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Ashleigh

Please find the Association's views on the proposed Licensing Bill to enable licenses for outdoor sports stadia

The IFA SDC Ltd is fully supportive of the proposed changes. The current legislation does not reflect the reality of the situation we face today. When the legislation was enacted there were no major outdoor arena venues in Northern Ireland whilst we now have a completed Kingspan Stadium, the National Football Stadium at Windsor Park, due for completion in January 2016, and the commitment by the GAA to overcome existing difficulties to deliver a major GAA stadium at Casement Park.

All three of these venues will be attracting large crowds to both sporting and non-sporting events adding both to the economic welfare of Belfast and Northern Ireland and to the value of life in the province.

The ability of these venues to participate in the controlled sale of alcohol as an added facility for their patrons will be greatly beneficial to their management and development, and will remove the need for numerous and regular applications for 'occasional licenses' for their events which currently represents the only route available to them.

I am also happy to confirm that this Association would be pleased to have representatives in attendance at the Committee meeting next Thursday.

Please confirm the time and venue to enable me to confirm the attendees

Many thanks

Regards

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