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Chief Executive's Department
Belfast City Council
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6th October, 2017

MEETING OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

In addition to those matters previously notified to you, the following item(s) will also be considered at the meeting to be held at 4.30 pm on Tuesday, 10th October, 2017.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

- (d) Belfast Transport Hub (Pages 1 - 8)
- (c) Request for the use of Dr John Pitt Memorial Park (Pages 9 - 10)
- (d) Fairy Trail at Woodvale Park (Pages 11 - 14)

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Subject:	Belfast Transport Hub - Transfer of lands.
Date:	10 October 2017
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director City & Neighbourhood Services Department
Contact Officer:	Cathy Reynolds, Estates Manager

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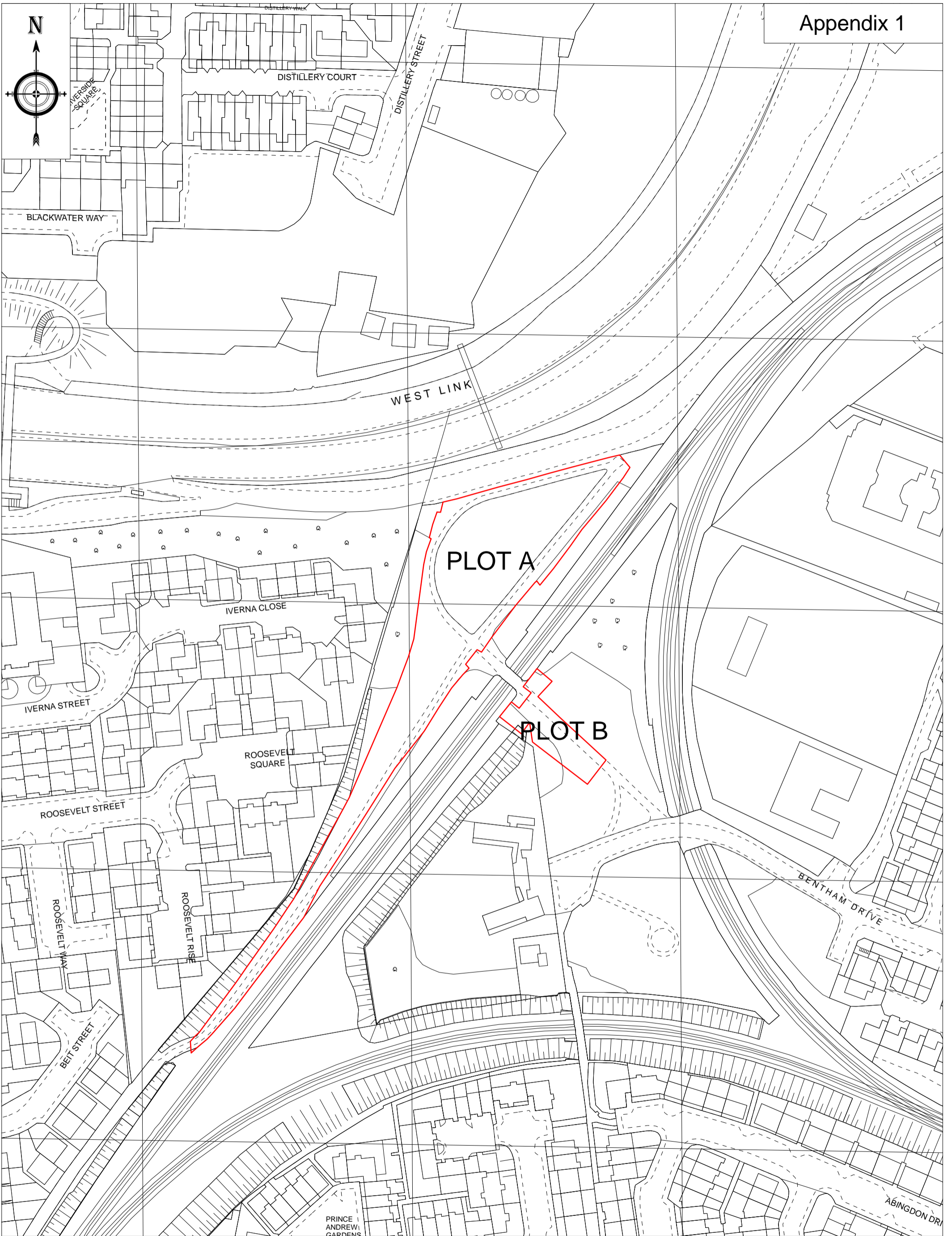
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's approval to licence and transfer various plots of Council owned land to the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company (NITHCO). This is to facilitate rail infrastructure improvements as part of the Belfast Transport Hub project.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to subject to approval by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant licences on lands shown outlined red on the plan attached at Appendix 1. These lands will be used as builders compounds for the duration of the works.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer the land as shown outlined red on the plan attached at Appendix 2 to NITHCO to facilitate the construction of a third railway line.
3.0	Main report
	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p>
3.1	Translink and the Department for Infrastructure have been working in conjunction with the Strategic Investment Board to create an integrated Public Transport Hub as a Gateway to Belfast.
3.2	This is a £175 million investment project involving the redevelopment of the Europa Bus Centre, Great Victoria Street railway station and adjoining lands held by NITHCO. Public consultation was conducted during November 2016 and a planning application submitted in June 2017.
3.3	Site investigation and enabling works are due to commence this month. Construction of the Hub is expected to commence mid 2018 and complete by late 2020.
3.4	<p>To facilitate construction works, NITHCO has identified two sites in Council ownership which are required as builders compounds for the duration of the works – see Appendix 1. These plots adjoin the railway line at Blythfield Park and comprise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plot A - Open Space and a BHX track to the north of the railway line. The plot will be fenced and secured to a standard acceptable to the Council and on licence termination, the lands will be reinstated by NITHCO in accordance with a landscaping agreement to be drafted by the Council following consultation with the local community. 2. Plot B – Open Space and allotments to the south of the railway line.
3.5	<p>The local City Parks Manager has consulted the allotment tenants of which only one is directly affected and he has agreed to be relocated to an adjoining vacant allotment. Access will be unaffected by the construction of a compound and on licence termination the open space will be reinstated in accordance with a Landscaping Agreement to be drafted by the Council.</p> <p>It is proposed that these plots be licenced to NITHCO for periods of between one and three</p>

