Figure 1: The Belfast Urban Area
Figure 2: Territorial consequences of Ligoniels as forecast by the Security Forces

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Ligoniels proposed (Roman Catholic)

Ballysillan existing (Protestant)

Squire's Hill existing (Protestant)

The Proposal:
Existing distribution of territories

Ligoniels proposed (Roman Catholic)

Ballysillan existing (Protestant)

Ligoniels projected (Roman Catholic)

The Security Advice:
Reshaping of territories as a consequence of the Ligoniels development
Whilst Twinbrook and Areema are distinct settlements, they shared established primary vehicular and pedestrian links. The adjacent communal green-space between the settlements became a battlezone during periods of heightened sectarian tensions.

The construction of the bypass removed both vehicular and pedestrian links and permanently separated the settlements. Further developments in both settlements has responded to the new barrier by adopting inward looking layout typologies.

Figure 3: Visibilities at the Twinbrook-Areema interface
Figure 4: Dual-carriageway between the Twinbrook and Areema housing estates.
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Figure 5: The established landscape barrier between Squire’s Hill and Ligoniel.
Figure 6: The fallow playing fields complete and embed a decisive yet hidden green-interface. Photographer: Donovan Wylie, 2013.
Figure 7: The evolution of physical division at the Ligoniel-Squire’s Hill interface.
Figure 8: Ligoniel housing, as viewed from Squire's Hill, remains visible through the original and recently extended landscape barrier. Photographer: Donovan Wylie, 2013.
Figure 9: The fallow playing fields extend a decisive yet largely hidden material barrier.