

Former mayor installs AED device where wife sadly passed away

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Well known Laois figure Rotimi Adebare, the first black mayor in Ireland, sadly lost his wife Ibironke following a cardiac arrest in August of 2024.

One year on, Mr Adebare and his family have fundraised for the installation of an automated external defibrillator (AED) to be installed on the Portlaoise site where Mrs Adebare sadly passed away.

This fundraiser was supported by the family and friends of the Adebare family, with funds also raised by Laois Bible Church and Mrs Adebare's former colleagues at Tusla. Mrs Adebare passed away on the Borris Road, Portlaoise at 8am on August 22, 2024. Exactly one year on, to the hour, family, friends and local figures gathered for the installation of the defibrillator.

"We were honoured to assist with this project in memory of Ibironke Adebare," a spokesperson for Laois Civil Defence has



The late Ibironke Adebare.

said. "Well done to the Adebare family and Ibironke's friends and colleagues who donated this valuable asset to the community."

The National Ambulance Service also paid tribute to the Adebare family.

"On Friday August 22, 2025 at 8am, marking exactly a year since Ibironke Adebare suffered a cardiac arrest on this spot, her family and friends honoured her memory by installing a Public Access Defibrillator on the Borris Road in Portlaoise," they said.

There was an abundance of support and kind words online from Laois locals, following the

touching tribute from the Adebare family.

"Well done to all involved Laois Bible Church and the family and friends of Ibironke, what a fantastic way to honour her memory and bless others," one user wrote.

"That is a fantastic gesture," another person said.

"Well done to all involved, great to see," another user said. The Adebare family are well known in the Laois community, with political roots and ties to the church.

Mr Adebare was first elected to Portlaoise Town council in 2004 as an Independent. Three years later, the Councillor was elected as Mayor of Portlaoise, making history as Ireland's first black mayor.

He was re-elected to the Council in the 2009 local elections, and made a failed bid in the 2011 general election. Mr Adebare lost his seat on Laois County Council in 2014, though he still remains active in the community.



Family, friends and Laois representatives gather for the installation of an AED device in Portlaoise, marking the spot where Mrs Ibironke Adebare sadly passed away. Pic: NAS



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA/ THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL THE DEVELOPMENT OF 67 HOUSING UNITS AT TYRRELLS LAND, STRADBALLY ROAD, PORTLAOISE, CO LAOIS.

Pursuant to section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Laois County Council proposes to make an application for approval to An Coimisiún Pleanála/The Commission for Approval for the following development:

Location	Nature of Development
Townland of Borris Little Barony of Maryborough East, County of Laois	Details of development: The construction of 67 no. housing units consisting of • 6 no. 1 bed 2 person • 5 no. 2 bed 3 person • 17 no 2 bed 4 person • 35 no. 3 bed 5 person • 4 no 4 bed 7 person on a site of 2.0ha at Tyrrells Land, situated along Stradbally Road, Portlaoise, Co. Laois. The site is within the Curtilage of a Protected Structure, RPS 925, Portrain House, Stradbally Road, Portlaoise. The development will also include the provision of public open space, public walk-way along east boundary, flood defence infrastructure, public lighting, upgraded vehicular access along the Stradbally Road, 116 no. car parking spaces including both in-curtilage and on street parking, (includes required accessible parking space and EV charging spaces), cycle parking, boundary treatments, ESB Substation, laying of underground sewers, watermain and pipes, attenuation, the importation of soil and stone as by product for engineering and landscaping purposes within the development and all associated ancillary works including site development works, and hard and soft landscaping.

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A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

An Coimisiún Pleanála/The Commission may, in relation to an application for approval under section 177AE, of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, may give approval to the application for development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for development.

The Plans and Particulars and NIS will be available for inspection free of charge, or may be purchased on payment of a small fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during normal office 9.30pm to 4.30pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays), except where stated otherwise below, during the period from

Wednesday 10th September 2025 to Friday 25th October 2025 inclusive, at the following locations:

- The offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála/The Commission 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1
- At Planning Office, Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, JFL Avenue, Portlaoise.
- The Natura Impact Statement, including the plans and particulars for the proposed development, will also be available for viewing online at <https://www.pleanala.ie/> from

Wednesday 10th September 2025 to Friday 25th October 2025 inclusive

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development may be made in writing to An Coimisiún Pleanála/The Commission in relation to

- the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development;
 - the likely consequences for the proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which it is proposed to situate the said development of such development,
- and
- The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European Site, if carried out.

Submissions or observations should be made in writing to An Coimisiún Pleanála/The Commission, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 on or before 5.00pm on Friday 25th October 2025.

9th September 2025. Date of Erection of Site Notice.

Donal Brennan,
Director of Services.

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Mr Rotimi Adebare and Fianna Fáil TD Sean Fleming cut the ribbon on the new AED in Portlaoise.