



Subject:	Proposals for dual language street signs
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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 Lismoyne Park, BT15

- 39 occupiers (39%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
- 17 occupiers (17%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.
- 4 occupiers (4%) had no preference either way.

One resident is not in favour of the erection of a second street name plate as they believe that the street is a mixed area where even at the height of the troubles everyone has been welcome to live, and they do not want this perception to change.

3.7 Slievecoole Park, BT14

- 26 occupiers (40%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
- 8 occupiers (12.3%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.
- 3 occupiers (4.61%) had no preference either way.

Two residents who are not in favour of the erection of a second nameplate commented that they believe the street is a mixed area and they do not want it turned into a ghetto or enclave.

3.8 Malone Valley Park, BT9

- 12 occupiers (15%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
- 13 occupiers (16.25%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.
- 3 occupiers (3.75%) had no preference either way.

3.9 Mooreland Park, BT11

- 22 occupiers (18.18%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
- 3 occupiers (2.47%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.
- 3 occupiers (2.47%) had no preference either way.

3.10	<p>Riverdale Gardens, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 49 occupiers (35.76%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 3 occupiers (2.18%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate. • 1 Occupier (0.72%) had no preference either way.
3.11	<p>Riverdale Park South, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 occupiers (27.93%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 1 occupier (0.55%) had no preference either way.
3.12	<p>Riverdale Park Avenue, BT11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 occupiers (33.33%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.13	<p>Orchardville Crescent, BT10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 91 occupiers (35.54%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 1 occupier (0.39%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate. • 4 occupiers (1.56%) had no preference either way.
3.14	<p>Brooke Park, BT10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 occupiers (28.73%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.15	<p>Ladybrook Parade, BT10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 occupiers (29.78%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.16	<p>Broom Drive, BT17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 occupiers (22.22%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate.
3.17	<p>Cliftonville Road, BT14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 124 occupiers (25.77%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 9 occupiers (1.87%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate. • 2 occupiers (0.41%) had no preference either way.
3.18	<p>Old Throne Park, BT36</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 occupiers (44.94%) were in favour of the erection of a second street name plate. • 7 occupiers (7.86%) were not in favour of the erection of a second name plate.

<p>3.19</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 the surveys listed above demonstrate compliance with the threshold contained within the Policy.</p>
<p>3.21</p>	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There is a cost of approximately £5100 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>3.22</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>