**Report to Area Committee Meeting on SDCC DRAFT Control of Parking Bye Laws**

**Proposed Material Alteration – Saggart and Newcastle Villages**

Following from the report on the 2020 Public Consultation on the SDCC Draft Control of Parking Bye Laws, presented to the February 2021 Clondalkin ACM, it was agreed that the Council would initiate a Public Consultation process on proposed Material Alteration to the Draft Parking Bye Laws in respect of Saggart and Newcastle Villages as details of proposed parking prohibitions and restrictions were inadvertently omitted from the 2020 Draft Control of Parking Bye Laws as published.

The proposed material alteration was published on the Council’s Consultation Portal for a period of four weeks from **Thursday 25th February 2021 until Friday 26th March, 2021** inclusive. Details were also advertised in the local newspapers circulating in the area.

Interested parties were encouraged to make observations and/or submissions on the proposed material alterations.

78 submissions were with one such submission received by post after the deadline (on 1st April 2021).

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| **Reference** | **Observations** |
| SD-C180-1 | No parking problems in Newcastle – do not proceed |
| SD-C180-2 | Against it in Saggart Village |
| SD-C180-3 | No to pay and display in Newcastle |
| SD-C180-4 | Not enough parking in Saggart - bad idea |
| SD-C180-5 | Against paid parking in both villages |
| SD-C180-6 | Object to parking bye laws proposal for Newcastle |
| SD-C180-7 | Newcastle Parking - against pay and display |
| SD-C180-8 | No to pay and display in Newcastle |
| SD-C180-9 | No need for pay and display in Newcastle |
| SD-C180-10 | Not in Newcastle |
| SD-C180-11 | Paid parking in Newcastle - not in favour |
| SD-C180-12 | What is the rationale for pay and display in Newcastle at this stage? |
| SD-C180-13 | Newcastle Parking Charges - against |
| SD-C180-14 | Against Paid parking in Newcastle Village |
| SD-C180-15 | Newcastle Village - not in favour |
| SD-C180-16 | Not in Newcastle |
| SD-C180-17 | No to pay and display in Newcastle |
| SD-C180-18 | Object to pay and display in Newcastle Village |
| SD-C180-19 | RAMS - not encourage people to village of Newcastle |
| SD-C180-20 | Newcastle Pay and Display - object |
| SD-C180-21 | Saggart paid parking - object |
| SD-C180-22 | Opposed |
| SD-C180-23 | Parking Bye Laws opposed |
| SD-C180-24 | Strongly Object To Parking in Saggart |
| SD-C180-25 | Pay parking Newcastle - not in favour |
| SD-C180-26 | Parking meters in Newcastle co Dublin - object |
| SD-C180-27 | Strongly Opposed in Saggart and Newcastle |
| SD-C180-28 | Pay Parking in Newcastle |
| SD-C180-29 | No to parking charges in Saggart |
| SD-C180-30 | No thank you to pay and display in Newcastle |
| SD-C180-31 | Objection to paid parking meters in Newcastle |
| SD-C180-32 | Parking in Newcastle - object to pay and display |
| SD-C180-33 | Objection to Pay & Display Parking Meters Newcastle |
| SD-C180-34 | Strongly Object - Newcastle village |
| SD-C180-35 | Strongly Object - Newcastle village |
| SD-C180-36 | Saggart and Newcastle Villages - object |
| SD-C180-37 | No to parking in Saggart and Newcastle |
| SD-C180-38 | Strongly object as there are no spaces for parking |
| SD-C180-39 | No issue with parking in Newcastle |
| SD-C180-40 | Object in Newcastle |
| SD-C180-41 | Object to pay and display in Newcastle Village |
| SD-C180-42 | Unnecessary in Newcastle village |
| SD-C180-43 | Object to pay and display in Newcastle Village |
| SD-C180-44 | Objection to pay and display in Newcastle village |
| SD-C180-45 | Objection to Pay & Display in Saggart in Newcastle |
| SD-C180-46 | Objection to Pay & Display in Newcastle and Saggart |
| SD-C180-47 | Paid parking objection - Saggart Village |
| SD-C180-48 | Pay and display objection in both villages |
| SD-C180-49 | Proposed pay & display in Saggart. |
| SD-C180-50 | Opposition to pay-parking on Main Street, Newcastle |
| SD-C180-51 | Pay and display objection - Saggart Village |
| SD-C180-52 | Strongly Object in Saggart and Newcastle Villages |
| SD-C180-53 | Objection to paid parking in Newcastle |
| SD-C180-54 | No pay and display parking in Newcastle Village |
| SD-C180-55 | Not suitable in Newcastle |
| SD-C180-56 | Objection to parking fees in Newcastle |
| SD-C180-57 | Opposition to Pay and Display on Main Street and Peamount Road in Newcastle, Co. Dublin |
| SD-C180-58 | Object to pay and display in Newcastle Village |
| SD-C180-59 | Object to pay and display in Newcastle Village |
| SD-C180-60 | No issue with parking in Newcastle |
| SD-C180-61 | No issue with parking in Newcastle |
| SD-C180-62 | Objection to the proposed pay parking in Newcastle |
| SD-C180-63 | Objection to Newcastle Parking Meters |
| SD-C180-64 | Opposed to paid parking in Saggart Village |
| SD-C180-65 | Opposed to paid parking in Newcastle Village |
| SD-C180-66 | Totally against paid parking |
| SD-C180-67 | Object to paid parking in Newcastle Co Dublin |
| SD-C180-68 | No need for paid parking in Newcastle village |
| SD-C180-69 | Against Paid parking in Newcastle Village |
| SD-C180-70 | In favour of pay and display in Newcastle Village |
| SD-C180-71 | Opposed to paid parking |
| SD-C180-72 | Proposed paid parking in Newcastle |
| SD-C180-73 | Object to paid parking Newcastle |
| SD-C180-74 | Opposed to the introduction in Saggart Village |
| SD-C180-75 | Opposed to the introduction in both villages |
| SD-C180-76 | Opposed to the introduction in both Villages |
| SD-C180-77 | Opposed to the introduction in Saggart Village |
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The 77 submissions received within the timeframe were made up as follows, noting that 11 submissions were composite in nature and referenced both locations.

