

## Template for case studies

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Title of the Institution / Project in English	Desk study of all sites of Industrial heritage interest in County Laois. Carried out by Fred Hamond on behalf of the Heritage Forum of Laois County Council
Title of the Institution / Project in Original Language	Desk study of all sites of Industrial heritage interest in County Laois. Carried out by Fred Hamond on behalf of the Heritage Forum of Laois County Council
Summary of Case study/project	<p>This project was instigated by Laois County Council under objective 4.4 of the Laois Heritage Plan 2002-2006: the recording of industries in Co Laois.</p> <p>It entailed the creation of a paper and digital database of all industrial heritage sites in the county, using maps, primary sources, consultations and other readily available sources. The database thus created is known as LAIAR – LAois Industrial Archaeology Record.</p> <p>In total, 1,056 sites of industrial heritage significance were recorded in the County, involving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure (transport, water, power and communications)</li> <li>• Industry (engineering, extractive industry, food &amp; drink, fuel, timber, textiles, metal and animal-based products)</li> <li>• Settlement (bridges &amp; water supplies)</li> <li>• Agriculture (grain processing)</li> </ul>
Organisations Concerned	Laois County Council The Heritage Council

<p>Case study/Project detailed description</p>	<p>Chapter 1 of the final report outlines the scope of industrial archaeology and the progress of survey work in Ireland. Chapter 2 presents an overview of the contents of LAIAR. A detailed appraisal of the sources and sampling strategies used in its compilation is given in chapter 3. This database exists in both computer database and hard-copy formats and these are reviewed in detail in chapters 4&amp; 5. Chapters 6 and 7 outline how LAIAR can be updated and interrogated. Finally, in chapter 8, recommendations are set out for its future development and enhancement.</p>
<p>Outputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Report on Industrial Heritage in County Laois.</li> <li>• Paper &amp; digital database of all industrial archaeology in Laois, with map references, descriptions of sites &amp; primary source references.</li> <li>• Presentation on Laois Industrial Archaeology at “Celebrating Laois Heritage” Conference, September 2004</li> </ul>