**KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED VARIATION NO.2 OF ATHY TOWN DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2012-2018**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 13 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000 (as amended) that Kildare County Council, being the planning authority for Athy, proposes to make a variation to the Athy Town Development Plan 2012–2018 (as varied).

The proposed variation comprises of the following:

* Change of land use zoning objective for 3.4 hectares of land in Woodstock South, Athy from ‘R’ Retail and Commercial (To provide for and improve retail and commercial activities on the site) to ‘Q’ Enterprise and Employment (To facilitate opportunities for employment and enterprise uses, manufacturing, research and development, light industry, employment and enterprise related uses within a high quality campus/park type development); and
* Amend the following maps and tables in the Development Plan to reflect the proposed change in zoning: Map 3.1 Main Employment Zones; Map 16.1a Zoning Map; Table 16.1 Land Use Zoning Category; Table 16.2 Land Use Zoning Objectives; Table 16.3 Quantum of Zoned Land; and Table 16.5 Land Use Zoning Matrix.

The reasons for this variation are to provide for the appropriate sequential expansion of existing industrial facilities in Athy and to strengthen the employment base of the town, which are in the interests of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Kildare County Council has undertaken a Strategic Environmental Assessment Determination in accordance with Article 13K of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) which determines that the proposed variation is not likely to have significant effects on the environment. Kildare County Council has undertaken Appropriate Assessment Screening under Section 177U of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) which concluded that the proposed variation is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site.

A copy of the Proposed Variation No. 2 to the Athy Town Development Plan 2012–2018, together with a Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report and Determination, an Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and a Stage 1 Flood Risk Assessment may be inspected **from Monday 15th January 2018 to 5 p.m. Monday 12th February 2018** at the following locations:

* Kildare County Council Offices, Aras Chill Dara, Naas, Co. Kildare (during office hours).
* Athy Municipal District Office, Rathstewart, Monasterevin Road, Athy (during opening hours).
* Athy Town Branch Library, Emily Square, Athy, Co. Kildare (during opening hours).

The proposed variation and associated documents can also be viewed or downloaded on the Council website [www.kildare.ie/countycouncil](http://www.kildare.ie/countycouncil)

Written submissions or observations with respect to Proposed Variation No. 2 and the environmental reports may be made to Kildare County Council on or before 5 p.m. on 12th of February 2018 in one of the followings ways:

* In writing to Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department, Kildare County Council, Aras Chill Dara, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Or

* By email tolapsubmissions@kildarecoco.ie

Any such written submissions or observations made before the stated closing date and time and to the specified postal and email address will be taken into consideration before the making of the variation.Written submissions or observations should include your name and a contact address and, where relevant, details of any organisation, community group or company etc. which you represent.

Please make your submission by one medium only i.e. in hard copy or email. Faxed submissions will not be accepted.

V. Cooke

A/Senior Executive Officer