



DEVELOPMENT Chambers

Chambers objected on 'aesthetics'

JACK Chambers, who has criticised planning objections regarding concerns about the "character of an area", previously objected to a development over "aesthetic" concerns.

The Public Expenditure Minister said this week a mindset around objecting to housing developments based on the character of an area "has to change" as he announced actions to accelerate the delivery of strategic infrastructure.

He has also previously said he had seen examples of "eminently sensible proposals" in Dublin which "appear to be being refused for specific aesthetic reasons, which undermines housing supply".

However, it has re-emerged Mr Chambers objected to a mixed development including eight apartments in his constituency by citing concerns it would impact "the aesthetic and visual outlook" of the village, reportedly describing the project as a "monstrosity".

In 2016, Lidl sought planning permission for a development which would include one of its supermarkets, shops, a cafe, a medical centre and eight flats in Castleknock.

Mr Chambers, a back-bench TD at the time, objected to the overall development by stating Castleknock is an "important historical place" and is an architectural conservation area.

He argued the development would "compromise and constrain the aesthetic and visual outlook" of the village.

Kids images: teen charged

A 19-YEAR-OLD man has been charged with distributing indecent photographs of kids.

He has also been charged with the making of indecent images or pseudo photographs of children.

He is due to appear at Belfast Magistrates Court on May 14.

The charges are in relation to a search conducted at a residential property in Belfast in November.

Four tourists died in cable car

TWO Britons are among four people killed when a cable car plummeted to the ground in southern Italy.

Local media named one of them as Elaine Margaret Winn, 58. The identity of the second Briton, thought to be a man, had not been revealed last night.

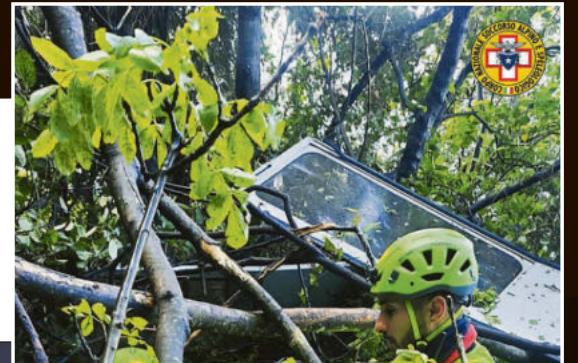
A traction cable snapped causing the car, which had been swaying in high winds, to descend rapidly before crashing into a support pillar and plunging around 90ft into trees in Monte Faito, Castellammare di Stabia, on Thursday.

Police have begun a manslaughter

probe.

Israeli tourist Janan Suliman, 25, and cabin operator Carmine Parlato, 59, also died. Janan's brother Thabet, 23, was the only survivor and was in a critical condition.

The cabin had less than 25 seconds of its journey left.



TRAGIC Wrecked cabin in trees after the cable snapped



PLUNGE Cable car terminal above Castellammare di Stabia yesterday

32,000 sign petition to back Jennie's Law

EXCLUSIVE BY NICOLA DONNELLY

A PETITION for a domestic abuse register set up by murdered Jennifer Poole's brother has gained over 32,000 signatures.

Mum-of-two Jennifer was stabbed to death by her ex, Gavin Murphy, on April 17, 2021, at her apartment in Melville Drive, Finglas in north Dublin.

Murphy, 31, is serving a life sentence for the murder of the 24-year-old.

Jennifer was unaware Murphy had a history of abusive behaviour, including a conviction for assaulting a former partner.

She believed Murphy had just returned from Spain, but he had been in jail.

Since her death, Jennifer's brother Jason has been campaigning for a domestic abuse

Grieving brother hails supporters

register called "Jennie's Law" – which would allow those with concerns to ask authorities for information about a partner's violent past.

Jason is again calling on the Department of Justice, the Minister for Justice and the Attorney General to listen to the people impacted by this crime.

He told us: "The campaign has been successful to date with over 32K signatures in such a short period. And there are hundreds of written petition sheets still out and many still engaging in the online petition."

Jason thanked those who have taken the time to support him and his family in their bid to "protect the

next generation". However, he added: "It's not something any family should have to do following the tragic and untimely death of Jennifer."

"On our campaign we have engaged with many victims, survivors and the general public who are astonished that something like a domestic abuse register is not already in place in Ireland."

"Many people are asking us to march to Dail Eireann and they will be there to show solidarity."



HORROR END Jennie Poole killed



Jason said: "We won't get our beloved Jennifer back but we will not back down and we will not go away until we get a domestic abuse register named in memory of her."

"It's time that officials sit down and draft this legislation, give it the time and dignity it deserves, instead of waiting on further situations like Jennifer's to accrue."



CAMPAIGN Jason Poole