Comhairle Contae Loch Garman



12th September, 2025

BY EMAIL



Re: FOI request - Ref: FOI_70_25

Dear

I refer to your request received in this office, which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act (2014) for records held by this FOI body.

The request sought:

"a copy of any records held referring or relating to the removal of signs and/or the decision to remove these signs (as reported in the following

article: https://www.independent.ie/regionals/wexford/wexford-district/wexford-county-councilcriticised-for-removing-cancer-charitys-road-signs/a427944328.html)".

The Decision Maker in this case, were, Mr. Dermot Wallace, Senior Staff Officer, Roads Section and Ms. Noirin Cummins, Rosslare Municipal District Manager. A final decision on your request has now been made under Section 15 (1) (e) and Section 37 (1) of the FOI Acts, they have decided to part grant your request.

Section 15 (1) (e) of the FOI Act states:

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where— (e) publication of the record is required by law and is intended to be effected not later than 12 weeks after the receipt of the request by the head,

Ms. Cummins states:-

"The minutes of the Rosslare Municipal District Meeting held on 16th July 2025 will be confirmed at the next meeting on the 17th September 2025. Once signed by the An Caoirleach, they will be published on our website at Rosslare Municipal District Minutes 2025 | Wexford County Council".

Section 37 Personal Information

Section 37 of the FOI Act 2014 states:-

"(1)...a head shall refuse to grant an FOI request, if in the opinion of the head, access to the record concerned would involve the disclosure of personal information (including personal information relating to a deceased individual)."





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Mr. Wallace states:-

"The records withheld under this section contain personal information of other individuals who are identifiable from the records. We do not have the consent of these third parties to release their personal information and in the circumstances, I do not believe it is appropriate for me to seek their consent as, on balance, it is not in the public interest. It is therefore my decision that these documents are exempt from release.

Public Interest Test

In considering the public interest factors which favour withholding the records I have taken account of the following:

- The public interest in protecting the right to privacy of members of the public.
- The public interest in members of the public being able to communicate in confidence with Wexford County Council and without fear of disclosure in relation to personal or sensitive matters.
- The public interest in Wexford County Council being able to perform their functions effectively.

Having reviewed the records, I find there is no exceptional circumstance in this particular case_that would warrant release of these particular records and therefore my decision is to find that the public interest is best served by refusal."

Schedule of Records

Please see detailed Schedule of Records; this shows the details of the records that were considered to fall under the scope of your request, and it details the decision in relation to each record. The decision can be to grant, part grant or refuse and this is detailed in the Schedule. Where it is decided to part grant or refuse a document the exemption sections that are relied upon are quoted.

The records and schedule of records are now available to view at FOI Responses | Wexford County Council (wexfordcoco.ie).

Right of Appeal

If you are unhappy with this decision, you may appeal it. In the event that you wish to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Wexford County Council, Carricklawn, Wexford or by email to foi@wexfordcoco.ie.

Your appeal should include a fee of €30 which can be made payable to Wexford County Council. You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding weekends and public holidays. However, the making of a late appeal is permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

If you are unhappy with the response you receive to your internal review request, you have a right to appeal to the Office of the Information Commissioner. This appeal must be made within 6 months of the date of the internal review decision and may be made by writing to:-

Office of the Information Commissioner, 6 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, D02 W773.

Phone: +353-1-639 5689

Email: info@oic.ie

As your appeal relates to non-personal information, you will be liable for an upfront fee of €50 (€30 for Medical Card holders) on making of your appeal request. This fee is payable to the Office of the Information Commissioner, details above.

Yours sincerely,

<u>Susan Doran</u>

Susan Doran, FOI Officer, FOI Unit.

