

Submission from Dun Laoghaire Central Residents Association (DLCRA) on the Council's Draft Parking Bye-Laws 2020

ON-STREET PARKING:

In 2019 DLCRA conducted an extensive survey to establish the key issues which matter to the people in the town. Of the 305 responses, *Retail and Parking* were overwhelmingly the biggest concern and strongly interlinked. This high level of dissatisfaction was also found in the 2017 report *Impact of the Pay and Display Parking Scheme on the Economic Development of Dun Laoghaire* by Anthony Foley, Dublin City University Business School. His findings indicated that the highest level of dissatisfaction was among the local residents.

The Council's proposed increase in the on-street parking charges are a matter of great concern and likely to decrease further the footfall in the main street with knock-on negative impact on local traders.

RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS

The Council proposes charges of €60 per permit per annum; €100 for two years; and €3 per Visitor Parking Permit (daily rate). Current rates are €40 / €75 / €2. This is a very substantial increase - 50% / 33% / 50%. There is no basis for such charges other than to increase income for the Council at the expense of the local residents.

We call on the Council to retain the existing rates of residential parking permits. We also propose that holders of these permits, regardless of their zones, should be allowed a free one-hour parking period (plus grace periods) in the streets near the centre of town to facilitate access to local retail and business facilities.