

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

12<sup>th</sup> December 2023

# With reference to the extinguishment of the public right of way over the laneway to the rear of houses No. 2 No.4 Nottingham Street, Dublin 1

### Proposal

A request has been submitted to the Central Area Office by a resident and a business owner who back onto the laneway to the rear of No.2 & No.4 Nottingham Street, Dublin 1.

The reason for this extinguishment is due to antisocial behaviour, dumping, toilet use and drug related activities. The laneway is commonly used by individuals engaging in drug use. Consequently, drug paraphernalia is often discarded, resulting in hazardous materials scattered throughout the laneway. These gatherings make it unsafe for Kelly's Hardware and residents to use the rear access to their properties. The extent of this proposed extinguishment is shown outlined in red on the attached map, SM 2023-0533.

The Central Area Committee, at its meeting on the 10th October 2023, agreed to initiate the statutory procedure to extinguish the public right of way over this laneway under the provisions of Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993.

#### Statutory

By public advertisement on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023, representations or objections were invited by the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The site notice at this location was erected on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

The following responses were submitted through Dublin City Councils Online Consultation Hub:

- "This is very much required to deter undesirables using the street for anti-social behaviour"
- "No objections. Would be glad to see it closed off"
- "Please close the laneway. It is unsafe for the general public"
- "I think this is a good idea. That laneway is super dodgy, a gate would help that"

#### Service Checks

A service check has been carried out and no service provider will need to alter the current services on or under or over that part of the referred lane.

#### Recommendation

I recommend that this Committee approve the extinguishment of the public right of way over the area shown on Map SM 2023-0533, for consideration later by the City Council.

The extinguishment of a public right of way is a function reserved to the City Council.

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