

## **Cork Agglomeration DRAFT Noise Action Plan 2024 - 2028**

### What We Are Doing

The Local Authorities of the Cork Agglomeration (Cork City Council and Cork County Council) are preparing a Noise Action Plan to cover the whole of the Cork agglomeration. The Noise Action Plan has been informed by and is based on the Strategic Noise Maps which were modelled in 2022 and published for the agglomeration of Cork in 2023 and which cover transport (road and rail) and industry related environmental noise sources.

### Why We Are Doing It

The Noise Action Plan is required under the Environmental Noise Directive (“END”) (2002/49/EC) which was transported into Irish law through the European Communities (Environmental Noise) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 549/2018) and the European Communities (Environmental Noise) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 663/2021). The Regulations require Strategic Noise Maps and Noise Action Plans to be made or revised every five years.

### When We Are Doing It

This Noise Action Plan covers Round 4 of the implementation of the END. The final Noise Action Plan must be completed and issued to the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) by the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and subsequently issued by the EPA to the EU Commission by the end of January 2025.

### Requirements of Noise Action Plan

The Environmental Noise Directive (END) requires local authorities to draw-up plans of action which will include measures to 'address priorities which may be identified by the exceeding of any relevant limit value or by other criteria chosen by the Member State and apply in particular to the most important areas as established by strategic noise mapping'. It also requires Plans to identify and protect “quiet areas against an increase in noise”.

### Why Your Views Matter

There will be a period of formal public consultation from **9a.m. Friday 05<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to 5p.m. Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024** and members of the public are welcome to submit their views on this draft Cork Agglomeration Noise Action Plan. If you have particular comments on the Plan we would welcome your views. Submissions may be made by one of the following methods;

- **electronically** via the Cork City Council Online Consultation Portal at <https://consult.corkcity.ie/>

- or **in writing** to the Traffic Operations Division, Room 339, City Hall, Cork, T12 T997

#### Reader Note

This Noise Action Plan covers the whole of the Cork Agglomeration which includes the complete or partial administrative area of the two Local Authorities mentioned above. Readers are therefore referred to the following structure of the Noise Action Plan to help direct them to the relevant section(s) that may be applicable to their area and interest.

- Chapters 1 to 9 – Background and general to the Agglomeration as a whole
- Chapter 10 – Cork City Council specific
- Chapter 11 – Cork County Council specific