



Kilkenny Going Green

DRAFT LOCAL AUTHORITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2024 – 2029

Section 5 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021

Kilkenny County Council has put its Draft Climate Action Plan out for public consultation. The Draft Kilkenny County Council Climate Action Plan covers the period 2024 - 2029. 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 the Government's National Climate Objective, to achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, a transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy.

The Draft Climate Action 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.

Public Consultation

A copy of the Draft Climate Action Plan and associated documents are available to view online at: <https://consult.kilkenny.ie/en/consultation/local-authority-climate-action-plan-draft>

The Draft LACAP may be inspected during public opening hours from **Thursday 16th November 2023 until Wednesday 20th December 2023** inclusive, at the following locations:

- County Hall, Johns Street, Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny Eircode R95 A39T
- Callan Library, Clonmel Road, Callan, Co. Kilkenny, R95 TW10
- Castlecomer Library, Kilkenny Street, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny, R95 AH33
- Kilkenny City Library, John's Quay, Co. Kilkenny, R95 YX65
- Ferrybank Library, Ferrybank Shopping Centre, Ferry Bank, Waterford, X91 D211
- Graiguenamanagh Library, Convent Road, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny R95 V342

- Loughboy Library, Loughboy Shopping Centre Waterford Road, Co. Kilkenny, R95 TD71
- Thomastown Library, Marsh’s Street Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, R95 HP26
- Urlingford Library, The Courthouse, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny, E41 A2X4

Making a Submission or Observation

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. Submissions or observations may be made in one of two ways:

1. Online via Kilkenny County Councils Consultation Portal at:
<https://consult.kilkenny.ie/en/consultation/local-authority-climate-action-plan-draft>
Or
2. In writing (marked “Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan”) to: Climate Action Coordinator, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Co. Kilkenny, R95 A39T

Submissions or observations must be made in writing no later than **16:00 on Wednesday 20th December 2023**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Please consider the following when making your submission:

1. Submissions should be in **one** medium only i.e. online **or** hard copy
2. Submissions or observations should include your name and email address and, where relevant, details of any organisation, community group or company etc. you represent.
3. Children, or groups or associations representing the interests of children, are particularly encouraged to make submissions or observations.
4. Written submissions or observations with respect to the Draft Climate Action Plan, made within the period stated, will be taken into consideration before the making of the Plan.
5. Please ensure that no vexatious, libellous or confidential information, including confidential information relating to a third party (in respect of which the third party has not, expressly, or, impliedly in the circumstances, consented to its disclosure) is included.
6. All submissions / observations will be subject to the Data Protection Act 1988 – 2018 and the Freedom of Information Act 2014
7. Submissions will be made available for public viewing on Kilkenny County Council’s consultation website during the plan-making period. We will retain your data for no longer than is necessary for the purpose of this Plan and in accordance with Kilkenny County Council’s Retention Policy and the relevant Data Protection legislation.

Public Information Drop-in Events

Council staff will be available during the hours of **10:30 to 13:00** to provide guidance on the Draft Climate Action Plan and on the consultation process, at the following locations. All are welcome to come along to:

Ferrybank Library Ferrybank Shopping Centre, Ferry Bank, Waterford, X91 D211	Tuesday, 21 st November
Castlecomer Library Kilkenny Street, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny, R95 AH33	Wednesday, 22 nd November

Kilkenny City Library

John's Quay, Co. Kilkenny, R95 YX65

Thursday 23rd November

A public webinar, hosted by Kilkenny Public Participation Network, will also be held on Wednesday, 22nd November at 19:00, [link here](#), please use the following Passcode: 432011

If you require more details, please contact the Environment and Climate Action Section at (056-7794350) or email climate@kilkennycoco.ie. You may also visit the Council Climate Action webpage at: <https://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/services/environment/climate-action/>

Signed: Sean McKeown, Director of Services, Environment and Climate Action

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