

Illegal parking in Celbridge down to 'lack of respect'

by Ken Phelan

A CELBRIDGE resident has spoken out against illegal parking in Larkfield Mews, and how drivers are lacking basic "respect."

Grant Nicholas has lived in Larkfield Mews for the past 40 years, and in that time has witnessed what he describes as a decline in parking standards in the estate.

According to Grant, many drivers are willingly ignoring parking by-laws and parking on double-yellow lines in the otherwise peaceful cul-de-sac.

"I'm living in Larkfield Mews and basically people are just abandoning their cars on the yellow lines," Grant told LIFFEY CHAMPION.

"It's usually for quick sort of messages and I don't want to blame anybody but there's a coffee shop on the front and people are stopping to get a quick coffee, and saying 'ah sure I'll leave the car on the double yellow lines, I won't get caught.'"

"I spoke to a few people about getting some signs in about saying 'No parking at any time.'"

"I'm 40 years here, I was away different periods in England and America and stuff like that... but I've seen a lot of changes in that cul-de-sac. For example when the doctor's went in there first we weren't told there was going to be a doctor's at the end of the block. You couldn't actually do that now."

'Crazy'

Grant says another business has opened on the cul-de-sac, with "all sorts of people abandoning their cars and going in there."

"It's crazy because we have to live there. People should have a bit more respect, a double yellow line means a double yellow line, surely. I wouldn't even park my car on the double-yellow lines. And I've never seen anyone clamped, ever."

Grant has spoken with the traffic wardens but was advised to go to Kildare County Council with his complaint.

He believes while one of the local county councillors may be able to resolve the issue, that the parking issue is a concern "all over" Celbridge.

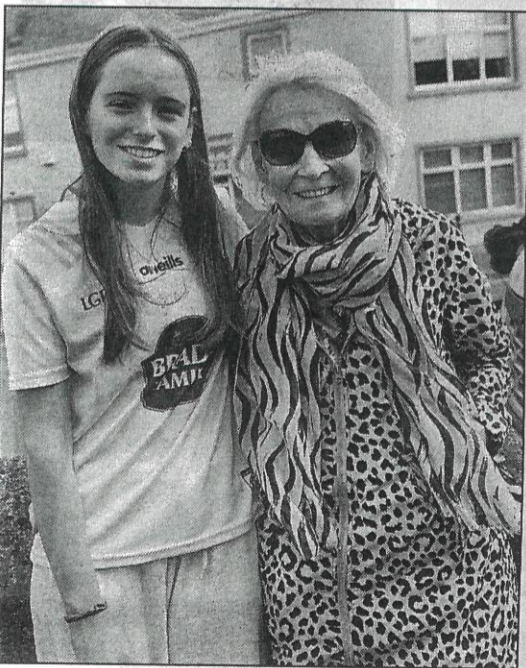
"It just makes it extremely busy and there's a family next door with young kids and they certainly wouldn't be playing out the front because there's so much traffic."

"It's a real turning point as well, Larkfield Mews - people are bombing in here turning around, it's a lovely little cul-de-sac, but it's not a quiet cul-de-sac by any means."

Grant says that there is nowhere else to park in the vicinity, which has resulted in illegal parking in Larkfield Mews.

"I just think it could be policed a lot better, but it's just a bit annoying when somebody is parked in front of your drive, it's a bit crazy."

"It's just the way of Ireland now, it's a busy place. There's so many people in the country now and the infrastructure just isn't matching the population, that's what I think."



Out and about in Kilcock recently were Emma Kiely with her grandmother Breda Kiely. Pic: Ian Scully



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NOTICE OF THE PREPARATION OF THE KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL DRAFT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2024-2029

Notice is hereby given that Kildare County Council has, pursuant to Section 16 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, prepared a Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.

The Draft Plan is accompanied by an Environmental Report, prepared in accordance with the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 435 of 2004 as amended by S.I. 200 of 2011) for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) Natura Impact Report, pursuant to Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC.

The Draft Climate Action Plan sets out how the local authority can promote a range of mitigation, adaptation, and other climate action measures, to help deliver on the national climate obligations and the Government's overall National Climate Objective, which seeks to pursue and achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy.

Public Consultation

The Kildare County Council Draft Climate Action Plan, the Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report and Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report, will be on display from Thursday, 21 September 2023 to 4:00 p.m. Friday, 3 November 2023, at the following locations:

- online at <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/kildare-county-council-climate-action-plan>
- at Kildare County Council, Level 1, at the address below Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).
- Kildare County Council Libraries (Maynooth, Leixlip, Naas, Athy and Newbridge Libraries) during their respective normal opening hours during the consultation period.
- Public Consultation Drop-In Clinics are as follows:
 - Maynooth Library, Wednesday, 27 September from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - Naas Library, Tuesday, 3 October from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - Leixlip Library, Tuesday, 10 October from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - Athy Library, Wednesday, 18 October from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - Newbridge Library, Thursday, 26 October from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Any further public consultation events will be advertised during the consultation period on Facebook: Kildare County Council, X: @KildareCoCo, Instagram: @kildarecountycouncil, LinkedIn: Kildare County Council.

Submissions/Observations

Written submissions or observations regarding the Draft Climate Action Plan, SEA Environmental Report and AA Natura Impact Report, are invited from members of the public and other interested parties. You can make a submission or observation between Thursday, 21 September 2023 to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 3 November 2023 inclusive, through the following options only:

- A written submission can be made electronically through the Council's Public Consultation Portal <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/kildare-county-council-climate-action-plan> up to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 3 November 2023;
- or
- In writing to the Climate Action Coordinator at the address below.

All submissions are to be concise, clear, succinct and to the scope of the plan.

The closing date for receipt of submissions or observations is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 3 November 2023.

Please make your submissions or observations by one medium only i.e. online or hard copy.

Submissions or observations should include your name and address and, where relevant, details of any organisation, community group or company etc. which you represent. Children, or groups or associations representing the interests of children, are particularly encouraged to make submissions or observations regarding the foregoing.

Written submissions or observations with respect to the Draft Plan that are made within the period stated, will be taken into consideration before the making of the Plan.

Please note late submissions or observations will not be considered. You are strongly advised to make your submission or observation as early as possible.

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Details of your privacy entitlements and obligations under GDPR can be accessed at <https://kildarecoco.ie/YourCouncil/GovernanceandCompliance/DataProtection/>

Privacy statement for management of submissions made under public consultation processes in the making of the preparation of the Kildare County Council's Climate Action Plan can be accessed at: <https://kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/ClimateAction/GDPRPrivacyStatement/>

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