



PROCESS FOR ADDITIONAL DUAL LANGUAGE STREET SIGN APPLICATIONS FOR STREETS THAT DID NOT MEET THE FIFTEEN PERCENT SUPPORT THRESHOLD IN A PREVIOUS SURVEY.

Subject:	Process for additional Dual Language Street Sign applications for streets that did not meet the 15% support threshold in a previous application.
Date:	14 th April 2026
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2.1	Members are asked to consider the proposed process for dual language street sign applications for streets that did not achieve the fifteen percent threshold at street survey (including those that have failed in the past) and to: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree that all applications for the same language in the streets are closed and that a new application for the same second language can only be accepted after two years from the date the first application was closed; and 2. Agree that any applications submitted for a street requesting a different language remain open and are processed in line with policy. 																																																																								
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3.2	In accordance with the policy, if the minimum threshold of fifteen percent in favour of a proposal is not met at street survey, applicants are given two weeks to advise the Council of any special circumstances in relation to the application. If there are no special circumstances, the application is closed, and signs are not erected. These streets are listed on the Council webpage including the month this decision was reached.																																																																								
3.3	Since the implementation of the new policy there are thirty-three streets that have been closed in these circumstances. These streets are listed below along with the language requested. <p><u>Streets Not Meeting Threshold at Street Survey (Processed Application Closed)</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Street</th> <th>Language</th> <th>Street</th> <th>Language</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Belmont Avenue</td><td>Irish</td><td>Loopland Drive</td><td>Irish</td></tr> <tr><td>Belvedere Park</td><td>Irish</td><td>Magdala Street</td><td>Irish</td></tr> <tr><td>Burmah Street</td><td>Irish</td><td>Marsden Terrace</td><td>Irish</td></tr> <tr><td>Cherryvalley Gardens</td><td>Irish</td><td>McAuley Street</td><td>Irish</td></tr> <tr><td>Clovelly Street</td><td>Irish</td><td>Melrose Street</td><td>Irish</td></tr> <tr><td>Colinvale</td><td>Irish</td><td>Mill Pond Glen</td><td>Irish</td></tr> <tr><td>Cooke Mews</td><td>Irish</td><td>Mount Merrion Avenue</td><td>Irish</td></tr> <tr><td>Eliza Street</td><td>Irish</td><td>Queens Road</td><td>Irish</td></tr> <tr><td>Fortwilliam Grange</td><td>Irish</td><td>Ravenhill Reach</td><td>Irish</td></tr> <tr><td>Friendly Way</td><td>Irish</td><td>Shaftesbury Avenue</td><td>Irish</td></tr> <tr><td>Hawthornden Road</td><td>Irish</td><td>Skegoneill Avenue</td><td>Irish</td></tr> <tr><td>Isoline Street</td><td>Irish</td><td>Stewart Street</td><td>Irish</td></tr> <tr><td>Kent Street</td><td>Irish</td><td>Sunningdale Gardens</td><td>Irish</td></tr> <tr><td>King Street</td><td>Irish</td><td>University Street</td><td>Irish</td></tr> <tr><td>Knightsbridge Park</td><td>Irish</td><td>Victoria Road</td><td>Irish</td></tr> <tr><td>Leganoe Street</td><td>Irish</td><td>Wellesley Avenue</td><td>Irish</td></tr> <tr><td>Lismain Street</td><td>Irish</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Street	Language	Street	Language	Belmont Avenue	Irish	Loopland Drive	Irish	Belvedere Park	Irish	Magdala Street	Irish	Burmah Street	Irish	Marsden Terrace	Irish	Cherryvalley Gardens	Irish	McAuley Street	Irish	Clovelly Street	Irish	Melrose Street	Irish	Colinvale	Irish	Mill Pond Glen	Irish	Cooke Mews	Irish	Mount Merrion Avenue	Irish	Eliza Street	Irish	Queens Road	Irish	Fortwilliam Grange	Irish	Ravenhill Reach	Irish	Friendly Way	Irish	Shaftesbury Avenue	Irish	Hawthornden Road	Irish	Skegoneill Avenue	Irish	Isoline Street	Irish	Stewart Street	Irish	Kent Street	Irish	Sunningdale Gardens	Irish	King Street	Irish	University Street	Irish	Knightsbridge Park	Irish	Victoria Road	Irish	Leganoe Street	Irish	Wellesley Avenue	Irish	Lismain Street	Irish		
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3.4	Since the new policy was implemented, there have been 2428 applications received and as of March 26 there are 1523 pending applications for 922 streets to be processed in the order they were received.																																																																								

3.5 Thirteen of the streets listed above have subsequent applications for dual language street signage in either the same language or a different language. The table below indicates which of the above streets have subsequent live applications, which languages have been requested and the order in which the applications were received.

Streets Not Meeting Threshold with Live Applications

Street	No of Pending Applications	Languages Requested in Order of Receipt	Date Original Application Closed
Burmah Street	1	Irish	December 25
Cherryvalley Gardens	1	Irish	May 25
Colinvale	2	Irish, Irish	January 26
Isoline Street	3	Irish, Ulster Scots, Ulster Scots	March 26
Lismain Street	2	Irish, Ulster Scots	November 25
Magdala Street	1	Irish	May 25
Melrose Street	1	Irish	October 24
Mill Pond Glen	1	Irish	May 25
Queens Road	1	Irish	Jan 25
Sunningdale Gardens	1	Ulster Scots	December 25
University Street	1	Irish	March 25
Victoria Road	3	Ulster Scots, Ulster Scots, Ulster Scots	November 25
Welleseley Avenue	2	Irish, Irish	February 26

3.6 The policy does not stipulate how such applications should be dealt with, however as the 13 streets have failed to meet the threshold for Irish signs under a previous application the Committee is asked to agree to the closure of all subsequent applications for the same language already submitted.

3.7 The Committee is further asked to consider a time limit for the acceptance of further applications for the same language where a street has previously not met the threshold at street survey, and the current applications have been closed as outlined above.

3.8 In similar circumstances, the street re-naming policy states as follows, “*another request or re-application to change a street name which has been refused will not be accepted until a minimum period of 2 years has elapsed from the previous application date for change of the street name*”.

3.9 Committee should note any bar on new applications would be more appropriately linked to the original application closure date given the current processing times. It is therefore proposed that the time limit for re-application be set to 2 years from the date the first application was closed. Members should note that any new application would join the end of the queue.

3.10 Committee is also asked to agree to the applications already received for these streets in a different second language be dealt with as per the policy.

Financial & Resource Implications

3.11 None

3.12	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
4.1	None