

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 20TH APRIL, 2015

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Daniel Butler

"I will move at the next meeting that Limerick City and County Council introduce pick up and drop parking spots for the main shopping streets to allow customers to collect or drop off items to various businesses in the city where they would be met by a staff member".

REPLY

The City Centre has a finite amount of road space and different competing needs are assigned to road space to allow the city to function both commercially and in terms of moving traffic. Regulatory provisions enable and provide for a multiplicity of traffic and parking requirements i.e., Bus Stops, Coach Parking, Taxi Ranks, Loading Bays, pedestrian mobility, cycle and car parking.

In the case of each of the above the various groups and representatives would argue that not enough space is allocated to their services.

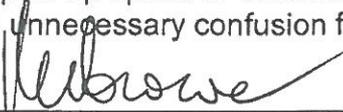
The current Parking Bye-Laws and the operating procedures for Limerick City permit car users to park on-street for up to 10 minutes free to do quick pick ups and drop offs. Traffic Wardens will not issue a fixed penalty notice to a vehicle parked in a disc parking area for 10 minutes after monitoring a vehicle that does not have paid for parking. This 10 minute grace period is to allow motorists time to purchase parking discs or to do a quick pick-up or drop-off.

The time a vehicle is discovered parked without a valid paid for Parking Disc/Parkmagic is recorded electronically by Wardens and a fixed penalty notice will not be issued for at least another 10 minutes. This period of grace does not apply to vehicles parked illegally on double yellow lines, in bus stops etc.

Loading Bays also operate in the city that allow commercial vehicles to load and unload for a maximum of 30 minutes while actively engaged.

Because parking control operating procedure currently permits a minimum of 10 minutes grace period to motorists parked in on-street parking zones, the Traffic Department do not believe there is any merit in introducing a different type of on-street drop off and pick-up space or enforcement procedure at this time and believe it would also create unnecessary confusion for shoppers and visitors to the city.

Signed:



DIRECTOR,
TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Elena Secas

I will move at the next Meeting that the Council carries out as soon as possible a dog fouling campaign, similar to the one organised last October/November to highlight the dog fouling problem, which is a big issue in more areas across Limerick and erects 'No Dog Fouling' signs where necessary and where requested.

REPLY:

The Environment department will start a scoop the poop awareness campaign over the coming months.

The Environment Department will undertake a review of the current location of "No Dog Fouling Signs" and will provide additional signage where necessary.



**Kieran Lehane,
Director,
Environment & Water Services**

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Maria Byrne

I will move at the next meeting, following the success of the TLC on Good Friday, that Limerick Metropolitan District will start a scoop the poop awareness campaign and place dog litter bins on the main roads to facilitate the campaign.

REPLY:

The Environment Department will start a scoop the poop awareness campaign over the coming months.

The Environment Department found that the provision of dedicated dog litter bins resulted in significant difficulties with bins overflowing and difficulty in emptying. The current council policy is "any bag, any bin" which allows dog owners use the existing bin network to dispose of dog litter. We have found this policy to be the most effective in dealing with dog litter.



**Kieran Lehane,
Director,
Environment & Water Services**

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Maria Byrne:

I will move at the next Metropolitan meeting that this Council give consideration to the provision of free wifi on the centre city streets.

Reply:

Limerick City & County Council is presently considering the provision of a free pilot WiFi area in the City Centre. Following an evaluation of this pilot initiative further consideration will be given to the provision of free WiFi in other City Centre streets.

Pat Daly

Director of Services
Economic Development & Planning

Date: 15th April 2015

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Malachy McCreesh

I will move at the next meeting that the Council provide details of inspections under the Fire Services and Licensing Acts carried out on all premises and apartment blocks in the Metropolitan Area in the last year and give details of any issues found and the follow up procedures.