Email: foi@wexfordcoco.ie

Schedule of Records for Ken Foxe

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Record	Date of Type of				Grant/Part		
No	Record	Record	From	То	Brief Description	Grant	Reasons for Part Grant
1	02.07.2025	Email	Eilis Furlong Wexford Borough Area Engineer	Sinead Casey Senior Engineer	Removal of non road signs from N25, N11 Duncannon New Line Informing that staff had been instructed to remove all non road signs	Grant	
2	03.07.25	Email	David Codd Road Safety Officer	Sinead Casey Senior Engineer copy to Eilis Furlong	Bannow & Rathangan Show 2025 - temporary Directionals Signage/Hedge Cutting Fwd Bannow Show organising committee's dissapoinment in decision to remove signage linked to earlier email of 13th May from RSO to Bannow Show	Part Grant	Section 37 personal information of others
	03.07.25	Email	Sinead Casey	David Codd copy to Eilis Furlong	Explanation of rational to remove signage	Part Grant	Section 37 personal information of others
	03.07.25	Email	Sinead Casey	Eamonn Hore Director of Services & Eddie Taaffe Chief Executive	Updating Management Team on decision to remove signage	Part Grant	Section 37 personal information of others
	03.07.25	Email	Eddie Taaffe	Sinead Casey & Eamonn Hore	Fully supporting decision	Part Grant	Section 37 personal information of others

Record	Date of	Type of				Grant/Part	
No	Record	Record	From	То	Brief Description	Grant	Reasons for Part Grant
3	03.07.25	Email	Eamonn Hore	Sinead Casey Copied Bannowrathangan Committee Eilis Furlong AE Michael Brazzil AE Neil Dempsey AE David Murphy AE Joanne Kehoe AE Geraldine Berry CO Eilish Furlong ASO Eddie Taaffe CE	Considered action taken and to return signage allowing reduced number of signs to be erected within guidelines	Part Grant	Section 37 personal information of others
4	04.07.2025	Email	Local Farm Shop Retailer	David Codd	Querying exemptionto signage purportedly applicable under EU directive, when selling fruit and veg	Part Grant	Section 37 personal information of others
	04.07.2025	Email	David Codd	Local Farm Shop Retailer	Response to query	Part Grant	Section 37 personal information of others
5	13.07.2025	Email	Danescastle Music Grou	Noirin Cummins, Rosslare Municipal District Manager	Querying why signage was removed	Part Grant	Section 37 personal information of others
	14.07.2025	Email	Noirin Cummins	Eamonn Hore	Forwarding email for information	Part Grant	Section 37 personal information of others
	14.07.2025	Email	Eamonn Hore	David Codd & Sinead Casey	Seeking advice prior to council meeting on that day	Part Grant	Section 37 personal information of others

Record	Date of	Type of				Grant/Part	
No	Record	Record	From	То	Brief Description	Grant	Reasons for Part Grant
6	21.07.2025	Email	Eamonn Hore	Sinead Casey, David Codd, Eilis Furlong, David Murphy, Neil Dempsey, Joanne Kehoe, Michael Brazzil Copied to Eddie Taaffe & WCC Management Team	Instruction to the Area Engineers not to take down signs unless obvious hazard or beyond allowed time frames	Grant	
	23.07.2025	Email	Liveline RTE	Communications Unit WCC	Querying what grounds to remove charity & community groups roadside signage	Grant	
	23.07.2025	Email	Liveline RTE	Communications Unit WCC	Querying if this was at the behest of the Senior Road's Engineer	Grant	
7	24.07.2025	Email	Liveline RTE	Communications Unit WCC	Following up on previous day's emails seeking a response	Grant	
	24.07.2025	Email	Sinead Casey	C & Alma Whitty Staff Officer	Attached a statement outlining WCC's position in relation to unauthorised signage on the national road network	Grant	
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8	24.05.2025	Statement	Sinead Casey		the national road network	Grant	



From:

Eilis Furlong

Sent:

Wednesday 2 July 2025 08:02

To:

Wexford Borough

Cc:

Sinead Casey

Subject:

Removal of non road signs from N25,N11,Dungannon New Line

Hello,

The lads have been instructed to remove all non road way signs from the N11, N25, Duncannon New Line, Castlebridge and town roads leading into ring road roundabouts on the National Road.

The signs will be in Whitemill Depot if the owners want to collect them. They will be removed again if they are put back in the locations they have been removed.

The only exception will be the signs for Strawberry sellers.

