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The Secretary,
An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
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13th February, 2026.

**Re: Compulsory Purchase Order No. 11 of 2025
Land at Grattan Street, Maryborough, Maryborough East,
Portlaoise, Co. Laois.**

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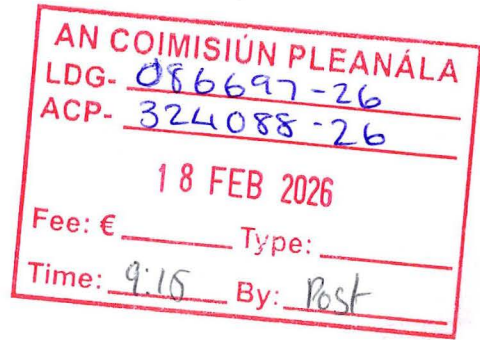
I refer to the above matter and attach the following documents in relation to a proposed compulsory acquisition undertaken by Laois County Council:

1. Copy of memorandum dated 17th November, 2025 from Denise Rainey, Town Regeneration Officer, approved by Angela McEvoy, Director of Services.
2. Copy of Chief Executive's Order number 153.2025 authorising the making and publication of the CPO.
3. 3 copies of CPO.
4. 3 copies of map CPO-LS-GS-00 on which the land is shown.
5. 3 Copies of Notice of CPO.
6. Photos of Notices erected on site.
7. Clear and legible copy of newspaper advert.
8. Evidence of postage of notification of the CPO to the Registered Owner of the property.

I would be grateful if An Coimisiún Pleanála could now consider confirming this acquisition, subject to any submissions made by any other party.

Is mise le meas,

**Pamela Tynan,
County Secretary.**



Tá Fáilte Romhat
Gnó a Dhéanamh
as Gaeilge

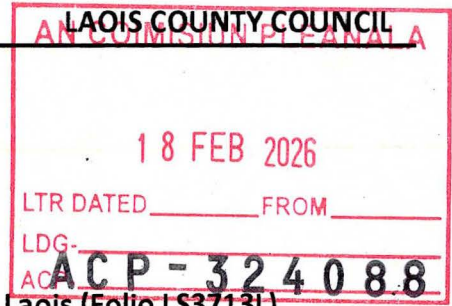
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'I bpáirt leis an bpobal'
Arna phriontáil ar pháipéar atá 100% athchúrsáilte – Do Chomhshaoil a chothú



MEMORANDUM

TO: Angela McEvoy, Director of Services
FROM: Denise Rainey, Town Regeneration Officer
SUBJECT: Proposed Compulsory Purchase Order
Property at 1-2 Grattan Street, Portlaoise, Co. Laois (Folio LS3713L)
DATE: 17th November, 2025.



I refer to the above vacant site at 1-2 Grattan Street, Portlaoise, Co. Laois (Folio LS3713L).



The registered owner of the property is Michael Feane of 14 The Poplars, Forest Park, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

Correspondence was issued to the registered owner on 17th October, 2025. This correspondence was returned by An Post as 'Not Called For'.

The Housing Department are keen to acquire this vacant site for a social housing development. The adjoining property at No. 3 Grattan Street is currently for sale and the Housing Department are also looking into purchasing this property.

I would consider it necessary at this stage that the Council use its powers under Compulsory Purchase legislation to acquire the property. In making this recommendation, I confirm that the compulsory acquisition of said properties:

- i. accords with the provisions of the Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027 and in particular policy objectives HPO 5, HPO 14 and HPO 34 thereof (see below).
- ii. accords with general Government policy as set out in Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025 - 2030 - An Action Plan on Housing Supply and Targeting Homelessness, and particularly Pillar 1.4 - Securing Additional Supply, Ending Dereliction & Vacancy.

iii accords with provisions of Laois CDP in relation to zoning. The Council will discharge any compensation due to any reputed owner and I therefore recommend that the property be acquired under the Housing Act 1966 through the Compulsory Purchase Order process.

*Site zoned
Town Centre
residential
a permitted
use.*

Denise Rainey
Denise Rainey,
Town Regeneration Officer.

