

Report on	Dual Language Signage Requests
Date of Meeting	5 th December 2022
Reporting Officer	Terry Scullion, Assistant Director of Property Services
Contact Officer	Colm Currie, Principal Building Control Officer

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	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To advise Members of requests for Dual Language Signage from residents on the streets/roads in question.
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 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, the Environment Committee will be informed of requests which have been validated and are proceeding to survey.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Building Control Service within the Environment Directorate have received a valid letter signed by occupiers of the street below requesting signage to be erected in a second language being "Irish" in each case adjacent to the nameplate in English as follows:-
3.2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Oaks, Magherafelt 2. Flax Lane, Magherafelt 3. Castle Drive, Caledon 4. Rathmore, Cookstown
3.3	The occupiers signing the requests in each case have been confirmed as residents of their particular street which has been evidenced by their listing on the current Electoral Register as required in accordance with the Policy as adopted, see letters of request attached in Appendix 1 - 4.

3.4	It should also be noted that the Electoral Office are only permitting access to members of the public including Officers of the Council for 60 minutes per visit. In addition, the time required to gain the necessary information has increased considerably due to the number of individuals that have been recently added to the Electoral Register.
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 content of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 - Letter received from a resident of The Oaks, Magherafelt
6.2	Appendix 2 - Letter received from a resident of Flax Lane, Magherafelt
6.3	Appendix 3 - Letter received from a resident of Castle Drive, Caledon
6.3	Appendix 4 - Letter received from a resident of Rathmore, Cookstown