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Cowardly compromise

Below is a letter I sent off to the Belfast Newsletter on October 12th in response to its article on the question of a complete 'lock down' in Northern Ireland.

The article highlights the misgivings of DUP MP, Sir Jeffrey Donaldson and is reproduced below.

Sadly, it appears he has not the courage to confront the reason why the whole country may well suffer a lock down rather than those areas, due to their defiance of the social distancing rules, have seen an increase in the numbers of infections.

Sir,

Why does not some Unionist politician highlight why the Stormont Executive is not considering a 'local lockdown' where the infection rate is highest?

Sir Jeffrey Donaldson dances around the topic but fails to come right out and denounce the compromise of which his Party leader is guilty!

The reason for this cowardly concession is simple! Sinn Fein would never stand for republican areas paying the penalty for their defiance of the social distancing rules because they are deemed 'British' and as a result spreading the virus in their areas.

The GAA had at least the honesty, forced upon them perhaps, to acknowledge the problem by stopping all their games because of the defiance of their supports toward the regulations!

The whole of the country is once again being beheld to ransom by the evil attitude of a recalcitrant minority as happened over the decades of terror and murder!!

Why must we continue to suffer this wickedness?

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DUP MP questions the need for NI coronavirus lockdown

A senior DUP MP has questioned the need for a region-wide lockdown in Northern Ireland.

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Sir Jeffrey Donaldson's comments come amid reports that Northern Ireland's chief medical officer Dr Michael McBride is advocating a six-week lockdown to halt spiralling infection rates.



Sir Jeffrey Donaldson

Sir Jeffrey said such a proposal was far more extensive than what was in place or being considered elsewhere in the UK or in the Irish Republic.

"A six-week full lockdown, back to where we were last March, would I think take us way, way ahead of anywhere else," he told BBC Radio Ulster's Nolan Show.

"And the rate across Northern Ireland, I would need to be convinced that such measures at the moment are appropriate for all of Northern Ireland.

"I'd be wanting to know why we're abandoning the policy of focusing in on the areas where the infection rates are highest."