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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.

HOUSING ACT, 1966

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 ACTS, 2000 – 2014.

Compulsory Purchase Order No. 9 of 2026
45 Kiln Lane, Mountrath, Co. Laois, R32 Y472.

Compulsory Purchase Order No. 10 of 2026
150 The Vale, Graiguecullen, Co. Laois, R93 X0D0.

LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL (hereinafter referred to as the "Housing Authority") who, pursuant to 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 has made orders entitled as above which are about to be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála for confirmation. If confirmed, the orders will authorise the housing authority to acquire compulsorily the lands described in the Schedules thereto for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1966.

Owners, lessees and occupiers of the lands described in the Schedules will receive individual written notice.

An Coimisiún Pleanála 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of the land if an objection is made in respect of the acquisition by an owner, lessee or occupier of the land, and not withdrawn,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authorises the extinguishment of a public right of way if there is an objection to the extinguishment, which is not withdrawn,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 orders and of the maps referred to in them 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 between the hours of **9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on working days between 20th October, 2026 and 20th November, 2026.** To make an appointment to view the CPO documents and maps please send an e-mail to vacanthomes@laoiscoco.ie. Objections to the orders should be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 before **5.00 p.m. on 20th November 2026.**

Olivia Dunne,
A/County Secretary.

Dated this 20th October 2026.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 - 2011 AND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 - 2011 NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BY A LOCAL AUTHORITY

In accordance with Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 – 2011, as amended and Part VIII, Article 80 & 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2011, Laois County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to carry out the following development:

Location	Nature of Development
Knocknamoe, Abbeyleix	The development of a technical rescue national learning and development centre at Knocknamoe, Abbeyleix. Specific Works to be Undertaken: • Construction of a welfare and classroom building • Construction of a steel framed rope rescue and agricultural / machinery rescue building • Extension and development of the existing rubble pile & confined space training rig. • Construction of heights rescue training tower • Construction of silo training rig • All associated ancillary works, to include car parking, fencing, site drainage and utilities, connection to public water supply and other services, lighting, landscaping, development-related signage and public art, connection and discharge to the public sewerage network.

Inspection
Plans and particulars of the above proposed development are available for viewing on our online consultation portal at https://consult.laois.ie from **Thursday 22nd October 2026 to Thursday 19th November 2026** inclusive.

Plans and particulars are also available for inspection at Abbeyleix Library, Main St., Abbeyleix from **Thursday 22nd October 2026 to Thursday 19th November 2026** inclusive.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and the sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, **may be made online at https://consult.laois.ie until 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 3rd December 2026.**

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and the sustainable development of the area in which the development is situated, **may also be made in writing to: Simon Walton, Director of Services, Laois County Council, Aras an Chontae, JFL Avenue, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.**

Submissions should be clearly marked: **Part VIII -Abbeyleix National Technical Rescue Learning & Development Centre**

Note: Only submissions made in the above manner will be considered as valid submissions for the purposes of the Chief Executive's Report that will be presented to Council.

The Council is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. If you consider that any of the information supplied by you is either commercially sensitive or confidential in nature, this should be highlighted and the reasons for its sensitivity specified. In such cases, the relevant material will, in response to FOI requests, be examined in light of exemptions provided for in the FOI Act.

Simon Walton,
Director of Services.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) (S.179) AND PART 8 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)

PART 8 - LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

REFURBISHMENT OF ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL BALLYLYNAN AND CHANGE OF USE OF THE FACILITY FROM EDUCATIONAL TO COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE.

In accordance with Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended and Part 8 articles 80 and 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended notice is hereby given that Laois County Council, propose to undertake refurbishment works at St. Patricks Primary School, Ballylynan and to change the use of the facility from educational to community and Social Enterprise.

The proposed development will include the following:

1. External and internal refurbishment of the building.
2. External works including the renewal of kerbing and surfaces together with soft and hard landscaping works.
3. Provision of Solar PV Panels on the roof of the building.
4. Change of use from Educational to Community use and Social Enterprise.

Plans and particulars of the above proposed development, including Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Reports, are available for viewing on our online consultation portal at https://consult.laois.ie from **20th October 2026 to 18th November 2026** inclusive. Plans and particulars are also available for inspection at the offices of Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, JFL Avenue, Portlaoise from **20th October 2026 to 18th November 2026** inclusive.

An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report for the proposed development has been completed and is available for inspection.

In accordance with Article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) Laois County Council, as the competent authority, has carried out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening and has determined that there is no likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an EIA is not required in respect of the proposed development.

In accordance with Article 250 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) Laois County Council, as the competent authority, has carried out Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening in respect of the proposed development to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge, if the development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would be likely to have a significant effect on a European site in view of its conservation objectives. Accordingly, Laois County Council has determined that the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect on a European site and that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not required in respect of the proposed development.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and the sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, **may be made online at https://consult.laois.ie before 5.00 p.m. on 2nd December 2026.**

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and the sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, **may also be made in writing** to: Angela McEvoy, Director of Services, Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co. Laois to be received not later than **5.00 p.m. on 2nd December 2026.** Submissions should be clearly marked: **Refurbishment of St. Patrick's Primary School Ballylynan and change of use of the facility from Educational to Community and Social Enterprise – Part 8.**

Note: Only submissions made in the above manner will be considered as valid submissions for the purposes of the Chief Executive's Report that will be presented to Council.

All the issues that are raised in submissions and observations to the Council in regard to this development, including the response of the Chief Executive thereto, will form part of the statutory report to be presented to the monthly meeting of Laois County Council. The statutory report will list the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with regulations made under Part XI of the Planning and Development Act as amended. The minutes of that meeting including the statutory report will appear on the Council's Website. Details including the names of those making submissions and observations may also be shared with relevant Council Departments and agents working on their behalf.

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Angela McEvoy,
Director of Services.

SECTION 75, ROADS ACT 1993 (ROAD REGULATIONS 1994)

In accordance with the provisions of Section 75 of the above Act and Article 12 of the Roads Regulations, 1994, Laois County Council hereby serves notice that it is intended to temporarily close the L7800, from the junction with the R430 to the Pinewood Windfarm Site Entrance, from the 16/11/2026 to the 27/11/2026 from 08:00 to 17:00.

The road closure is necessary to facilitate road resurfacing and strengthening.

Diversions will be clearly signposted. A map indicating the routes to be closed and the alternative routes will be available for inspection at www.laois.ie and Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise.

Any person wishing to object to the proposed road closure should do so by email to roadsadmin@laoiscoco.ie, or in writing to the **Administrative Officer, Roads Section, Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, James Fintan Lalor Avenue, Portlaoise not later than 4pm on 27th October 2026.**

SIMON WALTON, Director of Services.

SECTION 75, ROADS ACT 1993 (ROAD REGULATIONS 1994)

In accordance with the provisions of Section 75 of the above Act and Article 12 of the Roads Regulations, 1994, Laois County Council hereby serves notice that it is intended to temporarily close the L77951, Aghnacross, from 300m before the east end of the road (Garrintaggart SS) to the east end of the road, from the 09/11/2026 to the 18/12/2026 from 07:00 to 18:00.

The road closure is necessary to facilitate road repairs and resurfacing.

Diversions will be clearly signposted. A map indicating the routes to be closed and the alternative routes will be available for inspection at www.laois.ie and Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise.

Any person wishing to object to the proposed road closure should do so by email to roadsadmin@laoiscoco.ie, or in writing to the **Administrative Officer, Roads Section, Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, James Fintan Lalor Avenue, Portlaoise not later than 4pm on 27th October 2026.**

SIMON WALTON, Director of Services.

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