<p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p> <p>3.8</p> <p>3.9</p> <p>3.10</p> <p>3.11</p> <p>3.12</p> <p>3.13</p>	<p>years.</p> <p>The project requires the introduction of a third railway line between Great Victoria Street and Central stations. This necessitates the acquisition of lands alongside the existing tracks and NITHCO has identified a plot of land in Council ownership for acquisition – See appendix 2 - Plot A.</p> <p>NITHCO has requested the transfer of a small plot of land on the southern side of the existing footbridge linking Blythefield Park to Bentham Drive. See Appendix 2 – Plot B. This is to facilitate improvements to the footbridge which is to be extended and strengthened.</p> <p>It is proposed that Land & Property Services (LPS) shall be jointly appointed to assess values on behalf of NITHCO and Belfast City Council. LPS will assess licence fees and transfer considerations and a report will be brought to the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee in accordance with Standing Orders.</p> <p>NITHCO has undertaken to carry out improvement works to those areas used as builders’ compounds. The design and specification of the improvement works are to be carried out in consultation with and subject to approval by the Director of City & Neighbourhood Services. Details of Accommodation works are yet to be agreed with C&NS.</p> <p>NITHCO has agreed to pay the Council’s legal costs on an ‘open book’ basis.</p> <p>Time is of the essence in this major high profile project as preliminary construction works are due to commence later this month. It is essential that the legal process progresses without delay if site compounds are to be set up and fenced in preparation for construction works commencing in mid 2018.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Legal Services section will prepare the necessary legal documentation on the instructions of Estates Management.</p> <p><u>Equality & Good Relations Implications</u></p>
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3.14	None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Lands to be licenced to NITHCO for use as builders compound. Appendix 2 – Lands to be transferred to NITHCO to facilitate infrastructure improvements.



