

6093 Sustainable community Action Plan

The strengthening of rural communities can only be achieved in the long term through making settlements more attractive places to live and providing employment opportunities. To this end the Planning Authority will favour appropriate development within the designated villages and settlements over urban generated rural housing.

T1 Environment & Sustainability

T2

T3

Tag(s)

Related Assets

Ref	Title
5952	Community vegetable garden - 5952
5953	Green Flag - 5953
6152	Glass Recycling Bank - 6152
5955	Riverside Nature Trail - 5955
6096	Located near Ancient East - 6096
8562	River Nore/ habit and environment - 8562
6101	Green Infrastructure - 6101

Related Stakeholders

Ref	Title
8644	Costcutter Mountrath - 8644
8633	BMac Agri - 8633
8614	Sand and gravel - 8614
8603	Phelan's Agricultural Mechanic - 8603
8604	Energy consultancy firm - 8604
8639	SHS - 8639
8649	Castletown Tidy Towns - 8649
5975	Tegasc - 5975
8596	Green Schools - 8596
8597	Inland Fisheries Service - 8597
6147	Laois Environmental Awareness Office - 6147

Projects

Title	Summary	Type	By: (initials)	Due Date	Notes
Preserve scenic views from Castletown - 6102	County Laois contains a number of valuable views and prospects which offer a very attractive cross-sectional view and overall impression of differing landscapes as one traverses the county. The protection of these views and prospects will be done on a case by case basis through the development management process when considering individual planning applications. Development that would seriously hinder or obstruct such views and prospects will not be allowed.	Idea			

Expand Riverside Nature Trail - 8594	A study to consider how to develop and enhance the riverside trail. This could increase the number of visitors to the area. T2: Habitats & Environment T3: Habitats & Biodiversity	Idea		
Collaboration on renovation of old mill - 8595	A project that would help the current owners of the mill to renovate the building. Local stakeholders could support the golfclub and provide ideas on the best way forward. T2: Habitats & Environment T3: Sustainable Local Living	Idea		
Protecting Natural environment and heritage - 6095	According to the Laois Development PlanFacilitating the maintenance, restoration and upgrading of cultural and natural heritage of communities, environmental upgrading and general actions to enhance the environmental, amenity and physical attributes of communities.	Idea		
Renweable energy project - 8585	A study to determine the feasibility of introducing more renewable enrgy sources into the community. This would allow Castletown to become a sustainable community. The study could determine if solar lighting could be used for streetlights etc. T2: Waste & Resource Efficiency, Energy & Climate Change T3: Community Energy Generation	Idea		
Manage Biodiversity area - 4962	Manage Biodiversity area along River path. There is a wealth of flora and fauna in the area and this needs to be preserved and protected. This could boost eco-tourism and help to protect the local environment. T2: Habitats & Environment T3: Habitats & Biodiversity	Idea		
De-silt River - 4963	Silt buildup has made what once was a great paddling/swimming spot hazardous.	Idea		
Riverbank jetty - 4964	To prevent erosion and this would allow more people to use the river for sports etc.	Idea		
Litter in river - 4967	Litter in the river. This means that the river is not attractive to visitors and potentially impacting on the tourism sector. It is also very bad for the environment. The river needs regular clean-ups.	Idea		

Improve Environment Awareness among all - 6157	Get pupils and staff more environmentally aware through waste management and recycling T2: Habitats & Environment, Energy & Climate Change T3: Sustainable Local Living	Idea		
Swimming in the river - 4969	Swimming Pool - in the river. If the river was desilted people could swim there again. This would also draw more visitors to the area.	Idea		
Clean up Laois Week - 5954	The town participates in the clean up Laois Week presenting a more welcoming community to anyone who visits.	Past / Present		
Laois Walking and Cycling Strategy - 6097	Laois Walking and Cycling Strategy. This is a series of initiatives to encourage more walking and cycling. This could help to make Castletown T2: Social Wellbeing, Physical & Mental Wellbeing, Habitats & Environment	Past / Present		

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