

**Blythefield**

There are allotments which affect the lands at Blythefield. these have been funded by a Third Party and enquiries need to be made in this regard. We have no record of anything to do with allotments in this Section.

Parks should make their own enquiries as to any records they hold in this regard.

There are allotments and a BMX Track on these lands which were third party funded, enquiries need to be made in this regard.

Parks will also need to check whether they hold any documentation in respect of Clawback contained in any Conditions of Funding. See attached documents in respect of work carried out by this Section apart from these documents - we have no details of clawback.

Projects Department (Estates Management Unit) has details of a Funding Agreement in respect of Blythefield Pitch (funding provided by DSD in 2008). This is subject to a 10 year Clawback, on a 10% sliding scale basis per annum.

Obviously 3 years have elapsed, so only 70% would be repayable at this stage if DSD felt it appropriate to seek/enforce clawback. It is not known if the Clawback would come into effect, given that the proposal would be for open space, if nominated, which may not contravene the conditions of the funding. This would need to be checked by Parks (i.e. the Conditions of Funding to be checked to see what these say re: permitted use of lands funded).

There is also possibility of requiring DOE consent, given that the property was initially acquired from the Department. It is felt that it would be unlikely that there will be any financial penalty for seeking that consent, but would simply be to accord with the title documents in seeking that consent.

The last page of the title notes already provided to Projects Department (Estates Management Unit) and Parks and Leisure detail the circumstances in which that consent would be required.

**Orangefield**

The Connswater Greenway (CCG) will traverse part of these lands and a Deed of Dedication will need to be executed as part of that project. FIT would need to be aware of this to ensure that they have no difficulty with the fact that there would be another Deed of Dedication running in tandem with any documentation to be signed in respect of this property, if it is nominated and chosen.

There is approximately 38 acres of lands in this location untouched by the CCG.

There is a Facility Management Agreement in place (from 2003) - the extension was granted in 2006 for 3 months and month to month thereafter and that is still the case.

However, it is thought that the wording within the Facility Management Agreements shouldn't, in theory cause any difficulty to FIT, given the Public Use Clause within those Deeds.

### **Ormeau Park - (the first public park in Belfast)**

There is approximately a net area of 90 acres (excluding any leased properties within the Park i.e. the golf club lands, the old mans shelter, the recycling centre used by BCC, a lease to NIW in respect of the pumping station, and other offices and Bothy used by the Council).

The exact net area would need to be confirmed. There are no restrictive covenants in the title and no Facility Management Agreement's.

However, the difficulty with this might be in the required renaming of the Park if nominated as Queen Elizabeth II Park, given that this was the first public park in Belfast and presumably was named to reflect the area in which it is situate.

### **Barnett Demesne**

This property is held under trust for use as a public park, or playground for children and youths, or otherwise for recreation of the public.

Within the documentation it is not specified what the property was to be called, but it is thought that the elected Members at the time must have decided to call it after the Donee (William Barnett) and this may be a sticking point in nominating this property, in that there would be a requirement if nominated and chosen to rename as Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields.

Again, there are various leased interests to be excluded from any part of the property to be nominated e.g. Malone House itself, the old Stable Yard leased to Addventure Northern Ireland Limited and the lands leased to Belfast Activity Centre (BAC)/and portion of lands recently leased to DCAL for the new Boathouse.

The net area would need to be confirmed less these leased areas interest.

There is also the Tow path which cuts through these lands, on which DCAL have expended monies and are responsible for maintaining it. This would also need to be pointed out to FIT if this property is nominated.

### **Lagan Meadows**

This property is some 115 acres large (although the property ledger states 123.08 acres). The property was acquired in 1986 from the Department of the Environment for £56,000. The Department retain a right of way over part of the site, together with two small areas of land close to the site of Lester's Dam, which are used as a pumping station. There are no restrictive covenants.

33 acres of the Site is leased to the Ulster Trust for Nature Conservation under a lease of 25th November 1987.

It is believed that there was a further Lease from 1999 for 10 years and it is believed the UWT are currently overholding on (this is to be checked by parks as to whether the Ulster Wildlife Trust are still leasing or have an interest in the property at Lagan Meadows). Again, if this property is nominated, it would have to be net of the area leased to the Ulster Wildlife Trust, if this lease is still in place and less the pumping station area.

As with Barnett Demesne, the Tow path traverses part of these lands and again, DCAL installed and improved the Tow path at this location and are responsible for maintaining it.

A Licence requires to be entered into with DCAL in respect of the Tow path where it traverses both Barnett Demesne and Lagan Meadows. This is something which was agreed on between the parties but has never actually come to fruition, but this will be followed up on and would need to be advised to FIT if this property is nominated.

With regard to Lagan Meadows, the matter of the Ulster Wildlife Trust lease needs to be looked at to see if it is still in place, and if any of the other properties are to be nominated, then exact acreage of what is left after other leases have been carved out of same needs to be finalised, together with Clawback issues in respect of any funding granted, also properties needs to be looked at.