



Subject:	Proposal for dual language street signs
Date:	5 th December, 2023
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
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3.4	The translations were authenticated by Queens University, the approved translator for Belfast City Council.																																
3.5	In accordance with the Council's policy for the erection of dual language street signs, surveys of all persons appearing on the electoral register plus owners or tenants in actual possession of commercial premises, for the above streets were carried out and the following responses were received.																																
3.6	Dermott Hill Parade, BT12																																

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 occupiers (38.78%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 30 occupiers (61.22%) did not respond to the survey.
3.7	<p>Sunnyhill Park, BT17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36 occupiers (31.03%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 6 occupiers (5.17%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 74 occupiers (63.79%) did not respond to the survey.
3.8	<p>Knock Eden Park, BT6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 55 occupiers (28.50%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 46 occupiers (23.83%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 11 occupiers (5.70%) had no preference either way. • 81 occupiers (41.97%) did not respond to the survey. <p>Two residents who are not in support of the dual language street sign at Knock Eden Park have raised concerns about the cost of the signs.</p> <p>Another resident not in support of the signs has advised that they would wish to keep the existing cast iron heritage sign.</p> <p>Another resident not in support of the dual language sign at Knock Eden Park was concerned at the low threshold of 15% for the application to be considered and that the applicant remains anonymous.</p>
3.9	<p>Fruithill Court, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 occupiers (33.33%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 10 occupiers (66.67%) did not respond to the survey.
3.10	<p>Tullymore Gardens, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70 occupiers (40%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 2 occupiers (1.14%) had no preference either way. • 103 occupiers (58.86%) did not respond to the survey.
3.11	<p>Pineview Road, BT36</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 occupiers (37.5%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 9 occupiers (16.07%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 26 occupiers (46.43%) did not respond to the survey.
3.12	<p>Hawthorn View, BT17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 64 occupiers (34.22%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 4 occupiers (2.14%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 2 occupiers (1.07%) had no preference either way. • 117 occupiers (62.57%) did not respond to the survey.

<p>3.13</p> <p>3.14</p> <p>3.15</p>	<p><u>Assessment against policy</u></p> <p>The Council’s policy on the erection of a second street nameplate requires that at least fifteen percent (15%) of the occupiers surveyed must be in favour of the proposal to erect a second street sign in a language other than English, to progress to Committee for consideration.</p> <p>All of the surveys listed above demonstrate compliance with the threshold contained within the Policy. However the Committee is reminded that the Council retain a residual discretion under the Policy to decide to erect or not to erect a street sign in a language other than English in certain circumstances. This will be done on a case by case basis.</p> <p>The Policy states that it may be appropriate to depart from the procedures in this Policy when there are clear reasons for doing so. This may include taking into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the views of the Occupiers of the street; (b) the results of the initial assessment for the application, including any identified potential adverse impacts on equality, good relations and rural needs; (c) consideration of the local context of the application; (d) any other Council policies or strategies related to the application; and (e) all material considerations relating to the application. <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.16 There is a cost of approximately £1,740 to cover the cost of the manufacturing and erection of the dual language street signs. The cost for these street signs has been allowed for in the current budget.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>3.17 Each application for a dual language street sign is subject to an initial assessment for any potential adverse impacts on equality, good relations and rural needs.</p> <p>3.18 The initial assessments and elected member notification carried out for the seven applications being considered did not identify any potential adverse impacts to prevent the surveys being carried out. However, the Committee is entitled to take into account the concerns raised by the residents as set out above in arriving to their decision.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p>
	<p>None</p>