Kind Regards,

Eilis

Sent from Outlook for Android



From:

Eddie Taaffe

Sent:

Thursday 3 July 2025 11:14

To:

Sinead Casey; Eamonn Hore

Subject:

RE: Bannow & Rathangan Show 2025 - Temporary Directional Signage / Hedge

Cutting -

Fully support that - thanks Sinead

Regards

Eddie Taaffe Chief Executive Wexford County Council

County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford J Y35 WY93

2 053 9196000 | eddie.taaffe@wexfordcoco.ie | Web: www.wexfordcoco.ie

(Designated Public Official under the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015)





From: Sinead Casey <sinead.casey@wexfordcoco.ie>

Sent: 03 July 2025 09:19

To: Eamonn Hore <eamonn.hore@wexfordcoco.ie>; Eddie Taaffe <Eddie.Taaffe@wexfordcoco.ie> **Subject:** FW: Bannow & Rathangan Show 2025 - Temporary Directional Signage / Hedge Cutting -

Eddie and Eamonn,

For your information, in case you get complaints, which I suspect you will.

In the interests of road safety in the first instance and a lesser second of littering, I instructed the Districts to remove all non-regulatory or directional signs from national roads.

These illegal signs are being installed at roundabouts, on junctions and distract from regulatory road signage, speed limits, stop signs etc, etc and are becoming prolific.

More suitable areas within towns and villages can be and have been identified for such flyposting but not on national roads and especially at this time of year.

I trust you are in agreement.

Best, Sinéad

From: Sinead Casey

Sent: Thursday 3 July 2025 09:10

To: David Codd < <u>David.Codd@wexfordcoco.ie</u>>; Eilis Furlong < <u>eilis.furlong@wexfordcoco.ie</u>> **Subject:** RE: Bannow & Rathangan Show 2025 - Temporary Directional Signage / Hedge Cutting -

All,

Advertising signs for several events have been popping up on all the national roads for the last number of months.

I requested that all non-regulatory or official directional signage must be removed.

We promote road safety and these signs on national roads are a distraction, especially placed irresponsibly on roundabouts and junctions, eg Ashfield Cross, Kyle Cross and the roundabouts on the N25 around town.

There is also clear direction from the TII with regard to zero tolerance on flyposting on national roads.

There are designated places that advertising may be tolerated in urban areas and this can be agreed locally.

The Districts have no mandate to sanction flyposting on national roads and I expect they don't give permissions.

From: David Codd < David.Codd@wexfordcoco.ie>

Sent: Thursday 3 July 2025 08:26

To: Sinead Casey < sinead.casey@wexfordcoco.ie >; Eilis Furlong < eilis.furlong@wexfordcoco.ie > Subject: Bannow & Rathangan Show 2025 - Temporary Directional Signage / Hedge Cutting -

Hi,

The Bannow organising committee have been in contact this morning to express their disappointment on their temporary signs being removed from the roadside in the Wexford District the week before their event, especially when permission had been granted by the Roads Department.

Can we confirm that the removal of this type of community / non-profit organisations signage is no longer being permitted in the Wexford District?

Regards,

David

David Codd | Chief Technician - Design | Road Safety Officer

Wexford County Council, Roads Department County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford Y35 WY93 Comhairle Contae Loch Garman, An Charrig Leathan, Loch Garman

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From: David Codd

Sent: Tuesday 13 May 2025 14:05

To: I

Dempsey <<u>neil.dempsey@wexfordcoco.ie</u>>; Eilis Furlong <<u>eilis.furlong@wexfordcoco.ie</u>>; David Murphy <<u>David.Murphy@wexfordcoco.ie</u>>; Joanne Kehoe <<u>joanne.kehoe@wexfordcoco.ie</u>>;

Subject: Bannow & Rathangan Show 2025 - Temporary Directional Signage / Hedge Cutting -



Thank for your letter requesting permission for the erection of directional signage for this year's Bannow and Rathangan Show. Please find below information as requested regarding the erection and placement of said signage.

- No signs are to be erected on the M11 Motorway.
- Signs should be erected not less than 2.1m from footpath level (2.5m if on cycle lane)
- No signs are to be erected on the railings of any Road Over / Under Bridge.
- Any signs erected should be securely fixed to appropriately sized support poles and be able to withstand bad weather / high winds etc.
- No signs should be erected within 250m of a road junction / roundabout.
- No signs are to be fixed to any existing Council / TII road sign / road sign pole.
- The signs should not interfere with sight lines at road junctions / roundabouts / private house entrances.
- All signs should be promptly removed following the completion of the event.

I will also forward a copy of this E-Mail onto the District Roads Engineers for their attention requesting that they consider the access routes / junctions and any hedge cutting that may be required to ensure the safe operation and delivery of your event.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information regarding this matter.

