

Report on	Dual Language Signage Survey – Ferny Ridge, Castlecaulfield
Date of Meeting	11 th February 2020
Reporting Officer	William Wilkinson

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To advise Members on the result of surveys undertaken on all applicable residents on the streets/roads in response to Dual Language Signage Nameplate requests.
2.0	Background
2.1	In accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) NI Order 1995 – Article 11 the Council is tasked with the responsibility to erect dual language signs or second nameplates, adjacent to the nameplate in English.
2.2	The Policy for Dual Language Nameplate Signage as adopted (see Appendix 1) forms the basis for considering requests expressing the name in a language other than English, to both existing and new streets.
2.3	In accordance with the Policy as adopted, all occupiers as listed on the Electoral Register residing on the streets/roads as noted below were canvassed, by post seeking their views on the request to erect dual-language street nameplates in the Irish Language as requested in each case.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Building Control Service within the Public Health and Infrastructure Directorate issued occupiers of the undernoted streets, correspondence seeking their views on the request to erect a dual-language street nameplate.
3.2	In relation to the a request for Dual Language nameplate signage at Ferny Ridge, Castlecaulfield, surveys were issued to all applicable residents in accordance with the Policy as adopted. Completed surveys were received by the return date and the outcome is as follows:

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4.0	Other Considerations																										
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications																										
	Financial: Within Current Resources																										
	Human: Within Current Resources																										
	Risk Management: None																										
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments																										
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None																										
	Rural Needs Implications: None																										
5.0	Recommendation(s)																										
5.1	That Members note the result of the survey for the application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish for Ferny Ridge, Castlecaulfield and not approve the erection of signage in Irish as 51% of the respondents were not in favour.																										
6.0	Documents Attached & References																										
6.1	Appendix 1 – Policy for Dual Language Nameplate Signage.																										