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**NOTICE OF MATERIAL ALTERATIONS TO THE DRAFT
LAOIS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021-2027**

**SECTION 12 - PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 (AS AMENDED)
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT)
REGULATIONS 2004-2011**

Notice is hereby given that the Members of Laois County Council following a Special Council meeting on the 1st September 2021, having considered the Draft Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027 and the Chief Executive's Report in respect of the submissions received, have resolved in accordance with Section 12(6) and (7) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2020, that the Draft Plan be amended.

The proposed amendments constitute Material Alterations to the Draft Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027.

Laois County Council has screened the Proposed Material Alterations and determined that certain alterations require full Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and certain Material Alterations require stage 2 Appropriate Assessment (AA). In accordance with Section 12(7)(aa) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended), the Screening for SEA and AA Determinations, a copy of the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Plan, the SEA Environmental Report (which includes information on the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing relevant alterations and has been informed by Strategic Flood Risk Assessment) and the AA Natura Impact Report will be available for public inspection from **23rd September 2021 to 21st October 2021**, inclusive, at the following locations;

- <https://consult.laois.ie>
- The Planning Office, Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, JFL Avenue, Portlaoise, Co. Laois (by appointment only during normal opening hours as per Covid-19 Guidelines);
- All branch Libraries in the County during normal opening hours and subject to Covid -19 restrictions in place at the time.

Observations or submissions regarding the Material Alterations to the Draft Development Plan and/or SEA Environmental Report and/or AA Natura Impact Report are invited from members of the public and other interested parties.

You can make an observation or submission via the following options only;

- Online by registering on <https://consult.laois.ie/> where you can then make a submission on the draft chapters, appendix, environmental reports and maps; or
- Via email to cdp@laoiscoco.ie; or
- In writing marked "**Draft Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027 – MATERIAL ALTERATIONS**" to the Senior Planner, Planning Department, Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, JFL Avenue, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed Material Alterations, the associated the Screening for SEA and AA Determinations, SEA Environmental Report and the AA Natura Impact Report may be made no later than **5.00pm on 21st October 2021** and will be taken into consideration before the making of the Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027.

Late submissions will not be accepted.

To assist the public in engaging in the process the plan making team will be available for a telephone consultation by appointment (phone 057 866 4065 and quote Material Alterations) between the hours of 9.30 and 13.00 on the 4th and 6th October 2021.

Laois County Council will treat all personal data you may give as confidential. We will retain your data for no longer than is necessary for the purpose of this County Development Plan and in accordance with Laois County Council's Retention Policy and the relevant Data Protection legislation.

Please note that all submissions will be made available for public viewing on the Council's consultation website during the plan-making period and will also form part of the statutory Chief Executive's Report to be presented to the full Council.

For any queries please email cdp@laoiscoco.ie or phone 057 866 4065.

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