Regards

David.

David Codd | Chief Technician - Design | Road Safety Officer

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From: Eamonn Hore

Sent: Thursday 3 July 2025 13:42

To: Sinead Casey

Cc: Michael Brazzill; Neil

Dempsey; Eilis Furlong; David Murphy; Joanne Kehoe; Eilis

Furlong; David Codd; Eddie Taaffe

Subject: FW: Bannow & Rathangan Show 2025 - Temporary Directional Signage / Hedge

Cutting -

Attachments: Bannow Rathangan Show 2025.pdf

All.

Please find attached annual request from the organisers of the Bannow Rathangan Show 2025 in relation to the erection of temporary signage.

Please also see response from Wexford County Council and Road Safety Officer, David Codd, below. In some instances, this year, our instructions in relation to the erection of signs at roundabouts and at junctions seems to have been disregarded.

Notwithstanding this breach of guidelines, there has been a longstanding consideration in relation to community events in Wexford that we allow signage to be erected up to two weeks or so in advance of an event and removed promptly after the event.

I am satisfied to return the removed signage and to allow a reduced number of Bannow Rathangan Show signs to be erected in line with the guidelines below and strictly not at junctions and on roundabouts as previously outlined.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Kind regards,

Eamonn.

From:	David	Codd
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Sent: Tuesday 13 May 2025 14:05

To:
Cc:
Michael B

Michael Brazzill < michael.brazzill@wexfordcoco.ie>; Neil

Dempsey < neil.dempsey@wexfordcoco.ie>; Eilis Furlong < eilis.furlong@wexfordcoco.ie>; David Murphy < David.Murphy@wexfordcoco.ie>; Joanne Kehoe < joanne.kehoe@wexfordcoco.ie>;

Subject: Bannow & Rathangan Show 2025 - Temporary Directional Signage / Hedge Cutting -

Betty,

Thank for your letter requesting permission for the erection of directional signage for this year's Bannow and Rathangan Show. Please find below information as requested regarding the erection and placement of said signage.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information regarding this matter.

Regards

David.

David Codd | Chief Technician - Design | Road Safety Officer

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Sign Removal under Section 71 of the Roads Act

Sinead Casey

From:

David Codd

Sent:

Friday 4 July 2025 17:00

To:

Subject:

1993

Attachments:

Roads Act, 1993, Section 71.pdf

Your temporary signs were removed as part of a road safety campaign on unlicensed and illegal commercial advertising signage located in close proximity to roundabouts and junctions on National Primary roads. The erection of Commercial advertising signs on the roadside is an offence under Section 71 of the Roads Act 1993 and Wexford County Council operate a zero tolerance to the erection of Commercial advertising signs on the County's Road network.

While I am aware of the exemption granted under the Irish Casual Trading Act 2004 for the sale of certain goods at certain times of the year, I am not aware of any EU directive which would allow the erection of advertising signs on the roadside in close proximity to a major roundabout. The issue here is not the right to sell your products, but the erection of your advertising signs within the coverage zone of our roundabout approach directional and warning signage.

Unfortunately, we will not be permitting the erection of your temporary advertising signs and if they are erected again, they will be removed under Section 71 of the Roads Act 1993 and prosecution may follow. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information regarding this matter.

Regards,

David

David Codd | Chief Technician - Design | Road Safety Officer

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Comhairle Contae Loch Garman
Wexford County Council

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From:

Sent: 04 July 2025 15:23

To: Planning Enforcement < Planenf@wexfordcoco.ie >; Planning Counter < planning@wexfordcoco.ie >

Subject: [EXTERNAL] The Farm Shop Signs; Wexford, New Line Road.

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Dear Sir.

We have retrieved the signs that were taken down. According to the EU directive, we sell local seasonal Produce (Strawberrys, Potatoes, honey, fruit and veg) which allows us an exemption, The same rule as the strawberry and potato signs that were left up.

As you know, we are the conduite for about 50 local producers including:

Wexford Seasalt

honey (WildValley honey)
Potatoes
Potoatoes
Breads Bakes
Wexford Preserves
Ballyowen Farm
jams and bakes
Elderberry Farm Gorey
Naturally Cordial Enniscorthy Wexford
Goodlife bloom ,Killinick
ONeills Bacon
Local Strawberrys ..Greenhills
Wexford Coffee roasters
Isle of Crackers ,Ballygarret Wexford
Cooneys Bakery

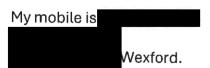
I Could go on and on

We cover all Seasonal food groups.

