



Draft Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Topic

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

Submission

I am writing to express my support for the provision of a permanent athletics facility in West Wicklow for Blessington and its surrounding areas. As a local resident and a supporter of the local running club, I believe that the development of dedicated athletic infrastructure would significantly benefit our community.

West Wicklow, a growing commuter belt, is in need of such infrastructure to meet the demand from our expanding population and support the athletic development of young people in the region. Lakeshore Striders has been a key part of West Wicklow's athletics for over 13 years, welcoming people of all ages and abilities. Additionally, the local Community Games organisation has consistently excelled in track and field events despite lacking proper facilities. This facility would serve not only Lakeshore Striders and the Community Games but also the wider local community, offering a much-needed resource for physical activity, youth development, and social connection.

I ask that the inclusion of a track and facilities be considered in the local area plan 2025 to support the local community and the surrounding areas.

Regards,

Caroline Byrne
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