

## KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE LEIXLIP LOCAL AREA PLAN 2020-2023 (AS EXTENDED).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 20(3) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended) that Kildare County Council, being the planning authority for Leixlip, proposes to make an Amendment to the Leixlip Local Area Plan 2020-2023 (as extended) (the LAP).

The Draft Proposed Amendment to the Leixlip LAP 2020-2023 (as extended) comprises a written statement and associated maps and is accompanied by:

- A Statement of Compliance with the Confey Urban Design Framework;
- An Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report pursuant to the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC);
- A Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report pursuant to the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Regulations 2004-2011;
- A Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Report pursuant to Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended); and
- A Strategic Transport and Mobility Report.

The reason for this amendment is to comply with Objective CON 1.1(a) of the LAP, which states that *'No residential development shall take place on the lands identified within the Confey Urban Design Framework until such time as a masterplan is prepared and integrated into the Leixlip Local Area Plan by way of a statutory amendment to the Local Area Plan, pursuant to Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).'*

In accordance with this, the Confey Masterplan has been prepared having regard to Objective CON 1.1(a). The proposed amendment seeks to integrate the Confey Masterplan by way of a statutory amendment to the Local Area Plan, pursuant to Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The Confey Masterplan incorporates and expands on the Confey Urban Design Framework (UDF) and replaces the UDF as an updated version of Appendix 1 of the LAP. This amendment should be read in conjunction with the Leixlip LAP 2020-2023 (as extended to 2026).

As a result of the above, consequential changes are proposed to other sections of the LAP, in addition to the replacement of Appendix 1 of the LAP with the Confey Masterplan document.

A copy of the Proposed Amendment to the Leixlip Local Area Plan 2020-2023 (as extended), together with associated reports may be inspected from 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 at the following locations:

- Planning Office, Kildare County Council Office, Áras Chill Dara, Naas, Co. Kildare during opening times of 9.30am-4.00pm, Monday to Friday (closed Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (incl) and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024);
- Leixlip Branch Library, Captain's Hill, Co. Kildare during opening hours;
- At Kildare County Council's Consultation Portal: <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/browse>

**PLEASE NOTE;** The consultation period outlined above [15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2024] includes an additional 10 days to cover Christmas closures and the St Brigid's Day Bank Holiday. However, the consultation portal [\[https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/browse\]](https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/browse) will remain open at all times during this period.

#### Public Information Session

A public information session will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Leixlip Branch Library, Captain's Hill, Leixlip from 4pm – 7pm.

#### Submissions/Observations

Submissions/observations may be made in respect of the Proposed/Draft Amendment and associated Reports before **4pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2024**. Submissions/observations made within this period will be taken into consideration by the Elected Members before amending the Leixlip Local Area Plan. Please include your name and contact details on a separate sheet to the content of your submission/observation as submissions will be published on the council's website. The Chief Executive's Report on submissions and observations received will include the names of those who made submissions or observations and will subsequently be published on the Kildare County Council website.

Submissions/Observations may be made online at <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/browse>, or in writing to: Senior Executive Officer, Planning Department, Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare (Please mark envelope "Amendment to Leixlip Local Area Plan 2020-2023 (as extended)").

Any submission or observation shall state your name address and where relevant, the body or organisation represented. Children or groups or associations representing the interests of children are entitled to make submissions or observations on the draft Amendment.

#### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 4pm Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.

Please make your submission by one medium only i.e. in hard copy or online. E-mail or faxed submissions will not be accepted.

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