Bean and Goose, Ferns Wexford

Please let me know when i can put both signs back up without the risk of being taken down again, as i was suprised to find that upon 3 calls to 3 different people in wexford county council, none had read the directive.

Please let me know when i can go ahead as there is only 8 weeks left in the season.





From:

Eamonn Hore

Sent: To: Monday 14 July 2025 09:44 David Codd; Sinead Casey

Subject:

Fw. [EXTERNAL] Event advertisement road signs

FYI.

I expect a lot of hassle at Council meeting today.

Any thoughts?

Eamonn

Sent from Outlook for Android

From: Noirin Cummins <noirin.cummins@wexfordcoco.ie>

Sent: Monday, July 14, 2025 9:30:26 AM

To: Eamonn Hore <eamonn.hore@wexfordcoco.ie>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Event advertisement road signs

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From:

Sent: Sunday 13 July 2025 23:28

To: Rosslare Municipal District < Rosslare Municipal District@wexfordcoco.ie>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Event advertisement road signs

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For the attention of Noreen Cummins

Noreen,

Just wondering if you would be able to clarify why signage for our Seisiún show were removed from the roundabouts on the roads into Wexford town less than a week after they were put up.(put up 28/06/2025, removed by 03/07/2025)

Since then signs for Phil Murphy W/E & Leo Carthy W/E have been put up at Whitford roundabout and I see are still there on my way back from Leinster Fleadh tonight.

Regards

Sent from my iPad



From: Eamonn Hore

Sent: Monday 21 July 2025 17:32

To: Sinead Casey; David Codd; Eilis Furlong; David Murphy; Neil Dempsey; Joanne

Kehoe; Michael Brazzill

Cc: Eddie Taaffe; Management Team

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Event advertisement road signs

Importance: High

Hi Sinead.

Reports and angry phone calls coming in now that further signage removed today. We are getting hammered on this one. To avoid any further confusion <u>Do Not</u> take down signs unless they are a clear and obvious hazard.

Or if they are left beyond date of event. David Codd's guidance has informed our approach on this matter for many years. This is the third instance of sign removal outside the WCC guidance. I will be discussing this matter further at the next road's update meeting.

Kind regards,

Eamonn.

Eamonn Hore,

B.E.Dip.Comp.Eng.C.Eng.F.I.E.I.

Deputy Chief Executive,

Director of Services.

Roads & Transportation, Environment & Climate Change, Water Services,

& New Ross Municipal District

e-mail: eamonn.hore@wexfordcoco.ie

Tel: 053 -9196260



From:

Sinead Casev

Sent:

Thursday 24 July 2025 13:07

To:

Communications Unit; Alma Whitty

Cc:

Eamonn Hore

Subject:

RE: Signs- URGENT Liveline query for today's show

Attachments:

Liveline signage response.pdf

Alma,

As promised.

Tural Casery

Sinéad Casey | Head of Roads & Transportation | Senior Engineer Sinéad Ni Chathasaigh | Ceann Rannóg na mBóithre & Iompar | Innealtóir Sinsearach

Wexford County Council, County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford Y35 WY93 Comhairle Contae Loch Garman, Aras an Chontae, Loch Garman

T: 053 919 6321 | E: sinead.casey@wexfordcoco.ie | W: www.wexfordcoco.ie

From: Communications Unit <communications@wexfordcoco.ie>

Sent: Thursday 24 July 2025 11:30

To: Sinead Casey <sinead.casey@wexfordcoco.ie>; Eilis Furlong <eilis.furlong@wexfordcoco.ie>

Cc: Eamonn Hore <eamonn.hore@wexfordcoco.ie>

Subject: FW: Signs- URGENT Liveline guery for today's show

Importance: High

Please see query below:

Alma Whitty | Social Media Officer

Wexford County Council, County Hall, Carricklawn, Wexford Y35WY93 Comhairle Contae Loch Garman, An Charrig Leathan, Loch Garman

T: 053 9196250 | E: alma.whitty@wexfordcoco.ie | www.wexfordcoco.ie



Comhairle Contae Loch Garman Wexford County Council

From: Liveline < <u>liveline@rte.ie</u>>
Sent: Thursday 24 July 2025 10:13

To: Communications Unit < communications@wexfordcoco.ie > **Subject:** Re: Signs- URGENT Liveline query for today's show

Importance: High

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Hi All,

Thanks so much for taking my call this morning at <u>9.20AM</u> and for confirming that a response would be across shortly,

If we could receive it as soon as possible please that would be great. I'm aware my colleague sent her initial email at 12.40 yesterday, 23rd of July.

