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DOUBLE YELLOW CALL: Cllr Sian Gwenllian, pictured last year, at the bend in Felinheli, where there have been repeated calls for double yellow lines, including by veteran campaigner WO Jones.

By Alex Hickey

Campaigner calls for measures

A VETERAN Felinheli campaigner has repeated his calls for double yellow lines to be painted along the main road into the village, following another car crash.

Former community and county councillor WO Jones, 88, wants the lines to be painted on both sides of a stretch of Caernarfon Road as it merges with Bangor Street.

At present, cars park along one side of the road, on a bend, forcing drivers from Caernarfon onto the opposite side of the road.

He says the "dangerous bend" is fast becoming an accident blackspot.

Mr Jones said there had been a problem on that stretch of road for the past 30 years and something "needs to be done about it".

"There was a two car collision there recently and there has been a fatality on this road in the past. My fear is that it's only a matter of time

before there is another fatality"

Mr Jones is also calling on the council to improve the Bangor Street bus stop, particularly for older and disabled residents.

Passengers are faced with a double pavement when they step off the bus, which has caused problems for those who are unsteady on their feet.

Felinheli councillor Sian Gwenllian said she "agreed completely" with Mr Jones.

"The community council held a public meeting last year to discuss this and other traffic problems in the village and since then we have been discussing various options with council officers and the local community. We have now agreed upon a plan which has been widely publicised in the village which includes putting double yellow

lines around the dangerous bend, allowing short term parking on the Caernarfon side of Bangor Street, an early morning loading bay outside the shop, a safe place for people to cross the street near the previous location of the pelican crossing and creating a safe platform for people coming off the bus near the site of the present bus stop.

"I share Mr Jones' eagerness to see this scheme getting off the ground as soon as possible."

Gwynedd council's chief engineer, Dafydd Wyn Williams, said officers had been in talks with Cllr Gwenllian, the community council and other agencies, about the proposed parking restrictions and improvements at the bus stop.

"The proposed improvements will be advertised in the local press in the coming weeks for consultation. If no objections are presented, we are confident that the works will be completed before April 2009."

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