

**Notice of Adoption under Article 16 of the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 435/2004), as amended**

**Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 for the Laois County Council functional area**

Laois County Council has prepared a Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) for the Laois County Council functional area for the years 2024 – 2029 under Section 14 B of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 (as amended).

The LACAP was subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) under SEA Directive 2001/42/EC as transposed into Irish law under the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 435/2004), as amended; and Appropriate Assessment (AA) the EU's Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, as transposed into Irish law under Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 477/2011), as amended.

A copy of the LACAP and associated environmental reports are available for public inspection at the offices of the competent authority during office hours and on the website of the authority or at

**Áras an Chontae, JFL Avenue, Portlaoise from 9.00am to 5.00pm From 28<sup>th</sup> February to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

A SEA Statement is also available for inspection which summarises:

- i. how environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme, or modification to a plan or programme
- ii. how
  - a. the environmental report prepared pursuant to article 12,
  - b. submissions and observations made to the competent authority in response to a notice under article 13, and
  - c. any consultations under article 14,

have been taken into account during the preparation of the plan or programme, or modification to a plan or programme,

- iii. the reasons for choosing the plan or programme, or modification to a plan or programme, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with, and
- iv. the measures decided upon to monitor, in accordance with article 17, the significant environmental effects of implementation of the plan or programme, or modification to a plan or programme.