CPO Acquisition Approved –
Property at 1-2 Grattan Street, Portlaoise, Co. Laois (Folio LS3713L)

Signed: Angela McEvoy
Angela McEvoy,
Director of Services.

Date: 19th November '25

Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027

HPO 5

To engage in active land management and site activation measures, including the implementation of the vacant site levy on all vacant residential and regeneration lands, and address dereliction and vacancy to ensure the viability of towns and village centres, i.e. Portlaoise, Portarlington, Mountmellick and Graiguecullen.

HPO 14

Promote residential development addressing any shortfall in housing provision through active land management and a coordinated planned approach to developing appropriately zoned lands at key locations including regeneration areas, vacant sites, and underutilised sites. This includes backland development, thus promoting a more efficient use of zoned land.

HPO 34

Meet the County's housing need for social housing provision through a range of mechanisms, including:

- (i) Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended),
- (ii) a social housing building programme,
- (iii) acquisition, leasing,
- (iv) the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) scheme,
- (v) the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) and
- (vi) the utilisation of existing housing stock, i.e. vacant and underutilised sites

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LAOISE

LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ORDER

Original	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Register	<input type="checkbox"/>
File Copy	<input type="checkbox"/>

FILE REF: REGENERATION UNIT

Order No: 153.2025

SUBJECT: Compulsory Purchase Order No. 11 of 2025

Land at Grattan Street, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

NOTED: Memo dated 17th November, 2025 from Denise Rainey, Town Regeneration Officer, approved by Angela McEvoy, Director of Services, confirming that the above Compulsory Purchase Order is necessary and that the subject land is suitable and necessary for housing purposes and recommending that the land be acquired by Compulsory Purchase Order for that purpose.

ORDER:-

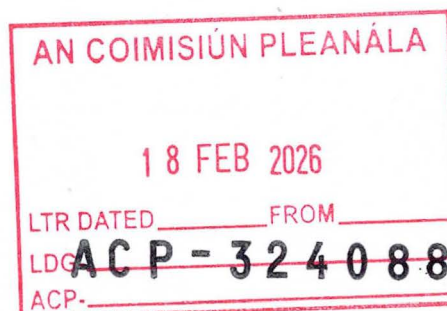
I, MICHAEL RAINEY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR COUNTY LAOIS BY VIRTUE OF MY POWERS FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001, AS AMENDED, HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the land as detailed above is required for Housing purposes and that said land be acquired by Compulsory Purchase Order, in accordance with Section 76 of the Housing Act 1966 and the Third Schedule thereto, as extended by Section 10 of the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960, as amended by the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2024.
2. That a Compulsory Purchase Order be prepared in the prescribed form and that the official Seal of the Council is to be affixed to the Compulsory Purchase Order and relevant maps.
3. That the Notice of the making of the Compulsory Purchase Order be published and served in accordance with Article 4 of the Third Schedule to the Housing Act 1966, as amended by the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2024.
4. That the Compulsory Purchase Order and relevant maps be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála for confirmation in accordance with Section 76 of the Housing Act 1966 and the Third Schedule thereto, as amended.

Signed:


Michael Rainey,
Chief Executive.

Date: 9th December 2025





AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA

COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 76 OF AND THE THIRD SCHEDULE TO THE HOUSING ACT, 1966, AS AMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 8 FEB 2026

HOUSING ACT, 1966

LTR DATED FROM
LD **ACP - 324088**

SECTION 10 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 11 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NO. 2) ACT, 1960 AND SECTION 213 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000

LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

Land at Grattan Street, Maryborough, Maryborough East, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

Compulsory Purchase Order No. 11 of 2025

WHEREAS in pursuance of section 10 of the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960, as substituted by section 86 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by section 6 and the Second Schedule to the Roads Act, 1993 and amended and extended by the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 - 2014, Laois County Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Housing Authority") has decided to effect the acquisition of the land to which this order relates under the Housing Act, 1966 (as amended).

NOW THEREFORE it is hereby ordered that:

Subject to the provisions of this order the housing authority is hereby authorised –

1. To acquire compulsorily for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1966, the land described in Part I and II of the Schedule hereto, which land is shown on a map marked CPO-LS-GS-00 and sealed with the seal of the housing authority and deposited at the offices of the housing authority (hereinafter referred to as "the deposited map").

