

LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

(1) We, the undersigned each being the occupier of agricultural in the townland(s) referred to at (1) overleaf, hereby apply to the Laois County Council for a grant towards the cost of the work described in (1)-(4) Part I of the Schedule overleaf, and, if the grant is made available, we apply to have the said work carried out by the Laois County Council. We and each of us hereby agree to be bound in all respects by each and every of the terms and conditions of the scheme as set forth in Part II of the Schedule hereto.

(2) We hereby appoint and delegate full power to Mr./Ms. _____ of _____ to act for us in all correspondence and other business arising out of this application and we and each of us agree to be bound by such correspondence and by all acts of the said Mr./Ms. _____.

(3) LIST 1

SIGNATURE (Each applicant should personally sign the Form)	POSTAL ADDRESS

(Further signature, with Postal Addresses may be written on a separate sheet).

(4) I certify that List 1 above and List 2 on Page 2 contain the names of all landholders and others whose lands, houses or other property would be served or benefited by the proposed work.

Signature of Applicants' Representative _____
Nominated at paragraph (2) above.

Postal address: _____

Date: _____ **Ph:** _____

Contact Email Address: _____

(Please note that Pages 1, 2 and 5 must be fully completed before the Application can be accepted as valid).

APPLICATION FORM

SCHEDULE

PART 1 – PARTICULARS OF WORKS FOR WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

- (1) Townland(s): _____
- (2) Type of Work: _____

- (3) Approximate Length (Metres): _____
- (4) Exact location of work (describe where it starts and ends): _____

- (5) Has the proposed work ever been maintained by or repaired by the County Council?

- (6) Does the proposal server any outside families, or the public generally, and if so for what purpose? _____

- (7) Are all persons whose interests or lands would be affected in any way by the proposal, if carried out, prepared to give the necessary consent to the execution of the work? _____
- (8) LIST 2: Names of all other persons whose lands or interests would benefit by the proposed work but who have not joined in this application.

If there are no beneficiaries other than those who have signed List1, the word 'None' should be written here.

NAME	POSTAL ADDRESS

(Further names, with postal addresses, may be written on a Separate Sheet)

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- (a) The project must be of benefit to agricultural production and benefit two or more parcels of land owned or occupied by different persons engaged in separate agricultural activities.
- (b) Provides access for harvesting purposed (including turf or sea weed) for 2 or more persons separately engaged in such activities, or
- (c) Shall in the opinion of the road authority be used by the public.

PART II – TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The percentage local contribution will vary. Eligible roads with up to and including 5 residents will pay 10% contribution. Those with 6 or more residents will pay a contribution of 15%. The amount to be paid by an individual beneficiary is a matter for arrangement between the beneficiaries themselves.
2. Minor proposals which are within the competence of the applicants to do themselves and which, because of their small size would be uneconomic, will not be accepted.
3. A project may be extended to include a spur road or terminal section serving only one owner if the road/section forms an integral part of the whole road and the cost of including it is not disproportionate to the cost of the road as a whole.
4. The standard of work undertaken will be a matter for Laois County Council.
5. Applicants must arrange amongst themselves for the provision of any land which may be required for the construction or widening of a road and no charge in respect of compensation for such land may be made against the project.
6. The applicants must make the necessary apportionment amongst themselves of their respective portions of the joint contribution, and must arrange to collect the agreed amount and lodge it with the Laois County Council before the work is put in hand.
7. Contributions in kind, e.g. free labour and materials, will not be accepted in lieu of cash.
8. The contributors and any other persons whose lands or interests appear to be affected by the proposed work must, when required prior to the commencement of operation, sign the prescribed form giving their full consent to the execution of the work including entry to their lands etc.
9. Laois County Council will employ the necessary labour and will arrange to carry out the work subject to conditions that (i) the ganger in charge of the work will be appointed by the Council or their Agent, (ii) no person, whether a contributor or not, whose interests are affected will impede the execution of the work by making unreasonable demands on the ganger or other official in charge.
10. Laois County Council, in their discretion, will decide on the specification of the work to be done and on the best manner of carrying it out, and the applicants shall not have any claim against the Laois County Council for any imperfection which may exist in the finished work, nor for any failure to complete the full amount of the work which was envisaged.
11. Laois County Council will expend upon the work the sum agreed upon (i.e. the estimated cost); and in the event of that sum not being sufficient to complete the entire work specified the Laois County Council will not have any liability to be bound to expend on the work for its completion any sum in addition to the agreed sum, but the making of a supplementary grant will be considered on its merits if the applicants so request and agree to pay such sum as may be required by way of additional local contribution.
12. The landholders contribution will be payable in advance of the starting of the work. Free labour or materials are not acceptable as a contribution.

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13. The offer is subject to withdrawal or alteration without notice and to payment of the local contribution. It is also conditional on the state allocation to the Council for the current year not being already taken up when the contribution is paid.
14. The Councils acceptance of the applicants request is on the clear understanding that the applicants (and other users) will, when the project is completed, thereafter maintain the work in good order and repair at their own charge and expense and that the carrying out of any further works will not involve any liability on the part of the Council for subsequent maintenance.
15. The information you provide will be used for the purpose of this scheme only and may be shared as necessary to assess this application. Information will be retained in accordance with the National Retention Policy.