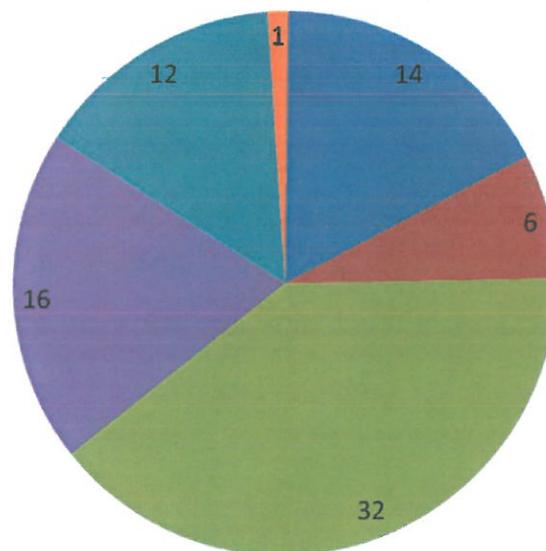
Details of Inspections

There were 81 inspections carried out in the City Metropolitan area between April 2014 and April 2015.

Inspections were carried out under the Building Control Act for Commencement Notices, Buildings under construction, Fire regulations, Dangerous Structures, During performance or event inspections and the Fire Services Act for Licensing.

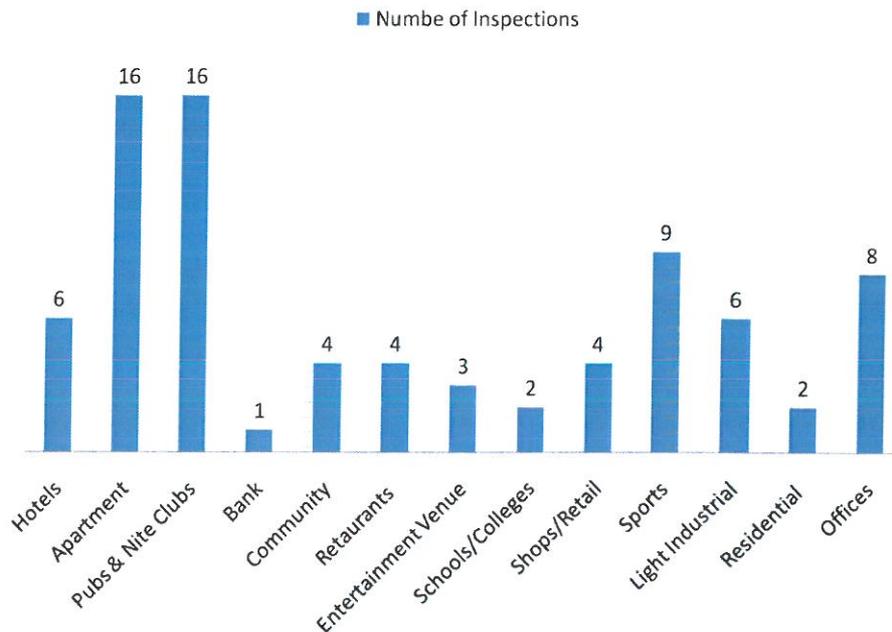
The majority of these inspections were made up of complaints from the general public, pre-event inspections, and pre court inspections for licensing. The follow up procedure depends on the issues or circumstances identified as a result of the inspections. This may involve writing to the owner or occupier setting out the fire safety deficiencies and any required remedial works or initiating enforcement action under the Fire Services Act, e.g. Fire Safety notices.

Fire Service Inspections by Type



- Licensing Pre Court
- Fire Safety Act
- Building Control Act
- During Performance/ Event Inspection
- Dangerous Structures Inspection
- Fire Safety Act - Planning

Inspection by Building Type April 2014 – April 2015



Issues found

Fire Safety Issues identified on foot of inspections can be broken into three main areas.

