

## Draft Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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## **Topic**

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

## Submission

As a parent of three primary school children, there are limited public sports spaces. I would strongly request a continued and significant investment in sports and community facilities.

Rugby is played on the grass at Russborough as there are no proper pitches, there are no public football pitches or park for a kick about, no local swimming pool, no tennis courts, no athletics facilities and no Scout Den.

These Scouts are borrowing other locations in order to be able to run and the demand is high for new members to join, but they have to limit spaces at this time due to a lack of dedicated facility/their own location.

These are all facilities our family and many others would use both now and into the future.

As far as Secondary schools go, many people would not choose Blessington Community College for their children if they had the choice. Many travel outside the area to access high quality Secondary education or move out of the area completely. This is a major issue for the town and one which is a continuous topic of conversation for all primary school parents.