Reporting Template for Noise Action Plan Progress Reports for 2024

This reporting template should be used by local authorities for reporting to the EPA on progress with actions taken under noise action plans during 2024. It should be submitted to the EPA by the 28th February 2025.

This reporting requirement stems from the European Communities (Environmental Noise) Regulations 2018, S.I. No. 549 of 2018, (the Regulations), as amended[1], where under Regulation 12(10) there is a requirement for Action Planning Authorities (APA) to submit an annual report to the EPA.

> *Action Plans* - Regulation 12. (10) *From 18 July 2019 Action planning authorities shall report to the Agency on all actions taken under each action plan or revised action plan in the previous 12 months.*

The updates provided in this reporting template will also be used by the EPA for work on Local Authority Performance Framework (LAPP) for Environmental Enforcement. This framework includes the Environmental Noise Directive Activities (ENDs).

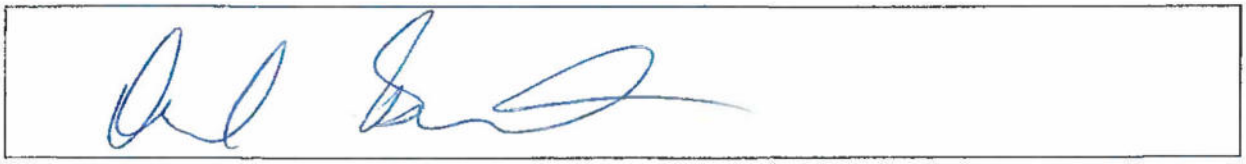
Further details and background information that should be read in conjunction with completing this reporting template are provided in the Appendix below.

Name of Action Planning Authority	Carlow County Council
Name	[redacted]
Position	[redacted]
Telephone Number	[redacted]
Email Address	[redacted]
Date of submission to EPA	28th February 2025

Confirmation of annual report

This annual report provides details of all actions taken under the local authority noise action plan in the preceding calendar year, specifically during 2024.

Signed:



[1] The European Communities (Environmental Noise) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, S.I. No. 663/2021. https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2021/si/663/made/en/print

1. Provide link(s) to access the Round 3, and where completed the Round 4 noise action plan, published by the Action Planning Authority (i.e. local authority)[2].

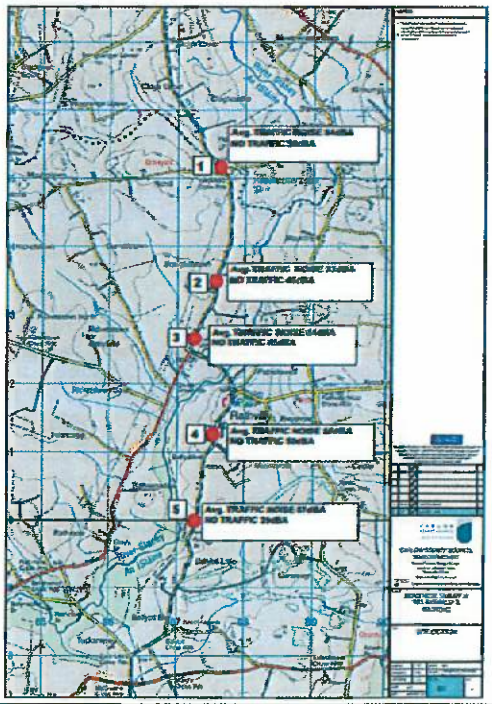
The Noise Action Plan and associated documents including a link to the Round 4 mapping is available to view on the Council Website Noise Action Plan | Carlow Co Co.

2. Provide summary list of actions set out within the noise action plan, and indicate any progress made during the previous calendar year. Where relevant, further details of progress on implementing actions can be provided in answer to subsequent questions.

Action #	Summary of action	Summary of progress on action during previous calendar year
CWC_M1	Support the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC), Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) and Department of Transport (DoT), and other government departments and bodies, in the development of national policy and guidance related to environmental noise, planning and noise, and transportation noise, and assist in their implementation once in place	Carlow County Council fully support the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC), Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) and Department of Transport (DoT), and other government departments and bodies, in the development of national policy and guidance related to environmental noise, planning and noise, and transportation noise, and commit to assist in their implementation once in place subject to available resources.
CWC_M2	Support the establishment of and participate in relevant Noise Working Groups established to deliver the Noise Action Plan	Member of the Noise Action Working Group and participates in Noise Action Workshops with the EPA. Carlow County Council has established a Cross Functional Noise Working Group with members from the Planning Department, Environment Section and Roads & Sustainable Transportation Office who meet quarterly. This group will work together to implement and deliver the Carlow Noise Action Plan.
CWC_M3	Prepare an annual progress report regarding the implementation of the Noise Action Plan and submit it to the EPA	Report submitted to the EPA on 28th February 2025.

[2] For some Local authorities (LAs), their Round 4 (R4) NAPs may not have been finalised until late 2024 or early 2025. These LAs should therefore be reporting annual progress on their Round 3 (R3) NAP. These LAs may not be reporting progress on their identified PIAs until 28th February 2026.

For some other LAs who finalised their R4 NAP in Q3 2024, then they may be reporting annual progress that straddles across two plans (R3, & R4) in 2024. For Q1-2 they should be reporting progress on their R3 NAP, while for Q3-4 they may be reporting progress on their R4 NAP.

CWC_M4	Review and investigate all noise complaints received in a timely manner and in accordance with national and international best practice	Carlow County Council investigates all noise complaints in accordance with its Noise Complaints Procedure as updated on the 6th February 2024. A copy of the procedure is appended herewith. A transportation noise complaint was received in Q4 2024 with regards to a noise issue on a newly surfaced section of the N81 near Rathvilly. The new section consisting of 3 km of SMA surface (typically considered to be noise reducing). The complainant noted a hum but also noted that the hum was evident at night when there was little to no traffic on the road. A survey was completed using a noise meter at 5 locations, 1-3 on the new SMA surface and 4-5 on the pre-existing surface dressing. The first proving to be quieter. The complainant in further correspondence noted the noise was from a neighbouring property and not the road and the matter was closed out. Enlarged survey appended herewith. 
CWC_M5	Continue liaison and collaboration with a range of key stakeholders to address noise-related issues and complaints to ensure the effective management of noise from related industry and infrastructure sites.	All National updates and information emanating from the National Noise Steering Group and EPA Workshops are shared with the Carlow Cross Functional Noise Working Group consisting of members from the

		Planning Department, Environment Section and Roads & Sustainable Transportation Office who meet quarterly. Resourcing and training for this group and staff managing noise complaints and working on the implementation of the Noise Action Plan is being developed for completion subject to resources. The priority work of the group for 2024 was the preparation of the Action Plan.
CWC_M6	Publish the final Noise Action Plan and provide updates on the progress made with its implementation.	The Noise Action Plan was made on the 18th December 2024. The published final Noise Action Plan and associated documents including a link to the Round 4 mapping is available to view on the Council Website Noise Action Plan | Carlow Co Co. Annual Reports on implementation will be provided to Council, the EPA and made available on the Council's webpage.
CWC_M7	Review relevant planning applications for noise related issues in the context of existing strategic noise maps, this Noise Action Plan and existing or Candidate Quiet Areas in open country and condition developments as appropriate to manage impacts on ambient noise levels.	Carlow Planning Department have a planning file referral procedure in place which includes the referral of files for comment to various departments based on a set criterion, including the nature and size of development proposed and documentation received (EIAR, AA, Traffic Assessments, etc). The Environment Section and Transportation Section review, assess, and recommend conditions where appropriate on files to the planning authority. In 2024 485 planning files were reviewed by the Environment Department, 17 of which were specifically examined around noise. The Transportation Department reports on all planning files received by the Local Authority. When granting planning permission for a development, the Planning Authority may attach conditions, as appropriate, requiring the management and regulation of noise, including noise prevention and/or reduction. These conditions may apply to the construction phase of a development and/or to the operational phase, as well as to the use of land and/or buildings. Planning conditions may also require, as appropriate, that noise monitoring is undertaken during the construction and operational phases of a

		development, and that specific noise limits are adhered to. On 3rd December, 2024 Carlow County Council formally submitted the Section 177AE Planning Application and Compulsory Purchase Order Application to An Bord Pleanála for consideration in respect of a 3km realignment of the N80 at Leagh Bends. Noise was considered in the preparation of the application and was reviewed by the Environment Department in preparation for the submission to An Bord Pleanala.
CWC_M8	Collaborate with relevant Carlow County Council sections and 3rd Party organisations to support the implementation relevant plans, projects and strategies	Carlow County Council advised its members at the September 2024 Council meeting, item 2.6 that the Roads Section was commencing the review and development of the Noise Action Plan, detailing the purpose of the plan and the steps involved in preparing a plan. Carlow County Council Management Team and Cross Functional team were also so advised and invited to get involved. Following preparation of the Draft noise Action Plan 2024-2028, SEA Environmental Report and Appropriate Assessment Screening Report members of the public and other interested parties were invited to make submissions through either the Council's Public Consultation Portal, via email or in writing. Copies of the Draft Noise Plan, SEA and AA were available for viewing on the online platform and in three public buildings, one in each of the Municipal Districts across the County (Carlow, Tullow and Bagenalstown). The submission period was from Wednesday 16th October 2024 until Wednesday 26th November 2024. During this period a single submission was received from the public. In addition to the public consultation and

		consultation with the Elected members, Management Team and Cross Functional Team, 11 external stakeholders were consulted for which two submissions were received. These submissions were addressed in Section 11 of the Noise Action Plan. No submissions were received in relation to the SEA and AA. The Carlow County Council Noise Action Plan 2024 – 2028, supported by Noise Consultants Limited, for sections of major roads in County Carlow, was made on the 18th December 2024, and a copy of the Noise Action Plan and associated documents including a link to the Round 4 mapping is available to view on the Council Website Noise Action Plan | Carlow Co Co. EPA Return Carlow CC DF7_10 as required was completed and returned to the EPA for European compliance. Following the making of the Noise Action Plan a Cross Functional working team was put in place, who will meet quarterly to support and implement the plan, projects and strategies. The annual Noise Action report submitted to the EPA will be hosted on the Council's web to inform the public. Updates on the progress of the Noise Action Plan have been included in the CE report for the months of September, October, November, & December 2024.

Note: (1) Use additional rows if relevant, (2) use additional table is there were two NAPs covering the relevant year

Please note that while there were to NAPs covering the year 2024 the position of the resource responsible for the noise action plan in roads was vacated in Q1 and is yet to be replaced (competitions have been held but no suitable candidate found, the position has been re-advertised, and candidates are being shortlisted). The Senior Engineer told ownership of the Noise Action Plan and concentrated efforts on developing the new NAP and progressing the action under this plan. This report will speak to the actions of the 2024-2028 Action Plan.

3. Provide details of any Priority Important Areas (PIAs) which have been addressed (or costed for consideration) under the noise action plan in the preceding year[3, 4]

Road surfacing works on the N80 in Carlow Town including the use of thin layer SMA were carried out in 2024. The extents of the scheme are shown below and are the locus of PIA 1. Full map in the appendix. It is anticipated that the proposed works together with the reduction in speed limit under the Urban Speed Limit Review will reduce the impact of noise in this area.

PIA	Source	MIA Criterion (People HA per 100m²)	Area (m²)	Total Population*	Harmful Effects Statistics**			Number of People Above Important Areas Guideline Levels***	
					HA	HSD	IHD	Road 53dB L_{den}	Road 45dB L_{night}
CWC_4	Major Road	15	12,800	436.91	17.39	5.65	0.02	106.18	106.18

4. Where Priority Important Areas have been addressed (or costed for consideration) under the noise action plan in the preceding year, provide the following details, for each priority area addressed (or costed)[5]:

Priority or PIA addressed	CWC_4
Noise reduction measures introduced	Surfacing change from HRA to SMA
Estimate of the number of people benefiting from noise reduction	436
Estimate of reduction in people annoyed due to noise	
Estimate of reduction in people sleep disturbed due to noise	
Estimate of reduction in noise levels	5dB
Budget (if available)	Road Surfacing Project Funded by TII
Cost-effectiveness assessment (if available)	
Cost-benefit assessment (if available)	

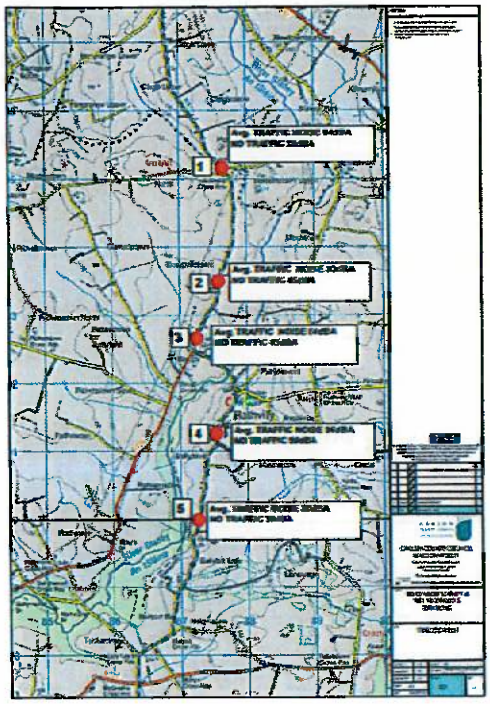
[3] For background on PIA information refer to the draft Round 4 Noise Action Plan guidance note that was sent via email to the LAs on the 5th December 2024 - Noise Mapping and Action Planning - Topic Home Template.

[4] If reporting annual progress on the R3 NAP, then you should provide details of priority areas which have been addressed under the R3 noise action plan

[5] As above, can provide details of priority areas if reporting annual progress on the R3 NAP.

5. Provide details of any other areas, which have been addressed (or costed for consideration) under the noise action plan in the preceding year, where relevant.

The new section consisting of 3 km of SMA surface (typically considered to be noise reducing) was completed on the outskirts of Rathvilly village to some 3 km north to the County Boundary. Following the works a complainant contacted the LA and noted a hum but also noted that the hum was evident at night when there was little to no traffic on the road. A survey was completed using a noise meter at 5 locations, 1-3 on the new SMA surface and 4-5 on the pre-existing surface dressing. The new surfacing proving to be quieter. The complainant in further correspondence noted the noise was from a neighbouring property and not the road and the matter was closed out. Enlarged survey appended herewith.



6. Where any other areas have been addressed (or costed for consideration) under the noise action plan in the preceding year, provide the following details, for each area addressed (or costed):

Important area, MIA or IA addressed	No
Noise reduction measures introduced	SMA to replace Surface dressed road
Estimate of the number of people benefiting from noise reduction	100
Estimate of reduction in people annoyed due to noise	
Estimate of reduction in people sleep disturbed due to noise	
Estimate of reduction in noise levels	5dB
Budget (if available)	Funded by TII
Cost-effectiveness assessment (if available)	N/A
Cost-benefit assessment (if available)	N/A

7. Provide details of any material change in environmental noise in the PIA or any other area concerned in the preceding year.

Information not available.

8. Provide details of any quiet areas which have been delimited (established), or are progressing towards being delimited, in the area concerned in the preceding year[6].

The implementation team propose this work for 2025.

9. Where quiet areas have been delimited (established), or are progressing towards being delimited, during the preceding year, please provide details of the methodology used to identify potential quiet areas[7].

Not applicable.

[6] See DECC Circular Circular EP2/4 re: Re: European Communities (Environmental Noise) Regulations 2018 S.I. No. 549 of 2018 (as amended), and the Draft Round 4 Noise Action Plan guidance note.

[7] See Draft Round 4 Noise Action Plan guidance note - Section 7: Quiet Areas.

10. For each action which the action planning authority intended to take, as set out within the NAP, provide details of progress which has been made during the preceding year, and compare with the implementation plan timetable in the action plan with the progress made. Indicate where proposed outcomes have been achieved.

Table 18: Noise Action Plan Implementation

Measure	Responsible Aim (RA)	Measure Description	Timescale	Implementation Period
General – Noise Management Measures				
CWC_M1	1 & 5	Support the Development of National Noise and Other Related Policy and Guidance	Short- Long-term	2024-2028
CWC_M2	2, 3, 4 & 5	Noise Action Plan Working Group(s)	Bi-annual	2024-2028
CWC_M3	8	Annual Report to Environment Protection Agency (EPA)	Annual	2024-2028
CWC_M4	5 & 7	Continued Investigation and Management of Noise Complaints	On-going	2024-
CWC_M5	3, 4 & 5	Stakeholder Collaboration	On-going	2024-
CWC_M6	3, 4, 5 & 6	Ongoing Community Engagement	As required	2024-2028
Prevention – Noise Management Measures				
CWC_M7	5	Planning Application Advice, Conditioning and Enforcement	On-going	2024-
Mitigation – Noise Management Measures				
Existing Plans, Projects and Strategies				
CWC_M8	3 & 5	Support Implementation of Other Relevant Plans, Projects & Strategies	On-going	2024-

Reporting on page 2 under No. 2 provided a summary list of actions set out within the noise action plan, and indicated progress made during the previous calendar year. All 8 actions are progressing in accordance with the timelines indicated in the implementation timetable of the Carlow Noise Action Plan 2024-28. Continued achievement of outcomes will be dependent on available resources, including staffing, training and funding.

11. Provide details of any additional actions which the authority has taken during the preceding calendar to address environmental noise which have not been reported above[8]. See considerations listed below in the Appendix.

Carlow County Council completed a number of Active Travel Projects and Safer Routes to schools projects in Carlow Town, Tullow and Bagenalstown which will encourage the use of cycling and walking reducing the number of vehicle movements.

The Environment Department has run an anti-idling campaign to reduce the instance of vehicles parked with engines running. While predominantly intended as a campaign to improve air quality and reduce carbon the reduction in idling will also reduce the impacts of noise from vehicles.

The members of Carlow County Council at their July 2024 meeting agreed to implement the new rural default speed limit of 60km/h on all local rural roads in Carlow (a reduction of 20km/h). While not the primary purpose, reduction of speed limits has a positive impact on the noise environment and the members were so advised in the presentation given at the meeting on speed limit reductions. Carlow County Council is satisfied that there will be a positive impact countywide on implementation of the new rural default speed limits including areas outside the Priority Impact Areas (PIAs) identified in the Noise Action Plan 2024-2028. Carlow County Council will be carrying out a full speed limit review in 2025 including examination of the urban speed limits. The 9 no. (PIA's) identified will be examined during the speed limit review and positive noise reduction in a PIA will be considered in assessing the adoption of lower speed limits.

12. Where additional actions have been taken during the preceding year, provide the following details, for each action[6]:

Area addressed	
Noise management or reduction measures introduced	
Estimate of the number of people benefiting from noise reduction	
Estimate of reduction in people annoyed due to noise	
Estimate of reduction in people sleep disturbed due to noise	
Estimate of reduction in noise levels	
Budget (if available)	
Cost-effectiveness assessment (if available)	
Cost-benefit assessment (if available)	

[8] Local authorities to report any other actions that are relevant to the NAP, and which may not directly address a priority (PIA) or other area.

Appendix A

COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHEATHARLACH
CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

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NOISE COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Signed:

P. O'Gorman

Pádraig O'Gorman

Director of Services

Transportation,

Environment, Water Services,

Building Control & Emergency Services

Date: 6/02/2024

Noise Complaint

Carlow County Coucil has developed a Noise Complaint Procedure in line with the National Protocol for dealing with Noise Complaints for Local Authorities.

The principal legislation is the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992, which defines environmental pollution as including noise that is a nuisance, or that would endanger human health or damage property or damage the environment. The law does not specifically mention an exact level or standard of noise.

Making a Complaint

Complaints are received by email to a dedicated email address environment@carlowcoco.ie which is accessed by members of staff and monitored daily. Phone complaints are made to a dedicated complaints phone line (059-9136231) which is available 24/7 for voice messaging or to any member of staff during working hours. Complaints are logged to the Environment Department's complaint's spreadsheet and given a unique reference number. The nature of the complaint and the contact details of the complainant are recorded. The complaint is referred by email to the appropriate person for investigation. If you plan to complain about excessive noise, it is generally recommended that you keep a detailed diary of the times when it occurred, the duration and, if possible, the levels involved.

What action can a private individual take

In general, it is recommended to engage with the person(s) responsible for the source of the noise to reach an acceptable solution. If this does not resolve the situation the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 allows any person to complain to the District Court about a noise that is 'so loud, so continuous, so repeated, of such duration or pitch or occurring at such times as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to a person in any premises in the neighbourhood or to a person lawfully using any public place' and seek an order to deal with the noise nuisance. There is a nominal fee.

You will need to consult the Clerk of the local District Court about an appointment for the hearing of your case and refer exactly to the legislation under which you are making the complaint – Section 108 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992.

At least 7 days before the date for the hearing of your case, you must serve notice on the person or business you are complaining about, using the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 - Noise Form of Notice. It is important to use this Form of Notice only and to complete it fully and accurately. District Court Noise Form of Notice attached - Appendix A.

A person making noise in the course of trade or business may have a defence if it can be shown that all reasonable care was taken to prevent the noise or that the noise is in accordance with a licence issued under the Act.

If the court finds in your favour, it can order the person or body making, causing or responsible for the noise to take measures to prevent or limit the noise. Any such orders must be complied with.

Environment Department

Carlow County Council investigates noise pollution complaints and takes enforcement action if it is warranted and feasible in cases where there is a threat to health and/or comfort of the public/community as a whole.

Carlow County Council can serve a notice under Section 107 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 on the person causing the noise for the purposes of preventing or limiting the noise to the Environmental Protection Agency in relation to premises, processes and works other than those which require licences under the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992.

In the Notice it will:

(a) specify the measures which appear to Carlow County Council to be necessary in order to prevent or limit the noise,

(b) direct the person on whom it is served to take such measures as may be specified in the notice to prevent or limit the noise, and

(c) specify a period, which Carlow County Council considers reasonable in all the circumstances of the case, within which such measures are to be taken.

Failure to comply with a notice is an offence and allows Carlow County Council to take steps to ensure compliance.

Planning Department

When granting planning permission for a development, the Planning Authority may attach conditions, as appropriate, requiring the management and regulation of noise, including noise prevention and/or reduction. These conditions may apply to the construction phase of a development and/or to the operational phase, as well as to the use of land and/or buildings. Planning conditions may also require, as appropriate, that noise monitoring is undertaken during the construction and operational phases of a development, and that specific noise limits are adhered to.

Where applicable, noise complaints relating to a development/planning permission may be referred to the Planning Enforcement Section to investigate potential breaches of planning conditions pertaining to noise management, monitoring requirements, and/or noise levels. Any development that requires planning permission or a development which is in breach of the conditions of its planning permission may be subject to planning enforcement proceedings.

Noise complaints relating to an authorised commercial/industrial activity will be referred to Planning Department for compliance/to check compliance.

Types of Noise Complaints

The types of Noise Complaints address by Carlow County Council are outlined in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Types of Noise Complaints

Category	Complaint Type	Investigating/ Authorising Body	Possible Relevant Legislation/Standards
Entertainment	Bars & Nightclubs	Local Authority: noise issues arising from within the premises (e.g., loud music, loud conversation etc.)	• Planning & Development Acts 2000, as amended [e.g.,noise-related planning conditions]; • EPA Act 1992* [Section 107, 108].
		An Garda Siochana: Noise issues arising outside of the premises (e.g., anti-social behaviour)	• Courts (No. 2) Act 1986 [Licence Renewal]; • Intoxicating Liquor Act 2003 [Special Exemption]; • Criminal Justice (Public Order) 2003 Act [anti-social behaviour].
	Concerts/Out-Door Events (including fun-fairs)	Local Authority: noise issues arising from within the venue (e.g., loud music etc.)	• Planning & Development Acts 2000, as amended [including event planningfor audiences > 5000]; • EPA Act 1992* [Section 107, 108]
		An Garda Siochana: Noise issues arising outside of the premises (e.g., anti-social behaviour)	• Intoxicating Liquor Act 2003 • Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Public Order)
Transport	Road/Rail Traffic	Local Authority/Irish Rail/Transport Infrastructure Ireland	• The European Communities (Environmental Noise) Regulations 2018, as amended
	Roads Construction National Roads Non –national roads	Transport Infrastructure Ireland formerly the National Roads Authority) Local Authority	• Planning & Development Acts 2000, as amended [e.g., noise mitigation measures as per project Environmental Impact Statement].

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Commercial Activities	Construction & Demolition	Local Authority	• Planning & Development Acts 2000, as amended [e.g.,noise-related planning conditions]; • EPA Act 1992.*
	Quarries and Mines	Local Authority	• Planning & Development Acts 2000, as amended [e.g., noise-related conditions applied under Section 261 or by planning condition]; • EPA Act 1992.*
	Wind Turbines	Local Authority	• Planning & Development Acts 2000, as amended [e.g.,noise-related planning conditions]; • EPA Act 1992.*
	Waste Processing/ Collection	Local Authority	• Waste Management (Collection Permit) Regulations [authorisation of waste collection activities] 2007; • Waste Management Regulations [authorisation of certain waste facilities]2004(Facility Permit & Registration) and subsequent amendments; • EPA Act 1992.* • Planning & Development Acts 2000, as amended [e.g.,noise-related planning conditions];
		EPA	• Waste Management (Licencing) Regulations [authorisation of licensable waste facilities].
	Cooling systems, air extraction systems, generators	Local Authority	• Planning & Development Acts 2000, as amended [e.g.,noise-related planning conditions]; • EPA Act 1992* [Section 107, 108]
	Industrial process noise	Local Authority	• Planning & Development Acts 2000, as amended [e.g.,noise-related planning conditions]; • EPA Act 1992* [Section 107, 108].
		EPA	• EPA Acts [IPC or IED licenced facilities].
	Mobile units (e.g., mobile generators etc.)	Local Authority	• EPA Act 1992* [Section 107, 108]; • Casual Trading Licences; • Local Authority Bye-Laws.
	Retail deliveries	Local Authority	• Planning & Development Acts 2000, as amended [e.g.,

Category	Complaint Type	Investigating/ Authorising Body	Possible Relevant Legislation/Standards
			noise-related planning conditions]; • EPA Act 1992* [Section 107, 108].
Domestic*	General domestic noise, house-parties, internal noise in multiple-residence units	Local Authority	• EPA Act 1992* [Section 107, 108]; • Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 [Local Authority Housing Tenancy Agreement – for issues relating to local authority housing tenants]; • Building Regulations [Part E : Sound] 1997 to 2007(for issues relating to sound transmission resulting from sub-standard housing construction)
		Private Residential Tenancies Board (PRTB)	• Residential Tenancy Acts [3rd Party Dispute Application – for issues relating to private rental housing tenants].
		An Garda Siochana: (e.g., anti-social behaviour).	• Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 2003; • Criminal Justice Act [Anti-Social Behaviour Order].
Other	Anti-social Behaviour	An Garda Siochana	• Criminal Justice Act [Anti-Social Behaviour Order]. • Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 2003 ;
	Barking Dogs	Local Authority	• Control of Dogs Act 1986.
	Security Alarms	Local Authority	• EPA Act 1992* [Section 107, 108].
	Crow Bangers	Local Authority	• EPA Act 1992* [Section 107, 108].
	Noise experienced at Work	Health & Safety Authority (HSA)	• General Applications Regulations 2007 (Chapter 1 of Part 5: Control of Noise at Work).
	Faulty/modified vehicle exhausts	An Garda Siochana	• Road Traffic (Construction, Equipment & Use of Vehicles) Regulations.

*Those statutes above marked with an * relate to situations where Carlow County Council may decide not to pursue enforcement action in relation to private noise nuisance complaints, however, any person(s) affected may consider taking court action themselves as provided for under this legislation.*

Noise Action Plan

Carlow County Council has developed a Noise Action Plan in accordance with the requirements of EU Directive 2002/49/EC (known as the Environmental Noise Directive, or "END". The Directive applies to noise from transport, road traffic, rail traffic, air traffic, and from sites of industrial activity and complaints relating to this are referred to the Roads Department.

Appendix A

District Court Noise Form of Notice

AN CHÚIRT DÚICHE THE DISTRICT COURT

District Court No *22* District Court Area *Carlow*

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ACT, 1992

Notice pursuant to section 108(3) of the Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1992 of intention to make a complaint to the District Court in relation to noise giving reasonable cause for annoyance.

Complainant _____ of _____

Defendant _____ of _____

WHEREAS the above-named complainant alleges that the above-named defendant is the *person, *body making, causing or responsible for the following noise namely

_____

_____

_____

at _____ in District Court District No. *22* and District Court area of *Carlow* which noise is so loud/so continuous/so repeated/of such duration or pitch/occurring at such times as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to

*the complainant,

*a person in any premises in the neighbourhood,

*a person lawfully using a public place,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the defendant that the complainant intends to make a complaint pursuant to section 108(1) of the above Act to a sitting of the District Court for the said court area and district to be held at {Insert district court no. or location }

On the _____ of _____ at _____ a.m./p.m., being a date not earlier than 7 days from the date of this notice, and to seek an order pursuant to that section in relation to the said noise.