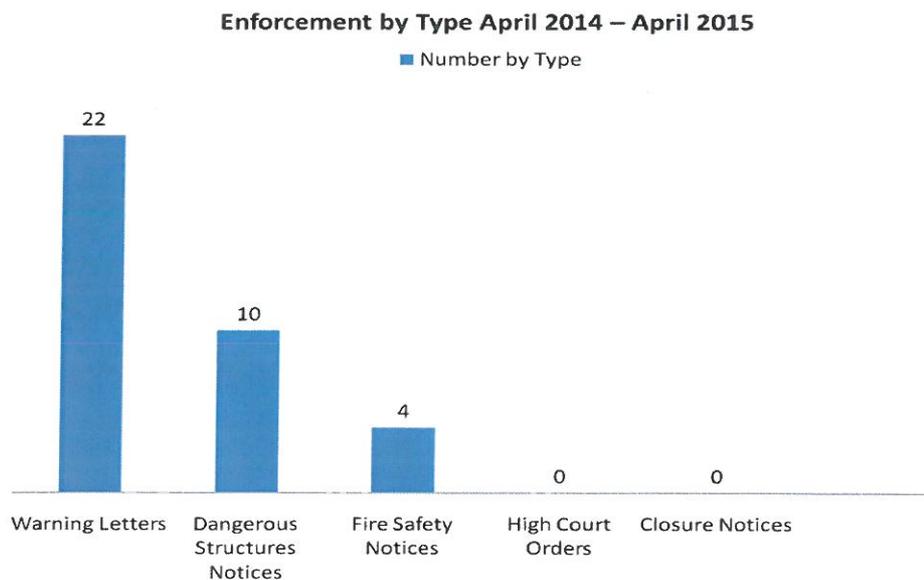
- 1 **Active Fire Safety Issues;** these are systems which activate or are required to be activated in the event of an outbreak of fire. Active Fire Precaution measures would include the fire alarm and detection systems, emergency lighting, emergency signs, fire extinguishers and first aid fire fighting equipment, smoke control systems, water sprinklers and other mechanical or electrical devices that are part of a buildings fire safety strategy. These system can be manual or automatic.
- 2 **Passive Fire Safety Issues;** Passive Fire Safety Measures are features which are built into the structure of the building and are physical features of the building. It includes compartmentation of the overall building through the use of fire-resistance rated walls and floors. Organisation into smaller fire compartments consisting of one of more rooms or floors, prevents or slows the spread of fire from the room of fire origin to other spaces. Particular emphasis is placed on inspecting emergency exit routes, fire doors, fire resistant enclosures, locations and capacity of escape stairs, and ensuring bins or other hazards are suitably located. It also includes the provision of access to and around the building for Fire Fighting Crews.
- 3 **Fire Safety Management Issues;** relate to the day to day management of fire safety in a building. There is a legal responsibility on persons having control over premises to take reasonable measures to prevent the occurrence of a fire and to protect the lives and safety of occupants in the event of fire. The active and passive fire safety measures outlined above could be completely negated unless the building occupants are aware of the significance of the measures, of their role with regard to prevention of fire and of the appropriate action to take in the event of fire. A fire safety programme must be established in a building in order to correctly manage fire safety and meet legal obligations. A person should be designated Fire Safety Manager with responsibility for drawing up, implementing and overseeing the fire

safety programme. The Fire Safety Manager should be of adequate status within the organisation and should have authority to effectively discharge his/her responsibility. It should be noted at the outset that the elements of the fire safety programme are based on the assumption that active and passive fire safety measures are present within the establishment. In the absence of adequate active and passive fire safety measures within a building more stringent management fire safety measures will be required.

Follow up procedures

The Fire Service has a number of tools by which it can seek to address fire safety issues in buildings we inspect. The particular approach taken is based on the nature of the problem or problems identified in our inspection. Once a building is inspected the nature of the fire safety issues would be risk assessed. In the first instance we would seek to advise and assist building owners in addressing minor issues or best practice. However the nature of the risk may warrant a more direct response up to and including an immediate closure of the premises. The following are some of the responses available to the Fire Service on foot of an inspection.

- 1 Advisory Letter – This would be provided after an inspection if some advice or clarification was required by the building owner/occupier.
- 2 Warning Letter – This would be a letter warning building owners of fire safety issues that need to be addressed in a timely manner. If they fail to comply it is likely a Fire Safety Notice may be served.
- 3 Fire Safety Notice – May prohibit the use of the building or a specified part. Within 14 days of service, building owners can appeal to the District Court.
- 4 High Court Order – The Fire Authority can apply to the High Court requesting that the building can closed or altered and that any necessary works can be carried out.
- 5 Closure Notice – If a building or premises poses or is likely to pose a serious and immediate risk an authorised person may serve a closure notice on a person.



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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Maurice Quinlivan:

I will move at the next meeting that this Council has a briefing session for elected members with senior management to update the elected members on the progress of the Limerick 2030 plan, following the decision of an Bord Pleanála to grant permission to Horizon Mall application

Reply:

The management team are currently reviewing the decision of An Bord Pleanála in respect of the Horizon Mall including any possible impact on the delivery of the projects outlined in Limerick 2030. On completion of this review a briefing session will be arranged for all councillors.

Pat Daly

Director of Services
Economic Development & Planning

Date: 15th April 2015