



## Village

The people of the village are being deprived of their civil and human rights. We are a community of people from very elderly to young school-goers and are daily subjected to the lunacy of gigantic articulated lorries racing through the narrow road at 80 to 100 miles per hour. The County Council say it is the Gardaí's responsibility to enforce speed limits but there is not even a "Slow" sign on the road. Who can I sue for the violation of my human rights? I am a 72 year-old pensioner living alone, but trying to sell up but cannot because of the noise and deprivation of peace. The people who will not control the speeding traffic are preventing me from selling my house. Will I be allowed legal aid to seek compensation from these people for the havoc to my nervous system? — B.McC. Julianstown, Co. Meath.

We have seen reports of how effective a human blockade can be in having attention paid to traffic hazards. We do not advocate this but it might be something the local residents could consider. The gardai are the road traffic authority but you cannot sue the force directly, just a named person in the district. We doubt if Legal Aid would be granted to you for this.

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