

have to go through this, as they grow up," he said.

Mr Nevin would not give a date when the protest would take place. He said he would be taking the issue up with Pavee Point, the representative group for Irish Travellers.

He said he would go to court to object to licences being renewed by pubs when the applications come before Portlaoise District Court.

The Laois branch of the Irish Vintners Association declined to comment.

Meanwhile, two Traveller families were left homeless last week after their homes were destroyed by fire.

went up in flames on Tuesday night/Wednesday night.

"My two sons were burned out, everything that they had is gone and they not have a penny to their names to replace anything," said Mrs McDonagh.

"She said one of her sons has three infant children but had just left the house.

"The two children of her other son were staying elsewhere."



Portlaoise candlelight vigil for the victims of the Carrickmines fire in Dublin which claimed the lives of 10 Travellers last year.

Roundabout called for at the hospital in Mountmellick

Provide a roundabout and pedestrian safety measures at the Irishtown/St Vincent's Hospital junction at the N80 in Irishtown, Mountmellick, proposed Cllr Paddy Bracken at the recent meetin of the area's Municipal District.

Acting Senior Executive Engineer Farhan Nasiem, in a written reply to the councillor, said Laois County Council would raise the issue with Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

Action call on Capard, Campclone

Erect dangerous bend signs at Capard (Skerry), Rosenthalis, proposed Cllr David Goodwin at a Borris-in-Ossory/Mountmellick Municipal District meeting.

Senior Executive Engineer Paul McLoughlin: "An assessment will be carried out and signs will be provided at this location as required."

Cllr Goodwin also called for the repair of the road at Campclone, Ballyfin.

Mr McLoughlin: "Campclone has been included on the patching rota for repairs the earliest opportunity."



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NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT LAOIS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017-2023

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 12 (7) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), that Laois County Council has prepared Amendments/ Material Alterations to the Draft Laois County Development Plan 2017-2023 for the administrative area of County Laois.

In accordance with Section 12(7)(aa) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) the Chief Executive made a determination that Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) are not required to be carried out for the Proposed Amendments /Material Alterations.

A copy of the Proposed Amendments/Material Alterations, the determination in accordance with Section 12(7)(aa), Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report to the Draft Laois County Development Plan 2017-2023 are available to view at the Planning Department, Áras an Chontae, Laois County Council, James Fintan Lawlor Avenue, Portlaoise and at all branches of the Laois County Libraries during normal opening hours from Friday 7th April 2017 until Friday 5th May 2017 and are also free to download from the www.laois.ie website.

Paper copies of the Amendments/ Material Alterations may be requested from the Planning Authority at a cost of €10 per hard copy (CD copy - Free), however in order to minimise cost it would be preferable for organisations to download the texts where possible. Written Submissions or Observations regarding the Draft Plan Amendments/ Material Alterations only should be sent to "Draft Laois County Development Plan 2017-2023 (Amendments/ Material Alterations)", Forward Planning Department, Áras an Chontae Laois County Council, James Fintan Lawlor Avenue, Portlaoise, Co. Laois or can be emailed to cdp@laoiscoco.ie before 4.00 p.m. Friday 5th May 2017 and should state the name and address of the person, group or public body making the submission.

Please make your submission in one medium only, i.e. online or hard copy. Any submission or observation should state your full name, address and where relevant, the body or organisation represented.

All submissions or observations with respect to the Proposed Amendments /Material Alterations to the Draft Laois County Development Plan 2017-2023 will form part of the statutory Chief Executive Report to be presented to the Elected Members of Laois County Council and will be taken into consideration before the Laois County Development Plan 2017-2023 is made.

The closing date for receipt of submissions: before 4.00 p.m. Friday 5th May 2017.

LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Please be aware that the planning process is an open and public one. In that context, submissions or observations are a matter of public record and may be placed (in full or part) on the Council's website.

The Council is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. If you consider that any of the information supplied by you is either commercially sensitive or confidential in nature, this should be highlighted and the reasons for its sensitivity specified.

In such cases, the relevant material will, in response to FOI requests, be examined in light of exemptions provided for in the FOI Act.

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