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**Re: Draft Local Area Plans for Portlaoise LAP, Portarlington LAP, Mountmellick LAP
2018 - 2024**

Dear Sir / Madam,

Irish Water acknowledges receipt of your letter and welcomes the opportunity to review the Draft Local Area Plans for Portlaoise LAP, Portarlington LAP, Mountmellick LAP 2018 – 2024.

Irish Water has no further comments to add to the existing information relating to water services within each settlement. In terms of determining serviceability for vacant sites, we advise that we will only be in a position to confirm water and wastewater availability for site specific new development through Irish Water's pre-connection enquiry process.

Irish Water is available to discuss the submission with the Council and any other issue with respect to the provision of water services within our remit

Yours Sincerely,

Suzanne Dempsey
Spatial Planning Strategy Specialist

**An Roinn Tithíochta,
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Department of Housing,
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08 May, 2018

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Re: Draft Portarlington Local Area Plan 2018-2024

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Housing and Urban Development to refer to your recent letter in relation to the above and set out hereunder observations on behalf of the Minister.

The Department welcomes the publication of the Draft Portarlington Joint Local Area Plan 2018-24 and the preparation of a joint plan to integrate the future development of the town across the adjoining Laois and Offaly administrative areas. The Draft LAP provides for the future employment and housing growth of the settlement including a number of important 'Opportunity Sites' that are identified around the town to be the focus for revitalisation and consolidation of Portarlington.

Flood Risk

It is noted that the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the Draft Portarlington Joint Local Area Plan 2018-24 has been undertaken which examines the extent of flood risk within the town and compliance with '*The Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines*' (2009) issued under s.28 of the Planning & Development Act (as amended). The SFRA includes the production of flood maps indicating the Flood Zones A and B (per section 3.5 of the 2009 Guidelines). The Guidelines clearly require



that a sequential approach to flood risk management (see Figure 3.1 of the Guidelines) is taken to the zoning of lands for development (eg. lands in identified Flood Zones A & B should not be zoned for residential or other '*Highly vulnerable development*' per Table 3.2 of the Guidelines). The Department advocates close adherence to the sequential approach to flood risk management in the plan process and the Council is advised to examine the Draft Joint LAP to ensure that zoning objectives are fully integrated with the SFRA and the 2009 Guidelines.

The planning authority is reminded to have regard to any observations made by the Office of Public Works, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, the National Parks & Wildlife Service, the Environmental Protection Agency and Irish Water. In this regard, Laois County Council must satisfy itself that it has met the relevant requirements as appropriate, and that the Draft Portarlington Joint Local Area Plan 2018-24 is fully compliant with its obligations under planning legislation.

The officials of the Department are available to discuss the matters raised above and in the first instance you are advised to contact Mr. Stewart Logan, Planning Adviser on



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To whom it may concern,

I wish to make a submission to the Portarlington Local Area Plan.

The submission is to have .98 hectares at Bracklone Street, Portarlington zoned back from residential to agriculture.

The lands are in the name of Patrick Francis and Ann Young.

Kind Regards,

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Cllr Tom Mulhall

