



The Clonskeagh Residents' Association

Formal Submission on Parking Restrictions in Clonskeagh

To:	1. The Director of Services, Parking Section, Infrastructure & Climate Change Department 2. The Director of Services, Parks and Landscape Section, Department of Community and Cultural Development, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
From:	The Clonskeagh Residents' Association (PPN-00358)
Date:	20th April 2026
Subject:	Proposal for the Implementation of a Parking Restrictions in Rosemount Crescent, Gledswood Park, Leinster Lawn and Nutgrove Park

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1. Introduction and Problem Context

This submission is formally presented on behalf of the residents of the Clonskeagh area to address the persistent issue of excessive, non-residential on-street parking. This problem is attributed to the area's close proximity to UCD, the Mosque and the Luas stop at Windy Arbour, wherein students and city centre commuters utilise our residential roads for all-day parking to avoid university and city centre parking fees.

The current lack of parking control converts our residential roads into unofficial overflow car parks for the university campus, severely compromising safety, access, and the residential amenity of the neighbourhood. The parking pressure is year-round but reaches a critical peak during the academic terms (September to May).

2. Specific Impacts on Residents and Public Safety

The density and duration of non-resident parking result in several demonstrable negative impacts, which we request the Council urgently address:

A. Road Safety and Traffic Flow

The continuous parking on both sides of our narrow residential roads effectively reduces two-way traffic flow to single-lane access (see **Photo 1**), forcing vehicular confrontation and reversing manoeuvres.

- **Obstruction of Sight-lines:** Vehicles, particularly larger SUVs and vans, parked up to junctions and pedestrian crossings, create dangerous blind spots for drivers and pedestrians.
- **Speed and Manoeuvrability:** The reduced road width encourages vehicles to accelerate when a gap appears, increasing speed and the risk of collision.

B. Emergency Vehicle and Waste Collection Access

In several instances, the improper placement of parked vehicles have compromised essential services:

- **Emergency Access:** Narrowed choke points delay and sometimes prevent the rapid entry of large vehicles, such as fire trucks or ambulances, posing a direct threat to resident safety.
- **Waste Collection:** Bin lorries and delivery vehicles struggle to navigate or turn, leading to missed collections and damage to parked cars and road infrastructure.

C. Deterioration of Residential Amenity

The green spaces at Rosemount Crescent, Gledswood Park and Bird Avenue-Gledswood Drive (facing the Spar shop) are being significantly damaged by unauthorised mounting of the curb and parking on the grass. As you can see from attached photos (**Photos 2-6**), the area has been severely churned into deep mud and standing water due to unauthorised parking. This has created several immediate issues including drainage concerns and deterioration in aesthetics of the local area, detracting from the character and kerb appeal of our residential roads.

3. Proposed Solutions

We propose the installation of double yellow lines as outlined in **Figures 1-3** and enforcement to restore the residential function of our roads. Additionally, the implementation of signage and or installation of low chain railings or raising of the kerb height should be considered to prevent future damage to local green spaces at Rosemount Crescent and Gledswood Park. While the recent planting of trees on the Rosemount Crescent green has deterred some verge parking, it has not fully resolved the issue, as unauthorised vehicles continue to mount the grass.

Resident Consultation Process

The Clonskeagh Residents' Association (CRA) conducted a comprehensive consultation process with residents directly affected by the proposed parking restrictions. This engagement was designed to ensure that the proposed solutions reflect the needs of the local community.

Engagement Methodology:

- **Direct Outreach:** A physical information leaflet was distributed to all households within the affected zone (see **Document 1**).
- **Digital Engagement:** The proposals were shared and discussed via our social media platforms to reach a broader demographic of residents (<https://clonskeaghresidents.ie/event/double-yellow-lines-proposal/> and <https://www.instagram.com/clonskeaghresidentsassociation/>).
- **Feedback Integration:** All feedback received was formally reviewed and discussed by the CRA Committee.

This process ensures that our proposal carries the broad support of the residents who live and park in the area daily.

4. Conclusion

The excessive commuter parking has rendered our residential roads unsafe and inaccessible, and our local green spaces destroyed, severely diminishing the quality of life for long-term residents.

