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PROPOSED MATERIAL ALTERATIONS TO

DRAFT PORTARLINGTON JOINT LOCAL AREA PLAN

2018 – 2024

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1 INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Section 20(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Laois County Council is proposing to Materially Alter the Draft Portarlington Joint Local Area Plan (LAP) 2018-2024. Following the consideration of the Chief Executive's Report on submissions or observations on the Draft Portarlington Joint LAP 2018-2024 at the full County Council meeting on the 25th June 2018, the Elected Members decided to alter the Draft Joint LAP. The proposed alterations are Material Alterations to the Draft Joint LAP.

1.1 DISPLAY OF PROPOSED MATERIAL ALTERATIONS

Written submissions/observations with respect to the Proposed Material Alterations ONLY and associated environmental reports may be made in writing, during the period 16th July 2018 to 13th August 2018 (4.00pm), in one of the following ways:

1. **Write to:** Senior Planner, Planning Section, Áras an Chontae, JFL Ave., Portlaoise, Co. Laois
2. **Email to:** portarlingtonlap@laoiscoco.ie

All submissions are to be clearly marked with 'Portarlington Joint LAP' and with the proposed alteration number. All written submissions/ observations that relate to the Proposed Material Alterations and which are made to the Planning Authority within the stated period shall be taken into consideration before the making of any Material Alteration. Please note however, that submissions/observations on issues that do not relate to the Proposed Material Alterations will not be considered at this stage in the plan making process.

1.2 NEXT STAGE

Following the ending of the display period on 13th August 2018 a Chief Executive's Report on the submissions or observations received with respect to the Proposed Material Alterations will be prepared. This report will summarise the issues raised in the submissions, will contain the opinion of the Chief Executive in relation to these issues and include recommendations in relation to any changes to the Proposed Material Alterations as considered appropriate. This report will be considered by the members of Laois County Council. The LAP shall be made or amended as appropriate by the Planning Authority by resolution no later than a period of 6 weeks after the report has been furnished to all the members of the authority with all, some or none of the Material Alterations as published. It is open to the members to make further modifications to any of the Material Alterations. A further modification to the Material Alterations

- (i) May be made where it is minor in nature and therefore not likely to have significant effects on the environment or adversely affect the integrity of a European site,

- (ii) Shall not be made where it refers to— (a) An increase in the area of land zoned for any purpose, or (b) An addition to or deletion from the record of protected structures.

When performing their functions under this subsection, the Elected Members shall be restricted to considering the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the statutory obligations of any Local Authority in the area and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or of any Minister of the Government. It is expected that the final plan will be made by the Council in Quarter 4 of 2018.

1.3 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

In accordance with the relevance legislative requirements, the Proposed Material Alterations are accompanied by the following environmental reports:

- Addendum to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report
- Addendum to the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report
- Addendum to the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

The Proposed Material Alterations should be considered in conjunction with these addendums.

2 PROPOSED MATERIAL ALTERATIONS

2.1 **FORMAT OF THE PROPOSED MATERIAL ALTERATIONS**

Proposed Material Alterations to the written statement of the Draft Joint Local Area Plan (LAP) are indicated as follows:

- New text in red and;
- Deleted text in blue strikethrough.

The proposed amendments are ordered in the sequence of the LAP and should be read in conjunction with the Draft Joint LAP.

2.1.1 **CHAPTER 16 NATURAL HERITAGE**

Material Alteration Ref. No. 1		
Page No.	Sub-section	Title
70	Objectives	Built Heritage

Include an additional Objective as follows:

NHO14: Examine the feasibility of connecting Portarlington with regional and national cycle networks via the Old Canal Line for cycleways to encourage positive economic, social and cultural benefits to the town and wider rural hinterland.

