

FRESH CRASHES SPUR VILLAGERS TO ACTION

May revive market to stop traffic

NAYLAND By-Pass Action Committee met last night in an angry mood following the two further accidents in the village. They decided to make an urgent approach to the Minister, and to re-establish a weekly market in the village—a move which could paralyse traffic.

There have now been twelve crashes in three months and it was the twentieth time one of the houses had been struck in six years.

A lorry loaded with a 15ft. high cargo of empty crates struck the overhanging roof of a 500-year-old former public house. Guttering was torn off, slates crashed into the narrow village street and windows were shattered.

And within an hour of the crash another house was damaged when a sand lorry collided with it.

No one was hurt in either incident.

But immediately after the crashes angry villagers organised an emergency meeting of their special action committee which has been pressing for a by-pass round the village—a promise first made by the Transport Ministry 20 years ago.

Warning flag

At last night's meeting Mr. Leslie Waron, the village shopkeeper, whose 16th century building was damaged yesterday, and who last week was cautioned by the police for having a bicycle outside his premises to force traffic away from his old building, said he had decided on his next move.

From the upstairs window he proposes to hang a 12 foot by 4 foot Union Jack to warn the oncoming traffic that they are near his building. "They may hit the flag but they won't hit my building," said Mr. Waron.

Other action which the villagers propose to take is to re-establish an old tradition by holding a weekly market in the village. This has not been held within the living memory of any villager.

One of the committee said, "We have our rights to hold such a market, and it would completely paralyse traffic if we did so."

Another step which the committee is taking is to send a letter to the Minister of Transport stressing the urgent need for a by-pass in view of the very serious accidents which have happened over the past few weeks, including the two incidents yesterday.

Last month Mr. Keith Stainton, M.P. for Sudbury and Woodbridge, said he had been rebuffed in an approach to the Ministry. He has since made a new attempt to arrange for villagers to meet the Minister, but they now feel it is time to "go it alone."



Guttering was torn from the former public house in the accident.