



Subject:	Proposal for dual language street signs
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Rossmore Park, BT7 3LB	Páirc Ros Mór	Off Rossmore Drive, BT7	43
Ardenlee Rise, BT6 8QD	Ard Ardán Liath	Off Ardenlee Green, BT6	22

3.3 The translations were authenticated by Queens University, the approved translator for Belfast City Council.

3.4 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.

3.5 Glengoland Avenue, BT17

- 69 occupiers (45.69%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
- 2 occupiers (1.32%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.
- 1 occupier (0.66%) had no preference either way.

3.6 Rathcool Street BT9

- 8 occupiers (25.80%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
- 2 occupiers (6.45%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.

3.7 Suffolk Drive, BT11

- 32 occupiers (55.17%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
- 1 Occupier (1.72%) had no preference either way.

3.8 Lagmore Grove, BT17

- 52 occupiers (25%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.

3.9 Kenard Avenue, BT11

- 38 occupiers (35.84%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
- 1 Occupier (0.94%) had no preference either way.

3.10 Upper Suffolk Road, BT11

- 13 occupiers (22.80%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.

3.11	<p>Orchardville Gardens, BT10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 73 occupiers (34.11%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 4 occupiers (1.86%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate. • 3 occupiers (1.40%) had no preference either way.
3.12	<p>North Circular Road, BT15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 77 occupiers (39.08%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 17 occupiers (8.62%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate. • 4 occupiers (2.03%) had no preference either way.
	<p>One resident who is not in favour of the erection of second street name plates has stated that it is a mixed area and they are concerned that road signs in Irish may have many and varied connotations, contribute little to the appearance and upkeep of the road or more importantly to the wellbeing of the residents.</p>
3.13	<p>Palace Gardens, BT15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 occupiers (61.29%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.14	<p>Cloona Park, BT17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 87 occupiers (38.32%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 5 Occupiers (2.20%) had no preference either way.
3.15	<p>Willowvale Gardens, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 61 occupiers (41.78%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 1 Occupier (0.68%) had no preference either way.
3.16	<p>Rossmore Park, BT7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 occupiers (32.55%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 6 occupiers (13.95%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.
3.17	<p>Ardenlee Rise, BT6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 occupiers (22.72%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 2 occupiers (9.09%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate. • 5 Occupiers (22.72%) had no preference either way.
3.18	<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>3.19</p> <p>3.20</p>	<p>All of the surveys listed above demonstrate compliance with the threshold contained within the Policy.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There is a cost of approximately £4530 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>Each application for a dual language street sign is subject to an initial assessment and an elected member notification to identify any potential adverse impacts on equality, good relations and rural needs.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>None</p>