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Julianstown residents concern

Council is 'not doing enough' to end local roads carnage

MEATH County Council is not doing enough to put an end to the roads carnage occurring at a dangerous junction in Julianstown, it was claimed this week.

Concerned residents in the village have been campaigning for the removal of one of the worst accident blackspots in the area, where a blind junction leads off the main Dublin to Drogheda road.

The seven-year fight has centred on the need for a new link between the Dublin road and the Laytown road. Situated on the flat at the top of the hill leading out of the village towards Drogheda, this would give motorists a much better view of traffic travelling down the road.

The campaign received a boost this week with the news that Meath County Council is to install a sign advising motorists of the junction in question.

However, local resident Tony Cunningham said that the sign alone will not go far enough towards



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removing the danger at the junction.

'If it does anything to ease the accident rate we'll be happy, but we are still pursuing the other angle of getting a new road,' he told the *Drogheda Independent*.

'The County Council has acted positively, but we just see it as a temporary measure.'

Cllr. Tom Kelly from Laytown, who has been actively involved in the residents' campaign, also said that more needs to be

done to solve the problem.

'I find it most disappointing that this is all that is being offered. I think it is a very poor response - a few signs are not going to make an awful lot of difference,' he said.

'We have been looking for an extension of the speed limit since 1986, and we also want the white lines to be repainted.'

However, all these aims are secondary to the main campaign to get the new stretch of road - estimated at up to £300,000 - agreed to by the County Council and the Department of the Environment, he added.

'All we can do now is make a very strong case for the estimates for this year,' said Cllr. Kelly.

With the allocation of the EC Structural Funds taking place over the next few months, it is very important that the new road be approved by the council in this year's estimates, he added.

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