



Subject:	Notifications from statutory bodies
Date:	18 th March 2025
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Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To bring to the attention of the Planning Committee a notification received from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) (see Appendix 1) relating to the proposed extinguishment of a Public Right of Way (PRoW) at River Terrace, Belfast.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the notification correspondence received.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Council has received the following notification from NIHE:
3.2	Proposed extinguishment of PRoW at River Terrace, Belfast Received on 6 th February 2025 this notification concerns the extinguishment of a PRoW over a small grassed area at River Terrace, Belfast (see Appendix 1). The notice describes the site as a grassed rectangular area directly opposite Nos. 20-24 River Terrace with an approximate measurement of 15m by 5m. There is a small 2.5 by 2m cutout (also grass) on the southern boundary reflecting the non-NIHE ownership of land at this specific location. According to Land Registry records this cutout is not a registered holding. The footpath to the eastern boundary is to be retained.
3.3	NIHE has advised that the Lower Ormeau Residents’ Action Group (LORAG) has requested to buy the land in order to improve it for the local community. The group proposes to plant flowerbeds and widen the pavement. As the land is adopted, NIHE is requesting the proposed extinguishment so that the sale of the land to the group can proceed.
3.4	There is no relevant planning history on the site.
3.5	In considering this notification other services within the Council were consulted – City & Neighbourhood Services, Estates and City Regeneration & Development and no issues or concerns were raised. There is no requirement for the Council to respond to these consultations and it is recommended that the Committee notes this report.

3.6	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> There are no resource implications associated with this report.
3.7	<u>Equality implications or Good Relations implications / Rural needs assessment</u> None.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1: Proposed extinguishment of PRow at River Terrace, Belfast