2. (1) The land described in Part I of the Schedule hereto and coloured pink on the deposited map consists of a house unfit for human habitation and not capable of being rendered fit for human habitation at reasonable expense.

(2) The land described in Part II of the Schedule hereto and coloured grey on the deposited map is land other than land consisting of a house or houses unfit for human habitation and not capable of being rendered fit for human habitation at reasonable expense.

3. Subject to any necessary adaptations, the provisions of –

(a) the Lands Clauses Acts (except sections 127 to 132 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, and article 20 of the Second Schedule to the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890), and

(b) the Acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) Act, 1919, as amended by the Acquisition of Land (Reference Committee) Act, 1925, the Property Values (Arbitrations and Appeals) Act, 1960, and the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 (as applied by section 265 (3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000),

as modified by the Third Schedule to the Housing Act, 1966, are hereby incorporated in this order and the provisions of those Acts shall apply accordingly.

4. This Order may be cited as Compulsory Purchase Order No. 11 of 2025 - Land at Grattan Street, Maryborough, Maryborough East, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

Compulsory Purchase Order No. 11 of 2025

Land at Grattan Street, Maryborough, Maryborough East, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

SCHEDULE

LANDS BEING PERMANENTLY ACQUIRED

PART I

Land consisting of a house unfit for human habitation and not capable of being rendered fit for human habitation at reasonable expense.


Number on map deposited at the offices of the housing authority	Quantity, description and situation of the land	Owners or reputed owners	Lessees or reputed lessees	Occupiers (except tenants for a month or a less period than a month)
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

PART II

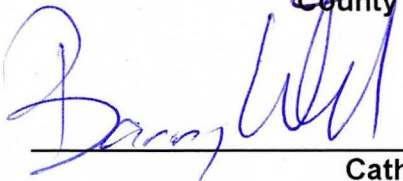
Land other than land consisting of a house or houses unfit for human habitation and not capable of being rendered fit for human habitation at reasonable expense.

Number on map deposited at the offices of the housing authority	Quantity, description and situation of the land	Owners or reputed owners	Lessees or reputed lessees	Occupiers (except tenants for a month or a period less than a month)
CPO-LS-GS-00	Land of 1,046 Sq.M. (0.105 Hectares) approx.	Michael Feane	Not Known	Not Known

