



Comhairle Cathrach  
& Contae **Luimnigh**

**Limerick City**  
& County Council

**Meeting of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee  
to be held on Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Benson (referred from Full Council Meeting)**

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council consider the introduction of specifically designated autism parking spots outside the Dóchas Centre in Parnell Street, Limerick, and that this Council work with ASD Ireland with a view to identifying other suitable locations across the city and county.

**Reply:**

In a recent written response by the Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan it was advised that there is no authorised Disabled Parking Badge specifically relating to autism. This creates a difficulty when considering the introduction of specific parking spots in this regard.

We reviewed best practice elsewhere and are aware of arrangements in place in some locations, which are dependent on an honesty policy for effective operation. The system involves marking a specific parking area with a recognised hidden disability emblem and depends on user honesty for subsequent parking on this spot.

It should be noted that that this is a very busy city centre location with paid parking. We will liaise with ASD Ireland and the local Dóchas Centre to gauge their views on the matter and determine a course of action following these discussions.

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**24<sup>th</sup> October, 2022.**