



**NOTICE OF PRE-DRAFT PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR PROPOSED  
PORTARLINGTON JOINT LOCAL AREA PLAN 2024-2030  
CONSULTATION UNDER SECTION 20 (1) OF THE  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED).**

Notice is hereby given that jointly Laois and Offaly County Councils intend to prepare a Draft Joint Local Area Plan for Portarlington and are now engaging in pre-draft consultation pursuant to Section 20 (1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). The pre-draft consultation will inform preparation of the Draft Local Area Plan which will be subject to further consultation at a later stage which will be accompanied by a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Environmental Report prepared as part of a Strategic Environmental Assessment under the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations, 2004 (as amended). The Draft Local Area Plan will also be subject to the Appropriate Assessment requirements under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC).

**Information**

The public consultation will take place from Thursday September 21st until 5.00pm on Thursday October 19th 2023 inclusive. In order to stimulate debate and encourage participation in this process before the Draft Joint Local Area Plan is prepared, Laois and Offaly County Councils have prepared a Planning Consultation Issues Paper which can be viewed on the Councils websites at <https://www.offaly.ie/portlap-predraft> and <http://consult.laois.ie> or can be viewed during normal opening hours at:

- **Offaly County Council, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.**
- **Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, James Fintan Lalor Ave, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.**

Council staff will be available to answer general queries and provide guidance on the Pre-Draft Consultation at the following location on the following date:

**Date:** Wednesday 4th October 2023

**Time:** 3pm – 7pm

**Venue:** Portarlington Library, Main Street, Portarlington.

Should any member of the public wish to make a specific appointment, please arrange to do so by phone (057)8664000 or by email to: [portarlingtonlap@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlap@laoiscoco.ie) or [portlap@offalycoco.ie](mailto:portlap@offalycoco.ie)

**Submissions**

Submissions and observations in relation to the Pre-Draft Joint Local Area Plan Consultation are invited from members of the public and other interested parties/stakeholders. Children, or groups or associations representing the interests of children, are entitled to make submissions or observations.

Submissions and observations can be made as follows:

- Through the relevant consultation portal(s) <https://submit.link/IQP> or <http://consult.laois.ie>
- by email to: [portlap@offalycoco.ie](mailto:portlap@offalycoco.ie) or [portarlingtonlap@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlap@laoiscoco.ie)
- in writing marked “**Portarlington Joint Local Area Plan Review**” and sent to the following relevant address:

**Offaly County Council, Senior Planner, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.**

**Laois County Council, Senior Planner, Áras an Chontae, James Fintan Lalor Ave, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.**

- All submissions should be in one medium only i.e. hard copy or via the consultation portal online or by email. This will avoid the duplication of submission reference numbers and will streamline the process.
- Include your name and address and, where relevant, details of any organisation, community group or company you represent on a separate page to the content of your submission, in order to assist in complying with the provisions of the Data Protection Act.
- The Planning process is an open and public one. In that context, all submissions / observations will be taken into consideration, are a matter of public record and will be placed on the County Councils websites. Please be advised that the name of the person(s)/group(s) who make submissions will be published, but personal data will be redacted. This processing of your personal data is lawful under Article 6(1)(e) of the GDPR Regulations.

The Councils Data Protection Policy, is available at:

<https://laois.ie/wp-content/uploads/Agreed-Laois-County-Council-revised-Data-Protection-policy-1.pdf>

[https://www.offaly.ie/app/uploads/Council/Council\\_Services\\_A-Z/Planning\\_Building/Privacy-Statement-draft-LAP.pdf](https://www.offaly.ie/app/uploads/Council/Council_Services_A-Z/Planning_Building/Privacy-Statement-draft-LAP.pdf)

**YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO MAKE YOUR SUBMISSION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. LATEST TIME FOR RECEIPT OF SUBMISSIONS (POST/ONLINE/EMAIL) IS 5.00pm Thursday 19th October 2023.**

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