

Carrigaline Traffic Chaos

Dear Sir,

The daytime traffic in Carrigaline can be worse than in Dublin. At certain times of the day, our village snarls up to a halt and grinds down to total gridlock. In the modern greedy Ireland, many drivers lack courtesy. A minority of drivers on Carrigaline's Main Street do allow other cars to enter the flow; others can be aggressively impatient if other drivers dare try to park. Parking is impossible. Parking spaces are disappearing exponentially. Shopkeepers, professionals and builders should not park their vehicles outside their workplaces all day, out of respect to their customers. The street belongs to the people.

The new practice of marking spots "reserved" or "private" is insufferably in drivers' faces. It is an even worse than provocative insults if drivers are threatened with clamping and hefty release fees. Can anyone confidently quote me chapter and verse of any Act of Parliament that gives anyone else other than a judge in court the right to penalise other citizens? Far from such practices being legal, I feel that they may be disproportionate and probably illegal.

Is all the recent proliferation of yellow lines in Carrigaline either sensible or necessary? Do Carrigaline businesses want their customers or not? Some do. Is life different on their luxurious planet? Some of them do care.

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