

Report on	Dual Language Signage Surveys
Date of Meeting	8 July 2024
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	No	X

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 – Section 6.0 (See Appendix 1) as adopted 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 street/road 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 Environment Directorate issued occupiers of the undernoted street, correspondence seeking their views on the request to erect a dual-language street nameplate.
3.2	Completed surveys were received by the return date and the outcome is as follows:

Name of Street	Ballygittle Road, Stewartstown
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	12/02/2024
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	25/04/2024
Surveys Issued	13/05/2024
Surveys returned by	10/06/2024
Survey Letters Issued	95
Survey Letters Returned	58
Replies in Favour	33
Replies not in Favour	22
Invalid	3
Valid Returns	55
Percentage in Favour	60%

In accordance with the Dual Language Signage Nameplates Policy, where more than 51% of the completed replies returned by occupiers indicate that they are in favor of the erection of a dual language street nameplate, it is confirmed that the dual language nameplates at Ballygittle Road, Stewartstown will be erected.

Name of Street	Glenview Heights, Coalisland
Language Requested	Irish
Date Request Validated	04/03/2024
Survey Request Reported to Environment Committee	25/04/2024
Surveys Issued	13/05/2024
Surveys returned by	10/06/2024
Survey Letters Issued	14
Survey Letters Returned	4
Replies in Favour	4
Replies not in Favour	0
Invalid	0
Valid Returns	4
Percentage in Favour	100%

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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 application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish for the street as detailed below.
5.2	Where more than 51 % of occupiers that respond indicated that they were in favour of the erection of a dual language signage, nameplates will be erected. 1. Ballygittle Road, Stewartstown 2. Glenview Heights, Coalisland
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 - Policy for Dual Language Nameplate Signage
6.2	Appendix 2 - Dual Language Nameplate Translation for each Street/Road