

**To the Chairperson and Members
Of the Central Area Committee**

**Cabra Glasnevin Area Report
November 2020**

Cabra Area Parking

As councillors may know, the Traffic Engineers held a workshop with Councillors approx. 12 months ago in Cabra Office and agreed what was appropriate from an engineering perspective and what was required from a parking enforcement perspective.

As you can see in the image below, DCC installed cycle stands to discourage illegal parking. The driver of the red vehicle has parked with complete disregard for pedestrians, but there is nothing further that we can do from an engineering perspective. This is now a matter for parking enforcement.

The Traffic Engineers maintain that they have to strike a balance and cannot keep installing cycle stands and bollards ad hoc. If councillors are aware of specific locations that would benefit from further measures, they will certainly consider these. But based on what was agreed at the Councillor workshop and based on the photos below, the Traffic engineer would suggest that the problem lies with driver behaviour and parking enforcement.

In response to this and further complaints from Councillors and residents the Parking Enforcement Officer has been monitoring the area and enforcing as appropriate



He has also spoken to the garage owner who has given an undertaking that cars being serviced will not be parked illegally. He will also monitor this going forward.

The Gardaí have also been active in the area and while the Enforcement Officer is enforcing against illegal parking he is also conscious that some residents have limited options due to the absence of driveways.

Laneway Enquiries

We have received a significant number of applications to close laneways in recent months, mainly in response to anti-social behaviour. While we endeavour to assist residents in this where there is clear majority support there are a number of issues that I would like to clarify.

An extinguishment of a right of way is a reserved function of Dublin City Council and only applies to laneways in its charge. As such an EPROW must be carried out. This is administered by Cabra-Glasnevin office for this area and all enquiries such be directed to Olive Warnock in the first instance. It is essential that residents understand what they are undertaking and therefore all petitions for closure must be issued and administered by this office.

Private laneways are not in our remit and DCC would normally only have an interest if services that have to be accessed are located there. Residents may erect gates up to two metres in height without planning permission. However, they are advised to secure the support of all with a legitimate right of access before proceeding. An established right of way may exist and the closure of a laneway could be open to legal challenge in either of these cases.

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