We understand that traffic management solutions require planning and resources, but the urgency of this safety and access issue cannot be overstated. We respectfully request the Council to formally:

1. Acknowledge this submission and the severity of the problem.
2. Initiate a formal public consultation process for the creation of a double yellow lines in the Rosemount Crescent, Leinster Lawn, Nutgrove Park, Gledswood Park and Gledswood Avenue areas.
3. Undertake restoration measures (levelling and reseedling) to repair the damaged green space at Rosemount Crescent.

We are available to meet with Council officials, planners, and local elected representatives to provide further detail and walk-through the affected areas at your earliest convenience.

Yours Sincerely,

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Photo 1: Congestion on Nutgrove Park.



Photos 2-4: Damaged Green Space, Rosemount Crescent



Photos 5 & 6: Unauthorised parking on green space at Gledswood Park.





Figure 1: Proposed double yellow lines (DYLs) for Leinster Lawn & Nutgrove Park.

Legend Key:

- Yellow lines: existing DYLs.
- Red lines: proposed DYLs.



Figure 2: Proposed double yellow lines (DYLs) for Rosemount Crescent.

Legend Key:

- Yellow lines: existing DYLs.
- Red lines: proposed DYLs (west side of the road, adjacent to the green space).

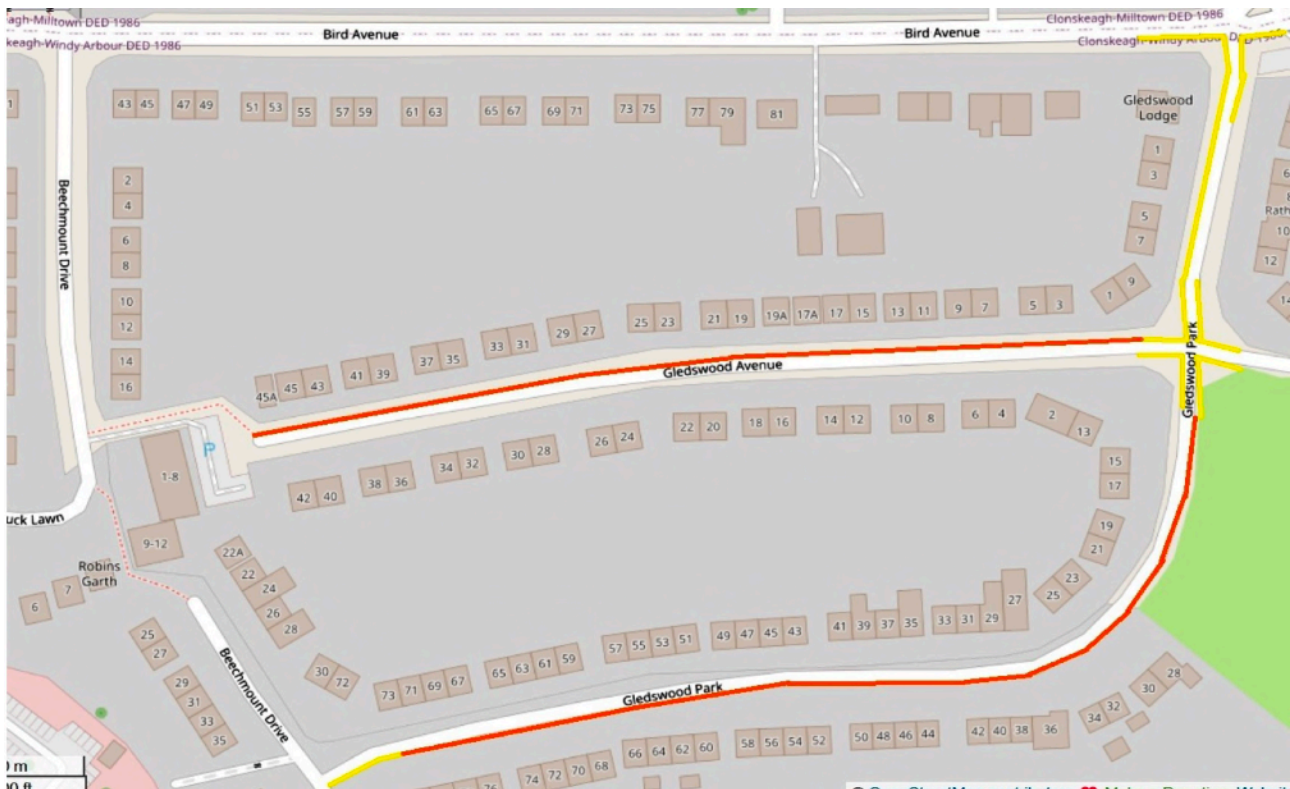


Figure 3: Proposed double yellow lines (DYLs) for Gledswood Park & Gledswood Avenue.

Legend Key:

- Yellow lines: existing DYLs.
- Red lines: proposed DYLs

Document 1: Example of Physical Information Leaflet Distributed to Residents.



CLONSKEAGH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Clonskeagh Residents' Association Committee would like to hear your views. We are planning to send a proposal to **Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council**. This proposal is about **parking problems** in our area. The parking problem reduces the area's amenity, leads to bottlenecked traffic and presents safety risks.

What is being proposed?

We are asking the Council to put in **double yellow lines** on some local roads as shown on the map. The **orange lines on the map** show where the new double yellow lines would go.



Why are we doing this?

There are parking problems in our area. We believe double yellow lines may help improve the situation. We need support from residents to progress this proposal.

What do you need to do?

If you **do not agree** with this proposal, please email: info@clonskeaghresidents.ie by **22 February next**.

Important

If most residents on a road object, the Clonskeagh Residents' Association **will not send** the proposal for that road to the Council.

Thank you.

5. Addendum: The Maples Residents' Association Proposal

Dear Roads & Traffic Department,

We write on behalf of the Maples Estate Residents Association to formally request that the County Council implement double yellow line restrictions across a number of identified roads within The Maples Estate.

