

Notice of the making of the Laois County Development Plan 2017-2023

Notice is hereby given, under Section 12 (12) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, (as amended), that on **26th June 2017** the Council of the County of Laois, being the Planning Authority for the County, made the Laois County Development Plan for the period 2017-2023 for its functional area.

Notice is also given, under Article 13I of the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (as amended), that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Statement has been prepared. This Statement summarises:

- a) How environmental considerations have been integrated into the Plan,
- b) How
 - i) the Environmental Report prepared pursuant to Article 13C,
 - (ii) submissions and observations made to the Planning Authority in response to a notice under Section 12(1) or (7) of the Act, and
 - (iii) any consultations under Article 13F, have been taken into account during the preparation of the Plan.
- c) the reasons for choosing the Plan, as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with, and
- d) the measures decided upon to monitor, in accordance with Article 13J, the significant environmental effects of implementation of the Plan.

The County Development Plan shall have effect from **24th July 2017**.

Copies of the County Development Plan, Environmental Report, the SEA Statement and the Natura Impact Report are available for inspection at the following locations:

The Planning Department, Aras an Chontae, Laois County Council, James Fintain Lawlor Avenue, Portlaoise and at all branches of the Laois County Libraries during normal opening hours from **24th July 2017**.

A copy is also available for public inspection on the website and may be downloaded from www.laois.ie

The Development Plan will be available for purchase through the Planning Department, Aras an Chontae, Laois County Council.

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