

Green light for Innovation Campus

Planning permission has been granted by Kildare Co Council for the Kildare Innovation Campus (KIC) in Leixlip which has a construction value of €244m.

The masterplan designed for the 72 hectare site will see the campus transform in three phases over the next 10 to 15 years into one of a state-of-the-art Science, Innovation and Technology campus.

ECONOMY

The development has the potential to substantially boost the economy of Kildare and the entire Mid East region.

When fully completed, the campus will create the potential for around 4,000 jobs, including existing businesses already located on the site.

Under the plan, 60 per cent of the campus will comprise innovation, deeptech and science facilities.

The remaining 40 per cent will provide buildings for Information and communication technologies

(better known as ICT), quantum computing and data centre related activity.

The campus will be fully connected to the national grid and is committed to investing in increasing Ireland's renewable energy provision both on and off-site through the installation of substantial solar PV and through power purchase agreements where required.

Harvested rainwater will enable energy and water efficient cooling systems, and the site is designed to incorporate best practice nature-based systems to manage water usage.

Aligning with the Leixlip Local Area Plan, included is new local access following the construction of a pedestrian and cycle overpass of the M4 motorway.

The planned activity on the newly developed site, subject to planning permission, will complement the activity of existing businesses on the campus.

Companies currently located there are HP, MGS, Nikon, DXC Technology and Cully Automation.



An artist's impression of the Innovation Campus

Plan for former Ambassador hotel

A main contractor is expected to be appointed soon for a development at the former Ambassador Hotel site in Kill.

Permission has been granted in 2022 for 33 homes comprising of 21 houses and 12 apartments

Being constructed are 21 two bed units of which eight are apartments and the remaining 13 are two-storey houses.

Also in the plans are eight two-storey three bed houses and four one-bed

apartments.

Permitted works include the part demolition of existing boundary walls, the construction of new site entrance.

The plans provide for new landscaping, internal road network and footpaths, public lighting, tree surgery and car parking.

The development will have a total floor area of 4,000 square metres.

The estimated construction value of the project is over €10m.



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NOTICE OF THE PREPARATION OF THE KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL DRAFT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2024-2029

Notice is hereby given that Kildare County Council has, pursuant to Section 16 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, prepared a Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.

The Draft Plan is accompanied by an Environmental Report, prepared in accordance with the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 435 of 2004 as amended by S.I. 200 of 2011) for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) Natura Impact Report, pursuant to Article 6 of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC.

The Draft Climate Action Plan sets out how the local authority can promote a range of mitigation, adaptation, and other climate action measures, to help deliver on the national climate obligations and the Government's overall National Climate Objective, which seeks to pursue and achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy.

Public Consultation

The Kildare County Council Draft Climate Action Plan, the Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report and Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Report, will be on display from Thursday, 21 September 2023 to 4:00 p.m. Friday, 3 November 2023, at the following locations:

- online at <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/kildare-county-council-climate-action-plan>
- at Kildare County Council, Level 1, at the address below Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).
- Kildare County Council Libraries (Maynooth, Leixlip, Naas, Athy and Newbridge Libraries) during their respective normal opening hours during the consultation period.
- Public Consultation Drop-In Clinics are as follows:
 - Maynooth Library, Wednesday, 27 September from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - Naas Library, Tuesday, 3 October from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - Leixlip Library, Tuesday, 10 October from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - Athy Library, Wednesday, 18 October from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - Newbridge Library, Thursday, 26 October from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Any further public consultation events will be advertised during the consultation period on Facebook: Kildare County Council, X: @KildareCoCo, Instagram: @kildarecountycouncil, LinkedIn: Kildare County Council.

Submissions/Observations

Written submissions or observations regarding the Draft Climate Action Plan, SEA Environmental Report and AA Natura Impact Report, are invited from members of the public and other interested parties. You can make a submission or observation between Thursday, 21 September 2023 to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 3 November 2023 inclusive, through the following options only:

- A written submission can be made electronically through the Council's Public Consultation Portal <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/kildare-county-council-climate-action-plan> up to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 3 November 2023;
- or
- In writing to the Climate Action Coordinator at the address below.

All submissions are to be concise, clear, succinct and to the scope of the plan.

The closing date for receipt of submissions or observations is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 3 November 2023.

Please make your submissions or observations by one medium only i.e. online or hard copy.

Submissions or observations should include your name and address and, where relevant, details of any organisation, community group or company etc. which you represent. Children, or groups or associations representing the interests of children, are particularly encouraged to make submissions or observations regarding the foregoing.

Written submissions or observations with respect to the Draft Plan that are made within the period stated, will be taken into consideration before the making of the Plan.

Please note late submissions or observations will not be considered. You are strongly advised to make your submission or observation as early as possible.

Data Protection

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Details of your privacy entitlements and obligations under GDPR can be accessed at <https://kildarecoco.ie/YourCouncil/GovernanceandCompliance/DataProtection/>

Privacy statement for management of submissions made under public consultation processes in the making of the preparation of the Kildare County Council's Climate Action Plan can be accessed at: <https://kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/ClimateAction/GDPRPrivacyStatement/>

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