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Mr Brian Douglas
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Re: Bannockburn Orange & District Public Procession in Bonnybridge

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a list of names and addresses of one hundred and thirty three (133) Bonnybridge residents, who wish to object to the proposed public procession being held by the above named organisation on two occasions in our community of the 4th July 2014.

I would wish you to know that I never instigated this petition, but have been asked by the organisers of it to forward on to yourself for consideration, along with my own letter of objection on behalf of the Catholic community of Bonnybridge.

As a parish community, we held a meeting to discuss these proposed public processions and the feeling from the people present were as follows:

- The last Orange Walk to parade through Bonnybridge, other than the recent one, was 24 years ago.
- The concern over the disruption of my parishioners in trying to travel from the village to the church to attend morning Mass at St Joseph's and again in the evening with confessions and Vigil Mass.
- Issues of parking of buses and other vehicles on Foundry Rd. This issue was raised by residents of Foundry Rd.
- There is no tradition and therefore no history of Orange Walks taking place in Bonnybridge for more than two decades.
- The question of how many of the two hundred and fifty marchers actually came from the community that is to be disrupted?
- Since the organiser and the chief steward were not residents of our community, could they not take their disruption to their own communities?

On a personal note, I was assured by our local representatives that no Orange Walk would ever be held on our side of the canal, since Broomhill Road is where the Catholic School, Catholic Church and 'Celtic supporters' pub is located, and yet I see both of these processions are planned to walk on Broomhill Road.

I hope that the Council will take the concerns of me and my parishioners, and indeed the wider members of the Bonnybridge community in to consideration when reviewing these applications.

Yours sincerely,

Rev Fr Kevin A. Dow
Parish Priest