

of the Church attested and realised by the Sacrament of the Eucharist. You cannot be forbidden to attend Holy Mass in that chapel, but it cannot be recommended."

Signed: Johannes Tobei, Vicar General.

Interested Catholics may obtain fuller information on these matters from us.

Yours faithfully,  
Rev. Fr. John P. Brady,  
St. John's Church,  
Mounttown,  
Dun Laoghaire,  
Co. Dublin.

## Objection to road plan

Dear Sirs,

Following a meeting held recently attended by 40 residents of the above Association, a strong protest was made against the proposed Link Road from the Balbrigan by-pass to the existing N1 at Gormanston.

The hazardous condition which already prevailed in the village and surrounding area

would be considerably increased by the construction of the proposed Link Road as follows:

- a) Increased flow of heavy traffic would exacerbate the present problems;
- b) The dangerous turn off at the junction of the Duleek Road. At this point the narrowness of the roads mean that traffic cannot overtake a vehicle turning off the main road;
- c) Narrow Bridge - with downward and upward sharp slopes leading both in and out of the village this narrow bridge is a nightmare for heavy traffic as in order to climb the outward hill vehicle speed has to be maintained. The bridge is also at an angle.
- d) Laytown Junction - although plans have been submitted for the relocation of this junction, there is still no sign of improvements. There have been numerous accidents at this point, some fatal (list of same available).
- e) Poor lighting - the lighting in the village is still totally inadequate.

f) 1, Whitecross National School - This school had over 300 children on its roll and is situated at a crossroads along the main Dublin road. This stretch of the road at the moment constitutes a hazardous area, especially at 9 a.m. and 2.40 p.m., approx., as most of the children are brought to and from school by car. 2, St. Mary's R.C. church stands a few hundred yards off the crossroads where services are held every other day, incurring extra traffic throughout this intersection.

- g) The newly completed Community Hall is to be opened shortly. To get to the hall the children of the area will have to cross the main road, already another dangerous point adjacent to the bridge over the Nanny river.
- h) As there is only one footpath on the east side of the bridge, the hazard of pedestrians having to cross main highway to reach footpath on the west side of the village will be increased by greater amount of through traffic. The footpath on the

west side is itself quite dangerous, being only about 14" wide in places.

The implementation of the proposed Link Road would be detrimental to this residential area by: 1) Destroying the environment of the village; b) Encroaching on the residential community; c) As traffic volume increases so does pollution - fumes, noises, etc.; d) Added anxiety over children using the road to travel to school, church, community centre and other local activities, and in some cases making it impossible to avail of the facilities as it would be positively dangerous.

The Association suggest that as an alternative the proposed Motorway By-Pass be continued to Platin, instead of wasting funds on a Link Road, and then upgrade the servicing routes: a) to Drogheda from Platin; b) Platin to Colpe and onto the coast road.

We look forward to hearing from you and arranging a date for reception of a deputation from the Association.

Yours faithfully,

Margaret Finglas,

Secretary, Julianstown and District Residents' Association.

P.S. We wish to state that representatives from the following Associations were present at the meeting held in connection with the proposed "Link Road" and are giving their support to this protest: Whitecross Parents' Association, The Community Centre Committee, C.B.S.I: Beaver, Cub and Scout Associations.

## Appeal to support jobless group

In view of the ongoing attempts to paint the Unemployment Action Group as its efforts Drogheda.

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