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AIMS OF THE STAKEHOLDER FORUM
- Share information
- Engage and understand the requirements of Stakeholders
- Promote the CCG
- Build positive partnerships
- Inform the management and maintenance of the CCG
- Ensure quality and sharing good practice
- Provide feedback to the CCG Trust and CCG Oversight Group
- Promote and support involvement of others

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The Stakeholder Forum
The most recent Stakeholders Forum was held on Friday 23rd November 2012 in Bloomfield Methodist Church. With nearly 100 local residents, politicians, community representatives and key statutory agencies in attendance the Stakeholders Forum continues to generate vital feedback and lively debate around the project all of which has contributed to the development of the project.

Once again the issue of flooding in east Belfast dominated the agenda with presentations from CCG Team, Rivers Agency and local residents around work that has been undertaken to provide short term protection to homes and properties in the area.

With designs now more developed for both Victoria and Orangefield Parks and works in both areas due to commence in summer 2013 we intend to focus the agenda for the Stakeholders Forum on 22nd March 2013 on design and build and engagement with the local communities in these specific areas.

Project Update
Design drawings have now been produced for both Orangefield and Victoria Parks ahead of appointing a new contractor to commence construction in both parks in early summer 2013. You can view the design drawings on the CCG website at www.communitygreenway.co.uk

Artist image of Orangefield Park showing realigned river and new path

Orangefield Park
The Orangefield Park design incorporates new paths, lighting, a new toilet and bridges as well as an innovative, natural and environmentally friendly integrated flood alleviation scheme protecting homes and businesses in the area from flooding from the river.

These works will include extending Orangefield Park through to Clarawood, dropping the level of the park in areas to create a flood plain and moving the Knock river from the back of homes into the park creating a more natural river channel and outdoor classroom area.

The design has been developed in conjunction with the UK’s River Restoration Centre, a national advisory body established to promote, facilitate and support best practice in river, watercourse and flood plain management.
**Victoria Park**

Development in Victoria Park includes new paths, outdoor exercise equipment, observation area, lighting, flood alleviation measures, landscaping and the new pedestrian and cycle bridge onto Airport Road. The new bridge onto Airport Road in Belfast Harbour Estate creates a vital new connection between east Belfast and Titanic Quarter, providing opportunities for workers in the area to access the green spaces of Victoria Park and for visitors to the area to sample the delights of east Belfast.

**Information Sessions**

With construction of the CCG due to commence in early summer 2013 in both Victoria and Orangefield Parks the CCG Team along with colleagues in Rivers Agency, Belfast City Council and the Design Team arranged information sessions in both areas. In both cases circa 2,000 flyers were distributed around homes, businesses and schools in the area inviting people along to view and discuss the design. Residents, park users and other key stakeholders such as local schools people had the opportunity to view, discuss and comment on the designs for both parks providing the team with valuable feedback and assurance on the design. The sessions proved really popular with the vast majority of attendees providing very positive feedback on the design.

The CCG Team will be holding these information sessions along the entire CCG route as designs are finalised and contractors are due on site to ensure everyone has the opportunity to view, discuss and comment on the revised designs before construction.

**Avoniel Community Garden — come along and join the fun**

Volunteers from groups across east Belfast have started construction of the CCG Community Garden at Avoniel Leisure Centre. So far in excess of 300 planks of wood and 800 screws have been used to construct raised beds with volunteers going through about 160 tea bags, 2 jars of coffee, several litres of milk and all our biscuits.

A special thank you to the Horticultural students from Swann Training Services for all their hard work.

The garden is open to everyone and we would welcome anyone who would like to become involved. If interested further details can be provided by phoning Sean on 90467925 or e-mailing sean@eastbelfastpartnership.org.