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NOTICE OF THE PREPARATION OF THE OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL DRAFT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2024-2029

Notice is hereby given that Offaly County Council has, pursuant to Section 16 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, prepared a Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.

The Draft 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.

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 on the national climate obligations and the Government's overall National Climate Objective, which seeks to pursue and achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy.

Public Consultation

The Offaly County Council Draft Climate Action Plan, the Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report and Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report, will be on display from the **24th of October to the 6th of December 2023**, at the following locations:

Online at <https://www.offaly.ie/climate-change-action-plan-consultation/>

- Áras An Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, R35 F893.
- Tullamore Municipal District, Acres Hall, Cormac St, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, R35 WV59.
- Birr Municipal District, Birr Civic Offices, Wilmer Rd, Townspark, Birr, Co. Offaly, R42 X271.
- Edenderry Municipal District, Town Hall, Edenderry, Co. Offaly, R45 K766.

Available from Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays) between the hours of 9:30 to 16:00.

At the following Council libraries during normal opening hours, during the consultation period:

- Tullamore Library
- Birr Library
- Edenderry Library

Public Information Drop-in Events

Council staff will be available to provide guidance on the Draft LACAP and on the consultation process and you are welcome to come along to:

01/11/2023	Edenderry Library	18:00-19:30
08/11/2023	Birr Library	18:00-19:30
09/11/2023	Edenderry Library	12:00-13:30
16/11/2023	Acres Hall	10:00-14:00
23/11/2023	Tullamore Library	18:00-19:30

Any further public consultation events will be advertised during the consultation period on <https://www.offaly.ie/climate-change-action-plan-consultation/>.

Submissions/Observations

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. You can make a submission or observation between inclusive, through the following options only:

- A written submission can be made electronically through the Council's Public Consultation Portal the 24th of October to the 6th of December 2023; or
- In writing to the Climate Action Coordinator John McNally at Climate Action, Environment and Rural Water, Offaly County Council, Áras An Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co Offaly, R35 F893.

The closing date for receipt of submissions or observations is the 6th of December 2023.

Please make your submission or observations by **one** medium only i.e. online or hard copy. Submissions or observations should include your name and address and, where relevant, details of any organisation, community group or company etc. which you represent. Children, or groups or associations representing the interests of children, are particularly encouraged to make submissions or observations regarding the foregoing.

Written submissions or observations with respect to the Draft Plan that are made within the period stated, will be taken into consideration before the making of the Plan.

Please note **LATE** submissions or observations will **not** be considered. You are strongly advised to make your submission or observation as early as possible.

Data Protection

Submissions should include the full name and address of the person making the submission, details of organisation, group or company represented where relevant.

Please include a map if your submission refers to a particular location, land or feature.

Groups or associations representing the interests of children are entitled to make submissions or observations on the Draft LAP.

Please be advised that all submissions received may be published online and will be set out in a Chief Executive's Report that will also be published.

Please ensure that no vexatious, libellous 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. Offaly Local Authority reserves the right to redact any submission or part thereof that does not comply with this requirement.

Offaly County Council is subject to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act, 2014, the Data Protection Acts 1988-2018 and to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). All responses will be stored in compliance with GDPR. Offaly County Council's GDPR policy and Privacy Statement is available on our website.

Dated: 16th of October 2023

**Tom Shanahan, Director of Service,
Climate Action, Environment and Rural Water.**