



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Proposed New Storm Sewer at Drumglass Park
<b>Date:</b>	14 October 2010
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### Relevant Background Information

Members may be aware that much of the sewer network in Belfast combines foul and storm sewerage within the same pipe. Northern Ireland Water is undertaking work to reduce the impact of high rainfall events on the 'combined' sewerage system. To do so the company is working to divert storm water away from the 'combined' system where possible.

The attached map (Appendix 1) shows (coloured grey) the existing storm sewers at Drumglass Park. These presently discharge into a 'combined' sewer (coloured pink) which continues out under the Lisburn Road. NI Water has proposed to install a new stretch of storm sewer (coloured blue) beneath Drumglass Park, which will go on (via new pipes under the Lisburn Road and Mowhan Street) to link into the existing storm sewer network which discharges into the Blackstaff River at Boucher Crescent.

NI Water has worked with the Council to agree a preferred route within Drumglass Park to minimise the impact on existing mature trees and maintain access to the public toilets at all times during the installation works. NI Water has also agreed to minimise disruption to park users and to bring plant and machinery on to the site by routes agreed with the Park Manager.

### Key Issues

NI Water has indicated that the construction of the new sewer will take place sometime between October 2010 and March 2011 and will take around 3 months to complete. The work is being carried out under NI Water's statutory powers and no way leave or other legal arrangement is required with the Council. NI Water will be solely responsible for security and third party liabilities arising from the works and will be responsible for full reinstatement.

## **Resource Implications**

### Financial

No Council finances required. A right to compensation will arise following the installation. Compensation will be linked to any loss of value of the Council's land and is unlikely to be significant in this case.

### Human Resources

No additional human resources required.

### Asset and Other Implications

The amenity value provided by Drumglass Park will be disturbed for a limited period during the construction of the new sewer (up to three months) but will be unaffected following satisfactory reinstatement.

## **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report.

## **Decision Tracking**

There are no additional actions to be undertaken.

## **Key to Abbreviations**

NI Water – Northern Ireland Water.

## **Documents Attached**

Appendix 1: Map showing Council ownership at Drumglass Park (shaded green); existing combined storm and foul sewers (coloured pink); existing storm sewer (coloured grey); proposed new storm sewer (coloured blue).