

Traffic will increase claim

# By-Pass 'will pose major problems for Julianstown'

THE proposed Balbriggan-Gormanston By-Pass will pose major problems for people living in Julianstown, according to a local residents' spokesman.

And Tony Cunningham insisted this week that as a result of the new development the flow of traffic through the village will increase significantly.

The proposed By-Pass, which is 13 km long, will start at Jordanstown, at the Five Roads intersection between Swords and Balbriggan.

It will then be routed west of Balbriggan and Balscadden between Stamullen and Gormanston to rejoin the existing NI Primary Route at Richardstown, south of Julianstown.

Recently released figures indicated that traffic passing through Julianstown had increased by 25 per cent. In 1990 there were 8,000 vehicles pass-



**Tony Cunningham**

ing through the village each day compared to 10,000 in 1992.

Local residents are now calling for an Environmental Impact Study to be carried out in the area. They feel the road should be re-routed as the village will not be able to cope with the extra volume of cars.

'It's a frightening prospect,' claimed Mr. Cunningham. 'There have already been a number of fatalities in the area and this figure is sure to in-

crease when the road is built.'

'There have been so many crashes here, and deaths as a result, there should be a headstone every 50 yards. People here are now literally afraid of their lives.'

He said that matters were not helped by the fact that many motorists did not heed the 40 mph. speeding limit in the area.

Mr. Cunningham said that one of the worst areas in the locality was the turn-off for Laytown, and warned that this would become one of the country's major black-spots.

'The bridge too has posed serious problems in the past and there is no way it will be able to take the weight of the extra traffic that will be flying through here,' he added.

'These plans will have to be changed. There is no way the people here are going to stand for it.'