

# 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	<a href="#">Community vegetable garden - 5952</a>
5953	<a href="#">Green Flag - 5953</a>
6152	<a href="#">Glass Recycling Bank - 6152</a>
5955	<a href="#">Riverside Nature Trail - 5955</a>
6096	<a href="#">Located near Ancient East - 6096</a>
8562	<a href="#">River Nore/ habit and environment - 8562</a>
6101	<a href="#">Green Infrastructure - 6101</a>

## Related Stakeholders

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

## Projects

Title	Summary	Type	By: (initials)	Due Date	Notes
<a href="#">Preserve scenic views from Castletown - 6102</a>	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	<p>A study to consider how to develop and enhance the riverside trail. This could increase the number of visitors to the area.</p> <p><b>T2:</b> <i>Habitats &amp; Environment</i></p> <p><b>T3:</b> <i>Habitats &amp; Biodiversity</i></p>	Idea			
Collaboration on renovation of old mill - 8595	<p>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.</p> <p><b>T2:</b> <i>Habitats &amp; Environment</i></p> <p><b>T3:</b> <i>Sustainable Local Living</i></p>	Idea			
Protecting Natural environment and heritage - 6095	<p>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.</p>	Idea			
Renweable energy project - 8585	<p>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.</p> <p><b>T2:</b> <i>Waste &amp; Resource Efficiency, Energy &amp; Climate Change</i></p> <p><b>T3:</b> <i>Community Energy Generation</i></p>	Idea			
Manage Biodiversity area - 4962	<p>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.</p> <p><b>T2:</b> <i>Habitats &amp; Environment</i></p> <p><b>T3:</b> <i>Habitats &amp; Biodiversity</i></p>	Idea			
De-silt River - 4963	<p>Silt buildup has made what once was a great paddling/swimming spot hazardous.</p>	Idea			
Riverbank jetty - 4964	<p>To prevent erosion and this would allow more people to use the river for sports etc.</p>	Idea			
Litter in river - 4967	<p>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.</p>	Idea			

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

## Actions

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