

**Meeting between Mr. Fergus O'Dowd TD and Representatives of the JDCA
13th October 2017**

Purpose of the Meeting

The meeting had been asked for by Mr. O'Dowd to discuss certain concerns to the community in Julianstown and the wider East Meath area.

Discussion

The reps of the JDCA outlined the long standing concerns of the community which have not been acted upon by the County Council particularly the following:

- Traffic issues – the volume of vehicles, noise pollution, risk to pedestrians etc.
- The urgent need for traffic calming.
- The need for a bypass.
- The Old Mill eyesore.

Lack of Engagement by the Council

The JDCA and many other residents of East Meath are frustrated and annoyed by the refusal of the officials of MCC to engage even at the most basic level with the JDCA or with individual residents. MCC officials rarely respond to correspondence whether by email or letter nor do they act on issues of concern to the community. Officials treat East Meath residents as somehow being semi-detached from the rest of the county. This is despite the fact that the population of East Meath is now greater than that of Navan.

Proposed meeting with Council Officials

Mr. O'Dowd undertook to arrange a meeting with Council officials to discuss matters of concern to the JDCA and residents. He will contact the committee to agree details of time, place and an agenda.

We thank Mr. O'Dowd for taking an interest in our concerns.

Subsequent event.

Subsequent to meeting with Mr. O'Dowd our chairman received a phone call from Mr. Nicholas Whyatt of MCC. He offered to engage with us on matters to do with traffic in the village. We are hopeful that this meeting can happen within the next week. However, arising from FOI requests to the Council about the matter we are concerned to have been told that MCC has no existing plan for traffic management in Julianstown.

JDCA

17th October 2017
