



Subject:	Proposals for dual language street signs
Date:	6 th August 2024
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
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Hazelwood Avenue, BT17 0SY	Ascaill na Collchoille	Off Colin Road, BT17	312
Slievegallion Drive, BT11 8JN	Céide Shliabh gCallann	Off Andersonstown Road, BT11	120
Brooke Close, BT11 9NT	Clós an tSrutháin	Off Brooke Drive, BT11	31

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 **Kestrel Grange, BT17**

- 11 occupiers (37.93%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.

3.7 **Ophir Gardens, BT15**

- 42 occupiers (48.27%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
- 8 occupiers (9.19%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.
- 2 Occupiers (2.29%) had no preference either way.

One resident not in support of the dual language street sign has queried the 15% threshold.

3.8 **Antigua Street, BT14**

- 15 occupiers (57.69%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.

3.9 **Salisbury Avenue, BT15**

- 77 occupiers (35.81%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
- 9 occupiers (4.18%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.
- 2 Occupiers (0.93%) had no preference either way.

3.10 **Parkside Gardens, BT15**

- 7 occupiers (25.92%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.

3.11	<p>Mount Eagles Lane, BT17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 occupiers (25%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.12	<p>Lagmore View Way, BT17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 occupiers (30.76%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.13	<p>Finaghy Park North, BT10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 occupiers (57.14%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 2 occupiers (5.71%) had no preference either way
3.14	<p>Commedagh Drive, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54 occupiers (41.53%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.15	<p>Corrib Avenue, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 occupiers (22.22%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 2 occupiers (1.48%) had no preference either way.
3.16	<p>Isadore Avenue, BT13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 occupiers (35.13%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 5 occupiers (6.75%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.
3.17	<p>Hazelwood Avenue, BT17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 105 occupiers (33.65%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.18	<p>Slievegallion Drive, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 occupiers (21.66%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.19	<p>Brooke Close, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 occupiers (19.35%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.20	<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</p>

<p>3.21</p> <p>3.22</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There is a cost of approximately £4,620 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 for 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>