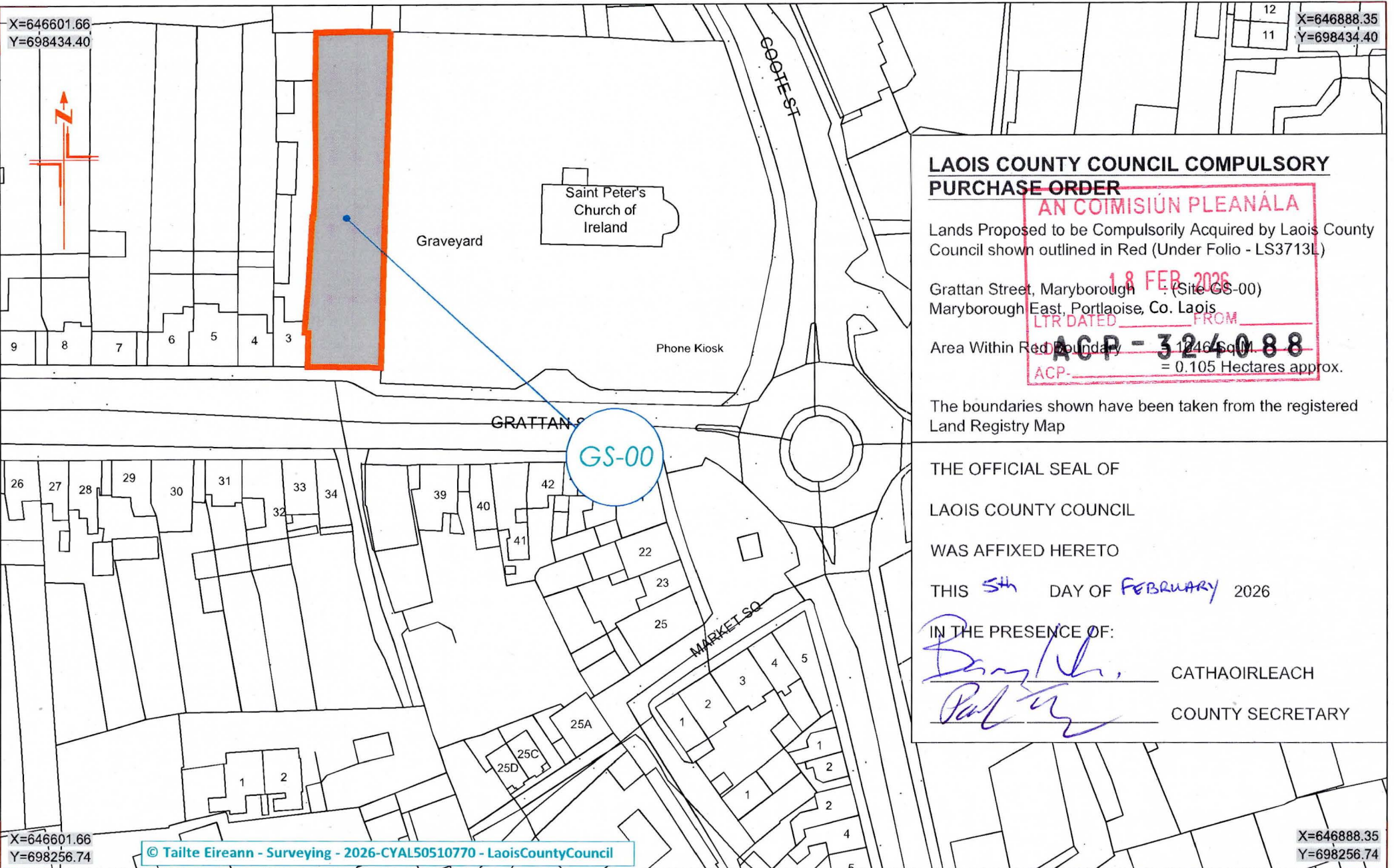
The official seal of the housing authority was affixed hereto this
the 5th day of FEBRUARY, 2026 in the presence of:



County Secretary



Cathaoirleach



LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER

AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA

Lands Proposed to be Compulsorily Acquired by Laois County Council shown outlined in Red (Under Folio - LS3713L)

Grattan Street, Maryborough (Site GS-00)
Maryborough East, Portlaoise, Co. Laois

18 FEB 2026
LTR DATED FROM
ACP - 324088
ACP = 0.105 Hectares approx.

Area Within Red Boundary = 0.105 Hectares approx.

The boundaries shown have been taken from the registered Land Registry Map

THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF
LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL
WAS AFFIXED HERETO

THIS 5th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

[Signature] CATHAOIRLEACH
[Signature] COUNTY SECRETARY

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LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL
PLANNING SECTION,
COUNTY HALL,
PORTLAOISE,
CO. LAOIS.
PHONE: (057) 8664000

REVISION:	DESCRIPTION:	DATE:

DRAWING TITLE:
Land at Grattan Street, Maryborough,
Maryborough East, Portlaoise, Co. Laois
Deposited Map 2026

Scale: 1:1000
Drawn By: JC
Ref: 2025/11 Sheet Size: A4
Ref. File: CPO No.11 of 2025

Date: 07/01/2026
Checked By: GR
Drawing No.: CPO-LS-GS-00



COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 76 OF AND THE THIRD SCHEDULE TO THE HOUSING ACT, 1966, AS AMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS, 2000 - 2014

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COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND

Compulsory Purchase Order No. 11 of 2025

Land at Grattan Street, Maryborough, Maryborough East, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL (hereinafter referred to as the "Housing Authority") who, pursuant to Section 10 of the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960, as substituted by section 86 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by section 6 and the Second Schedule to the Roads Act, 1993 and amended and extended by the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 – 2014, has made an order entitled as above which is about to be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála for confirmation. If confirmed, the order will authorise the housing authority to acquire compulsorily the land described in the Schedule for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1966. Owners, lessees and occupiers of the land described in the Schedule will receive individual written notice.

