

PROCESS OF PREPARATION

1. Following this pre-draft period a Draft LAP will be prepared, published and a second public consultation period held.
2. Thereafter a Managers Report will be prepared considering submissions received and with proposed amendments to the Draft LAP.
3. Thereafter the Cahir LAP 2010 will be finalised and adopted by the Elected Members... or in the event of material amendments to the Draft LAP, further consultation will be held and another Managers Report prepared.
4. Thereafter, the Cahir LAP 2010 will be finalised.



HOW TO MAKE A SUBMISSION

Submissions or observations should be made in writing from **Monday 25th January to Friday 19th February** and marked 'Cahir LAP Review' and addressed to:

Mr Tom O'Dwyer, Administrative Officer,
Planning Section, South Tipperary County Council,
County Hall, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

Submissions can also be made by e-mail from the link on the South Tipperary County Council planning website www.southtippcoco.ie
Submissions shall be received until **12 midnight on Friday 19th February**.

A public information evening is to be held in the Cahir House Hotel on the 3rd February 2010 at 7pm. All are welcome.



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SOUTH TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

REVIEW OF CAHIR LOCAL AREA PLAN 2005

Public Consultation ISSUES PAPER

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YOUR TOWN – YOUR SAY

South Tipperary County Council intends to review the current Local Area Plan (LAP) for Cahir Town. Formal notification of the commencement of this process was advertised recently in both The Nationalist and The Tipperary Star. Presently we are at “**Pre-Draft Stage**” which will be followed by the preparation of a “**Draft Plan**”, and finally the making of the LAP. The process of making the new LAP will be on-going for the next 5-6 months. The Planning Authority will be consulting with the people of Cahir along with all interest groups, service providers, statutory bodies and stakeholders over the period, in order that the LAP when finalised is an inclusive, rational and relevant for the future strategic development of Cahir Town. The Planning Authority will undertake public consultation again at the Draft LAP stage. If there are any material amendments to the Draft LAP, an additional public consultation period will be required.

So as the Plan is relevant to you and reflects your concerns and wishes it is important that you express your views right from the beginning so that we share ownership of the Plan. This public consultation Issues Paper has been prepared to inform the community and all stakeholders, to encourage participation in the LAP review process and to generate discussion and debate.

This Issues Paper will explain the function of a LAP, the process of the review of the Cahir LAP and how you can make a written submission or observation. In addition, some of the planning issues for Cahir Town are set out for the comment and consideration of all stakeholders.

Please note that the planning issues outlined are not an exhaustive list and other issues should be addressed by you as required.

WHAT IS A LOCAL AREA PLAN?

In accordance with the Planning and Development Acts 2000 – 2007, a LAP consists of a written statement and plans indicating local objectives for the planning and development of the area. This may include objectives for community facilities and amenities and standards for the design of developments and structures. A LAP is required to be consistent with the objectives of the County Development Plan. This process relates to the review of the Current Cahir LAP 2005, when the process is complete the Cahir LAP 2010 will be produced. Local planning issues relevant to Cahir Town and not addressed in the County Development Plan 2009 will be addressed in the Cahir LAP 2010.

PLANNING ISSUES FOR COMMENT

Vision

How would you like to see Cahir develop into the future and what defining characteristics do you associate with Cahir?

Community and Social

How would you describe the population of Cahir? Does Cahir town offer a good quality of life for all age groups and social groups? Are the educational needs of Cahir being met?

Housing

Is the quality and choice of housing available suitable for the population of Cahir? Are more houses required? If so, what kind?

Recreation and amenity

What amenities are in Cahir? Are these accessible to everyone? Have they been developed to their full potential? What additional recreational needs are necessary?

Employment

What are the main employment sectors in Cahir? What can be done to attract new employment opportunities? How can the strengths of Cahir be developed?

Tourism

What is the way forward for Tourism in and around the Town – how do we develop the tourism products?

Retailing and Commercial

Are your retailing needs being met in Cahir? Are you satisfied with the offer and choice of retailing? Where do you see opportunities for new commercial development? How do you rate the vibrancy and vitality of the Town Centre? What is your vision for the Square?

Environment and History

How can we enhance and protect the quality of the environment whilst harnessing the economic potential of the rich history of Cahir.

Infrastructure

What accessibility issues do you associate with Cahir? What transport modes do you use? Do you see Rail transport as an option if the service was improved? How do you see local pedestrian linkages being enhanced? Do you see any issues with the existing services i.e. public water supply, waste water infrastructure, surface water?

Communication & Electricity/Energy Generation

Is Broadband service an issue for business in the Town – what improvements are necessary? Is electricity supply an issue for industrial development? What does the Gas main bring to the town? Do you think wind energy/wind turbines have a place in and around Cahir, to generate cheaper energy?

Sustainability

How can the principle of sustainability and the long-term protection of the environment be incorporated into each of these key issues?