



DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION SCHEME 2023-2029

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000, as amended

Laois County Council has **ADOPTED** a Development Contribution Scheme in accordance with the provisions of Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended. This decision was taken by the Elected Members at the Council meeting on 6th September 2023. The Scheme sets out the contributions payable in respect of public infrastructure and facilities provided, or to be provided, by or on behalf of the Council, and which benefit developments in County Laois.

Category of Development	Rate of Charge
Urban Residential Where located within urban areas; those areas within the development boundaries of Portlaoise, Portarlinton, Graiguecullen, and Mountmellick as indicated in their respective Local Area Plans as well as the towns and villages as indicated in Volume 2 of the County Development Plan.	€4,000 (regardless of size of dwelling) comprising €2,400 for Roads and €1,600 for Amenities
Rural Residential located outside LAPs and designated settlement boundaries	€2,000 base charge for dwellings up to 200 sq. ms. in size comprising €1,200 for Roads and €800 for Amenities Additional Charges on a floor area band basis as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 201-249 sq.ms. band, €12 per sq. m. over 200 sq. ms., • 250-299 sq.ms. band, €16 per sq. m. over 200 sq. ms., • >300sq.ms. band, €20 per sq. m. over 200 sq. ms.,
Ancillary Residential Extension in excess of exempted development floor area threshold of 40 sq. ms. Sheds, garages and similar type buildings within the site curtilage in excess of the exempted development floor area threshold of 25 sq. ms.	€10 per sq. m. comprising €6 for Roads and €4 for Amenities €10 per sq. m. comprising €6 for Roads and €4 for Amenities

Non-Residential

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Commercial and Industrial Buildings	€34 per sq. m.
Data Centre	€34 per sq. m.
Agricultural Buildings in excess of a 500 sq.ms. size threshold (This includes equestrian centres, liverys, riding school buildings, etc and horticultural operations)	€3 per sq. m.
Extractive Industry	€0.25 per cubic metre of material based on extraction volumes subject to a minimum charge of €15,000 per hectare
Landfilling with inert material other than for agricultural purposes	€0.25 per cubic metre of material based on importation volumes subject to a minimum charge of €15,000 per hectare
Waste Facility approved either by EPA permit or by Laois County Council permit	€0.25 per cubic metre of material based on importation volumes subject to a minimum charge of €15,000 per hectare
Solar Energy	€12,000 per 1 MW output
Wind Energy	€12,000 per 1 MW output with the following add-ons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €30,000 for each turbine in the height range of 75-100 metres • €60,000 for each turbine in the height range of >100 metres
Advertisement Structure	€1,000 per structure over 1 sq. m. in size
Uncovered Storage [not ancillary]	€15 per sq. m
Golf Course	€400 per hectare subject to a minimum charge of €10,000
Deficit in Provision of Car Parking Spaces	€6,000 per space in Greenfield Areas €500 per space in Town Centre Zoned Areas subject to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • where the deficit is between 0-5 spaces, no charge will apply, • where the deficit is between 5-10 spaces, 50% of the charge will apply, • where the deficit is >10 spaces, the full charge will apply
Development not in any of the above classes	€40 per sq. m.

The Scheme will be available to view or purchase at Áras an Chontae, Laois County Council, Portlaoise, Co. Laois and at all branches of Laois County Libraries. It may also be viewed on www.laois.ie

The scheme is effective from Friday 20th October 2023.

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