

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

AGENDA ITEM : PROPOSALS FOR DUAL LANGUAGE STREET SIGNS

Subject:	Proposals for dual language street signs					
Date:	2nd May 2024					
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To consider applications for the erection of dual language street signs for eleven existing streets within the city.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to agree to the erection of a second street nameplate in Irish at, Meadowhill, Glencolin Manor, Glencolin Close, Glenveagh Park, Ramoan Drive, Garnock Hill, Naroon Park, Laganvale Street, South Parade, Willowvale Avenue and Hamill Park.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Key Issues The Council may erect a second street nameplate in a language other than English pursuant to Article 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1995.
3.2	Members are asked to consider the following applications to erect a dual language street nameplate showing the name of the street expressed in a language other than English. The second language is Irish.
3.3	

English Name	Non- English	Location	Persons
	Name		surveyed
Meadowhill, BT11 8QR	Cnoc na Cluana	Off Glencolin Manor, BT11	67
Glencolin Manor, BT11 8QN	Mainéar Ghleann Chollainn	Off Glencolin Heights, BT11	72
Glencolin Close,	Clós Ghleann	Off Glencolin Park,	46
BT11 8PE	Chollainn	BT11	
Glenveagh Park,	Páirc Ghleann	Off Glenveagh	100
BT11 8EP	Bheatha	Drive, BT11	
Ramoan Drive,	Céide Ráth	Off Ramoan	120
BT11 8LJ	Muáin	Gardens, BT11	
Garnock Hill,	Cnoc	Off Blacks Road,	242
BT10 0AW	Ghairneoige	BT10	
Naroon Park,	Páirc Loch na	Off Corrib Avenue,	76
BT11 9JA	Ruán	BT11	
Laganvale Street,	Sráid Ghleann	Off Lockview Road,	25
BT9 5F	an Lagáin	BT9	
South Parade,	An Pharáid	Off Ormeau Road,	196
BT7 2GN	Theas	BT7	
Willowvale Avenue,	Ascaill Ghleann	Off Hillhead	177
BT11 9JX	na Sailí	Crescent, BT11	
Hamill Park, BT11 8DQ	Páirc Uí Ámaill	Off Glen Road, BT11	13

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 Meadowhill, BT11 28 occupiers (41.79%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. 3.7 Glencolin Manor, BT11 13 occupiers (18.05%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. Glencolin Close, BT11 3.8 25 occupiers (54.31%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. 1 occupier (2.17%) had no preference either way. Glenveagh Park, BT11 3.9 13 occupiers (25.63%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. Ramoan Drive, BT11 3.10 33 occupiers (27.5%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. 1 occupier (0.83%) was not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. 3.11 Garnock Hill, BT10 118 occupiers (48.76%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. 14 occupiers (5.78%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 2 occupiers (0.82%) had no preference either way. 3.12 Naroon Park, BT11 37 occupiers (48.68%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. Laganvale Street, BT9 3.13 7 occupiers (28%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. 4 occupiers (16%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. South Parade, BT7 3.14 56 occupiers (28.57%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. 30 occupiers (15.30%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.

6 occupiers (3.06%) had no preference either way.

	None		
4.0	Appendices		
3.21	The initial assessments and elected member notification carried out for the applications being considered did not identify any potential adverse impacts to prevent the surveys being carried out.		
3.20	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.		
	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment		
3.19	There is a cost of approximately £4,050 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.		
	Financial and Resource Implications		
3.18	All of the surveys listed above demonstrate compliance with the threshold contained within the Policy.		
3.17	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.		
	Assessment against policy		
3.10	9 occupiers (69.23%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.		
3.16	1 occupier (0.56%) had no preference either way. Hamill Park, BT11		
3.13	 84 occupiers (47.45%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. 2 occupiers (1.12%) were not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. 1 occupier (0.56%) had no preference either way. 		
3.15	Willowvale Avenue, BT11		
	One resident is not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate due to the cost of the sign. Another resident is not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate due to the cost and they feel that Protestants may move out of the street.		