



connswater community
greenway

Naming structures along the Connswater Community Greenway

***To commence with Connswater Retail Park
bridge, Ladas Drive/Alexander Road bridge,
Flora Street Walkway playpark, Loop River
playpark and the links at Ladas Drive to
Montgomery Road and from Ladas Way to
Castlereagh Road.***

1.0 Introduction

It is the intention of the Connswater Community Greenway Trust (CCGT) in partnership with BCC to commence public engagement to name two new bridges, two new playparks and two new links, in the soon to be completed Phase 2 section of the Connswater Community Greenway (CCG).

These include:

Connswater Retail Park bridge
Ladas Drive/Alexander Road bridge
New link Ladas Drive to Montgomery Rd
New link Ladas Way to Castlereagh Rd
New playparks – Flora Street Walkway and Loop River Park

These new bridges, playparks and links are under Belfast City Council's ownership. Having had a public naming session for tranche 2 (the four bridges from Dixon Playing Fields to Beersbridge Road including The Hollow), the naming panel are keen continue with the naming process and add in some focus groups with local stakeholders in order to encourage a wider response and local engagement for tranche 3.

It is proposed that for the naming of the Connswater Retail Park bridge the CCGT would work with the shopping centre and retail park to encourage suggestions for the name of the new bridge, engaging both the retailers and the public.

At the Ladas Drive to Alexander Road bridge it is proposed to hold a focus group in the area to encourage suggestions for names for the bridge. Local schools, community groups, businesses and residents will be invited to attend a presentation exploring the history of this area and gather suggestions for potential names for bridge.

For the playparks at Flora Street Walkway and Loop River it is proposed that the CCGT would meet with the Early Years network and local Early Years providers to gather suggestions for the new playparks that would appeal to children and families.

The process is a two stage process as used to name the other bridges and link. The panel will select the two most appropriate names to go to a public online and offline vote.

In addition the CCGT will enter into conversations with the National Trust in relation to the naming of the bridges in the Cregagh Glen, 3 of which are under BCC ownership.

1.1 Naming Panel

The naming panel is made up of Anne McMurray (CCGT), Andrew Hassard (CCGT), Stanton Martin (Belfast City Council), Karen Purdy (Community Rep, Bloomfield Community Association), Jonny Currie (Community Rep, EBCDA) and Noel Mason (Local historian, The Very Local History Group)

1.1 Overview of Steps

1. Pre-Stage: Intention of naming process tabled...

At Connswater Community Greenway Delivery Board on **21st February**

People and Communities Committee on **7th March**.

Ratified by Council meeting **1st April**

2. First Stage - Public Submissions Requested

3rd April – 24th April

3. Second Stage - Judging

Nominated panel of judges to meet 26th April to consider submissions and to select: 2 names for each bridge, playpark and link.

Please note the judges will use criteria guidelines set by Belfast City Council. REF: "Decision making process on a request to (re) name a Parks and Leisure Facility."

4. Third Stage – Public Vote which will decide names

Names announced to public in May

Public vote opens on 8th May to determine final bridge, playpark and link names.

Public can submit their votes:

5. Online www.connswatergreenway.co.uk
6. Postal to EastSide Partnership, 278 – 280 Newtownards Road, BT4 1HE
7. Or Drop in to EastSide Partnership.

Voting closes at midnight on 22nd May 2016

EastSide Partnership to prepare a paper for People and Communities Committee meeting which will take place on **13th June** with the proposed names.

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5. Fourth Stage - Ratified at Council Meeting 3rd July 2017

If ratified by Belfast City Council, the names will be announced to the public on **4th July 2017** following the Council meeting.

Appendix 1



