



**TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE GALWAY CITY  
JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**

**Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022**

Item No. 5 on Agenda – Question(s) submitted:

**Questions received from Cllr. Donal Lyons:**

1. Can the Chief Superintendent give an update with regard to the number of Garda patrol cars/vans to be replaced in this division because of them reaching their mileage limits?

**Response received from An Garda Síochána:**

Response will issue at the meeting on Monday.

2. Given the new policing model in this division, the number of patrol cars, vans required to provide a satisfactory Garda presence in the division?

**Response received from An Garda Síochána:**

Response will issue at the meeting on Monday.

3. The number of Garda patrol cars/vans that have not been replaced and what efforts are being made to address this issue to having new patrol cars provided by Garda Headquarters?

**Response received from An Garda Síochána:**

Response will issue at the meeting on Monday.

**Questions received from Tommy Flaherty, GCCN:**

1. At previous meetings, the issue of illegal parking has been brought up. Galway City Community Network is of the belief that “Making Way Day” is not just for one day only and we ask that the Gardai and Galway City Council work to ensure that illegal parking i.e., on footpaths, at corners and on double yellow lines within the estates around the city and outside schools be enforced. We ask that a publicity campaign in relation to this be undertaken and that the law then be enforced to ensure the safety of those that use our footpaths.

**Response received from Galway City Council:**

From January to November (2022) inclusive, the total number of Tickets issued for ‘illegal parking on Footpaths’ has reached 1578, a 16% increase on the same term in 2021.

For the same term above Jan-Nov (2022), Tickets issued for 'Parking on Double yellow lines' was 2310, a 27% increase on 2021.

Galway City Council will continue to enforce illegal parking on footpaths, at corners and on double yellow lines within the estates around the city and outside schools subject to available resources.

The Road Safety Authority in association with An Garda Síochána conducted a publicity campaign in February 2022 urging all drivers to park responsibly and not to park on footpaths or cycle lanes, as it poses a road safety risk to vulnerable road users and is an offence.

Galway City Council will bring the request from Galway City Community Network to the attention of the Road Safety Authority in regard to the running of a future publicity campaign on this matter.

2. Galway City Community Reps have raised the issue of Red Eye cameras on a number of occasions over the past number of years, however, nothing concrete has come of this except for statements that it would be looked into. With the large number of complaints of running red lights we believe that these cameras which have been trialled in Dublin should be provided in Galway. We ask that an up-to-date report on the potential installation or investigation into the installation of these cameras be given to the next JPC Meeting

**Response received from Galway City Council:**

The role of camera-based enforcement and its potential road safety benefits is being considered by the Department of Transport and transport agencies and Galway City Council is awaiting the outcome of this process.

Support Action No. 67 of the recent Ireland's Government Road Safety Strategy 2021 – 2030 provides for the development of camera based Gardaí enforcement at junctions. The lead Department in relation to this Action is the Department of Transport.

Galway City Council as a local authority will not roll out such a proposal in isolation.