



Killeshin Community Centre  
Killeshin, R93 P2X3  
Co. Laois via Carlow  
1 March 2020

## **Traffic and Parking Problems, Killeshin Village**

### **Background:**

Recent developments at the epicentre of the village include:

- 77 houses (Rathglen 56 + 21 currently being completed).
- 65 houses, construction about to commence (Total 142).
- New 21 teacher school with approximately 400 children.
- New GAA pitches (in place) and planned development of facilities
- New soccer pitches (in place) and planned development of facilities
- 57 People employed at Killeshin Community Centre
- Approximately 130 children attending Community Centre pre- and after school and special needs school.

All the traffic from the above disgorge onto the R430 from two exits 100 meters apart. The R430 is an extremely busy road and carries tanker trucks from several counties travelling to Glanbia plant at Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny.

In recent years a speed limit through the village has been put in place, but this is largely ignored. The most dangerous aspect of this non-compliance is by trucks travelling eastward (downhill) towards Carlow. Traffic travelling past the two exits above at speed would not be able to come to a halt, if required, in a short and safe distance.

Part of the solution, proposed at several fora has been the construction of traffic-islands at either end of the village. In the past the objections raised to islands has been that these would impede the flow of traffic, however, the safety of so-many children and people, largely exiting at the same time, urgently necessitates the establishment of these islands.

### **Parking problems**

Parking problems at the Church and school are acute. While the Community Centre has parking spaces these are used by the new school at both morning and evening; additionally because the parking at the Church is so limited the Community Centre spaces are often filled. Please see the photographs for parking problems.

***Killeshin Community Centre Committee would gladly welcome the opportunity to discuss the above with County Planners and officials***



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