



LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

Planning & Development Acts 2000-2009

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 11 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2009 that Laois County Council intends to review its existing County Development Plan 2006-2012 and to prepare a new County Development Plan 2012-2018.

The County Development Plan sets a framework for the proper planning and sustainable development of the county over a six-year period. It includes sets of development policies, development objectives, development guidelines/standards in addition to the 'zoning' of land.

Please note that the County Development Plan sets the overall context for the development of Co. Laois over the period 2012-2018. It will also contain **Town Plans** for the medium sized towns of Abbeyleix, Mountrath, Rathdowney, Durrow, Stradbally and **Village Plans** (approximately 25).

Local Area Plans have been adopted for the larger towns of Portlaoise 2006-2012, Portarlinton 2007-2013, Mountmellick 2007-2013 and Graiguecullen 2007-2013. These will be reviewed in due course after the new County Development Plan has been adopted.

Public information/consultation clinics will be held throughout the County at various locations and details will be available on the Council's website at www.laois.ie and in the local press in early January 2010.

The Planning Authority will carry out a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) during the preparation of its new County Development Plan (2012-2018). SEA is an evaluation of the likely significant environmental effects of implementing a plan before a decision is made to adopt the plan. Appropriate Assessment (AA) is an assessment of the likely effects of the Development Plan on Conservation objectives of relevant Natura 2000 sites under the Habitats Directive.

The Planning Authority has prepared an Issues Leaflet to assist individuals in making a submission/observation on the Draft Plan. This will be available to inspect at Áras an Chontae, James Fintan Lawlor (JFL) Avenue, Portlaoise, Co.Laois during public opening hours and on the website at www.laois.ie.

Submissions or observations regarding the review of the existing County Development Plan and preparation of the New Plan (2012-2018) may be made in writing to the **A/Senior Planner, Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, JFL Avenue, Portlaoise, Co. Laois** or by emailing devplan@laoiscoco.ie between Thursday 31st December 2009 and Monday 1st March 2010.

Please make your submission by one medium only i.e. in hard copy or email. All submissions to be clearly marked "**Review of County Development Plan 2006-2012**". The deadline for receipt of submissions is **Monday, 1st March 2010.**

Signed: John Daly
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