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LICENCE AT BLYTHEFIELD OPEN SPACE, BENTHAM DRIVE, BELFAST

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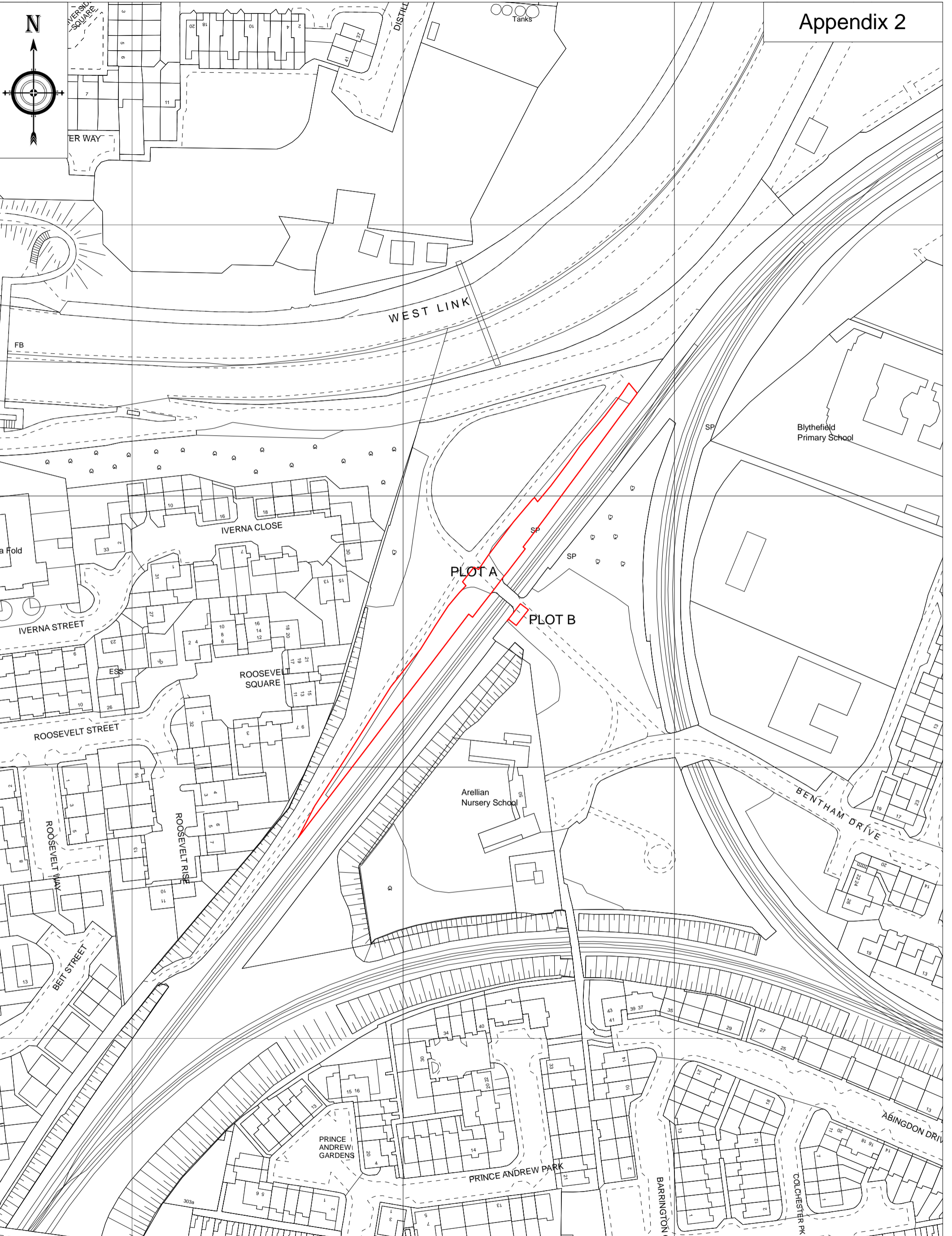
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MAP REFERRED TO

