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According to Councillor Eoin Costello residents of Abberley Estate are furious about the dangerous exit from their estate. "I recently attended a meeting of residents where this issue was raised. It comes up at every annual meeting of the residents of Abberley and still the council does nothing."

The estate won the overall prize of Best Presented Estate in the 1999 DLRCC county competition. The exit from the Abberley estate is extremely dangerous. In one direction there is a blind corner. In the other direction the motorists view is obstructed by buses arriving at a bus stop which is located 3 metres from the exit. These two factors make leaving the estate in the mornings a real game of Russian roulette.

According to Councillor Costello *"If you want to go right up the Shanganagh road you have to ask yourself do I feel lucky today and do I have enough acceleration to get across before the next cars shoots around the blind bend?"*

The residents have campaigned to have the bus stop removed and warning signs installed at the approaches to the Abberley exit to no avail.

According to Councillor Costello *"I have written to the council about this and they have told me they will install a Junction Ahead sign at some stage. This is not enough to stop the speeding. The council say Shanganagh Road is on a 5-year plan for improvement and calming measures will be taken then but it is essential that action be taken immediately."*