



# Draft Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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## Topic

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

## Submission

Blessington has a wonderful opportunity to make the town a real standout. This land is within walking distance for all who live in the town and I believe should be considered to be a Sports Amenity Area, similar to other that exist ( Ennis has a great example). Municipal playing pitches would be a great addition to the town but my real focus would be getting space allotted for a proper Olympic size running track and throwing facility. A track and field facility would be a huge boon to Blessington with the local running club, Lakeshore Striders AC, soon to be setting up a juvenile section in the near future. It already has a large senior section. Also, Lakeside Community Games, that train a large number of children, would benefit from this and it would offer children and adults alike a great opportunity to train on a proper sports facility. Being able to walk or cycle safely to a sports facility within the town of Blessington is a must for children in the area and this area would be ideal for such an amenity. Attached are pictures of the area in question and it has a lovely vista in the background, with the picturesque mountains behind the town itself. With the ever expansion of the town it would be a shame if this was not allocated to this kind of purpose. Thank you.

## Map



**Site Description:**

Blessington Demesne: Green area across the road from Downshire Park housing estate and between the new town park, Deerpark housing estate and the unused road that extends from the Kare center to the new greenway.

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