## From the office of the Minister of the Environment



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## **Dear Assembly Member**

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that I intend to announce in the near future my decision on the following planning application:

Ref No: X/2004/1800/F

Description: Two-storey extension to the existing Ards Shopping Centre to allow for

an additional 15,190 square metres gross comparison retail floorspace including 4No restaurants and 5No kiosks with a multi-storey car park

and associated service areas, access and landscaping.

Location: Ards Shopping Centre, Newtownards

I have considered the report and advice from my officials and I have decided that planning permission should be granted for the proposed development.

It is my intention to announce that a Notice of Opinion to approve will be prepared and issued in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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