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## **Regarding Planning Permission for the site located at 64 Crumlin Road**

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the planning permission for the site located at 64 Crumlin Road, Belfast BT14 6AG, currently in use as a GP Out of Hours Doctors Centre (Association of Doctors of Belfast). The site falls under the District Electoral Area of Court.

Specifically I seek clarification on the following:

- 1.The dates on which permanent (as opposed to temporary) planning permission was granted by the Belfast City Council Planning Office for the placement of the 11-13 portacabins (or sectional buildings) on this site.
- 2.The reference numbers associated with these permissions, as they pertain to the Mater Hospital (Infirmorum Trust) or the Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH), if applicable.

The only planning documentation I have been able to locate is the following:

- Application No.: 4/335/81
- Date application received: 23 March 1981
- Description of proposal: Re-siting of existing portakabins
- Site of proposed development: 54/64 Crumlin Road, Belfast BT14 6AG
- Applicant: District Administrative Officer, Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland
- Agent: J McClure

This planning permission was granted under the Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 but it appears to have been for a temporary period of 5 years expiring on 30 June 1986. The stated reason for this condition was to enable the Department to review the development in light of prevailing circumstances at the time.

Given this I am unable to locate evidence of any subsequent permanent planning permission that supersedes the temporary permission. I also understand that this site may have originally been designated for development as a car park (not partly) for the Mater Hospital on the Crumlin Road.

I kindly request that you provide the following:

- 1.Confirmation of whether permanent planning permission was ever granted for these portacabins.
- 2.If permanent planning permission exists, the dates, reference numbers and relevant documentation associated with such approvals.

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**3. Any correspondence or documentation explaining the rationale for a transition from temporary to permanent permission if applicable.**

Given the passage of time and that this matter pre-dates the formation of the Belfast Trust, we have not been able to locate any correspondence or documentation related to planning approvals on this site, nor can we provide an explanation regarding the rationale for a transition from temporary to permanent permission.

We note that the Northern Ireland Public Register contains reference to planning applications Z/2002/2022/F and Z/2006/1554/F made on behalf of the former Mater Hospital Trust on the site, however the documentation associated with these applications on the register is limited.