



<b>Subject:</b>	Proposal for dual language street signs
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
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Ardmore Park South, BT10 0JF	Páirc an Aird Mhóir Theas	Off Finaghy Road North, BT10	49
Stewartstown Road, BT11 9NQ	Bóthar Bhaile Stíobhaird	Off Andersonstown Road, BT11	221
Wolfhill Drive, BT14 8NS	Céide Chnoc an Mhactíre	Off Wolfhill Avenue South, BT14	47
Kansas Avenue, BT15 5AW	Ascaill Kansas	Off Antrim Road, BT15	155

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 Newington Street, BT15

- 18 occupiers (26.86%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
- 1 occupier (1.49%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.

3.7 Chichester Road, BT15

- 23 occupiers (29.11%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
- 3 occupiers (3.79%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.

3.8 Deerpark Road, BT14

- 139 occupiers (39.48%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
- 13 occupiers (3.69%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.
- 3 Occupiers (0.85%) had no preference either way.

3.9 Kerrykeel Gardens, BT11

- 47 occupiers (29.55%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Occupier (0.62%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>
3.10	<p>Glenties Drive, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 occupiers (42.85%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> </ul>
3.11	<p>Ashton Park, BT10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 63 occupiers (44.68%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 8 occupiers (5.67%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.</li> <li>• 2 Occupiers (1.41%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>
3.12	<p>Newforge Grange, BT9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 occupiers (24%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 4 occupiers (16%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.</li> </ul>
3.13	<p>Ashley Grove, BT17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 occupiers (66.66%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> </ul>
3.14	<p>Lagmore Meadows, BT17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 138 occupiers (25.36%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 3 occupiers (0.55%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.</li> <li>• 6 Occupiers (1.10%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>
3.15	<p>Riverdale Park West, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 36 occupiers (45.56%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 1 Occupiers (1.26%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>
3.16	<p>Credenhill Park, BT17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 57 occupiers (37.01%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 9 occupiers (5.84%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.</li> <li>• 6 Occupiers (3.89%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>
3.17	<p>Brooke Drive, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 124 occupiers (38.99%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 1 occupier (0.31%) was not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.</li> <li>• 4 Occupiers (1.25%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>
	<p>Riverdale Park North, BT11</p>

3.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 55 occupiers (36.66%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 2 Occupiers (1.33%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>
3.19	<p>Ardmore Park South, BT10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 27 occupiers (55.10%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 3 occupiers (6.12%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.</li> </ul>
3.20	<p>Stewartstown Road, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 48 occupiers (21.71%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 1 occupier (0.45%) was not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.</li> <li>• 3 Occupiers (1.35%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>
3.21	<p>Wolfhill Drive, BT14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23 occupiers (48.93%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 3 occupiers (6.38%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.</li> </ul>
3.22	<p>Kansas Avenue, BT15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 56 occupiers (36.12%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.</li> <li>• 1 occupier (0.64%) was not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.</li> <li>• 2 Occupiers (1.29%) had no preference either way.</li> </ul>
3.23	<p><b><u>Assessment against policy</u></b></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>
3.24	<p>All of the surveys listed above demonstrate compliance with the threshold contained within the Policy.</p>
3.25	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>There is a cost of approximately £6,840 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>
3.26	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>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>

3.27	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.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	None