2.1.2 **CHAPTER 17 FLOOD MANAGEMENT**

Material Alteration Ref. No. 2		
Page No.	Sub-section	Title
72	Second Paragraph	Flood Management

Amend text as follows:

In accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2009), the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management programme (CFRAM) and a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) have ~~has~~ been used to inform the preparation of the Draft Joint LAP and associated land use zoning. The CFRAM maps for the South East region including County Laois were published on 4th May 2018.

2.1.2 CHAPTER 18 IMPLEMENTATION

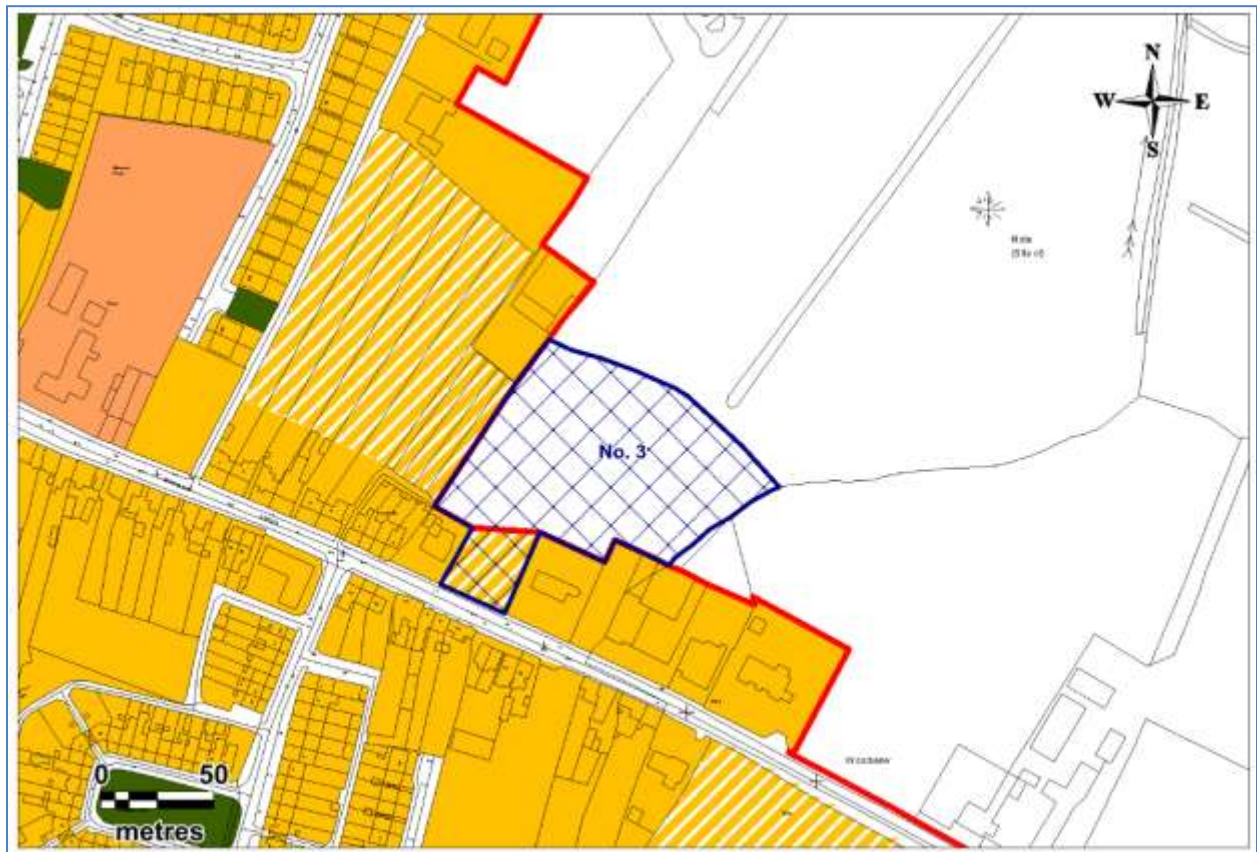
Material Alteration Ref. No. 3	
Map No.	Title
Map 2	Land Use Zoning Map

