



Jenny and Logan Doyle at the Big Christmas Movie, The Muppet Christmas Carol, supported by Downtown Portlaoise and Laois County Council at The Fort Outdoor Performance Space, Laois Music Centre. Photo: Alf Harvey.

Locations for anti dumping CCTV to be selected in coming months

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A Councillor sought an update on the installation of CCTV at a number of illegal dumping blackspots in Laois.

Fine Gael Cllr Vivienne Phelan asked in a motion "that this Council provide an update on the possibility and practicality of installing CCTV at illegal dumping blackspots and if the CCTV could be considered for Athy Road, Stradbally, Timahoe Road, Stradbally, Portlaoise Road, Ballybrittas and the environs of the

bottle bank at Killenard."

She praised the work of the litter wardens but said there are a few litter blackspots where CCTV would be beneficial. She said it can be frustrating for residents to continually have to report illegal dumping.

In a written response, Senior Engineer, Adrian Barrett, said: "The Waste Enforcement Section are working preparing the relevant documents (DPIA/SOP's, Business Case) that are required to enable the use of CCTV and to comply fully with the onerous requirements set

out in the Code of Practice. They are working on having the necessary consents in place for the end of Q2 2025 at which time locations will be selected and be brought before the CCTV oversight board for approval."

Independent Cllr Aidan Mullins seconded the motion and welcomed the Code of Practice. He said the CCTV would be a great deterrent.

The issue was discussed during the December meeting of Portlaoise Graiguecullen Municipal District.



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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 (AS AMENDED) AND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED) NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BY LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

In accordance with Part XI, Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII, Article 80 & 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) Laois County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to carry out the following development:

Location	Nature of Development
Townland of Maryborough.	Details of development: The proposed development at 102 Main Street, Portlaoise will consist of the demolition of the existing, derelict, three storey 'County Hotel' building (approx. 857 m ²), the construction of a new, three storey, 864 m ² apartment building, comprising of 10 residential units and a communal/enterprise space at ground level, the construction of additional pedestrian access point to the site, varied boundary treatments and landscaping works and all ancillary site works. Details of house types: TYPE A, 1 bed apartment (8 no.) and TYPE B, 2 bed apartment (2 no.). The existing 'County Hotel' building is a Protected Structure in the Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027, reference RPS 947. The proposed development is within the Portlaoise architectural conservation area.

An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report for the proposed development has been completed and is available for inspection.

In accordance with Article 81A(5) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) Laois County Council, as the competent authority, has carried out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening and has determined that there is no likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an EIA is not required in respect of the proposed development.

In accordance with Article 81A(6) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) Laois County Council, as the competent authority, has carried out Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening in respect of the proposed development to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge, if the development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would be likely to have a significant effect on a European site in view of its conservation objectives. Accordingly, Laois County Council has determined that the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect on a European site and that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not required in respect of the proposed development.

Any person may, from 17th December 2024 to 22nd January 2025 inclusive, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Plans and particulars of the above proposed development are available for viewing online on [www.laois.ie](https://consult.laois.ie) from 17th December 2024 to 23rd January 2025 inclusive. Plans and particulars and the screening reports are also available for inspection at the offices of Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, JFL Avenue, Portlaoise from 17th December 2024 to 23rd January 2025 inclusive.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and the sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made online at <https://consult.laois.ie> before 5.00 p.m. on 6th February 2025.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and the sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may also be made in writing to: Angela McEvoy, Director of Services, Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co. Laois to be received not later than 5.00 p.m. on 6th February 2025. Submissions should be clearly marked: County Hotel, Main Street, Portlaoise – Part VIII.

Note: Only submissions made in the above manner will be considered as valid submissions for the purposes of the Chief Executive's Report that will be presented to Council.

The Council is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. If you consider that any of the information supplied by you is either commercially sensitive or confidential in nature, this should be highlighted and the reasons for its sensitivity specified. In such cases, the relevant material will, in response to FOI requests, be examined in light of exemptions provided for in the FOI Act.

Angela McEvoy,
Director of Services.

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Location	Nature of Development
Townland of Mountrath.	Details of development: The development will consist of the construction of a residential development of a total of 17 dwelling units all at a site of 0.57 hectares in the Moanbaun Estate in Mountrath and will be accessed from the R430 regional road. The site is bounded to the North, West and South by residential land and to the East by agricultural land. Details of house types: (4 no.) TYPE HT-A, 2 bed, 2 storey, (9 no.) TYPE HT-B, 3 bed, 2 storey, (4 no.) TYPE HT-C, 3 bed, 2 storey, giving a total floor area of 1,742 sqm. The development also includes foul and surface water drainage works, surface water attenuation tank, footpaths, landscaped open space including passive and active areas including play area and all associated site works and boundary treatments.

An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report for the proposed development has been completed and is available for inspection.

In accordance with Article 81A(5) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) Laois County Council, as the competent authority, has carried out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening and has determined that there is no likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an EIA is not required in respect of the proposed development.

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