An Coimisiún cannot confirm -

- (a) a compulsory purchase order in respect of the land if an objection is made in respect of the acquisition by an owner, lessee or occupier of the land, and not withdrawn,
- (b) an order which authorises the extinguishment of a public right of way if there is an objection to the extinguishment, which is not withdrawn,

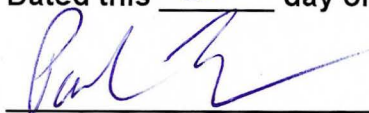
until it has considered the objection(s).

An Coimisiún Pleanála has an absolute discretion under Section 218 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) to hold an oral hearing. In the event of objections, An Coimisiún Pleanála, may at its absolute discretion, hold an oral hearing in relation to the matter.

A copy of the order and of the maps referred to in it may be seen on our website at www.laois.ie, or by appointment, at the offices of Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32 EHP9 between the hours of **9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on working days between 10th February, 2026 and 13th March, 2026**. To make an appointment to view the CPO documents and maps please send an e-mail to vacanthomes@laoiscoco.ie.

Objections to the order should be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 before 5.00 p.m. on 13th March, 2026.

Dated this 5th day of FEBRUARY, 2026.


Pamela Tynan,
County Secretary,
Laois County Council.



**CPO No. 11 of 2025 - Land at Grattan Street, Maryborough, Maryborough East,
Portlaoise, Co. Laois
CPO Notices on Site 10/02/2026**



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Laois commuters invited to take part in survey for future planning

Sandra Malone
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People in Laois have been invited to take part in a county-wide survey on their commuting experiences.

Laois County Council have launched a new commuter survey this Tuesday, February 3 in order to create an accurate picture of where people living in Laois are commuting to for work, how often they commute, and challenges they face.

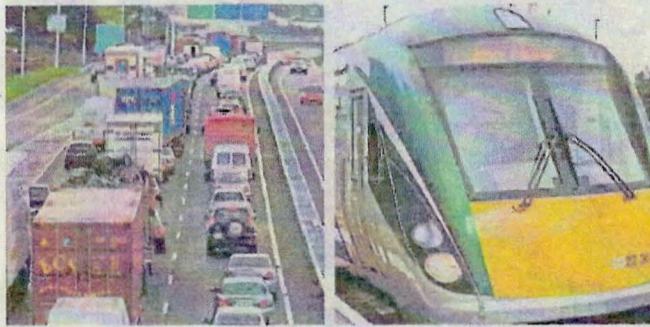
The survey has been commissioned by Laois County Council with the aim of understanding the commuting patterns of Laois residents and to quantify the potential represented by the commuter population by

analysing their skill sets as well as their desire to live and work in Laois.

A similar survey was launched back in 2018, although there have been major changes to people's working patterns since then following the COVID-19 pandemic and the rise in working from home.

According to figures from the last Census in 2022, the average Laois commuter travelled 32.3 minutes to get to work. The study also showed that over 6,221 people in Laois travelled more than an hour to get to work.

The average distance Laois commuters travelled to work was also 25.3km, far greater than the national average of 16.8km. It is



Laois commuters invited to take part in survey for future planning.

estimated that over 13,000 people now commute from the county everyday. With such a large amount of people exiting the county each day, this new study wants to hear directly from commuters to identify long-term development plans.

Laois County Council said

that this survey will be utilised to "shape policies that make working closer to home a reality, reduce travel times and strengthen the local economy."

The survey takes around five minutes to complete and is fully anonymous. Questions will focus on where people commute to for

work and how frequently, their current work status and commuting habits, their skills and qualifications as well as the industry they work in.

People will also be asked about their attitudes towards living and working in Laois, as well as their views on local or remote work opportunities. Within the survey, people are also asked whether they are satisfied with the cost of travelling to work, how they travel, their level of pay, job security and their work life balance.

The survey also gauges people's interest and knowledge about co-working hubs which offer a shared working space. There has been calls recently for more

late trains in Laois, with politicians and commuters all looking for the last train service departing Heuston Station at 11:10pm to be extended to include Portarlinton and Portlaoise Train Station.

