



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

**Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
Part 8, Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)**

**Ardee Castle Refurbishment,
Ardee, Co. Louth**

Louth County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to carry out refurbishment works to Ardee Castle, a Protected Structure comprising the Castle, Bridewell building to the rear and modern courtyard extension (Ref LHS 017-017, NIAH 13823004) and a National Monument, (Ref LH 017-101018) and the adjoining house, a protected structure (Ref LHS -017-073, NIAH 13823005) at Ardee Castle, Castle Street, Ardee Co. Louth

The application site is within the Ardee Architectural Conservation Area as designated in the Louth County Council Development Plan 2021-2027.

The proposed works involve the following:

- Main entrance relocation to the adjoining building on Castle Street to facilitate universal access
- Rear extensions encompassing external stair, lift and services core finished externally in zinc cladding with some glazed openings to a height of 4 floors to rear of buildings providing universal access and egress to ground and upper levels of the building.
- Refurbishment of the interior of the Castle building
- All associated site development works.

In accordance with Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended, Louth County Council has concluded from a preliminary examination pursuant to the provisions of article 120(1)(b)(i) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

Where any person considers that the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, he or she may, at any time before the expiration of 4 weeks beginning on the date of publication of this notice, apply in accordance with the provisions of article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have such effects.

In accordance with the provisions of article 250 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended, Louth County Council has carried out a screening of the proposed development to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge, if the development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would be likely to have a significant effect on a European site. Accordingly, Louth County Council has determined that the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect on a European site. Plans and particulars of the proposed development may be inspected or purchased, at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, from Thursday, 22nd February 2024 until Thursday, 21st March 2024 (inclusive) at the offices of Louth County Council during public opening hours:

- Ardee Library, Market Street, Cappocksgreen, Ardee
- Mid Louth Civic Services Centre, Fair Green, Ardee
- Plans and particulars will also be available to view online on the consultation portal of Louth County Council <https://consult.louthcoco.ie/>

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, clearly marked "Ardee Castle Refurbishment Part 8" may be made either:

- In writing to the undersigned at Louth County Council, County Hall, Millennium Centre, Dundalk, Co. Louth
- Via National Part 8 Planning Portal <https://planning.localgov.ie/en>

before 5.00pm on Thursday 4th April 2024.

Dated 21st February 2024

**Terry Hamilton, Town Regeneration Officer
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Brian Martin, Maureen Walsh, Irene McBride, Carole McGuffin and Pauline Malone who recieved long service awards with Louth County Council.

County Council recognise 1,250 years combined service of long serving staff

LOUTH County Council celebrated the contribution of fifty local authority staff with an incredible combined service of 1,250 years!

Staff were honoured with Long Service awards at a special ceremony in The Gateway Hotel, Dundalk, County Louth, last Friday.

The event was also an induction for new employees, staff who have joined the local authority in the last 18 months.

Louth County Council are one of the largest employers in Louth, with almost 800 staff working in Dundalk, Drogheda, Ardee and across the county.

Chief Executive of Louth County Council, Joan Martin, presented the Long Service awards to employees who are working in a range of departments within the local authority, including Social and Community Development, Operations and Local Service, Fire Service, Building Control and Housing.

The Chief Executive was joined by Louth County Council's Senior Management Team, Joe McGuinness, Bernie Woods, Ger Murphy, David Jones and Eamonn Wolfe in congratulat-



Paddy Connolly and Lorraine Quigley who recieved long service awards with Louth County Council.

ing all those who were awarded for 25 years service.

With a remarkable 1,250 years in combined service, she acknowledged the valuable knowledge, abilities and experience long service staff bring to Louth County Council, and welcomed those who have recently joined.

"Over the last 18 months we

have welcomed over 100 staff to Louth County Council. This event was about bringing these new joiners together and allowing them to meet each other, and the Council's Senior Management Team, and share their experience in the organisation to date, and to highlight to them the full range of services that we deliver. It was fitting on days

like this to recognise and thank long-standing members of staff who have shown dedication and commitment to Louth County Council in reaching 25 years service with us. Louth County Council recognises the importance of our employees as being the Council's greatest asset and it was a wonderful morning to come together and celebrate."



Peter Coleman is presented with a long service long service award with Louth County Council by Chief Executive, Joan Martin.



Martin Brady is presented with a long service long service awards with Louth County Council by Chief Executive, Joan Martin.