



Draft Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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

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In an ageing society, it would be wise to prioritise facilities that encourage active healthy citizens. A multi sports facility could be utilized by all types of groups from the Mens Shed to Sports for toddlers. We have the opportunity at this stage to create a town that can work for everyone. There is a thriving running club and local community games group that would benefit greatly from an all weather athletics track. The closest athletics clubs to Blessington are firstly oversubscribed, and also not in Wicklow. We also have a great rugby club that is relying on a private business for space fo play at Russborough house, well outside of the town.

I have recently visited the new park at Kerdiffstown in Naas and if we had even half of that as a facility for Blessington it would benefit so many people in the community.

A healthy active community has to be the goal. Building houses is important, but what will those people do to improve their well-being and their children's after a long day of commuting and creches etc? A multi sports and community facility can be somewhere to feel part of their town whilst improving their own health and for generations to come.

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