

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000
(AS AMENDED)
NOTICE OF HAVING PREPARED
A DRAFT LOCAL AREA PLAN FOR RATHKEALE**

Pursuant to Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (amended) notice is hereby given that Limerick City and County Council being the Planning Authority for the area, has prepared a Draft Local Area Plan (LAP) for Rathkeale.

The Draft Rathkeale Local Area Plan 2023 - 2029 comprises a written statement and maps and is accompanied by:

- A Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report
- An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report
- A Stage 1 Flood Risk Assessment

A copy of these documents may be inspected from **18 June 2022 to 2 of August 2022 inclusive**, excluding Bank Holidays at the following locations:

- Corporate Head Quarters, Merchant's Quay, Limerick;
- Rathkeale Library, Rathkeale;
- Adare Library, Adare;
- County Hall, Dooradoyle Road, Limerick;
- Dooradoyle Library, Dooradoyle;
- www.limerick.ie/council

Public Information Evening:

Members of the public and interest groups are invited to attend a drop-in public information evening **on Wednesday 29 June 2022 between 3pm - 7pm** in the Rathkeale Community Centre.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA):

In complying with SEA Directive (2001/42/EC) and the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 to 2011, Limerick City and County Council has carried out a Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening and determined that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required at this stage of the Draft Rathkeale Local Area Plan preparation.

Appropriate Assessment:

A Screening for Appropriate Assessment has been carried out for the Draft Rathkeale Local Area Plan, in accordance with the requirements of Article 6 of the EU Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC. Limerick City and County Council has determined that a full Appropriate Assessment is not required at this stage of the Local Area Plan preparation.

Submissions/Observations:

Submissions/Observations may be made in respect of the Draft Rathkeale Local Area Plan and associated Environmental Screenings from **18 June 2022 to 2 August 2022 Inclusive**,

Submissions/Observations may be made as follows:

- Online at <https://mypoint.limerick.ie>
- Email to forwardplanning@limerick.ie or
- In writing to Forward Planning, Economic Development and Enterprise Directorate, Limerick City and County Council, Merchants Quay, Limerick

Please make your submission by one medium only i.e. in hard copy, online or e-mail. Any submissions 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 area entitled to make submission or observations to the Draft Local Area Plan.

All submissions or observations made during the submission period with respect to the Draft Rathkeale Local Area Plan 2023 - 2029 and associated environmental screenings will be taken into consideration by the Council before the making of the Local Area Plan.

Submissions received by the Planning Authority will be published on the Limerick City and County Council website within 10 working days of receipt, along with your name in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Please do not include personal, confidential or other sensitive information in submissions.

Please note that by giving your contact details you are agreeing to the Council GDPR policy.

For queries, please contact Forward Planning at (061) 556508 or via forwardplanning@limerick.ie

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