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TRANSFER AT BLYTHEFIELD OPEN SPACE, BENTHAM DRIVE, BELFAST

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Subject:	Request for the Use of Dr John Pitt Memorial Park
Date:	10 October 2017
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director, City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Rose Crozier, Assistant Director, City & Neighbourhood Services

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	Committee is asked to note that a request has been received for the use of Dr John Pitt Memorial Park to hold a Battle of the Somme commemoration event, 'Row on Row' from Thursday 2 November 2017 to Friday 17 November 2017. They will require access to the park each day.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the Row on Row events at Dr John Pitt Memorial Park from Thursday 2 November to Friday 17 November 2017 as outlined at 3.1 subject to the completion of the appropriate Event Management Plan and satisfactory terms being agreed by the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services Department and on the condition that:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Event Organisers resolve all operational issues to the Council's satisfaction. ○ The Event Organisers meet all statutory requirements including Public Liability Insurance cover and Health and Safety responsibilities. ○ The Event Organisers shall consult with adjoining public bodies and local communities as necessary.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	<p>The event will require closure of all or a substantial proportion of the facility and members of the public will have the opportunity to donate money during the event to the British Legion. Events include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 2 November 2017 Saturday 4 November 2017 – planting of 1,000 crosses; • Sunday 5 November 2017 - 3pm Opening Service; • Wednesday 8 November 2017 - 3.30pm Community Service; • Thursday 9 November 2017 - 8.00pm Last Post Ceremony • Friday 10 November 2017 - 8.00pm Last Post Ceremony • Week beginning 12 November 2017 - crosses will be removed
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.2	None
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.3	There are no known implications
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None



Subject:	Request to install a Fairy Trail in Woodvale Park
Date:	10 October 2017
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Director City & Neighbourhood Services Department
Contact Officer:	Rose Crozier Assistant Director City & Neighbourhood Services Department Mark Turner Community Outreach Manager North

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	This paper seeks approval from the People and Communities Committee to allow the permanent installation of a Fairy Trail in Woodvale Park. This will be supported with an educationally developed tour. The trail will be managed in a joint venture with Greater Shankill Partnership and Spectrum Centre and will be no cost to Belfast City Council.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the installation of a fairy trail as a permanent feature in Woodvale Park and that a charge of £2 can be levied for a booklet/map that allows users to maximise use of the trail. This booklet will be made available at the Spectrum Centre.

	<p>The approval is on condition that the Greater Shankill Partnership and Spectrum Centre liaise with Council Officers to ensure that all operational and health and safety requirements are met. That Public Liability Insurance is provided and that the installation and maintenance requirements are approved by BCC and subject to an agreed business plan to support income generation to assure sustainability of the facility.</p>
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	<p>BCC has been approached by Greater Shankill Partnership, for permission to install a Fairy Trail in Woodvale Park. It is intended that this would be a permanent feature in the park and would consist of hand carved fairy houses and features that would be securely fixed to trees in the park. They would form a trail in the park which can be followed via an educationally developed booklet. The booklet will be available in The Spectrum Centre, Shankill Road and will include a map, information and competitions. The trail will be modelled on a similar fairy trail in Galgorm Castle and will consist of 10 features. The final layout will be agreed with BCC.</p>
3.2	<p>This request is part of a community Winter Festival and is seen as a project that would be beneficial to both the community and further afield, encouraging young people and families to visit the park.</p>
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.3	<p>There are no financial implications to the Council as Greater Shankill Partnership are securing funding, which will cover the costs of the Fairy Trail installation. Approval for the trail is subject to the success of the funding bid.</p>
3.4	<p>The Greater Shankill Partnership will liaise with council officers and agree a Business Plan to cover marketing of the facility and income generation.</p>
3.5	<p>The Greater Shankill Partnership have developed an accompanying map/booklet which will be sold at a cost of £2. This income will be used to maintain and enhance the trail. These booklets would be available in the Spectrum Centre.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>It is anticipated that this trail will encourage the public to visit from all communities in Belfast and further afield.</p>

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None

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