



Draft Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Topic

Community Development (incl. sports facilities & schools, etc.)

Submission

I am a member of Lakeshore Striders Athletic Club and I am currently living in Blessington. I am requesting that Wicklow County Council designate sufficient land in the town to accommodate a 400 metre track and associated facilities. This would be a facility that would be available to all the community, including the school and community games.

I joined the running club in 2023 when I was 23 and it has made a huge impact on my life. I was not a member of any club or society prior to this and had never played sports. I was looking to improve my fitness and joined the couch to 5k programme with my mam. The group has been a beacon of support in my life since I joined and has helped massively with my [REDACTED] overall confidence. We meet twice a week at the back of the local school.

It would be amazing to have an actual running track to meet and perform our sessions. We lose out on a lot of members due to a lack of toilet facilities, especially women. By having a the necessary facilities there it would help bring a new generation to the track.

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