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LAOIS

COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND

Compulsory Purchase Order No. 9 of 2026

45 Kiln Lane, Mountrath, Co. Laois, R32 Y472.

To: Seamus Walsh,
Stickens,
Carragh,
Naas,
County Kildare.

15th October, 2026.

1. The County Council of Laois (hereinafter referred to as "the housing authority") in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 76 of the Housing Act, 1966 and the Third Schedule thereto (as amended by the Planning and Development Act 2000), have made an order entitled as above which is about to be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála for confirmation.

2. If confirmed, the order will authorise the housing authority to acquire compulsorily the land described in the Schedule to this notice for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1966.

3. A copy of the order and of the maps referred to in it may be seen on the Council website - www.laois.ie, or by appointment, between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on working days between 20th October, 2026 and 20th November, 2026 at the offices of Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32 EHP9. To make an appointment to view the CPO documents and maps please send an e-mail to vacanthomes@laoiscoco.ie

4. The Housing Act, 1966, as amended, provides that, if an objection is made with respect to the proposed compulsory acquisition of land, the land in respect of which an objection is made by any of the persons upon whom notices of the making of the order are required to be served shall not be acquired compulsorily unless An Coimisiún Pleanála makes an order to confirm the compulsory purchase order, unless:—
(*a*) the objection is withdrawn, or
(*b*) the Board is satisfied that the objection relates exclusively to matters which can be dealt with by the arbitrator by whom the compensation may have to be assessed.

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of the land if an objection is made in respect of the acquisition by an owner, lessee or occupier of the land, and not withdrawn,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authorises the extinguishment of a public right of way if there is an objection to the extinguishment, which is not withdrawn,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.

5. Any objection to the order must state in writing the grounds of objection and be sent addressed to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 so as to reach An Coimisiún before 5.00 p.m. on 20th November, 2026.

6. An Coimisiún Pleanála, if it thinks fit, may in one or more stages annul the compulsory purchase order or confirm the order, with or without modification.

7. If no objection is received to the proposed compulsory acquisition of land, the objection is withdrawn or An Coimisiún Pleanála is satisfied that the objection relates exclusively to matters which can be dealt with by the arbitrator by whom the compensation may have to be assessed, An Coimisiún Pleanála shall inform the housing authority, which may then confirm the order with or without modification, or refuse to so confirm it.

8. If land to which the order, as confirmed by either An Coimisiún Pleanála or the housing authority, relates is acquired by the housing authority, compensation for the land will be assessed in respect of the acquisition as the value of the land at the date that the relevant notice to treat is served.

9. In the opinion of the housing authority, no part of the land in which you have an interest consists of a house or houses which are unfit for human habitation and not capable of being rendered fit for human habitation at reasonable expense. If the land to which the order relates is acquired by the housing authority, compensation will be assessed in accordance with Part II of the Fourth Schedule to the Housing Act, 1966 , and the provisions of 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), subject to the modifications contained in the Third Schedule to the Housing Act, 1966.

10. Any dispute in relation to compensation shall be referred to and be determined by a property arbitrator appointed under the Property Values (Arbitration and Appeals) Act, 1960.
11. A claimant for compensation may, at any time after the expiration of fourteen days from the date on which the relevant notice to treat is served, send to the Secretary, the Reference Committee, Four Courts, Dublin, an application in writing for the nomination of a property arbitrator for the purpose of determining the compensation to be paid. The application should be made in accordance with the Property Values (Arbitrations and Appeals) Rules, 1961 (S.I. No. 91 of 1961).

Olivia Dunne,
A/County Secretary.

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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-KL-45	Dwelling House and Land of 156 Sq.M. (0.02 Hectares) approx.	Seamus Walsh	Not Known	Not Known

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