harassment.

"There is a court process this evening. But of course the British Secretary of State has the power to revoke this determination. That is what he must do if necessary."

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Garvaghy decision disgraceful and shocking - Mary Lou McDonald

A visibly angry Mary Lou McDonald speaks to the media in Belfast following the disgraceful decision of the Parades Commission to allow the Orange Order to walk down the Garvaghy Rd after an absence of 28 years.

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Michelle O'Neill responds to the decision to force Orange march through Garvaghy Road

Leas-Uachtarán Shinn Féin Michelle O'Neill has strongly condemned the decision by the Parades Commission to force an Orange march through the Garvaghy Road community.

Ms O'Neill said, "There is no reasonable or logical basis for the Parades Commission's announcement that permission has been granted to force an unwanted Orange march through the Garvaghy Road community this Sunday.

"For 28 years, the Garvaghy Road community has lived in peace, and the people of that community have been able to get on with their lives.

"28 years of peace was not a problem that required a solution. It was a peace that needed to be protected.

"This march is steeped in a history of hate, sectarian violence, and murder.

"People right across the North are absolutely dismayed.

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