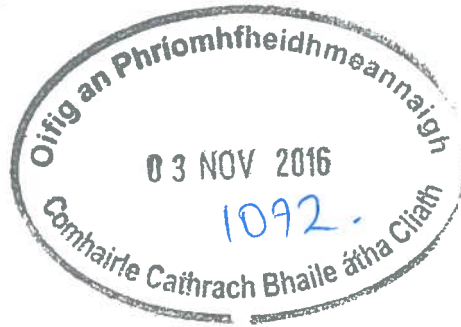




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Dear Deirdre,

I refer to your letter of 5<sup>th</sup> October communicating the carried motion of Dublin City Council calling on me as Minister and RTÉ to make available an area of RTÉ's land holding for the purposes of tangibly addressing the current housing shortage in the city.

RTÉ is an independent statutory corporation whose remit and obligations are set out in Section 114 of the Broadcasting Act 2009. Section 98 of the Act provides that the company shall be independent in the pursuance of these objects, subject to the requirements of the Act, and as such I, as Minister, have no function in the management of RTÉ's day to day affairs, including matters relating to the management of land assets.

Nonetheless I am informed that during 2016, RTÉ has continued to review options for the disposal and exploitation of underutilised land assets following the disposal of land in Athlone during 2015. The possibility of a disposal of land at the Montrose Campus site remains at an exploratory stage, however, while no final decisions have been made, the RTÉ board has decided in principle that preparations should be made to dispose of up to 10 acres of land in 2016/17. The final decision of when exactly to sell; how many acres to sell; in what lot sizes and over what timeframe has not yet been made; the most recent update is that a tender has been issued for a suitable sales agent.

I hope this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Denis Naughten T.D.  
Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment

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