



Tobar an Léinn N5 in Raheen village where a range of traffic calming measures are being proposed by Laois County Council.

Big road safety steps in Raheen

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Big changes to the busy road through Raheen village are proposed by Laois County Council to make it safer for schoolchildren and all pedestrians.

Plans include traffic calming ramps, a pedestrian zebra crossing, the narrowing of the road and a new footpath to the cemetery carpark all aimed at improving road safety.

Portlaoise area engineer Wes Wilkinson explained their plans.

"We agreed after meeting the Portlaoise Municipal District councillors to first consult with the school, playschool, residents and agri contractors on site to hear their concerns and proposals," he said.

"Raheen village is in the vicinity of the school. There were concerns about traffic volume, and the safety of

children crossing from the playschool to the primary school, they also cross for things like breakfast and homework clubs.

"A significant number cross there three or four times a day. Parking is ad hoc, albeit there is carparking available at the GAA, cemetery and the church.

"There is concern for the speeds of traffic through the village, and there is quite a lot of agricultural activity.

"People are travelling through it from Portlaoise to Abbeyleix, so there is quite a bit of traffic for a small area," the engineer said.

The cost will mostly be covered by a €50,000 Clár grant.

Portlaoise councillors welcome the plan, saying that the safety of the children has to be the priority.

Plans can be viewed on www.laois.ie, at the council offices by appointment or at Tobar an Léinn school until July 1.

Wheelchair accessible public seating for Portlaoise

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Outdoor benches with spaces for people in wheelchairs to use them, are on the way for Portlaoise.

The town is getting new street furniture this summer.

Cllr Noel Tuohy has asked that it ensure there is inclusion of wheelchair accessibility into all public seating in the area and that it be included in future planning also.

"When you're in a wheelchair... anything that recognises the differences these people have, and allow them to be mobile around towns, we must do to assist them," he said.

He tabled a motion to the May meeting of Portlaoise Municipal District.

Cllr Caroline Dwane Stanley seconded the motion, with Cllr



Cllr Noel Tuohy who is asking for wheelchair accessibility in new and existing public seats for Portlaoise.

Willie Aird also in support.

"Anybody in a wheelchair shouldn't be barred from anywhere," he said.

He noted that Cllr Tuohy's request for a wheelchair play equipment in Portlaoise playground still hasn't been fulfilled, "four years on".

Laois County Council's reply said the furniture will be accessible.

"The Council will ensure that public seating to be provided in the Portlaoise MD will be accessible to all potential users."



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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 (as amended) AND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (as amended) Notice of Proposed Development by Laois County Council

In accordance with Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII, Article 80 & 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) Laois County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to carry out the following development:

Location:	Nature of Development:
Carraig Glas in the townland of Stradbally.	The development will consist of the construction of a residential development with a total of 26 houses, all at a site of 1.9 hectares, in Stradbally Village, Co Laois, accessed from the N80 Carlow Road. The site is bounded to the north and west by residential properties and to the south by lands zoned for future residential development and to the east by an existing playground. Details of house types: TYPE A, 2 bed, 2 storey mid-terrace, (6 no). TYPE A, 2 bed, 2 storey end-terrace, (4 no). TYPE B, 3 bed, 2 storey end-terrace, (2 no). TYPE B1, 3 bed, 2 storey end-terrace, (2 no). TYPE B2, 3 bed, 2 storey mid-terrace, (3 no). TYPE D, 4 bed 2 storey end units (1 no). TYPE D1, 4 bed 2 storey end units (1 no). Type E1, 1 bed 1 storey end unit (1 no.). Type F1, 1 bed 1 storey end unit (3 no.). Type F2, 1 bed 1 storey end unit (3 no.). giving a total of 2,224 sqm. The development also includes foul and surface water drainage works, surface water attenuation tank, footpaths, landscaped open space including passive and active areas including play area. Total of 50 no. carparking spaces within curtilage (includes 2 accessible parking spaces) and all associated site works and boundary treatments.

Laois County Council has prepared an EIA Screening Report in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended). On the basis of this Screening Report, Laois County Council has determined that there is no likelihood of significant effects on the environment (Article 120 of Planning and Development Regulations, amended 2018). Accordingly, it has been determined that an EIA is not required in respect of this proposed development.

Any person may, from 9th June 2021 to 7th July 2021 inclusive, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Plans and particulars of the above proposed development are available for viewing on our online consultation portal at <https://consult.laois.ie> from 9th June 2021 to 7th July 2021 inclusive. Plans and particulars are also available for inspection by appointment only at the offices of Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, JFL Avenue, Portlaoise from 9th June 2021 to 7th July 2021 inclusive. Appointments must be arranged in advance by emailing housinglcc@laoiscoco.ie or by contacting 057 8664000.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and the sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made online at <https://consult.laois.ie> before 5.00 p.m. on 21st July, 2021.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and the sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may also be made in writing to: Joe Delaney, Director of Services, Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co. Laois to be received not later than 5.00 p.m. on 21st July, 2021. Submissions should be clearly marked: Carraig Glas, Portlaoise – 26 Unit Housing Development – Part VIII.

Note: Only submissions made in the above manner will be considered as valid submissions for the purposes of the Chief Executive's Report that will be presented to Council.

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.

JOE DELANEY,
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

NOTICE OF THE CONFIRMATION BY LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL OF COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS MADE UNDER SECTION 76 OF AND THE THIRD SCHEDULE TO THE HOUSING ACT, 1966 AS EXTENDED BY SECTION 10 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NO. 2) ACT, 1960, (AS SUBSTITUTED BY SECTION 86 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1966) AND THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015 AS AMENDED, AS RESPECTS ALL OR PART OF THE LANDS TO WHICH THE COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS RELATE TO BE PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 78(1) OF THE HOUSING ACT 1966, AS AMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000.

COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND

Compulsory Purchase Order No. 2 of 2020

Shannon Road, Mountrath, Co. Laois.

Compulsory Purchase Order No. 3 of 2020

43 Borris Road, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

Laois County Council has, on the 13th day of April, 2021, made confirmation orders confirming the above-named compulsory purchase orders as respects the lands described in the Schedules thereto.

The said orders, as so confirmed, authorise Laois County Council to acquire the said lands compulsorily for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1966. A copy of the orders as so confirmed and of the maps and schedules referred to may be seen, by appointment, at the offices of Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co. Laois between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. on working days between 8th June, 2021 and 9th July, 2021 and on our website at www.laois.ie. To make an appointment to view the CPO documents and maps please send an e-mail to vacanthomes@laoiscoco.ie.

The orders, as so confirmed, will become operative at the expiration of three weeks after the date of publication of this notice, but if an application for judicial review of the decision of the Board under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986) is duly made to the High Court within eight weeks of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, the court—

- may by interim order suspend the operation of the compulsory purchase order, as so confirmed, either generally or in so far only as they affect any property of the applicant until the final determination of the proceedings;
- if satisfied upon the hearing of the application that the compulsory purchase order, as so confirmed, is not within the powers of the Housing Act, 1966 (as amended), or that the interests of the applicant have been substantially prejudiced by any requirement of the Act not having been complied with, may quash the order as so confirmed either generally or in so far only as they affect any property of the applicant.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2021.

Pat Delaney,
County Secretary.

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