Dated this _____

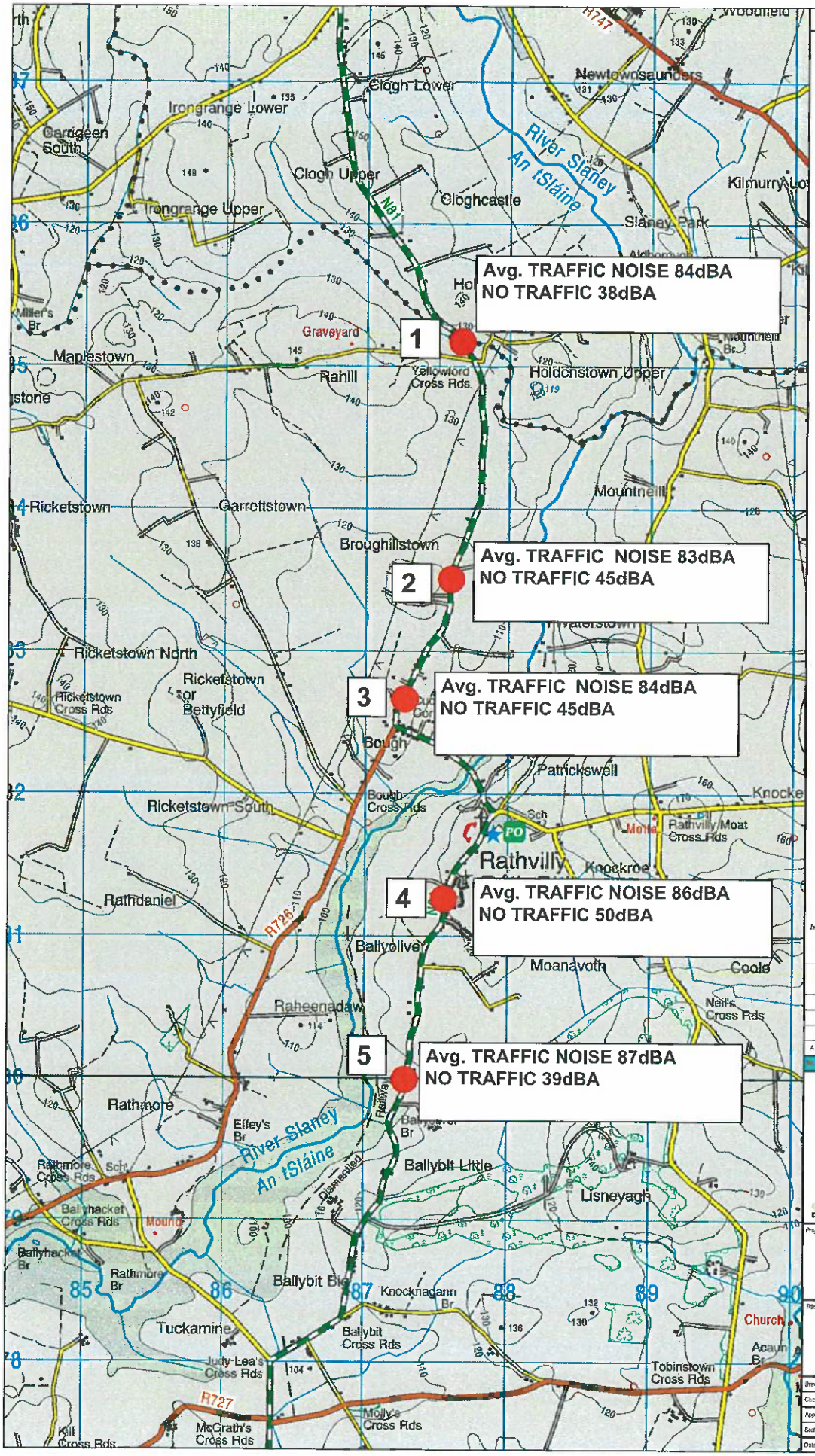
Signed _____ Complainant

To _____

of _____

*delete as appropriate

Appendix B



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Project: ROAD NOISE SURVEY at N81 RATHVILLY & ENVIRONS

Title: SITE LOCATION

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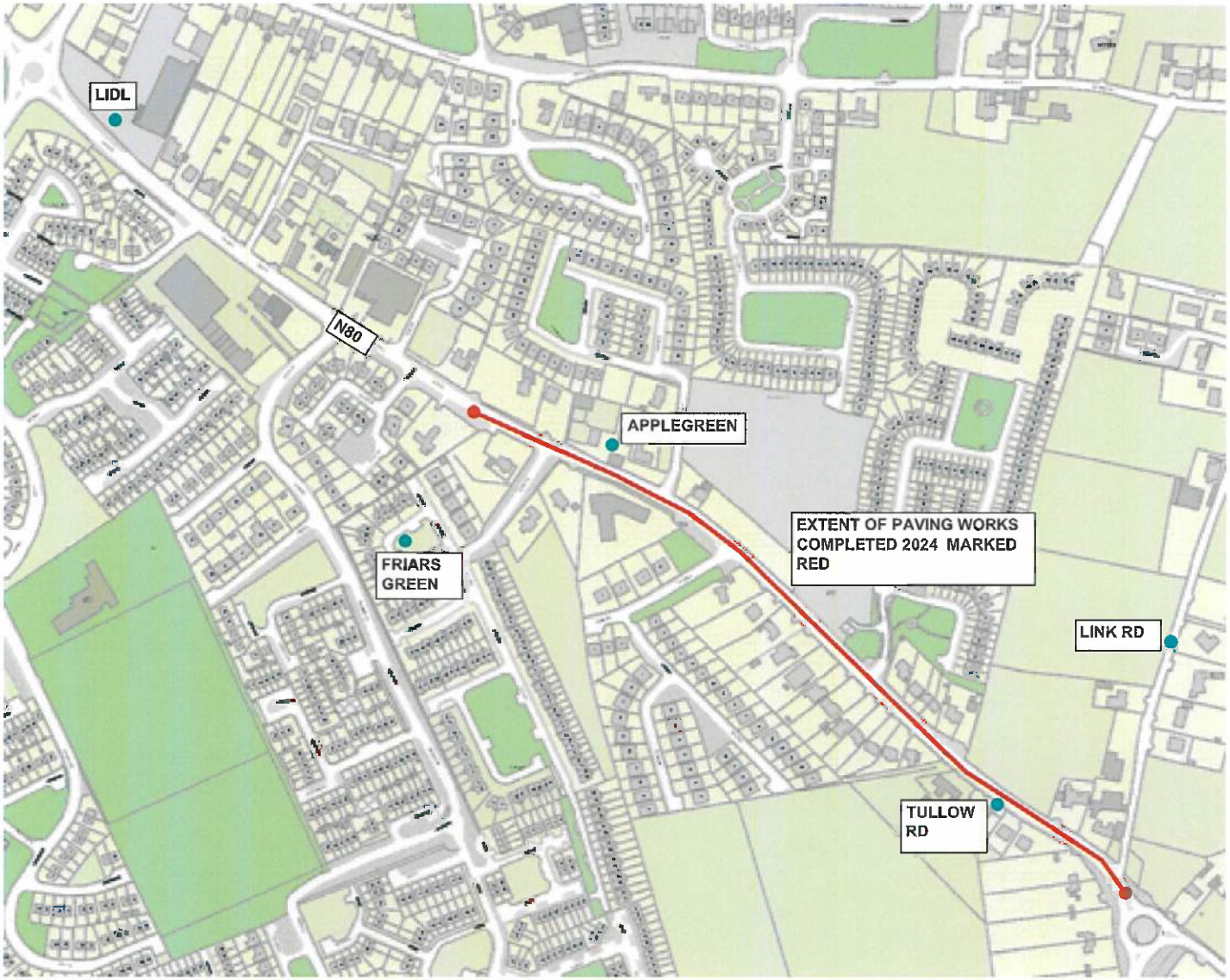

Project:
NEW SURFACE PAVEMENT WORKS AT N80 TULLOW RD CARLOW

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