**Athy Local Area Plan**

**Invitation for Submissions on the Issues Paper for the Draft Athy Local Area Plan 2019 - 2025**

Notice is hereby given that Kildare County Council, being the Planning Authority for the area, proposes to prepare a Local Area Plan for Athy. A Local Area Plan is a statutory document that sets out the land use strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. To assist this process an “Issues Paper” has been prepared which identifies the key planning issues that may be addressed in the Draft Athy Local Area Plan. Kildare County Council invites submissions from interested parties in relation to the Issues Paper.

As a first step Kildare County Council is inviting interested parties to identify ‘bigger picture’ issues that need to be addressed in the Local Area Plan. There are two key components to this pre-draft consultation process:

* An invitation to make submissions and,
* A public consultation session which has been scheduled to be held at the Athy Community Library, Former Dominican Church, Convent Lane, Athy on Tuesday 10th of April from 3pm to 7pm.

A copy of the Issues Paper may be inspected from **Tuesday 20th March 2018 to Tuesday 24th April 2018** inclusive at the following locations:

* Planning Office, Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co. Kildare (during normal opening hours)
* Athy Community Library, Former Dominican Church, Athy (during opening hours).
* Athy Municipal District Office, Rathstewart, Athy, Co. Kildare
* On the County Council’s website:

[www.kildare.ie/countycouncil/Planning/DevelopmentPlans/LocalAreaPlans/AthyLocalAreaPlan2019-2025/](http://www.kildare.ie/countycouncil/Planning/DevelopmentPlans/LocalAreaPlans/AthyLocalAreaPlan2019-2025/)

Submissions may be made in respect of the Issues Paper before **5pm on Tuesday 24th April 2018** as follows:

* Online at [www.kildare.ie/countycouncil/Planning/DevelopmentPlans/LocalAreaPlans/AthyLocalAreaPlan2019-2025/](http://www.kildare.ie/countycouncil/Planning/DevelopmentPlans/LocalAreaPlans/AthyLocalAreaPlan2019-2025/)

**or**

* In writing to: **Pre-Draft Public Consultation**, Athy Local Area Plan 2019–2025, C/O Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department, Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Please make your submission by one medium only i.e. in hard copy or online.

Any submission shall state your name and address and where relevant, the body or organisation represented. Children or groups or associations representing the interests of children are also welcome to make submissions.

A report will be prepared on submissions received and will include the names of those who made submissions. This report will be published on our website.

**E-mail or faxed submissions will not be accepted.**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 5pm Tuesday 24th April 2018 and late submissions will not be accepted.**

Kildare County Council is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Acts 1997 and 2014 and of the Data Protection Acts, 1988 and 2013.

This is your opportunity to have a say in the future development of your area. We look forward to hearing it.