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**DRAFT LOCAL AUTHORITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2024 – 2029
SECTION 14 B OF THE CLIMATE ACTION AND
LOW CARBON DEVELOPMENT ACT 2015, AS AMENDED BY
THE CLIMATE ACTION AND LOW CARBON DEVELOPMENT
(AMENDMENT) ACT 2021**

Laois County Council has put its Draft Climate Action Plan out for public consultation. The draft Laois County Council Climate Action Plan covers the period 2024-2029. The Draft Climate Action Plan sets out how the local authority can promote a range of mitigation, adaptation and other climate action measures, to help deliver the Government's National Climate Objective to achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, a transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy.

The Draft Climate Action Plan is accompanied by an Environmental Report, prepared in accordance with the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 435 of 2004 as amended by S.I. 200 of 2011) for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) Natura Impact Report, pursuant to Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC.

A copy of the Draft Climate Action Plan and associated documents is available to view online at <https://consult.laois.ie/>

The Draft Climate Action Plan may be inspected during public opening hours from **Wednesday, 1st November 2023 until Thursday, 14th December 2023** inclusive, at the following location:

Áras an Chontae, JFL Avenue, Portlaoise R32 EHP9

At the following Public Libraries during normal opening hours:

- Mountmellick Library, O'Moore St, Townparks, Mountmellick, Co. Laois R32 PX61
- Portarlinton Library, 2 Main St, Cooltederry, Portarlinton, Co. Laois, R32 F9WF
- Abbeyleix Library, Market House, Market Square, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois R32 CY65
- Portlaoise Library, 23 Lower Main Street, Portlaoise, Co. Laois R32 N7EP

Making a Submission or Observation

Written submissions or observations regarding the Draft Climate Action Plan, SEA Environmental Report and AA Natura Impact Report, are invited from members of the public and other interested parties. Submissions or observations may be made in one of three ways:

1. Online via the Councils Public Consultation Portal at <https://consult.laois.ie/>
2. Via Email with "Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan" in the subject line to climateaction@laoiscoco.ie
3. In writing (marked "Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan") to:
Climate Action Co-ordinator, Áras an Chontae, JFL Avenue, Portlaoise, R32 EHP9

Submissions or observations must be made in writing no later than **4pm Thursday, 14th December 2023**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Please consider the following in making your submission:

1. Submissions should be made using ONE method only i.e. online or in hard copy.
2. Submissions or observations should include your name and address and, where relevant, details of any organisation, community group or company etc. you represent.
3. Written submissions or observations with respect to the Draft Climate Action Plan, made within the period stated, will be taken into consideration before the making of the Climate Action Plan.
4. Please ensure that no vexatious, libelous or confidential information, including confidential information relating to a third party (in respect of which the third party has not, expressly, or impliedly in the circumstances, consented to its disclosure) is included.
5. All submissions/observations will be subject to the Data Protection Act 1988-2018 and the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

Public Information Drop-in Events:

Council staff will be available during these times to provide guidance on the Draft Climate Action Plan and on the consultation process, you are welcome to come along to:

Location	Drop-in clinic	Times
Mountmellick Library	Weds 15th	11am - 1pm
Portarlinton Library	Weds 15th	5pm - 7pm
Abbeyleix Library	Thurs 23rd	11am - 1pm
Portlaoise Library	Thurs 23rd	5pm - 7pm

If you require more details, please contact the Climate Action Section at 057 8664265 or email climateaction@laoiscoco.ie

Signed: Donal Brennan
Director of Services

Date: 26/10/2023

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