Many thanks for your help on this, Emily

Producer, RTE Radio One



Donnybrook, Dublin 4 T: +353 1 208 3196

E: <u>liveline@rte.ie</u> | <u>www.rte.ie/liveline</u> | <u>@r</u>teliveline

From: Liveline < liveline@rte.ie>
Sent: Wednesday 23 July 2025 13:13

To: Communications Unit < communications@wexfordcoco.ie > **Subject:** Re: Signs- URGENT Liveline query for today's show

Hello,

I have a couple of questions to add to the previous email....

- Can I confirm please that these signs were removed at the behest of the Senior Roads Engineer in Wexford County Council?
- Are they deemed to be a road safety issue? And what recourse should community and charity groups take to ensure they don't fall foul of that?

I can be contacted on 0818 715 815, 01 208 2854 or this email.

Kind regards, Rachel.



Donnybrook, Dublin 4 T: +353 1 208 3196

E: <u>liveline@rte.ie</u> | <u>www.rte.ie/liveline</u> | <u>@rteliveline</u>

From: Liveline < liveline @rte.ie > Sent: Wednesday 23 July 2025 12:40

To: Communications Unit < communications@wexfordcoco.ie > **Subject:** Signs- URGENT Liveline query for today's show

Good afternoon.

Rachel here from the Liveline Show in RTE Radio broadcast daily between 1:45 - 3pm. On today's show we're hoping to cover an item in today's Wexford People newspaper that staff in the Rosslare Municipal District have been removing charity roadside posters.

- On what grounds are Wexford County Council staff removing charity and community group roadside posters?
- Can you confirm about 100 charity and community posters have been removed in this fashion?
- What criteria do these groups need to fulfil to be able to put up roadside posters?
- How many complaints have you received about the removal of these posters?

I can be contacted on 0818 715 815, 01 208 2854 or this email.

Kind regards, Rachel.



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Wexford County Council wishes to confirm that illegal and unauthorised flyposting signage was removed from the national road network over the last 2 months, on the basis of road safety and litter pollution

In recent months it was noted that unauthorised advertising signs were proliferating the national routes in Co Wexford. The majority of the signage removed did not comply with Wexford County Council guidelines for the erection of such signage

Illegal signage is deemed to be distraction to drivers, especially when negotiating junctions and roundabouts and especially for visitors who are unfamiliar with the area and depend on regulatory road signs and directional signage for information.

The majority of the advertising signage removed were unauthorised and located on or close to roundabouts and junctions or attached to statutory regulatory, directional or warning signage.

The national roads are heavily trafficked, 100 kmph roads and Wexford County Council is conscious of the volume of visitors passing through on the national road network to and from the Rosslare Europort.

Advertising on national roads requires specific permission from the Council and if permission is granted, the following guidelines and conditions must be observed by the applicant:

- No signs are to be erected on the M11 Motorway
- Signs should be erected not less than 2.1m from footpath level (2.5m if on a cycle lane)
- No signs are to be erected on the railings of any road over/under bridge
- Any signs erected should be securely fixed to appropriately sized support poles and be able to withstand bad weather/high winds etc
- No signs should be erected within 250m of a road junction or roundabout
- No signs are to be fixed to any existing Council/TII road sign /road sign pole
- The signs should not interfere with sight lines at road junction/roundabouts/private house entrances
- All signs should be promptly removed following the completion of the event

While Wexford County Council is very supportive and sympathetic to community groups and local events, its primary focus is road safety on roads and especially on the national primary and secondary routes.

Local and charity event advertising is allowed on rural or urban roads with 60kmph or less speed limit areas with prior conditioned permission from the Council.

The Council is liaising with any individual who has contacted them regarding the removal of a sign in this instance.

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