Commuters are asked directly in this survey whether they think this train service should be extended to Portlaoise and how often they would use it.

The survey is being carried out by a leading market research firm, Interactions Research, and is available now for people to take part in. To take the survey, you can visit laois.ie/survey.

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LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

Compulsory Purchase Order No. 10 of 2025:

Land at Woodgrove, Clonroosk, Maryborough East, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

Compulsory Purchase Order No. 11 of 2025:

Land at Grattan Street, Maryborough, Maryborough East, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

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Dated this 10th February, 2026.

Pamela Tynan,
County Secretary.

LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL
"IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY"

Firefighters respond to a record number of emergencies

Sandra Malone
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Laois County Fire & Rescue Service recorded its highest number of incidents on record last year, with firefighters responding to over 1,000 emergencies.

Across the eight fire services in Laois, firefighters responded to 1,036 emergency incidents in 2025. Of this figure, 299 were fires, 571 were special service incidents and 166 were false alarms.

According to the Chief Executive's Report from Laois County Council, this is the highest number of incidents on record and the first year that the fire service has been mobilised to over 1,000 incidents. The report states that the total turn-outs amounted to 1,440 across the network of fire stations in Laois.

Of the eight fire stations in Laois, Portlaoise was by far the busiest with 429 turn-outs. Mountmellick followed in second place with 206.

Stradbally Fire Station, which is currently awaiting the construction of its new building,



Portlaoise Fire Station was the busiest station in Laois last year with over 400 turn-outs.

recorded 190 turn-outs last year. Despite its temporary location at the junction of Main Street and the Abbeyleix Road since last January, it is one of the busiest stations in the county.

Portarlinton was not far behind with 188, then Mountrath with 132, Abbeyleix with 120, Durrow with 89, and Rathdowney with 86.

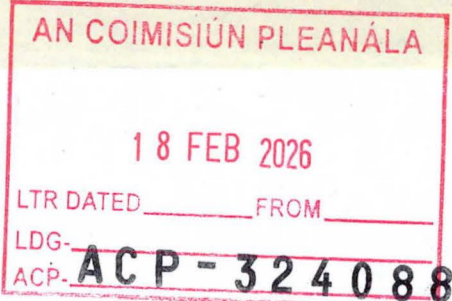
As the demand has increased for fire and rescue services in Laois, a recruitment campaign for retained firefighters has been ongoing for all stations in the county.

Director of Services at Laois County Council, Simon Walton, said at the recent meeting of the council on Monday, January 26 that there are currently 07 retained

firefighters in Laois and they aim to get this figure up to 100. He said that the remaining 7 positions are hoped to be filled in the coming months. In December 2025, Portlaoise and Mountmellick received two new Class B Fire Appliances which cost €975,000. The vehicles are now on the go in Portlaoise and Mountmellick.

The vehicles were 100% funded by the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management who allocated another Class B Fire Appliance for the county at the end of December. The appliance will cost €470,000 and is expected to be delivered in the first half of 2027.

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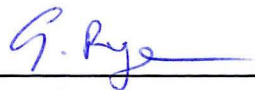
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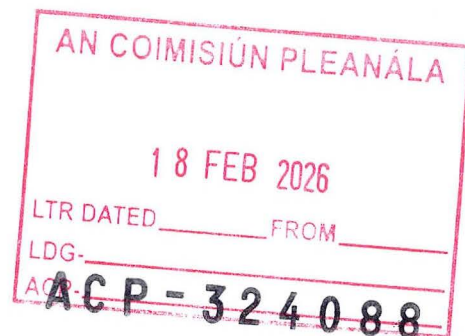
Compulsory Acquisition of Land
Laois County Council
Compulsory Purchase Order No. 11 of 2025
Land at Grattan Street, Maryborough, Maryborough East,
Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

I hereby certify that an original form of notice and schedule were placed in an envelope and addressed to the known landowner as follows:

Name	Address	Registered Post Reference Number
Michael Feane	14 The Poplars, Forest Park, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.	RL 5676 7328 5IE

I hereby certify that the envelope as outlined above was issued by Registered Post today.


Gerry Ryan,
Senior Staff Officer,
Regeneration Unit.



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