



## Laois County Council

### Draft Portlaoise Local Area Plan 2018 – 2024

### Draft Mountmellick Local Area Plan 2018 – 2024

Pursuant to Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, **Laois County Council** being the Planning Authority for the functional area known as County Laois, hereby give notice of the preparation of **Draft Local Area Plans for Portlaoise and Mountmellick**. The Local Area Plans will be a statutory document setting out a strategic framework for the proper planning and sustainable development of Portlaoise and Mountmellick over the plan period 2018-2024. The new LAPs should be read in conjunction with the Laois County Development Plan (CDP) 2017 – 2023.

The Draft Local Area Plans will consist of written statements, including policies and objectives, and land use zoning maps and will be 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 LAPs and associated documents will be available to view at the following locations, during normal opening hours from **21<sup>st</sup> March to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018** inclusive:

- **Laois County Council**, Áras an Chontae, JFL Ave., Portlaoise Co. Laois;
- **Portlaoise Library**, Dunamaise House, Lyster Square, Kylekiproe, Portlaoise, Co. Laois;
- **Mountmellick Library**, O'Moore Street, Townparks, Mountmellick, Co. Laois;
- The Council's **website**: [www.laois.ie](http://www.laois.ie)

Copies of the plan are available to download from the website. Hard copies and CDs of the Draft LAPs will be available to purchase, on request, at the Planning Counter, Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, JFL Ave., Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS:** will be held as follows:

	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DATE AND TIME</b>
<b><u>DRAFT PORTLAOISE LAP</u></b>	<b>Portlaoise Parish Centre,</b> Stradbally Road, Portlaoise	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2018  7pm to 9pm
<b><u>DRAFT MOUNTMELLICK LAP</u></b>	<b>Old Town Hall,</b> O'Moore Street, Mountmellick	17 <sup>th</sup> April 2018  6pm to 8pm

<b><u>DROP IN INFORMATION SESSION FOR BOTH LAPS</u></b>	<b>Laois County Council,</b> Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise	5 <sup>th</sup> April 2018  9.30am to 12.30pm
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**MAKING A SUBMISSION:** Submissions or observations regarding the Draft LAPs 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 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018** will be taken into consideration before the making of the Local Area Plans. Submissions may be made in one of the following ways:

1. **Write to:** Senior Planner, Planning Section, Áras an Chontae, JFL Ave., Portlaoise, Co. Laois;
2. **Email:** [portlaoiselap@laiscoco.ie](mailto:portlaoiselap@laiscoco.ie) or [mountmellicklap@laiscoco.ie](mailto:mountmellicklap@laiscoco.ie)

### **NOTES**

- YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO MAKE YOUR SUBMISSION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.
- All submissions are to be clearly marked with either “Portlaoise LAP” or “Mountmellick LAP” as relevant.
- 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.
- 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 Council’s website. Please include your name and contact details on a separate sheet to the content of your submission.
- LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.