

JDCA STATEMENT RE POSITION ON JULIANSTOWN VILLAGE TRAFFIC RELIEF SCHEME 14/8/26

Julianstown and District Community Association (JDCA) , held a Special Committee Meeting on Monday 10th August 2026, to discuss our position on the **Julianstown Traffic Relief Scheme** which is currently being progressed by Meath Co Council, in conjunction with the Department of Transport, and in accordance with the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Project.

JDCA is a voluntary, non profit making organisation and legally incorporated company, set up in 2010. A previous representative group known as the Julianstown Residents' Association was set up in the mid 1970's to deal with similar traffic issues like we are facing now.

It is registered with **Meath Public Participation Network (PPN)**. This is the way for community groups to engage with Meath County Council.

JDCA has always sought to represent the best interests of the residents of the village of Julianstown and the wider community on a very wide range of issues. JDCA members also carry out much of the maintenance of the village and its environs, maintain a 3 acre village community garden as well as recently opening up Ballygarth Woods for the community, on a voluntary basis. Some of our other projects have included replanting 16 cherry trees on the hill through the village, also the trees at the school, planters through the village and bus stops. We enter a number of competitions every year in Meath and also nationally, such as the Supervalu Tidy Towns Competition.

JDCA has always lobbied for the provision of a Bypass of the village, preferably by the construction of a spur from the M1 to the R132, on the grounds that the volume of traffic endangers public health arising from the high level of pollution generated by the traffic as well as the noise generated by it.

We have lobbied MCC over many years for a Bypass with Traffic Calming measures to be implemented in the village centre, realignment and widening of the R150 Julianstown/Laytown Rd , raised platforms at pedestrian crossings, provision of public spaces within the village and even a playground etc. We have met with MCC personnel and Local Representatives many times to discuss these requests as that is what we do as a representative voice for Julianstown.

We had requested a meeting with Meath Co Council Roads Dept to discuss the proposed Traffic Relief Scheme but this option is not available as the Public Consultation Event took place on 8/7/26. MCC will consider all submissions sent to them via online survey, submissions taken at the event on 8/7/26, by post or email before the extended closing date of 31/8/26.

JDCA has carefully studied the proposed Traffic Relief Scheme and has decided on the following:-

JDCA supports the provision of a Bypass from the R132 to the M1.

JDCA rejects the current proposal, as presented by MCC at the Public Consultation on 8th July 2026 in Matt the Thresher and the four shortlisted route options which are being taken forward to the Project Appraisal Matrix stage

JDCA was never involved at any stage with Meath Co Council in this process – at the decision making process, short listing of options, etc.

Please engage with the Process and make your Submission to Meath Co Council before 31st August 2026.

Information is provided on the project website – www.julianstowntrafficrelief.ie

Aisling Monahan, Chairperson, Julianstown and District Community Association (JDCA) 14/8/26

