

Notice of Adoption under Article 16 of the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 435/2004), as amended
Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 for the Carlow Local Authority functional area

Carlow Local Authority has prepared a Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) for the Carlow Local Authority functional area for the years 2024 – 2029 under Section 16 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021.

The Local Authority Climate Action Plan was subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) under SEA Directive 2001/42/EC as transposed into Irish law under the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 435/2004), as amended; and Appropriate Assessment (AA) the EU's Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, as transposed into Irish law under Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 477/2011), as amended.

A copy of the Local Authority Climate Action Plan and associated environmental reports were available for public inspection from 13th September – 25th October, online on Carlow County Council's consultation portal, and at the following offices of the competent authority during office hours .

- County Buildings, Athy Road Carlow, R93 E7R7
- Tullow Civic Offices, Link Road, Tullow, R93 WP86
- Bagenalstown Civic Offices, McGrath Hall, Bagenalstown, R21 WR66
- Carlow Central Library, Tullow Street, Carlow , R93 K126
- Tullow Library ,Civic Offices, Tullow R93 WP86
- Bagenalstown Library, Main Street, Bagenalstown R21 X592
- Borris Library, Lower Main Street, Borris R95 HF25

A SEA Statement is also available for inspection which summarises:

- i. how environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme, or modification to a plan or programme
- ii. how
 - a. the environmental report prepared pursuant to article 12,
 - b. submissions and observations made to the competent authority in response to a notice under article 13, and
 - c. any consultations under article 14,have been taken into account during the preparation of the plan or programme, or modification to a plan or programme,
- iii. the reasons for choosing the plan or programme, or modification to a plan or programme, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with, and
- iv. the measures decided upon to monitor, in accordance with article 17, the significant environmental effects of implementation of the plan or programme, or modification to a plan or programme.