

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE DUNAMAISE ARTS CENTRE & THEATRE & VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF SEPTEMBER 2021 TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT LAOIS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021-2027 AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT (CIRCULATED ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> OF JUNE 2021) ON ISSUES ARISING FROM STAGE TWO CONSULTATION UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 AS AMENDED**  
**(CHECK WORDING)**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor	Conor Bergin	In The Chair
	Councillors	Willie Aird John Joe Fennelly Padraig Fleming Seamus McDonald Mary Sweeney Thomasina Connell Ollie Clooney Ben Brennan Noel Tuohy & Caroline Dwane Stanley (via Teams)	Paddy Bracken Aidan Mullins James Kelly Aisling Moran John King Paschal McEvoy Catherine Fitzgerald P.J. Kelly

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Messers John Mulholland, Chief Executive, Pat Delaney, A/Director of Services, Simon Walton, Director of Services, Mr. Joe Delaney, Director of Services, Ms. Angela McEvoy, Senior Planner, Mr. Nathan Smith, Executive Planner, Ms. Irene Delaney, A.O., & Ms. Michelle McCormack, S.O.

**ADDRESS BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Members were informed that the meeting would be of a maximum duration of 1hr 55mins. The meeting commenced at 11.00 a.m. Ms. Irene Delaney, Administrative Officer, Corporate Affairs briefly outlined the Member's statutory obligations concerning;

- Ethical Framework
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation

Mr. Pat Delaney, A/Director of Services advised the meeting of the Health & Safety requirements in relation to Covid-19.

Ms. Irene Delaney, A.O., Corporate Affairs referred to the Members statutory obligations regarding details concerning ethical legislation - Disclosure at meeting and Disclosures in advance of meeting, details of which had been sent to all Elected Members in advance of this meeting. Members were advised that if there were any further declaration of

interests that they should advise in advance of any discussion on that particular submission.

The Members were circulated with a copy of the Chief Executive's Report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage of Public Consultation on the Draft Plan on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021. The draft plan was on public display for a ten week period from the January 2021 until the March 2021. Mr. Joe Delaney advised that 154 submissions were received during the course of public consultation. The submissions will be dealt with an individual basis but have been grouped as they relate to a particular topic. This follows the structure of the Draft CDP 2021-2027. The Members were advised that in considering the matters in the Chief Executive's report they should take account of the following:

- ***any directions of the members of the authority or the committee under section 11(4),***
- ***the proper planning and sustainable development of the area,***
- ***the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area and***
- ***any relevant policies or objectives of the Government or of any Minister of the Government and, if appropriate, any observations made by the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands***

Ms. Angela McEvoy Senior Planner made a short presentation and commenced the process of accepting or not accepting the CE response in relation to the issues raised.

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Recommendation No 1 Core Strategy

ACCEPTED subject to the following variation

Proposed changes to HNDA / Core Strategy and zoning changes as they arise under each of the towns and villages

### **Motion No 1:- Part V Agreements**

***In all Part 5 Agreements that Laois County Council reflect the need for downstairs Bedroom/Wetroom etc in a percentage of all Part 5 Agreements***

#### **Reasons:**

1. To allow for variety of tenure of Part V houses
2. To cater for special needs of occupants

Proposed by Cllr Padraig Fleming  
Seconded by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald

Recommendation No 2	Settlement Hierarchy and distribution of growth	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly
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Recommendation No 3	Residential Land Supply	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Padraig Fleming Seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald
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Recommendation No 4	Portlaoise Local Transport Plan	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley
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Recommendation No 5	Residential Density	ACCEPTED subject to the following variation
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### **Motion No 2 :- Vary the amendment to include**

#### **Proposal:**

Developments shall be no more than 3 storey on greenfield sites

#### **Reasons:**

1. To allow for better quality of life

Proposed by Cllr Willie Aird  
Seconded by Cllr Aisling Moran

Recommendation No 6	Tiered Approach to Zoning	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paddy Bracken Seconded By Councillor Ollie Clooney
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Recommendation No 7	Rural Housing and Regeneration	Not ACCEPTED
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### **Motion No 3 :- Rural Housing**

### **Proposal:**

- Delete the section in the current Development Plan and the Chief Executive report on Rural Housing and Regeneration and replace this with the section on rural areas and rural housing strategies (including text and maps) in the Laois County Development Plan 2017-2023.

### **Reasons:**

3. The combined effects of the areas listed in the draft Development Plan and in the Chief Executives Report means that the vast majority of County Laois will be listed under areas of strong urban influence making it much more difficult for rural people to obtain planning in rural areas.
4. The current Development Plan had 3 categories of rural areas: Strong urban influence, strong Rural areas, and structurally weak rural areas. The proposal now is to reduce these 3 categories into 2 as follows: Areas under strong urban influence and structurally weak areas. This re-categorisation has meant that many of the areas that were categorised as strong rural areas are now being deemed as under strong urban influence.
5. The reference to: A member of the Rural Community has now been replaced by: An individual with a social or economic need to reside in rural Laois in the Chief Executives report.  
This is a fundamental switch.
6. Taking all the above points into account the move to include most of County Laois under an area under strong urban influence is not justified.
7. Since the current plan was introduced since 2017 many areas have had only a small number of houses built in the areas.
8. The proposal in relation in the Chief Executives report in the draft plan of people who need live in rural areas must reside within 8km or where they are from or their farm is excessively restrictive.
9. There are some small villages and settlements that are not listed in the Development Plan and there is no zoned land in these settlements, and it will be very difficult to get planning permission in these established settlements.
10. In many of the parishes throughout the county there may be one village deemed as a settlement in the Development Plan with zoned land that means most people from these areas will either have to live in the local village or go elsewhere outside their local community in the future.

11. If this continues it is guaranteed to be the last generation of people allowed to build and live in a home in the majority of rural areas in County Laois. This means many voluntary community and sport organisations/teams will only be for people in towns and villages in the future as there will be so few people living outside these areas after a generation.
12. All this approach totally ignores the importance of remote working, and it will ultimately lead to less numbers attending many rural schools and impacting community spirit in rural areas.

Proposed by Cllr Pdraig Fleming  
 Seconded by Cllr Willie Aird

**Motion No 4 :- Strategic Regional Routes**

**Proposal:**

Delete Trans 21 and Trans 23 from the Draft Plan

**Reasons:**

1. To allow for rural housing to be considered on strategic regional routes and regional routes across the county.

Proposed by Cllr James Kelly  
 Seconded by Cllr Willie Aird

Recommendation No 8	Employment Land Use Zonings	ACCEPTED Proposed by John Joe Fennelly Seconded by John King
Recommendation No 9	Sustainable Transport and Modal Shift	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John King Seconded Caroline Dwane Stanley
Recommendation No 10	Road Infrastructure	ACCEPTED subject to a variation under the following motion -

**Motion No 5 :- Mountrath Roads Objective**

Delete the Road Objective from the intersection with the Abbeyleix road to its intersection with the R445 in Mountrath and that the Council review other option in relation to orbital routes from the R445 – R430.

1. Options need to be considered given there is a river crossing / SAC crossing
2. The need for such a road needs to be explored

Proposed by Cllr James Kelly  
 Seconded by Cllr Conor Bergin

Recommendation No 11	Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Seamus McDonald Seconded by Councillor John King
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Recommendation No 12	National Renewable Energy Targets	ACCEPTED subject to a variation under the following motion –
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**Motion No 6:- Set Back Distance from AD Plants**

*That a 1.5km buffer zone be applied to the potential location? of any proposed Anaerobic Digester*

**Reasons:**

1. To protect residential amenities

Proposed by Cllr Willie Aird  
 Seconded by Cllr Aisling Moran

Recommendation No 13	Wind Energy Strategy	NOT ACCEPTED
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**Motion No 7:- Set Back Distance of Wind Turbines**

*That Laois County Council retain the current distance in the Laois current CDP of distance from homes of Windmills of 1.5 kilometres and not the proposed 500 metres.*

**Reasons:**

1. The undisputed shadow flicker from the rotating blades on the windmills .
2. There is regularly background noise from the turbines at different times during day and night.
3. The wind turbines now being proposed are far bigger, taller, and create far bigger shadow flicker than the ones that were put up a few years ago.

Proposed by Cllr Padraig Fleming  
 Seconded by Cllr Caroline Dwane Stanley

Recommendation No 14	Coordination of objectives for Wind Energy	ACCEPTED
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		Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor John King
Recommendation No 15	Flood Risk Management	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Ben Brennan Seconded by Councillor John King
Observation No 1	Local Area Plan and Settlement Plans	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken
Observation No 2	Specific Guidelines and Standards	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded John Joe Fennelly
Observation No 3	Monitoring of Rural Housing	ACCEPTED Proposed John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor John King
Observation No 4	Consistency with Guidelines	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken
Observation No 5	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor John King
Observation No. 6	Environmental Reporting	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Ollie Clooney Seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly
	Others Matters	ACCEPTED

Proposed by Councillor  
John King  
Seconded by Councillor  
John Joe Fennelly



**Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA)**

Chapter No 1 – Introduction	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor James Kelly
Chapter No 2 – Core Strategy	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John King Seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney
Chapter No 3 – Climate Action and Energy	As per OPR Submission Recommendation No 13	
Chapter No 4 – Housing Strategy	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor James Kelly
Chapter No 6 – Economic Development	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John King Seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney
Chapter No 7 – Retail and Town / Village Centre Management	No changes	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken
Chapter No 8 – Tourism	No changes	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor John King
Chapter No 10 – Infrastructure	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor John King

Chapter No 11 – Biodiversity  
and Natural Heritage

Changes proposed

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor John  
Joe Fennelly  
Seconded by Councillor  
Aisling Moran

Chapter No 13 – Location and  
Pattern of Development

Changes proposed –  
IA included

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor  
James Kelly  
Seconded by Councillor Ollie  
Clooney

The remaining submissions have been grouped under each chapter as the submission related to the particular chapter.

## VOLUME 1: WRITTEN STATEMENT

### Chapter 1: Introduction

<b>LS – C9 – DCDP -96</b> <b>Marc Van Den Burgh</b>	Change proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor Padraig Fleming
<b>LS – C9 – DCDP -121</b> <b>Keep Ireland Open</b>	No changes	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John King Seconded by Councillor James Kelly

## Chapter 2: Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy

<b>LS – C9 – DCDP – 57</b> <b>Transport</b> <b>Infrastructure</b> <b>Ireland</b>	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor John King
<b>LS – C9 – DCDP – 59</b> <b>Sarah Sherlock</b>	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor John King
<b>LS – C9 – DCDP – 135</b> <b>An Taisce</b>	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor John King
<b>LS – C9 – DCDP – 136</b> <b>Offaly County</b> <b>Council</b>	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor John King
<b>LS – C9 – DCDP -122</b> <b>Failte Ireland</b>	Change proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor James Kelly

### Chapter 3: Climate Action and Energy

LS – C9 – DCDP -1 Niall Pickering	Change proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken
LS – C9 – DCDP – 5 John Holland	Change proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paddy Bracken Seconded by Councillor John King
LS – C9 – DCDP – 54 Geological Survey Ireland	Change proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor John King
LS – C9 – DCDP – 57 Transport Infrastructure Ireland	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor James Kelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 59 Sarah Sherlock	Change proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Aisling Moran Seconded by Councillor James Kelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 60 John Brophy	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor James Kelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 66 Natural Forces Renewable Energy	Change proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John King Seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 67 Lightsource BP	Change proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Padraig Fleming

			Seconded by Councillor Aisling Moran
LS – C9 – DCDP – 82 Irish Architects Declare	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor James Kelly	
LS – C9 – DCDP – 83 Eirgrid	Change proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Aisling Moran Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan	
LS – C9 – DCDP – 90 Gas Networks Ireland	Change proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Aisling Moran Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan	
LS – C9 – DCDP – 92 ESB	Change proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John King Seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney	
LS – C9 – DCDP – 96 Marc Van Den Burgh	Change proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan	
LS – C9 – DCDP – 99 Harmony Solar	Change proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Noel Tuohy Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan	
LS – C9 – DCDP – 110 Irish Green Building Council	Change proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan	

LS – C9 – DCDP – 113  
RWE Renewable  
Ireland

As per OPR Submission Recommendation No 13

LS – C9 – DCDP – 114  
Coilte

As per OPR Submission Recommendation No 13

LS – C9 – DCDP – 121  
Keep Ireland Open

Change proposed

ACCEPTED

Proposed by Councillor John  
Joe Fennelly

Seconded by Councillor Ben  
Brennan

LS – C9 – DCDP – 134  
Statkraft Ireland

As per OPR Submission Recommendation No 13

LS – C9 – DCDP – 135  
An Taisce

Change proposed

ACCEPTED

Proposed by Councillor Paschal  
McEvoy

Seconded by Councillor John  
Joe Fennelly

## Chapter 4: Housing

LS – C9 – DCDP -59 Sarah Sherlock	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird
LS – C9 – DCDP – 79 Evelyn Duff	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paddy Bracken Seconded by Councillor John King
LS – C9 – DCDP – 85 Laois Chamber	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird
LS – C9 – DCDP – 106 Laois Ogra Fianna Fail	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird
LS – C9 – DCDP – 138 – Cllr Willie Aird	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Willie Aird Seconded by Councillor Thomasina Connell
LS – C9 – DCDP – 140 Irish Farmers Association	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird
LS – C9 – DCDP – 145 Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association	As per OPR Recommendation No 7 Rural Housing	



## Chapter 5: Quality of Life and sustainable Communities

LS – C9 – DCDP – 12 CLG Laois	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird
LS – C9 – DCDP – 24 An Garda Siochana	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird
LS – C9 – DCDP – 8 GAA Handball	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Thomasina Connell Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan
LS – C9 – DCDP – 29 Dept of Transport	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Thomasina Connell Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan
LS – C9 – DCDP – 30 Mark Robertson	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird
LS – C9 – DCDP – 43 John Scully Laois Athletics	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird
LS – C9 – DCDP – 44 John Scully SVT	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird
LS – C9 – DCDP – 59 Sarah Sherlock	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Thomasina Connell

		Seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney
LS – C9 – DCDP – 85 Laois Chamber	No changes	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Wille Aird
LS – C9 – DCDP – 84 Laois Sports Partnership	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor John King
LS – C9 – DCDP – 94 Donal O'Shea	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor PJ Kelly Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan
LS – C9 – DCDP – 96 Marc Van Den Burgh	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Pashal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan
LS – C9 – DCDP – 97 Knock NS	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird
LS – C9 – DCDP – 121 Keep Ireland Open	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy
LS – C9 – DCDP – 128 Dept of Education	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John King Seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney

## Chapter 6: Economic Development

LS – C9 – DCDP – 38 Regina Dunne – Bloom HQ	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor John King
LS – C9 – DCDP – 63 Laois Hub Collective	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Ollie Clooney Seconded by Councillor James Kelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 67 Lightsource BP	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan
LS – C9 – DCDP – 78 Portlaoise Enterprise Centre	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor John King
LS – C9 – DCDP – 85 Laois Chamber	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley
LS – C9 – DCDP – 87 An post	No changes	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Ollie Clooney Seconded by Councillor James Kelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 129 Wind Energy Ireland	No changes	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Ollie Clooney Seconded by Councillor James Kelly

## Chapter 7: Retail and Town / Village Centre Management

LS – C9 – DCDP – 2 PJ Gorman	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Noel Tuohy
LS – C9 – DCDP – 35 Dept of Rural and Community Development	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy
LS – C9 – DCDP – 46 Cllr James Kelly	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Noel Tuohy
LS – C9 – DCDP – 57 Transport Infrastructure Ireland	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Seamus McDonald Seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney
LS – C9 – DCDP – 59 Sarah Sherlock	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John King Seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney
LS – C9 – DCDP – 91 Tesco Ireland	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Noel Tuohy
LS – C9 – DCDP – 106 Laois Ogra Fianna Fail	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Noel Tuohy
LS – C9 – DCDP – 121 Keep Ireland Open	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly

LS – C9 – DCDP – 135      No change  
An Taisce

Seconded by Councillor Noel  
Tuohy

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor James  
Kelly  
Seconded by Councillor Noel  
Tuohy

## Chapter 8: Tourism

LS – C9 – DCDP -22 Pedal Vintage Durrow	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Ollie Clooney Seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 45 John Scully	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paddy Bracken Seconded by Councillor PJ Kelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 57 Transport Infrastructure Ireland	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor PJ Kelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 65 Durrow Development Forum	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Ollie Clooney Seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 84 Laois Sports Partnership	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Ollie Clooney Seconded by Councillor John King
LS – C9 – DCDP – 101 Laois Nore Blueway	No changes	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor John King
LS – C9 – DCDP – 103 Erkina Blueway Ass	No changes	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor John King
LS – C9 – DCDP – 106 Laois Ogra Fianna Fail	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Noel Tuohy Seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly

LS – C9 – DCDP – 121 Keep Ireland Open	No changes	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor John King
LS – C9 – DCDP – 122 Failte Ireland	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Ben Brennan Seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 114 – Coilte	Changes – RPS additions	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Padraig Fleming Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird
LS – C9 – DCDP – 135 An Taisce	No changes	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor John King
LS – C9 – DCDP – 142 Laois Tourism	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan

## Chapter 9: Rural Laois

LS – C9 – DCDP -54 Geological Survey Ireland	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney
LS – C9 – DCDP – 57 Transport Infrastructure Ireland	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney
LS – C9 – DCDP – 58 Roadstone	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney
LS – C9 – DCDP – 59 Sarah Sherlock	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney
LS – C9 – DCDP – 121 Keep Ireland	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John King Seconded by Councillor James Kelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 114 Coilte	No changes	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney
LS – C9 – DCDP – 135 An taisce	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly



Seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy

LS – C9 – DCDP – 140  
IFA

No change

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor James Kelly  
Seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney

## Chapter 10: Infrastructure

LS – C9 – DCDP -7  
John Holland

Changes proposed

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor Paddy Bracken  
Seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy

LS – C9 – DCDP – 20  
Clare Reidy

Changes proposed

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor Willie Aird  
Seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken

LS – C9 – DCDP – 29  
Dept of Transport

Changes proposed

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor James Kelly  
Seconded by Councillor John King

LS – C9 – DCDP – 47  
Cllr James Kelly

No change

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly  
Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan

LS – C9 – DCDP – 57  
Transport Infrastructure  
Ireland

Changes proposed

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor Willie Aird  
Seconded John King

LS – C9 – DCDP – 71  
Ann Fingleton

Changes proposed

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor Thomasina Connell  
Seconded by Councillor Pdraig Fleming

LS – C9 – DCDP – 76 Irish Water	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Thomasina Connell Seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 80 National Transport Authority	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Ben Brennan Seconded by Councillor Thomasina Connell
LS – C9 – DCDP – 84  Laois Sports Partnership	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan
LS – C9 – DCDP – 89 Laois Local Link	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan
LS – C9 – DCDP – 90  Gas Network Ireland	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor John King
LS – C9 – DCDP – 92  ESB	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan
LS – C9 – DCDP – 93 Irish Rail	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan
LS – C9 – DCDP – 106 Laois Ogra Fianna Fail	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly

LS – C9 – DCDP – 121  
Keep Ireland Open

No change

Seconded by Councillor Ben  
Brennan  
ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor John  
Joe Fennelly  
Seconded by Councillor Ben  
Brennan

LS – C9 – DCDP – 122  
Failte Ireland

No change

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor John  
Joe Fennelly  
Seconded by Councillor Ben  
Brennan

LS – C9 – DCDP – 125  
Southern Regional  
Assembly

Changes proposed

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor John  
Joe Fennelly  
Seconded by Councillor Paddy  
Bracken

LS – C9 – DCDP – 135  
An Taisce

No change

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor John  
Joe Fennelly  
Seconded by Councillor Ben  
Brennan

LS – C9 – DCDP – 136  
OCC

No change

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor John  
Joe Fennelly  
Seconded by Councillor Ben  
Brennan

LS – C9 – DCDP – 140  
IFA

No change

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor John  
Joe Fennelly  
Seconded by Councillor Ben  
Brennan

## Chapter 11 – Biodiversity and Natural Heritage

LS – C9 – DCDP -23 Birdwatch Ireland	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken
LS – C9 – DCDP – 6 Marc Hussey	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor PJ Kelly
LS – C9 – DCDP - 59  Sarah Sherlock	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan
LS – C9 – DCDP – 96  Marc Van Den Burgh	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Willie Aird Seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 115 Nore Vision	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan
LS – C9 – DCDP – 121  Keep Ireland Open	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Willie Aird Seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 135  An Taisce	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Seamus McDonald Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan
LS – C9 – DCDP – 138  Cllr Willie Aird	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Noel Tuohy Seconded by Councillor PJ Kelly

LS – C9 – DCDP – 147

As per Submission LS – C9 – DCDP – 6 Marc Hussey

Jackie Hyland

## Chapter 12: Cultural and Built Heritage

LS – C9 – DCDP – 106 Laois Ogra Fianna Fail	No changes	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan
LS – C9 – DCDP – 108 Laois Heritage Society	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John King Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan
LS – C9 – DCDP – 122 Failte Ireland	No changes	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan
LS – C9 – DCDP – 121 Keep Ireland Open	No changes	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan
LS – C9 – DCDP – 135 An Taisce	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Aisling Moran Seconded by Councillor Thomasina Connell

## Chapter 14 – Implementation and Monitoring

LS – C9 – DCDP -68 Dara Larkin	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor James Kelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 135 An Taisce	No changes	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John King Seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly

## VOLUME 2: SETTLEMENTS

### Portlaoise

<b>LS – C9 – DCDP -154</b>	<b>Portlaoise</b> Zoning Amendment No 1 Change from Residential 2 – Residential 1  Zoning Amendment No 2 Change from Strategic Reserve to Open countryside  Zoning Amendment No 3 Change from Strategic Reserve to open countryside  Zoning Amendment No 4 Residential 1 & Open Space / Amenity to Open Space/Amenity & Residential 1.  Zoning Amendment No 5 Residential 2 to Residential 1  Zoning Amendment No 6 Residential 2 to open space / amenity  Zoning Amendment No 7 Residential 1 to Residential 2  Zoning Amendment No 11 Open Space/Amenity, General Business, Residential 1, Town Centre & Utilities to Infrastructure  Zoning Amendment No 13 Residential 2 to Residential 1 / open space	Proposed by Councillor Thomasina Connell and seconded by Councillor PJ Kelly
LS – C9 – DCDP -3 Brian Rusk	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Willie Aird



		Seconded by Councillor Thomasina Connell
LS – C9 – DCDP – 64 Laois Africa Society	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Thomasina Connell Seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 124 Downtown Portlaoise	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Thomasina Connell
LS – C9 – DCDP – 152 Cllr Thomasina Connell	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Thomasina Connell Seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 4 Holland Family	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly that the matter be reviewed again in two years. Seconded by Councillor John King
LS – C9 – DCDP – 15 John Kileen	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Aisling Moran Seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 16 Shane Mitchell	Proposed change – zone Residential 2	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor Noel Tuohy
LS – C9 – DCDP – 19 Denis Delaney	No change to zoning	NOT ACCEPTED

**Motion No 8-**

**Change zoning from open countryside to Residential 2 to allow for new development reference map as submitted with the submission**

**Reason –**

- 1. To allow for some residential development on the Abbeyleix Road**

Proposed by Councillor Willie Aird  
Seconded by Councillor Noel Tuohy

LS – C9 – DCDP – 21 Prime Equipment	No change to zoning	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald
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LS – C9 – DCDP – 52 Joe Smyth	No change to zoning	NOT ACCEPTED
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**Motion No 9:-**

**Change zoning from open countryside to Residential 2 to allow for new development in a phased manner - reference map as submitted with the submission**

**Reason –**

- 1. To allow for residential development on the Mountmellick Road given its proximity to the town centre and other amenities**

Proposed by Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald  
Seconded by Cllr John Joe Fennelly

LS – C9 – DCDP – 53 Ger Phelan	Proposed change – open countryside to strategic reserve and open space / amenity	NOT ACCEPTED
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**Motion No 10 :-**

**Change zoning from open countryside to Residential 2 to allow for new development in a phased manner - reference map as submitted with the submission**

**Reason –**

- 1. To allow for residential development on the Mountmellick Road given its proximity to the town centre and other amenities**

Proposed by Cllr Caroline Dwane Stanley  
Seconded by Cllr Noel Tuohy

LS – C9 – DCDP – 77      No change to zoning      NOT ACCEPTED  
Sean Smyth

**Motion No 11 :-**

**Change zoning from Open space / amenity to Residential 2 to allow for new development – reference map as submitted with the submission**

**Reason –**

- 1. To allow for residential development on the Mountmellick Road given its proximity to the town centre and other amenities**

Proposed by Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald  
Seconded by Cllr Thomasina Connell

LS – C9 – DCDP – 100      No change to zoning      ACCEPTED  
Thomas Kelly  
Proposed Cllr Catherine Fitzgerald  
Seconded Cllr Caroline Dwane Stanley

A Roll Call Vote was taken on Councillor Fitzgerald’s proposal

COUNCILLOR		FOR	AGAINST	
FIRST NAME	SURNAME			
William	AIRD	✓		
Conor	BERGIN	✓		
Paddy	BRACKEN	✓		
Ben	BRENNAN		✓	
Ollie	CLOONEY		✓	
Thomasina	CONNELL	✓		
Caroline	DWANE STANLEY	✓		
John Joe	FENNELLY		✓	
Catherine	FITZGERALD	✓		
Padraig	FLEMING		✓	
James	KELLY		✓	

P.J.	KELLY		✓	
John	KING		✓	
Seamus	MCDONALD		✓	
Paschal	MCEVOY		✓	
Aisling	MORAN		✓	
Aidan	MULLINS		✓	
Mary	SWEENEY			Absent
Noel	TUOHY		✓	
		6	12	1

Total Number of Votes 6 votes in favour of Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald's proposal

**A counter proposal was put forward in the following motion**

**Motion No 12 :- Change zoning from Strategic Reserve to Residential 2 to allow for new development – reference map as submitted with the submission**

**Reason –**

- To allow for residential development at Ratheven**

Proposed by Cllr Seamus McDonald

Seconded by Cllr James Kelly

A Roll Call Vote was taken on Councillor McDonald's proposal to zone the entire site

COUNCILLOR		FOR	AGAINST	
FIRST NAME	SURNAME			
William	AIRD		✓	
Conor	BERGIN		✓	
Paddy	BRACKEN	✓		
Ben	BRENNAN	✓		
Ollie	CLOONEY	✓		
Thomasina	CONNELL		✓	
Caroline	DWANE STANLEY		✓	
John Joe	FENNELLY	✓		
Catherine	FITZGERALD		✓	
Padraig	FLEMING	✓		
James	KELLY	✓		
P.J.	KELLY	✓		
John	KING	✓		
Seamus	MCDONALD	✓		

Paschal	MCEVOY	✓		
Aisling	MORAN	✓		
Aidan	MULLINS			Absent
Mary	SWEENEY			Absent
Noel	TUOHY		✓	
		11	6	2

Total Number of Votes 11 votes in favour of Councillor Seamus McDonald's proposal

Result – Zone lands as per the submission sent in by the owner

LS – C9 – DCDP – 104 Mary White	Change to policy	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird
LS – C9 – DCDP – 118 Irish Rail	Change to zoning – zone as Transport and Utilities	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Willie Aird Seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney
LS – C9 – DCDP – 128 Dept of Education and Skills	No change to zoning	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Catherine Fitzgerald Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird
LS – C9 – DCDP – 144 John Fingleton	Change to zoning – zone as Residential 2	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Willie Aird Seconded by Councillor Thomasina Connell

### Graigecullen

LS – C9 – DCDP – 125 Southern Regional Assembly	Change proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Pdraig Fleming
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Seconded by Councillor Ben  
Brennan

LS – C9 – DCDP – 112    No change to zoning  
Tom Dormer

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor Aisling  
Moran  
Seconded by Councillor Ben  
Brennan

LS – C9 – DCDP – 153    No change to zoning  
Patrick Knowles

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor James  
Kelly  
Seconded by Councillor Ben  
Brennan

## Portarlington

LS – C9 – DCDP -37 George Sherlock	No change to zoning	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor PJ Kelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 146 James Sherlock	No change to zoning	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor PJ Kelly

## Mountmellick

LS – C9 – DCDP – 59 Sarah Sherlock	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paddy Bracken Seconded by Councillor Aisling Moran
LS – C9 – DCDP – 28 John Horan	No change to zoning	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paddy Bracken Seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald

### **Motion No 13 :-**

**Change zoning from Strategic Reserve to Enterprise and Employment - as per map submitted by the owner**

**Reason –**

- 1. To allow for additional commercial development on the site**

Proposed by Cllr Paddy Bracken  
Seconded by Cllr Seamus McDonald

LS – C9 – DCDP – 32 Robert Shaw	No change to zoning	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paddy Bracken Seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald
LS – C9 – DCDP – 40 Mountmellick Parish	Change to zoning – 0.8 ha for residential 2	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paddy Bracken Seconded by Councillor Conor Bergin
LS – C9 – DCDP – 151 Patrick Knowles	Change to zoning <b>from</b> Strategic Reserve <b>to</b> open countryside	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paddy Bracken Seconded by Councillor James Kelly



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**Mountmellick**

Zoning Amendment No 15  
Strategic Reserve to Open  
countryside

Zoning Amendment No 16  
Strategic Reserve to  
Residential 2

Zoning Amendment No 17  
Strategic Reserve to open  
space / amenity

Zoning Amendment No 19  
Strategic Reserve to  
Residential 2

Zoning Amendment No 20  
Strategic Reserve to Open  
Countryside

Zoning Amendment No 21  
Residential 2 / Strategic  
Reserve to Residential 1

Zoning Amendment No 22  
Residential 2 to Residential 1

ACCEPTED

Proposed by Councillor Paddy  
Bracken

Seconded by Councillor  
Seamus McDonald

## Abbeyleix

LS – C9 – DCDP -154 OPR	Zoning Amendment No 23 Open space to Residential 1	ACCEPTED subject to variation under Motion 15
	Zoning Amendment No 24 Open space / amenity / Strategic Reserve to Open Countryside	Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird
	Zoning Amendment No 25 Open space / Amenity to Residential 1	
	Zoning Amendment No 26 Strategic Reserve to Open countryside	
	Zoning Amendment No 27 Strategic Reserve to Open countryside	
	Zoning Amendment No 28 Strategic Reserve to Open countryside	
	Zoning Amendment No 29 Strategic Reserve to Residential 1	
LS – C9 – DCDP – 105 Abbeyleix TT	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken
LS – C9 – DCDP – 119 Elizabeth Cass	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor James Kelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 123 Daniel Cass	Change from Strategic Reserve to open countryside	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy

LS – C9 – DCDP – 25      Change from Strategic      NOT ACCEPTED  
Padraig Callinan      Reserve to open countryside

**Motion No 14 :-**

**Change zoning from Strategic Reserve to Residential 2 to allow for new development – as per map submitted by owner**

**Reason –**

- 1. To allow for residential development to the rear of the Fairways**

Proposed by Cllr John Joe Fennelly  
Seconded by Cllr Willie Aird

LS – C9 – DCDP – 27      No change      ACCEPTED  
Ross McDonald      Proposed by Councillor John  
Joe Fennelly  
Seconded by Councillor James  
Kelly

LS – C9 – DCDP – 70      Site A – proposed for      ACCEPTED  
Charlie Cass      industrial use      Proposed by Councillor John  
Site B – No change. Leave      Joe Fennelly  
lands zoned as Strategic      Seconded by Councillor Paddy  
Reserve      Bracken

LS – C9 – DCDP – 74      Site A – proposed for      ACCEPTED  
Michael Cass      industrial use      Proposed by Councillor John  
Site B – no change from      Joe Fennelly  
Strategic Reserve      Seconded by Councillor Paddy  
Bracken

LS – C9 – DCDP – 75      No change. Leave zoned as      ACCEPTED  
Charlie Cass      Strategic Reserve.      Proposed John Joe Fennelly  
Seconded by Councillor Willie  
Aird

LS – C9 – DCDP – 123      Change proposed for      ACCEPTED  
Daniel Cass      industrial use      Proposed by John Joe Fennelly  
Seconded by Paddy Bracken

LS – C9 – DCDP – 148      No change to zoning –      NOT ACCEPTED  
AOCA      remain open countryside

**Motion No 15 :-**

**Change zoning from Strategic Reserve to Residential 2 to allow for new development  
– as per map submitted by owner**

**Reason –**

- 1. To allow for residential development on the Ballacolla Road, Abbeyleix**

Proposed by Cllr Willie Aird

Seconded by Cllr Thomasina Connell

## Mountrath

LS – C9 – DCDP – 2 PJ Gorman	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald
LS – C9 – DCDP – 41 Mountrath Development Association	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird
LS – C9 – DCDP – 42 Mountrath Tidy Towns	No changes	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird
LS – C9 – DCDP – 62 Mountrath Community Forum	No changes	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird
LS – C9 – DCDP – 102 Eddie Phelan	No changes	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird
LS – C9 – DCDP – 155 Mountrath Youth Theatre	No changes	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird
LS – C9 – DCDP – 81 Sheerans Ltd	Change zoning from Enterprise and Employment / General Business to Industrial and Open space	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor John King
LS – C9 – DCDP – 141 John Crowley	Change zoning from Town Centre to Enterprise and Employment	NOT ACCEPTED

**Motion No 16 :-**

**Change zoning from EE to Town centre as per map attached to submission**

**Reason – to leave it zoned as it was**

Proposed by Cllr Conor Bergin

Seconded by Cllr James Kelly

And Agreed

## Stradbally

LS – C9 – DCDP -154 OPR	Zoning Amendment No 36 Residential1 to open space / amenity  Zoning Amendment No 37 Strategic Reserve to Open countryside Zoning Amendment No 38 Enterprise and Employment to Open countryside  Zoning Amendment No 39 Residential 2 to open space / amenity	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald
LS – C9 – DCDP –10 Donal O’Shea	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Aisling Moran Seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy
LS – C9 – DCDP – 96  Marc Van Den Burgh	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 17 Deegan Family	No change to zoning from open countryside to Residential 2	NOT ACCEPTED

### **Motion No 17 :-**

**Change zoning from Open countryside to Residential 2 as per map attached to submission**

**Reason :-**

**To allow for more houses in Stradbally**

Proposed by Proposed by Councillor Aisling Moran  
Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird

LS – C9 – DCDP – 131 Patrick Knowles	No change to zoning from general business to residential	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy
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Seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald

LS – C9 – DCDP – 149 Catherine Kelly No change to plan to zone for public park / amenity use

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor Aisling Moran  
Seconded by Councillor Willie Aird

**A counter proposal was put forward in the following motion**

**Motion No 18 :-**

**To zone land for Community Green Area / parklands on Laois County Council lands to the rear of houses at Court Square as per the submission**

**Reason :-**

**To allow for more parklands open space in Stradbally**

A discussion regarding the fact that there is a proposal for housing to be considered on this site at considerable expense to the Council followed and a Counter proposal was put in by Cllr McEvoy.

A Roll Call Vote was taken on Councillor Moran's proposal

COUNCILLOR		FOR	AGAINST	
FIRST NAME	SURNAME			
William	AIRD	✓		
Conor	BERGIN	✓		
Paddy	BRACKEN		✓	
Ben	BRENNAN		✓	
Ollie	CLOONEY	✓		
Thomasina	CONNELL	✓		
Caroline	DWANE STANLEY		✓	
John Joe	FENNELLY		✓	
Catherine	FITZGERALD		✓	
Padraig	FLEMING		✓	
James	KELLY	✓		
P.J.	KELLY	✓		
John	KING	✓		
Seamus	MCDONALD		✓	
Paschal	MCEVOY		✓	



Aisling	MORAN	✓		
Aidan	MULLINS			Absent
Mary	SWEENEY			Absent
Noel	TUOHY	✓		
		9	8	2

Total Number of Votes 9 votes in favour of Councillor Aisling Moran's proposal

Councillor Paschal McEvoy proposed a counter proposal which was seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald

A Roll Call Vote was taken on Councillor McEvoy's proposal

COUNCILLOR		FOR	AGAINST	
FIRST NAME	SURNAME			
William	AIRD		✓	
Conor	BERGIN		✓	
Paddy	BRACKEN	✓		
Ben	BRENNAN	✓		
Ollie	CLOONEY		✓	
Thomasina	CONNELL		✓	
Caroline	DWANE STANLEY	✓		
John Joe	FENNELLY	✓		
Catherine	FITZGERALD	✓		
Padraig	FLEMING	✓		
James	KELLY		✓	
P.J.	KELLY		✓	
John	KING		✓	
Seamus	MCDONALD	✓		
Paschal	MCEVOY	✓		
Aisling	MORAN		✓	
Aidan	MULLINS			Absent
Mary	SWEENEY			Absent
Noel	TUOHY		✓	
		8	9	2

Total Number of Votes 8 votes in favour of Councillor Pashcal McEvoy's proposal



## Rathdowney

LS – C9 – DCDP -154 OPR	Zoning Amendment No 41 Open space / amenity and industrial to open countryside	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John King Seconded by Councillor Ollie Clooney
	Zoning Amendment No 42 Open space / amenity and industrial to open countryside	
	Zoning Amendment No 43 Open space / amenity and industrial to utilities	
	Zoning Amendment No 44 Residential 2 to Residential 1	
	Zoning Amendment No 46 Industrial to Residential 1	
	Zoning Amendment No 47 Strategic Reserve to Open countryside	
LS – C9 – DCDP – 56 Llanelli Ltd	Proposed change to Mixed Use from general business	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Ollie Clooney Seconded by Councillor James Kelly

## Durrow

LS – C9 – DCDP -154 OPR	Zoning Amendment No 50 Enterprise and Employment to Residential 2  Zoning Amendment No 51 Residential 2 to open space / amenity / Residential 1	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Ollie Clooney Seconded by Councillor John King
LS – C9 – DCDP – 50 Durrow Development Forum	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Ollie Clooney Seconded by Councillor John King
LS – C9 – DCDP – 72 Durrow Development Forum	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Ollie Clooney Seconded by Councillor John King
LS – C9 – DCDP – 73 Durrow Development Forum	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Ollie Clooney Seconded by Councillor John King
LS – C9 – DCDP – 107 Durrow Development Forum	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Ollie Clooney Seconded by Councillor John King

## Ballylunan

<b>LS – C9 – DCDP -154 OPR</b>	Zoning Amendment No 52 Strategic Reserve to open countryside	ACCEPTED with motion to vary zoning amendment No. 55
	Zoning Amendment No 53 Open space to open countryside	
	Zoning Amendment No 54 Residential 1 to open countryside	
	Zoning Amendment No 55 Residential 2 to open countryside	
	Zoning Amendment No 56 Residential 2 to Strategic Reserve	
	Zoning Amendment No 57 Residential 2 to Strategic Reserve	

### **Motion No 19 :-**

**Vary proposal not to accept Zoning amendment No 55 and leave it as zoned in the Draft Plan for residential 2 development**

**Reason –**

- 1. To allow for residential development in Ballylunan**
- 2. To allow for community development infrastructure on the site**
- 3. To allow for connections with the school**

Proposed by Cllr Ben Brennan

Seconded by Cllr Padraig Fleming

And Agreed

LS – C9 – DCDP – 31      Changes proposed  
Seamus Brennan

NOT ACCEPTED

### **Motion No. 20 :-**

**Change zoning from Strategic Reserve to Residential 2 / CEI to allow for new development as per map submitted**

Proposed by Cllr Ben Brennan  
Seconded by Cllr Pádraig Fleming

And Agreed

## Clonaslee

<b>LS – C9 – DCDP -154 OPR</b>	Zoning Amendment No 58 Residential 2 to Open countryside	NOT ACCEPTED
	Zoning Amendment No 59 Residential 2 to Open countryside	
	Zoning Amendment No 60 Open space to Residential 1	

### **Motion No 21 :-**

**Retain all zoning for Residential 2 as per the Draft Plan**

**Reason –**

- 1. To allow for residential development in Clonaslee – needs more than the 20 houses projected in the Core Strategy**

Proposed by Cllr Seamus McDonald  
Seconded by Cllr Paddy Bracken  
And Agreed

LS – C9 – DCDP – 150 TJ Horan	No change to zoning	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paddy Bracken Seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald
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## Ballyroan

	<b>Ballyroan</b> Zoning Amendment No 64 Open space / amenity / Residential 2 to Residential 1	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Thomasina Connell
LS – C9 – DCDP – 55 Sheelagh Kearns	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley
LS – C9 – DCDP – 116 Niall Culleton on behalf of Keegans	No change to zoning	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley
LS – C9 – DCDP – 117 Niall Culliton on behalf of Keegans	No change to zoning	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John Joe Fennelly Seconded by Councillor Caroline Dwane Stanley



## Borris in Ossory

<b>LS – C9 – DCDP -154 OPR</b>	Zoning Amendment No 65 Enterprise and Employment to Open countryside	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Conor Bergin Seconded by Councillor James Kelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 130 Celine Cole	No change to zoning	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Conor Bergin Seconded by Councillor James Kelly

### **Motion No 22 :-**

**Change zoning from strategic reserve to CEI allow for new development of a nursing home**

#### **REASON :**

- 1. To allow for facilities for the elderly within Borris in Ossory and the catchment Area**

Proposed by Cllr Conor Bergin  
Seconded by Cllr James Kelly

## Killenard

LS – C9 – DCDP – 48 Killenard Tidy Towns	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor PJ Kelly Seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy
LS – C9 – DCDP – 49 Killenard Tidy Towns	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor PJ Kelly Seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy
LS – C9 – DCDP – 51 Killenard Tidy Towns	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor PJ Kelly Seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy
LS – C9 – DCDP – 120 Alder Residential	No change to zoning	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor PJ Kelly Seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy
LS – C9 – DCDP – 127 Evelyn Duff	No change to zoning	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor PJ Kelly Seconded by Councillor Paschal McEvoy

## Ballinakill

LS – C9 – DCDP – 132 Changes proposed  
Twin Trees Heywood  
Arts and Cultural  
Committee

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor Willie  
Aird  
Seconded by Councillor John  
Joe Fennelly

**Ballybrittas**

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**LS – C9 – DCDP -154**

**OPR**

**Ballybrittas**

Zoning Amendment No 66

Open Space / Amenity to

Residential 1

ACCEPTED

Proposed by Councillor PJ Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Aisling

Moran

## Clough

LS – C9 – DCDP – 26

Add structure Former RC  
Chapel to the RPS

ACCEPTED

Proposed by Councillor John  
King

Seconded by Councillor James  
Kelly

## Emo

LS – C9 – DCDP – 109 Breandon Deacy	Changes proposed Change to zoning from Residential 2 to CEI	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Secoded by Councillor Willie Aird
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LS – C9 – DCDP – 111 Emo Tidy Towns	As per LS – C9 – DCDP – 109
LS – C9 – DCDP – 137 Eamonn Merriman	As per LS – C9 – DCDP – 109

## Castletown

LS – C9 – DCDP -154 OPR	Zoning Amendment No 75 Residential 2 to Residential 1	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly
	Zoning Amendment No 76 Residential 2 to Residential 1	Seconded by Councillor John King
	Zoning Amendment No 77 Residential 2 to Residential 1	
LS – C9 – DCDP –86 Laois Nore Blueway	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor John King

## Coolrain

LS – C9 – DCDP – 33 Coolrain Tidy Towns	Changes proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly
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LS – C9 – DCDP – 34 Kevin O’Sullivan	Same as LS – C9 – DCDP – 33
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## Killeshin

<b>LS – C9 – DCDP -154 OPR</b>	Zoning Amendment No 72 Residential 1 to open space and amenity	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Padraig Fleming Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan
	Zoning Amendment No 73 Residential 1 to open space / amenity and open countryside	

## Newtown Doonane

LS – C9 – DCDP – 39 Billy Nolan	No change to zoning	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Ben Brennan Seconded by Councillor Padraig Fleming
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LS – C9 – DCDP – 143 ACORN PLANNING	Same as LS – C9 – DCDP – 39
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## Rosenallis

<b>LS – C9 – DCDP -154 OPR</b>	<b>Rosenallis</b> Zoning Amendment No 79 Residential 1 to open space	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Seamus McDonald Seconded by Councillor Paddy Bracken
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## Timahoe

<b>LS – C9 – DCDP -154 OPR</b>	<b>Timahoe</b> Zoning Amendment No 84 Village Centre to Residential 1	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor Padraig Fleming
LS – C9 – DCDP – 18	Proposed changes to zoning for Residential 2	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Willie Aird Seconded by Councillor PJ Kelly

### **Motion No 23 :-**

**Extend the zoning above to include the remainder of the field at Residential 2**

**Reason –**

- 2. To allow for more serviced sites in Timahoe**

Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy  
Seconded by Councillor PJ Kelly

And Agreed

### **Motion No 24 :-**

**Change zoning from residential 2 to residential 1 at the priests house**

**Reason – the lands will never be built on**

Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy  
Seconded by Councillor Aisling Moran

And Agreed

**Ballyfin**

LS – C9 – DCDP – 126 No change

ACCEPTED

Proposed by Councillor James  
Kelly

Seconded by Councillor John  
Joe Fennelly

## APPENDICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS

### Record of Protected Structures

LS – C9 – DCDP – 9      Retain on List      NOT ACCEPTED

Maria Boland

#### **Motion No 25 :-**

#### **Delist house, outbuildings and farmyard complex**

#### **Reason**

- 1. The site is a working farmyard and the outbuildings used**

Proposed by Cllr PJ Kelly

Seconded by Cllr Aisling Moran

LS – C9 – DCDP – 13      Retain on list  
Grellan Dlenaey

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor Aisling Moran  
Seconded by Councillor John King

LS – C9 – DCDP – 14      Retain on list  
John Killeen

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor Aisling Moran  
Seconded by Councillor John King

LS – C9 – DCDP – 133      Add to list  
David Goode

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor Aisling Moran  
Seconded by Councillor John King

LS – C9 – DCDP – 114      Add structures to list in Emo demesne  
Coilte

ACCEPTED  
Proposed by Councillor Aisling Moran  
Seconded by Councillor PJ Kelly

## Wind Energy Strategy

LS – C9 – DCDP – 92 ESB	Change proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor Seamus McDonald
LS – C9 – DCDP – 113 RWE Renewable Ireland	As per OPR Submission Recommendation No 13	
LS – C9 – DCDP – 114 Coilte	As per OPR Submission Recommendation No 13	
LS – C9 – DCDP – 129 Wind Energy Ireland	As per OPR Submission Recommendation No 13	
LS – C9 – DCDP – 134 Stratkraft	As per OPR Submission Recommendation No 13	
LS – C9 – DCDP – 136 Offaly County Council	As per OPR Submission Recommendation No 13	
LS – C9 – DCDP – 139 Ecopower	As per OPR Submission Recommendation No 13	

## Landscape Character Assessment

LS – C9 – DCDP – 134  
Stratkraft

CE response

As per OPR Submission Recommendation No 13



## Strategic Environmental Assessment

LS – C9 – DCDP – 11 EPA	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Ben Brennan Seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 54 GSI	No change	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Ben Brennan Seconded by Councillor John Joe Fennelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 59 Sarah Sherlock	Change proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan
LS – C9 – DCDP – 68 Dara Larkin	Change proposed	ACCEPTED Proposed by James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan
And LS-C9-DCDP-95 Dara Larkin		
LS – C9 – DCDP – 135 An Taisce	Change proposed (Same AS LS – C9 – DCDP – 59)	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor James Kelly Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan

## Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

LS – C9 – DCDP – 154 OPR	CE response Proposed changes as per the OPW Submission	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor James Kelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 36 EMRA	Proposed changes as per the OPW Submission	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor James Kelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 98 OPW	Proposed change as follows:  Flood maps Updated and zonings reflected in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ballacolla</li><li>• Ballybrittas</li><li>• Ballyroan</li><li>• Borris In Ossory</li><li>• Camross</li><li>• Clonaslee</li><li>• Durrow</li><li>• Killeen</li><li>• Killeeshin</li><li>• Mountmellick</li><li>• Mountrath</li><li>• Portlaoise</li><li>• Rathdowney</li><li>• Rosenallis</li><li>• Stradbally</li><li>• The Swan</li><li>• Timahoe</li></ul>	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John King Seconded by Councillor James Kelly
LS – C9 – DCDP – 98 Jacqueline Duncan	Mapping updated	ACCEPTED Proposed by Councillor John King Seconded by Councillor James Kelly

## Miscellaneous

LS – C9 – DCDP – 59	No change	ACCEPTED
Sarah Sherlock		Proposed by Councillor Paschal McEvoy Seconded by Councillor Ben Brennan

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT LAOIS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021 – 2027 AND THE 2<sup>ND</sup> CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED RELATING TO THE LAOIS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021-2027**

It was noted that there are 26 hectares included in the core strategy which will provide an additional 300 houses.

On the proposition of Councillor Ollie Clooney seconded by Councillor John King, and agreed that the draft Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027 be adopted subject to amendments agreed.

Having considered the Draft Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027, the Environmental Report and the Chief Executive’s recommendations contained in the report and taking account of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the statutory obligations of the Local Authority and any relevant policies or objectives for the time being of the Government or of any Minister of the Government, that the amendments be made to the draft Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027, it was noted that the amendments go back out on public display after a period of four weeks . A Chief Executive’s Report on the 3<sup>rd</sup> stage of the consultation will be prepared within four weeks and the Members will have six weeks to consider same. This will conclude the 99 week period and will be considered at the December meeting of Laois County Council.

**A discussion ensued in relation to the according of Civic Receptions to the following:-**

Nicole Turner on winning a silver medal in the 50 m butterfly at the Paralympic games in Tokyo

Gary O’ Reilly on winning a bronze medal in the H5 Time Trial at the Paralympic games in Tokyo

It was agreed that the matter would be considered at the next Corporate Policy Group Meeting.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

**SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**CATHAOIRLEACH**

**CERTIFIED: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**DIRECTOR OF SERVICES**  
**CORPORATE AFFAIRS**