



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee.
Subject:	Flooding at Properties Adjacent to Cherryvale Playing Fields
Date:	13 March 2014
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1	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The purpose of this report is to bring to the attention of the Committee a recent incident at properties in Knockeden Park adjacent to Cherryvale Playing Fields which involved an urgent request for sandbags.</p> <p>It was noted that the request by a resident had indicated that the flooding has been caused as a result of the runoff from Cherryvale Playing Fields. This could potentially impact on properties numbered 30 – 100 which is a distance of approximately 320m.</p> <p>At this time it is not clear as to the exact cause, surveys are currently underway and a further report will be brought back to Committee in due course with recommendations on any necessary actions to remedy the situation.</p>

2	Key Issues
	<p>The Committee is asked to note the following points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. There is a differential level between the playing fields and the private gardens at Knockeden Park;2. There is an outlet pipe, which, as far as we can establish, is working;3. There is a possibility that the water from the pitches is not being fed into the outlet pipe;4. Further investigation is needed to establish whether there is a need for additional drainage to be installed to ensure that the rainwater is fed into the outlet pipe;5. The installation of additional drainage for a length of approximately 320m, if necessary, would be costly.

3	Resource Implications
	Financial Implications

	<p>There are no additional costs at this time.</p> <p>Human Resources Implications</p> <p>There are no additional human resource implications at this time.</p>
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4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	There are no equality implications

5	Recommendations
5.1	The Committee is asked to note the report.

6	Decision Tracking
An update report will be brought to Committee at a future date.	

7	Key to Abbreviations

8	Documents Attached
Appendix A – Photograph of flooding at Knockeden Park	

Appendix A – Photographs of flooding



