



Laois County Council & Offaly County Council

Draft Joint Portarlinton Local Area Plan 2018 – 2024

Pursuant to Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, **Laois County Council** and **Offaly County Council** being the Planning Authorities for the functional areas known as County Laois and County Offaly, hereby give notice of the preparation of the **Draft Joint Local Area Plan for Portarlinton**. The Joint Local Area Plan (LAP) will be a statutory document setting out a strategic framework for the proper planning and sustainable development of Portarlinton over the plan period 2018-2024. The Draft Joint LAP should be read in conjunction with the Laois County Development Plan (CDP) 2017-2023 and Offaly County Development Plan (CDP) 2014-2020.

The Draft Joint Local Area Plan will consist of a written statement, including policies and objectives, and a land use zoning map. The Draft Joint LAP is accompanied by:

- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report of the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the local area plan (in accordance with the SEA Directive (DIR 2001/42/EC) and pursuant to the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004-2011;
- Screening Statement in support of Appropriate Assessment and Natura Impact Report in accordance with the requirements of Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (DIR 92/43/EEC);
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment pursuant to Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the provisions of the Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009) on The Planning System and Flood Risk Management.

DISPLAY OF DRAFT: The Draft Joint LAP and associated documents will be available to view at the following locations, during normal opening hours, from **21st March to 8th May 2018**, inclusive:

- **Laois County Council**, Áras an Chontae, JFL Ave., Portlaoise, Co. Laois;
- **Offaly County Council**, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly;
- **Portarlinton Library**, 2 Main Street, Cooltederry, Portarlinton, Co. Laois;
- The Councils' **websites:** www.laois.ie and www.offaly.ie

Copies of the plan are available to download from the websites. Hard copies and CDs of the Draft Joint LAP will be available to purchase, on request, from the Planning Sections of both Laois and Offaly County Councils.

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS: will be held as follows:

	LOCATION	DATE AND TIME
<u>DRAFT JOINT PORTARLINGTON LAP</u>	Portarlinton Community Centre, Link Road, Portarlinton	12 th April 2018 6pm to 8pm
<u>DROP IN INFORMATION SESSION</u>	Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise	5 th April 2018 9.30am to 12.30pm

MAKING A SUBMISSION: Submissions or observations regarding the Draft Joint LAP and the associated reports are hereby invited from the public and interested bodies. Children, or groups or associations representing the interests of children, are entitled to make submissions or observations. Written submissions or observations made on or before **4pm 8th May 2018**, will be taken into consideration before the making of the Joint Local Area Plan. Submissions may be made in one of the following ways:

1. Write to:

Senior Planner, Planning Section, Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, JFL Ave., Portlaoise, Co. Laois, **or**

Administrative Officer, Planning Section, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly;

2. Email to: portarlintonlap@laiscoco.ie or portlap@offalycoco.ie

NOTES

- YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO MAKE YOUR SUBMISSION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.
- All submissions are to be clearly marked "Portarlinton Joint LAP".
- Submissions in relation to zonings should be send to the Local Authority in which the subject land is located.
- All submissions should include your name and a contact address, a map (where appropriate) and, where relevant, details of any organization, community group or company etc., which you represent.
- Please make your submission by one medium only, i.e. hard copy or e-mail.
- All submissions will form a part of the statutory Chief Executive's report to be presented to the elected members of Laois County Council and the Edenderry Municipal District.

- The planning process is an open and public one, therefore all submissions/observations are a matter of public record and will be available for public viewing, they may also be placed on the County Councils' websites. Please include your name and contact details on a separate sheet to the content of your submission.
- LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.