

Report to Chairperson and Members of the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

Motion in the name of Councillor Ciarán O'Moore – use of double yellow lines at corners

It was agreed at the September 2017 meeting of the Transportation SPC to defer Councillor O'Moore's Motion pending a report regarding the provision of double yellow lines on corners.

The current legislation in relation to the non-application of prohibitions on parking on double yellow lines is set out in the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking Regulations) 1997, Paragraph 5 (1) (e) as follows:

(e) a prohibition on the parking of a vehicle imposed by article 36(2)(a) shall not apply to a vehicle parked while goods are being loaded in or on to it or unloaded from it, for a period not exceeding thirty minutes from the commencement of the parking.

Paragraph 36 (1) (c) of the Regulations states that a vehicle shall not be parked on a public road "within 5 metres of a road junction."

The use of double yellow lines at corners is not recommended in the Department of Transport Tourism and Sports Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets. 4.2.4 Signage and Line Marking:

"The use of signage and/or road markings that duplicate existing regulations should be avoided and may lead to confusion. For example the use of double yellow lines around corners to reinforce the standard prohibition on stopping within 5m of a road junction may lead to misinterpretation that loading is generally permitted."

It is also not recommended in Section 7.6.5 of the Traffic Signs Manual (2010):

"it should be noted that if the double yellow line is laid to reinforce the standard prohibition on stopping within 5m of a road junction, this may lead to misinterpretation that loading is generally permitted."

Although Double Yellow Lines have been installed on corners in the past, Dublin City Council's current policy is to not introduce parking restrictions where restrictions are already covered under the law, as this would lead to a proliferation of same and additional expense due to maintenance. Supplying double yellow lines as a visual aid at a corner would contradict the Road Traffic legislation. Infringements of the Road Traffic legislation should be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services tel. no. 01 6022500 or to the Gardaí as they occur.

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