

To the Chairperson and Members Of the Central Area Committee

12th December 2023

With reference to the extinguishment of the public right of way over the laneway to the rear of multiple properties at Harbour Court, Dublin 1

Proposal

A request, to have the public right of way extinguished over the laneway to the rear of multiple properties at Harbour Court, Dublin 1 has been made. The reason for this extinguishment is due to anti-social behaviour. It is regularly used for intravenous drug use and is littered with needles and other drug paraphernalia. Also it has become a location for illegal dumping. The extent of this proposed extinguishment is shown outlined in red on the attached map, SM 2023-0311.

The Central Area Committee, at its meeting on the 11th July 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 8th August 2023, representations or objections were invited by the 27th September 2023. The site notice at this location was erected on the 8th August 2023.

There were four objections received along with twenty six letters of support regarding the proposed closure. These have been circulated separately to Members with the Agenda.

Service Checks

A service check has been carried out and Public Lighting 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 2023-0311, 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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