

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICE

IN THE PARLIAMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND, SESSION 1955/56

BELFAST CORPORATION (BLACKSTAFF RIVER IMPROVEMENT, &c.)

(Construction and confirmation of works for prevention of flooding and improvement of Blackstaff River; general provision relating to construction of works; acquisition of lands and easements; imposition of improvement charges; special travel facilities and provisions as to transport by-laws; borrowing powers and other financial provisions; protection of sewers; contents of dustbins; erection of dwelling houses; use of City's armorial bearings; amendment of Act of 1845; compensation to swine keepers; by-laws and imposition of penalties; and incorporation, repeal and amendment of Acts).

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Belfast (hereinafter respectfully referred to as "the Corporation" and "the City") intend to apply to Parliament in the ensuing Session for leave to bring in a Bill (hereinafter referred to as "the Bill") of which the following are the main objects:—

FLOOD PREVENTION WORKS

To enable the Corporation to make and maintain the following works within the City for the prevention of flooding and the improvement of the Blackstaff River, together with all such subsidiary or ancillary works as may be necessary or convenient, that is to say:—

*In the City*

Work No. 1

A culvert commencing in the townland of Malone Lower in the parish of Shankill at a point on the western boundary of Broadway 0.90 chains or thereabouts north-westward of the junction of Donegall Road and Broadway and terminating in the River Lagan (Extra Parochial) at a point 2.00 chains or thereabouts south-westward of the entrance to Botanic Bungalows.

*In the Parish of Shankill in the City*

Work No. 2

An alteration of the Blackstaff River partly in the said townland of Malone Lower and partly in the townland of Townparks consisting partly in a diversion or straightening and partly in a deepening and improvement of that river commencing at a point on the Blackstaff River 0.70 chains or thereabouts westward of the bridge carrying Broadway over the Blackstaff River and terminating at a point on the Blackstaff River at the western boundary of the bridge carrying Roden Street over Blackstaff River.

Work No. 3

An intake chamber, weir and sluices partly in the said townland of Malone Lower and partly in the said townland of Townparks commencing at a point 0.60 chains or thereabouts southward of the confluence of the Blackstaff River and Clowney Water and terminating at the point of commencement of the said intended Work No. 1.

Work No. 4

A deepening and improvement of the Clowney Water partly in the townland of Ballymurphy and partly in the said townland of Townparks commencing at a point 3.36 chains or thereabouts northward of the bridge carrying Donegall Road over the Blackstaff River and terminating at a point in the Clowney Water 1.36 chains or thereabouts downstream from the point of commencement.

*In the parish of Shankill, partly in the City and partly in the County of Antrim*

Work No. 5

A diversion and in part a deepening, widening and improvement of the Blackstaff River partly in the said townlands of Malone Lower and Ballymurphy and partly in the townlands of Ballydown-

fine and Ballygammon in the rural district of Belfast in the county of Antrim commencing in the said townland of Ballygammon immediately adjoining the junction of the City boundary with the boundaries of the said townlands of Ballydownfine and Ballygammon and terminating in the said townland of Malone Lower at the commencement of the said intended Work No. 3.

To authorise the diversion by means of the weir and sluices forming part of the intended Work No. 3 of the water flowing in the Blackstaff River and Clowney Water into the said intended culvert, Work No. 1, and to enact provisions as to the construction of such weir and the use of such sluices.

To empower the Corporation to fill in parts of the Blackstaff River and Clowney Water and to lay out and develop the parts so filled in and retain or dispose of the same.

To empower the Corporation to make and maintain in streets and lands shafts, manholes or other openings.

To empower the Corporation to alter or interfere with the bank, bed and foreshore of the River Lagan adjacent to the said intended Work No. 1 and to place and maintain, permanently or temporarily, cofferdams, piles, stagings and other works in the bank, bed and foreshore of the River Lagan.

To authorise the Corporation during the execution of any of the said works to close streets for public traffic and to underpin and strengthen houses and buildings.

To authorise the Corporation to deviate in the construction of the proposed Works both vertically and laterally from the lines or levels shown on the deposited plans and sections hereinafter referred to.

To apply to the construction and maintenance of the said intended works the provisions of Section 22 of the Belfast Improvement Act, 1884, empowering the Corporation to alter steps, areas, cellars, windows, watercourses, pipes and spouts and gas and water mains and pipes and telegraphic, telephonic, electrical or other pipes, tubes, wires and apparatus and to remove other obstructions.

To confirm the construction by the Corporation of the following work in the parish of Shankill in the City:—

An embankment partly in the said Townland of Ballymurphy and partly in the said Townland of Malone Lower commencing at a point 2 chains or thereabouts southward of St. James' Road and 5 chains or thereabouts westward of St. James' Crescent and terminating at a point 0.20 chains or thereabouts eastward of the eastern bank of the Blackstaff River and 19 chains or thereabouts southward of Donegall Road together with a sluice in the Blackstaff River.

To authorise the Corporation to discharge the surplus in any sewer above six times the average daily dry weather flow into the said intended culvert Work No. 1.

LANDS

To empower the Corporation to acquire by agreement or compulsorily lands and easements and rights in and over lands or waters in the City and in the townlands of Ballydownfine and Ballygammon in the rural district of Belfast in the County of Antrim for the purposes of the said intended works for any other purposes of the Bill or of obtaining access thereto or for the purposes of development or of any of the undertakings, powers or duties of the Corporation, or for the benefit, improvement or development of the City.

To authorise the Corporation to fill in, level, lay out and develop lands acquired by them under the powers of the intended Act and to retain and use or dispose of the same.

To authorise the Corporation to require the purification of industrial waste water discharging into surface water sewers on the lands so acquired and developed by them.

To empower the Corporation to acquire by agreement land in the City and to transfer the same to the Northern Ireland War Memorial Committee or