

9. REPORT OF THE CENTRAL CITY STREETS SUBCOMMITTEE - INSTALLATION OF POSTER BOLLARDS

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the recommendations of the meeting of the Central City Streets Subcommittee held on 2 May 2003 regarding the installation of poster bollards in the central city area.

At its meeting on 12 September 2002 the Committee resolved *"That the Central City Streets Subcommittee investigate sites and other issues and make recommendations to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee"*.

At its meeting on 2 May 2003 the Subcommittee considered a report relating to an application from Phantom Billstickers for the installation of a further six bollards within the central city area.

A copy of the report is attached together with photographic mock-ups of the relevant sites.

After consideration the Subcommittee resolved to recommend to the Committee that subject to some minor amendments to location, five of the six sites be recommended for approval as follows:

1. Corner Bedford Row and Madras Street (BM) - Installation supported.
2. Centennial Pool Armagh Street (CA) - Installation supported.
3. Centennial Pool/Oxford Terrace (CO) - Installation supported but it was agreed that the bollard should be shifted closer to the footpath.
4. Cranmer Square (CR1) - Installation supported, but it was agreed that the bollard should be sited further to the south.
5. Corner of High Street and Tuam Street (HA) - Installation supported subject to the site being shifted the either left or right of the garden plot area to allow for maximum clear space in the courtyard area.

In respect to the proposed site on the corner of Victoria Street and Bealey Avenue (VB) the Subcommittee recommended that approval for the installation of a bollard at this site be declined for both aesthetic and safety reasons.

It also noted that none of the previous 32 approvals for replacement bollards approved by the Council in September 2002 had yet been installed and considered that installation of those bollards of the 'new design', as per the contract with Phantom Billstickers, should proceed prior to any new approvals being acted upon.

The Subcommittee also agreed to invite interested members of all Community Boards to attend an additional meeting on 5 June 2003 to discuss issues relevant to the new contract and the installation of poster bollards.

Recommendation: That approval for the installation of five additional poster bollards as indicated in the report above be agreed, subject to construction of the 32 new poster bollards previously agreed being constructed first.