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Dear Ms. Karen DeVeale,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 10<sup>th</sup> August 2013, in relation to parking issues in Balally Park.

In your letter you requested the installation of single yellow lines as a means of controlling nuisance parking.

The Traffic Section understands the concerns and frustrations of the residents. However, I must state that the Council's Policy on the implementation of single yellow lines, as agreed at the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010, are as follows:-

Traffic Measure	Objective	Guidelines for application	Comments
Single yellow lines	To ensure the smooth flow of traffic on main arteries, heavily trafficked roads and commercial areas during specified hours.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess parking during problem times. Is it causing a hazard or restricting the smooth flow of traffic?</li> <li>Not recommended to control commuter parking.</li> </ul>	Single yellow lines can be installed on routes where parking would cause congestion during business hours but outside of these hours parking can be made available. The Traffic Section will not install single yellow

			lines as a means to control commuter parking is to install a Pay and Display Parking Scheme in conjunction with double yellow lines. Only in exceptional circumstances will single yellow lines be considered.
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The majority of requests for single yellow lines are from residential estates where commuter parking is causing a nuisance by blocking driveways, destroying grass verges, littering etc or could restrict access for emergency services. The residents believe that a single yellow line for some period during the day will remove commuter parkers while keeping the estate free for residents at other times with no financial cost to them (no permits required).

There are a number of issues with this:

- Providing single yellow lines for a period during the day can also negatively affect residents i.e. no visitors or residents can park during the period while the restrictions are in place.
- Single yellow lines require enforcement. The Gardai do not have sufficient resources to police, on a large scale, single yellow lines in residential areas where it is safe to park. The council provides a Traffic Warden Service in Pay and Display areas where the revenue pays for enforcement and other Council services. There would be a cost in extending the warden service to non revenue generating areas either through the direct cost of employing additional wardens or through reduced enforcement and therefore reduced revenue in existing Pay and Display areas.
- Everyone has a right to park on the public road where it is safe to do so. Allowing cars to park in areas close to public transport may provide users with access to public transport where they may otherwise have to take their car into town.
- The County Development Plan limits the number of car parking spaces that may be provided in non-residential developments, in order to encourage the use of public transport, cycling and walking. Some employees in the county have no workplace parking but have journeys to work that cannot reasonably be undertaken by non-car modes.

The provision of single yellow lines should be reserved for areas of high commercial activity (such as town centres) where parking during the day would impede traffic flows but can be allowed at night to facilitate businesses and road users. High traffic flows make the single yellow line essentially self enforcing, as any parking would cause congestion.

If parking within an area has grown to such an extent that regulation is required then I would suggest that the appropriate course of action is to install Pay and Display Parking".

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Watters', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Pdraig Watters**  
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