

ROADWAY USED AS SHORT CUT BY SPEEDING MOTORISTS

Family fears for children's safety



Tristan, Casey and Siobhan Mannion pictured with PFP election candidate in the Tuan area. Nora Fahy outside the Mannion house in Williamstown. The sliproads on the roadway are clearly visible from speeding traffic in the area.

A WILLIAMSTOWN mother has raised fears for her children's safety due to a lack of speed control measures on their roadway, which is continually being used as a short cut by speeding traffic.

Siobhan and Lawrence Mannion from Carronwood, 13, Williamstown, on a very dangerous narrow road where traffic travels at high speed as motorists use the area as a捷径. The couple have approached the local school, Longford, and asked them to speak to their students and parents about children cycling or walking on the road due to speeding traffic in the area.

The road was previously the main roadway between Ballone and Williamson, but in later years the graded to a secondary road. However, motorists have continued to use the route as a short cut to beat traffic on the main thoroughfare.

"Our road is really only a slip road but it is being used as a short cut into Ballone by passing motorists trying to beat traffic on the main road and the cars regularly travel at high speed. I am afraid to let my children out on the road to cycle or walk as they could be killed. My oldest child is 13 but can't even let her walk the 300 or 400 yards to the school bus stop,

which is the same as the main roadway, which is just ridiculous. There are at least eight or nine households and families living on this slip road and it has been in the area in recent years. The Mannions have highlighted the issue with Galway County Council for the past number of years but to no avail and our parish priest, Fr. O'Farrell, organised a local meeting that focused on the issue.

Siobhan said: "We have signs and speed humps installed to slow the traffic down and the humps in the area have now been out in two years, which makes visibility even more dangerous."

It is understood that the county council raised fears about speed bumps impeding emergency vehicles so they believe even one speed bump on the Ballone entrance to the roadway would help alleviate the problem.

Local PFP candidate Nora Fahy has highlighted the issue this week as she believes traffic calming measures need to be put in place as a matter of urgency by Galway County Council. The speed limit on this small slip road is 80km

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