

Note of meeting  
Between  
Representatives of Julianstown & District Community Association (JDCA)  
And  
Meath County Council (MCC)

**Date of meeting:** 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Place:** Duleek civic offices

**Present:** Nicholas Whyatt - Senior Executive Engineer, MCC.

Niamh bn Ui Loinsigh - Chair JDCA

Jackie O'Shea - Committee member JDCA

Brendan Logue - Committee member JDCA

**Purpose of the meeting:** To discuss the situation regarding proposed traffic calming measures for Julianstown village

Nicholas said that an allocation of €300k had been set aside by MCC and ring-fenced to be spent on traffic calming in the village. He stated that this fund would not be lost if it was not spent during the periods allocated as it was MCC's own money, not from external sources.

The delay in implementing the project was due to the following:

MCC did not have the in-house design capacity to design the measures needed for the project.

There are 6 other locations where traffic calming measures are needed, Julianstown being priority No. 6 of these. MCC decides the priorities on the basis of the number of fatalities in the areas to be dealt with. Julianstown has had no recent fatalities.

However, Nicholas has recently recruited a new engineer who is tasked with implementing the various traffic calming projects and he said that a less linear approach might be adopted in the design process as a result. He agreed that significant progress on the Julianstown project could reasonably be expected by mid 2018.

**New Traffic Lights.**

Nicholas accepted that new lights were definitely needed at the R150 (Duleek) junction and probably at the Laytown Road junction but this might require additional thought.

**Raised Platforms.**

He accepted that raised platforms at the above two junctions were needed and a further one at the pedestrian lights at Whitecross School.

**Pole-mounted Radar speed displays.**

These radar displayed showing the speed of approaching vehicles versus the local speed limit were discussed. Nicholas stated that their experience was mixed as to the effectiveness of these as they suited some locations but not others. However, they would be considered as part of the solution to the Julianstown problem.

**New footpath**

The possibility of creating a new footpath on the west side of the R132 from the R150 Duleek road junction as far as the bus stop at the top of the hill on the south side, was discussed and will be

examined. Nicholas stated that their experience was that narrowing of the carriage way to facilitate such footpaths also acted as a traffic calming measure. The idea would be further examined.

#### **By-Pass of Julianstown**

Nicholas accepted that a by-pass of the village was an urgent matter. He stated that MCC had constructed by-passes in other villages where the traffic volumes were very much less than in Julianstown.

#### **Urgent need for traffic management measures.**

JDCA reps stated that the measures discussed above were becoming more and more urgent as traffic volumes were increasing steadily on the R132 arising from extensive new housing developments in East Meath now being implemented and planned. The building of the new Aldi supermarket would place further pressure on the situation.

#### **Ministown Road**

There was a discussion about the volume of traffic on the Ministown Road. Nicholas agreed to do a traffic count in due course.

#### **Note of this meeting**

We agreed with Nicholas that when the content of this meeting note was agreed with him that it would be circulated by the JDCA to local residents.

Brendan Logue  
28/10/2017