A map clearly marking the affected areas has been submitted to the Council alongside this correspondence (Figure 1a).

We would also like to sincerely thank Clonskeagh Residents Association, who have kindly raised this matter on our behalf as part of their submission for the Clonskeagh community . We are extremely grateful for their support and assistance in progressing this important issue.

Background and Context

The Maples Estate with just under 500 residents is the nearest large planned residential estate to several significant community facilities, including a local mosque, a Catholic church, and the local university. As a result, our estate roads experience a substantial and sustained volume of non-resident parking, particularly at times of religious observance, university activity, and community events. This persistent overflow parking creates serious and recurring problems for our residents.

As part of addressing this issue, we have been actively consulting with neighbours throughout March and April. We are pleased to confirm that there have been no objections from residents living with this daily issue regarding the proposed implementation of double yellow lines. On the contrary, there is clear support among those directly affected for measures that will improve road safety, access, and the overall quality of life within the estate.

Key Concerns

- Road Safety: Vehicles parked on estate roads obstruct sightlines at junctions and bends, creating serious hazards for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians, including children and elderly residents.
- Emergency Access: Obstructive parking significantly hampers access for emergency vehicles, including ambulances, fire engines, and An Garda Síochána, as well as routine services such as refuse collection.
- Resident Inconvenience: Residents frequently cannot access their own driveways or navigate estate roads safely due to the volume of non-resident vehicles.
- Pedestrian Safety: Footpaths and crossing points are regularly blocked, forcing pedestrians, including young children, onto the road.
- Volume and Frequency: The problem is not occasional but regular and predictable, tied to the proximity of the mosque, church, and university, all of which generate recurring high-traffic periods.

We would also respectfully draw the Council's attention to the potential liability implications should an accident occur on these roads in circumstances where the hazard has been formally reported over a number of years and no action has been taken.

We would greatly appreciate the Council's urgent consideration of this request in the interests of resident safety, access, and traffic management.

Yours faithfully,
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Figure 1a: Proposed double yellow lines (DYLs) for The Maples.

Legend Key:

- Yellow lines: existing DYLs.
- Red lines: proposed DYLs