

MID ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Dual Language Signage Nameplates

(Article 11 of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1995)

Revised Policy and Procedure

6.0 DUAL LANGUAGE SIGNAGE NAMEPLATES

6.1 The Council will apply this policy when considering applications for dual language signage expressing the name of the street in a language other than English, to both existing and new streets.

6.2 The 1995 Order gives the Council a discretionary power to erect dual language signs or second nameplates, adjacent to the nameplate in English. In exercising this discretionary power the Council must have regard to any views on the matter expressed by the occupiers of premises in that street.

6.3 Criteria - General

The Council in making arrangements and providing opportunities for dual language signage within street naming shall;

1. Have regard to any views on the matter expressed by occupiers of the street
2. For the purposes of the policy, “occupiers” shall mean any person who resides in a dwelling, including a house, flat, maisonette or house in multiple occupancy and which has its frontage immediately adjoining the street, hereafter referred to as ‘property’. Only the views of occupiers aged 18 or over in each property that is occupied and listed on the Electoral Register at the date of survey will be considered.
3. In relation to properties , the ‘occupier’ will include the owner and family members or tenants as listed on the current Electoral / Rates Register as residing at that address or tenants in actual possession of the premises, but not employees within such premises at the date of the survey.
4. The naming of the street in a language other than English does not authorise or require its use as, or part of, the address of any person or the description of the land for the purpose of any statutory provision; e.g., Building Control applications.

6.4 The provision of dual language Street Names will normally only be considered in the following circumstances:

- In the case of existing streets, where the Council has been petitioned and/or consulted with the occupiers of premises in that street and other persons it deems appropriate, in accordance with these arrangements.

Dual Language Signage Nameplates: *Procedure*

In deciding whether it should exercise its discretionary powers in relation to erection of dual language nameplates under Article 11 of the 1995 Order, the Council shall only do so after having regard to the views of occupiers of premises which has its frontage immediately adjoining that street.

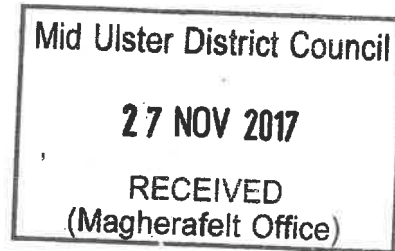
The procedure for seeking and assessing the views of occupiers and criteria to be applied in deciding whether to erect a dual language nameplate in a language other than English is;

1. A valid petition or letter, signed by occupiers of the street must be made to Council to enable this matter to be considered. Requests should be made to Building Control Service within the Public Health and Infrastructure Department. A petition / letter request shall be valid if; it is from an occupier who appears on the Electoral Register as maintained by the Electoral Office for NI; the address of the petitioner is contained on the petition / letter and; the individuals name is clearly stated and the letter has been signed by the petitioner (who must be an occupier of premises on the street). A petition / letter may be received by email but it must be attached as a file and signed. The Council shall not accept a request made within the body of an email.
2. The Environment Committee will receive notification of submitted requests by way of valid petition as referenced at 1, above. A petition will be deemed to be valid where it is completed by a minimum of one householder on that street. Approval will be sought from the Environment Committee to undertake the survey requested by the valid petition / letter.
3. Upon agreement, the Council will canvass, by post, all occupiers listed on the Electoral Register and the Pointer addressing system of that street; seeking their views on the request to erect a dual-language street nameplate. Each letter will contain survey forms for the number of occupiers registered on the Electoral Register for that property at that time.
4. The occupiers will be advised of the date by which completed surveys must be returned. Incomplete or illegible survey returns will not be counted. Completed surveys must be returned in the self- addressed envelopes provided for that purpose. Only replies received by the specified date shall be considered.
5. For purposes of assessment where 51 % (rounded to nearest whole number) of the occupiers that respond indicate that they are in favour of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, then this shall be presented to the Environment Committee for decision recommending that the dual language street nameplate be approved and erected. The Environment Committee having considered the request and the result of the survey may agree to permit or not permit the erection of the dual language nameplate.
6. Where 51 % of occupiers (rounded to nearest whole number) that respond indicate that they are not in favour of the erection of a dual-language street nameplate, then this shall be presented to the Environment Committee for decision recommending that the dual language street nameplate shall not be approved or erected.
7. If the request is refused by those households surveyed, further requests will not be considered until the expiry of 12 months from the date at which the Environment Committee refuses it.

8. Where the request is granted and the other language is Irish, the Irish Language Section within Department of Culture and Leisure and / or an approved translator will provide the Irish language form of the street name. Any other language shall be obtained from an approved translation service the cost of which will be notified to the Environment Committee when receiving the report on the outcome of the survey. The other language will not be used to express the name of the street for statutory purposes
9. The font and size of lettering of the other language shall be in accordance with that as shown in Appendix E.
10. Following the Council's decision on the matter all occupiers of the street will be notified of the decision.
11. Where agreed, a new dual language nameplate will be erected at the start and finish of the street or road in question and at such points along it as required e.g. at other road junctions, in accordance with any operational requirements as determined by the Property Services Team.

Appendix 2

Public Health & Infrastructure Department
Building Control Services
Mid Ulster District Council
50 Ballyronan Road
Magherafelt
Co Derry
BT45 6EN



Dear Sir/Madam

I am a resident of

BALLYNEIL RD. LOUP
M'FELT CO. DERRY BT45 7TE

I am making a formal request to have road/~~street~~ name in the Irish language.

I am aware that the council have adopted a Bilingual road and street name policy as a member of the electoral register, I am requesting the policy is provided for my address as given above.

Kind regards.

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Appendix 3

Public Health & Infrastructure Department
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Dear Sir/Madam

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....., Scotts Rd. Loup.
Magherafelt Co. Derry

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..... Birchwood Park
..... Loop

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Appendix 6

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Dear Sir/Madam

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ENGLISH CLOSE, LOUP-

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..... KilRis Loop Monymore.
..... Co Derry.

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Ballymilligan Rd
Loup

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am a resident of

LOOP ROAD

MOMRYMURIE BT45 7SS

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Dunroan Rd

Magherafelt

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Appendix 11

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Dear Sir/Madam

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..... ROGULLY ROAD

..... Cookstown.

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Ballyeglish Road, The Loop,
Magherafelt

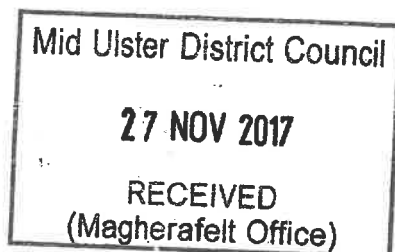
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am a resident of

BALLYGRUBY LANE

BT 45 2XA

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Appendix 14

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am a resident of

Rock Road.

Loup. BT457XQ

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Appendix 15

Mr Willie Wilkinson
Mid Ulster District Council
50 Ballyronan Road
Magherafelt
County Derry
BT45 6EN



December 15th, 2017

Dear Mr Wilkinson,

I would like to congratulate Mid Ulster District Council for leading by example, in adapting an impressively comprehensive **Bilingual Road Signage Policy**. It has been received with sincere gratitude.

I note that you are Head of Building Control within MUDC, and it is with this in mind that I kindly request that my road avails of the opportunity to have its name recognised under your new bilingual road signage policy in Irish/English.

My Name:

I reside at the following address:

Aneeter Road, Cookstown, County Tyrone, BT80 0HZ

Road Name:

ANEETER ROAD

I would like to thank you for taking time to read this letter and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind Regards

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(Applicant)