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| **Location** | **For** | **Against** | **Comment** | **Cum Total** |
| Newcastle | 1 | 50 |  |  |
|  |  | 11 | Composite |  |
| **Total** | **1** | **61** |  | **62** |
| Saggart |  | 15 |  |  |
|  |  | 11 | Composite |  |
| **Total** |  | **26** |  | **26** |
|  |  |  |  | **88** |

From the above it is evident that the greater proportion of submissions (62) received related to the proposed measures in Newcastle Village. Only one submission received was in favour of the proposals for Newcastle.

All 26 submissions received relating to Saggart were opposed to the proposals for Saggart.

***Executive Report:***

***Newcastle Village***

Proposals to implement parking restrictions and prohibitions were published in the draft 2009 Parking ByeLaws within the area as follows:

**Main Street, Between Athgoe Road and Ballynakelly.**

A report from that public consultation process was presented to the ACM and the following recommendation emerged “That this Area Committee recommends that Newcastle be excluded from the parking strategy until people in that area wish to be included”.

Over 10 years have now elapsed since that review and local recommendation.

In the intervening period The Newcastle Local Area Plan was adopted by the Elected Representatives of South Dublin County Council on the 12th November 2012 and came into operation on the 10th December 2012. The Plan, which provides for significant levels of local development over its lifetime, was subsequently extended by the Elected Members in October 2017 for further period to 9th December 2022.

A significant amount of residential development and an element of commercial development has taken place in the intervening period.

It is the opinion of the executive that Newcastle Village has changed significantly since the previous review of Parking Byelaws and a proposal to introduce and implement Paid Parking in the following area as a material alteration to the Draft Byelaws as follows was therefore recently published :

**Main Street Newcastle from its junction with Newcastle Boulevard via the R120 to its junction with the Peamount Road and then via the R405 to its junction with the Hazelhatch Road**

There are **C 20**  car spaces in this location.

The Executive is mindful of a perception that parking restrictions impacts negatively on retail. However, research on retailers “perceived versus actual” travel patters has shown otherwise. Many shoppers use alternative travel modes to the car, and there is supporting research that parking restrictions and prohibitions aids the removal of the reliance and dominance of motor traffic, improves air quality and noise impact and in general provides a greater sense of safety and wellbeing for the public at large.

Furthermore and significantly, it is also held that paid parking impacts positively on the turnover of parking spaces and aids accompanying footfall for retail outlets.

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| **Recommendation:** Include Newcastle in Parking ByeLaws and implement Pay & Display in Newcastle |

***Saggart Village***

As with the foregoing report, proposals to implement parking restrictions and prohibitions in Saggart were published in the draft 2009 Parking ByeLaws within the area as follows:

**Garters Lane south of Fortunestown Lane**

A report from that public consultation process was presented to the ACM and the following recommendation emerged.

“*That the Area Committee recommends that Saggart be excluded from the parking strategy for the time being and that the matter be reviewed after the arrival of Luas”*

Over 10 years have now elapsed since that review and recommendation. It is the opinion of the executive that restrictions and prohibitions be introduced in the following area as published in the proposed material alteration:

**Garter Lane (Also known as Church Road also known as Main Street) from its junction with Mill Road to the western Boundary of St. Mary’s National School.**

There are c 35 public car parking spaces in this location.

As outlined already above perception that parking restrictions impacts negatively on retail. However, research on retailers perceived versus actual travel patters has shown otherwise. Many shoppers use alternative travel modes to the car, and there is supporting research that parking restrictions and prohibitions aids the removal of the reliance and dominance of motor traffic, improves air quality and noise impact and in general provides a greater sense of safety and wellbeing for the public at large.

Similarly, *as* part of a county wide villages initiative, the Council carried out an upgrade to Saggart Village which has now been completed. The scheme has brought significant improvements to Saggart by providing more space for people to enjoy this important historic village.

The upgrade works included the creation of a new public plaza, extended and repaved footpaths, new and improved public lighting, planters, notice boards, new heritage welcome signs and resurfacing the roads, and it is the opinion of the executive that the village would benefit form a reduced dominance of traffic.

Paid parking also impacts positively on the turnover of parking spaces and aids accompanying footfall for retail outlets.

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| **Recommendation**: Include Saggart in Parking ByeLaws and implement Pay & Display in Saggart |

***End of Report***