



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge Waterford City & County Council

DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR CATHRACH PHORT LÁIRGE

TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD

Waterford Metropolitan District Council **Control of Parking Bye-Laws 2023 - Adoption**

The draft bye-laws were advertised for public consultation from 27th December to 9th February 2023 and also sent to the Garda Commissioner and relevant Garda Districts. The following submissions were received in relation to the bye-laws:-

Submission from	Part of bye-law/Issue Raised	Submission Summary	Response/Decision
Superintendent D. Butler, Garda Corporate Services Office, Garda HQ Dublin 8	Tramore	Insufficient parking for motorhomes, motor caravans and campervans in Tramore – allocation of additional parking would alleviate this problem.	The Council currently does not have plans or the resources to develop and maintain camper or camping areas – this is primarily a matter that should be addressed by the private sector on a commercial basis
Éimear Ó Murchú	General	To promote business the introduction of an initial free period of parking by the Council and also by private carpark operators.	This would be contrary to both current National and local policy which aims to reduce traffic congestion in the city centre and to increase usage of sustainable transport modes including public bus, park and ride, bike share and other active travel measures.

Dan Walsh	Electric Vehicles	Provision of home electric vehicle charging for terraced properties within the city centre and designated parking spaces outside homes.	It is currently not technically possible to provide for individual EV charging points for city centre terraced homes /apartments without incurring substantial risk and liabilities. Additional public charging and fast charging will be implemented around the county in the coming months. The Council cannot legally designate private spaces for residents on public roads.
Brendan Kennedy	Morley Terrace/Gracedieu Road	Request for designated parking for residents and to make Gracedieu Road a one-way system.	Council cannot legally designate private parking for residents on the public road. One way system outside scope of bye-laws.
Dr James Ryan	No. 46 Non application of bye-laws to specified vehicles	Encourages Council to reconsider removal of free parking for EV as it is counterproductive to encouragement of the national fleet, some EV owners may overuse the limited number of public chargers as a result and no financial justification for this move.	The Council did provide free parking as an incentive for a few years. Due to the significant increase in the numbers of EVs on the roads, this was no longer sustainable and is not provided by other local authorities. The EV charging spaces will have a time restriction in order to prevent over staying.
James Byron and residents of 50-56 and 93-97 Gracedieu Road (signatures submitted)	Gracedieu Road	Request that Council extend Pay & Display parking to cover these houses. Possible traffic light or island at the end of Dominic Place.	Extension of Pay & Display parking can be provided without change to the bye-laws. Dominic Place junction outside scope of bye-laws but can be reviewed separately.
Caroline Walsh	Morley Terrace	Not enough space for residents parking, too many permits being	Resident parking permits are issued to householders that meet

		issued. Cannot charge EV. Can designated parking be allocated to residents. Can green area be given over to parking.	criteria however parking cannot be guaranteed. Designated parking cannot be provided on the public road.
Kenny	South Quays	Observation re South Quays – eyesore to our city on entry, should be turned into a green area and move parking to certain corners of the quays i.e. multi-storey at Train Station with courtesy shuttle service.	Plans currently underway as part of the North Quays Project and sustainable transport bridge.

Attached please find a summary of the amendments and a copy of the draft bye-laws with amendments in red. The bye-laws are recommended for your approval and adoption as advertised.

Fergus Galvin,
Director of Services,
Roads, Water and Environment.
20th February, 2023.