



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Ulster Farmers Union
Date:	14 October 2010
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Relevant Background Information

Members will be aware that lands at Lisleen were shortlisted as a potential site for future burial provision. Members will also be aware that the tier three assessment including hydrogeological modelling has indicated that the site at Lisleen would be generally suitable for use as a burial ground.

At the Committee meeting on 16 September 2010 the main decisions taken were:

- That a robust plan be developed for the development of additional crematorium facilities;
- Officers make arrangements for site investigations at the Dundrod sites;
- The Nutt's Corner site is not suitable as a potential site for a new cemetery;
- Further work to investigate the provision of natural burials be undertaken.

No specific decision was made regarding the site at Lisleen.

Throughout the process of site investigations on the lands at Lisleen, the landowners have expressed their concerns regarding the implications of the burial lands project for them and their existing holdings.

Key Issues

The Ulster Farmers Union have written to the Council on behalf of their members from Lisleen seeking an opportunity for their members to present their concerns to the Committee (a copy of their letter is attached at Appendix 1).

Resource Implications

<u>Financial</u>

None

<u>Human Resources</u>

None.

<u>Asset and Other Implications</u>

None.

Recommendations

Members are asked to consider the request from the Ulster Farmers Union to allow their members from Lisleen to present their concerns to a future meeting of the Committee.

Decision Tracking

Officer responsible: Director of Parks and Leisure Actions to be completed by: end of November 2010.

Key to Abbreviations

None.

Documents Attached

Appendix 1 – Letter from Ulster Farmer’s Union dated 27 September 2010.