Change of zoning:

From: Residential 2

To: Un-zoned lands and Residential 2

On lands at Bracklone Street as per the map below:



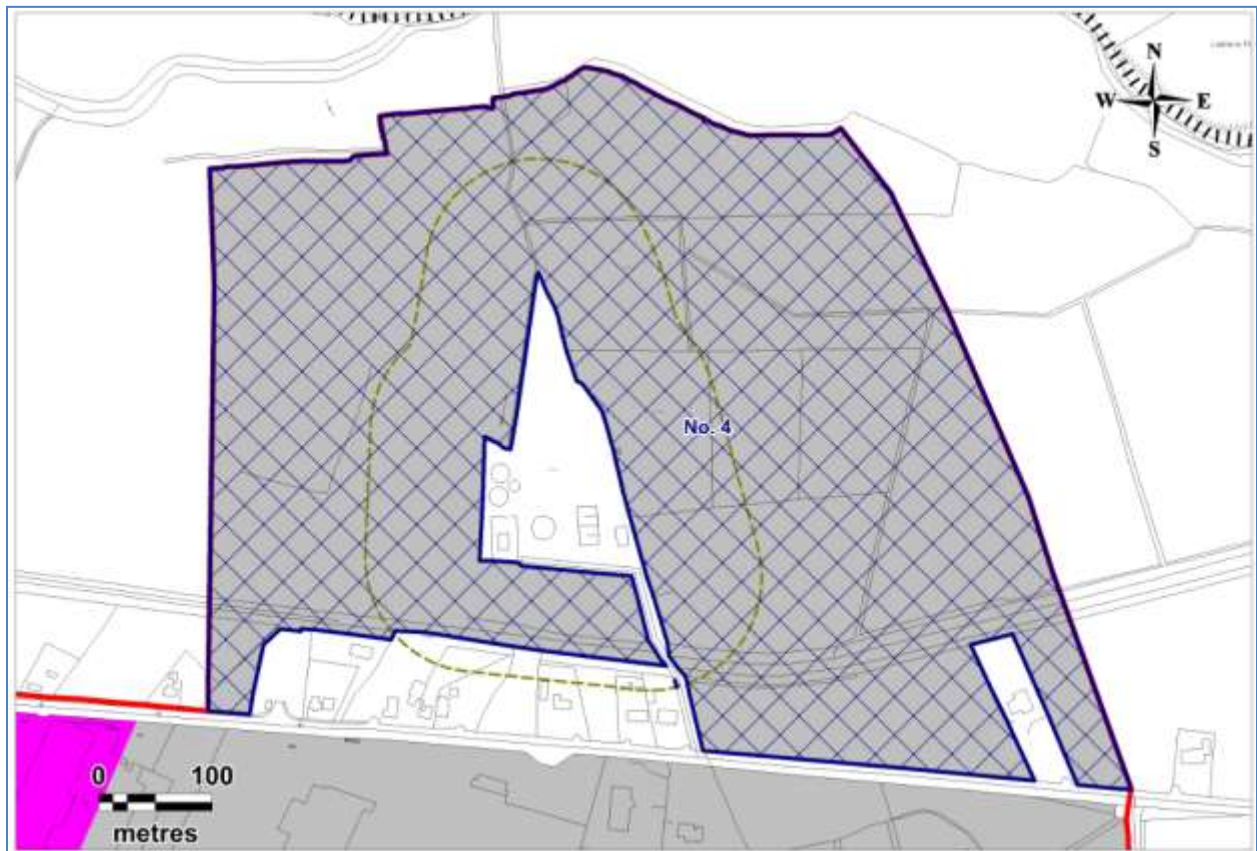
Material Alteration Ref. No. 4	
Map No.	Title
Map 2	Land Use Zoning Map

Change of zoning:

From: Un-zoned lands

To: Industrial & Warehousing

On lands at Lea Road as per the map below:



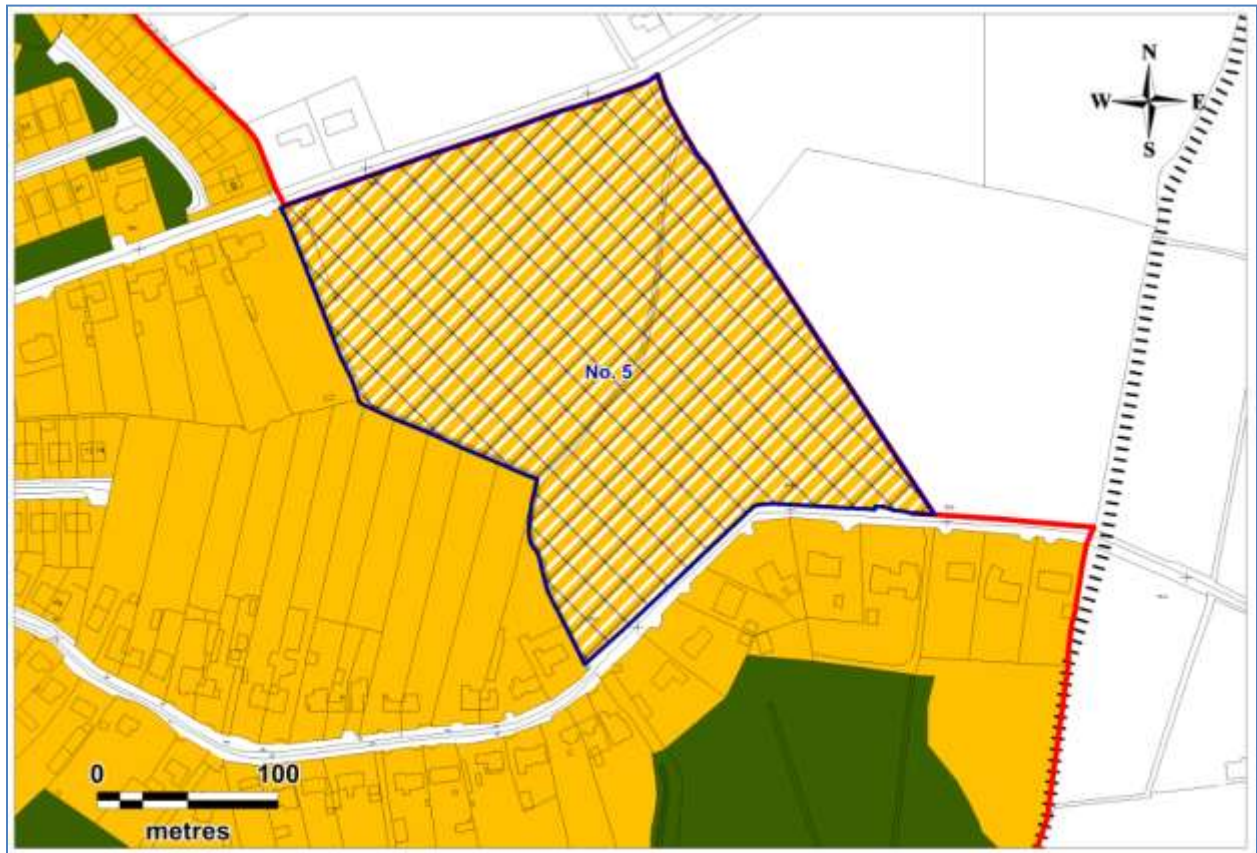
Material Alteration Ref. No. 5	
Map No.	Title
Map 2	Land Use Zoning Map

Change of zoning:

From: Un-zoned lands

To: Residential 2

On lands at Droughill as per the map below:



Material Alteration Ref. No. 6	
Map No.	Title
Map 2	Land Use Zoning Map

Change of zoning:

From: Enterprise & Employment

To: Residential 2 and Un-zoned lands

On lands at Bog Road as per the map below:

