

27th July 2026

Senior Planner,
Planning Department,
Laois County Council,
Aras an Chontae,
Portlaoise,
Co Laois.

Re: Adopted Variation No. 1 to the Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027

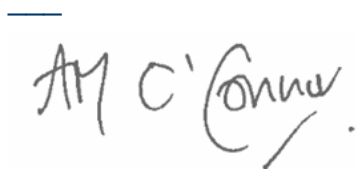
A chara,

The Office of the Planning Regulator (Office) writes in relation to Variation No. 1 (Variation) to the Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027 (Development Plan) which was made by members of Laois County Council (Planning Authority) on 25th May 2026.

The Office has assessed the Variation and has made a recommendation to the Minister on 24th July 2026 that a draft direction should not be issued. This Office's recommendation and statement of reason will be published on [our website](#) within five working days.

The Office looks forward to continued engagement with your authority in the implementation of national and regional policy at the local level.

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Anne Marie O'Connor

Deputy Regulator and Planning Policy Implementation

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