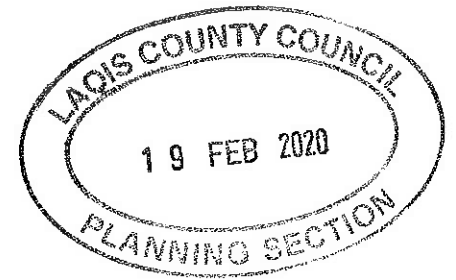


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Forward Planning Team  
Planning Department  
Laois County Council  
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James Fintan Lawler Avenue,  
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Co.Laois.



Dear Sir / Madam,

Developing a growth and settlement strategy.

Housing estate developments should adapt more private areas around private residence, for example a minimum of 70 sq meters of green and parking should be in the front of a resident home and as in the planning guide lines a minimum of 25 sq meters to the back of a residence. This would discourage on street parking and also parking on footpaths, making it safer for children and adults to walk, cycle and play in these areas, as well as taking into consideration the elderly and people with disabilities.

Open space areas in a development should not be calculated, based on the number of houses in a development or by a percentage of land that has to be used as open space. Home owners should be given more of the responsibility of looking after the outside of their residence. This can lead to more community interaction, awareness and looking out for neighbours.

Large open green area spaces in housing estates are usually left to a few people on resident committees or to private companies to maintain, this can lead to disputes about no payment to committees or overpayment to private companies for little reward to the resident of a housing estate.

Boundaries should be built [ block walls, timber fencing ] in housing estates to distinguish between private property and public property . There should be no open spaces outside private residences. This can lead to conflict and insurance liabilities for the home owner.

A condition that should be added to a planning application for housing estate development is that, on completing an estate, the developer should sign over all land folio that is registered to the developer on the developed estate to Laois County Council. Costs should be borne by the developer to have this registered to the PROPERTY REGISTRATION AUTHORITY.

Laois County Council road department should look at ways to widen footpath / cycle ways around larger towns, to encourage a healthy and safer way of travelling to schools. Cycleways should not be included in the road design. Like footpaths they should be risen up or a barrier between cycleway and roadway.

If you look at Portlaoise town as an example, 90 % of children can not cycle from their home to school in safety.

Wider footpaths are also a benefit to the elderly and persons with disabilities. All sign posts, public lighting posts should be on the outside of a footpath, this is a health and safety issue that needs to responded to. There are too many footpaths with sign posts, public lighting posts in the middle of

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Geographic Information System (GIS) Data

Housing estate development should be designed to provide a minimum of 20% of the total area for green space. This should be in the form of a residential park and as in the planning guide lines a minimum of 20% of the total area should be reserved for green space. This would be used for parking and other facilities, making it safer for children and adults to walk, cycle and play in these areas as well as taking into consideration the elderly and people with disabilities.

Open spaces in a development should not be calculated based on the number of houses in a development or by a percentage of land that has to be used as open space. Home owners should be given more of the responsibility of looking after the outside of their residence. This can lead to more community interaction, new friends and looking out for neighbours.

Large open green areas in housing estates are usually left to a few people or residents to maintain or to private companies for maintenance. This can lead to disputes about no payment for maintenance or overpayment to private companies for little reward to the benefit of a housing estate.

Boundaries should be built (black wall, timber fence) in housing estates to distinguish between private property and public property. There should be no open spaces outside private residences. This can lead to conflict and insurance problems for the home owner.

A condition that should be added to a planning application for housing estate development is that on leaving an estate the developer should sign over all land that is registered to the developer on the developed estate to local authority Council. Costs should be borne by the developer to have this transferred to a PRIVATE REGISTRATION AUTHORITY.

Local Councils and departments should look at ways to reduce traffic on cycleways to encourage a healthy and safer way of travelling to schools. Cycleways should not be included in the road design. Like footpaths they should be risen up or a barrier put across cycleway and roadway.

If you look at Portlaine town as an example, 90% of children can get cars from their home to school - extra.

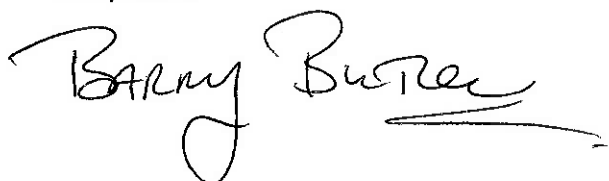
With footpaths are also a barrier to the elderly and persons with disabilities. All sign posts, public lighting poles should be on the outside of the footpath and not inside and safety issue that is not responded to. There are too many footpaths with sign posts and lighting poles in the middle of

the pathways that are causing hardship to wheel chair users, parents with buggies, the elderly and the visually impaired.

Sport complexes should not be developed on green field sites that are outside town boundaries, unless walk ways, cycle ways or greener transport is developed to transport people to these sites., this would discourage the use of private cars.

Regards

Barry Butler

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry Butler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

The pathways that are easiest to build up to when they are used, but this will require the use of the existing network.

That companies should not be allowed to develop on greenfield sites that are within the town boundary unless work ways or green transport is developed to transport people to these sites. This would encourage the use of private cars.

Regards

Barry Burns