



# Draft Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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## Topic

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

### Submission

I took up running a couch to 5 km with Blessington's striders in 2018 at back of secondary school, there is only a gravel track around a green field which is poorly lit with no toilet facilities or changing rooms . I kept up running in my own during Covid [REDACTED] [REDACTED] . When I returned to the club there still was no toilet and I was advised to use the trees . So many women have joined the club not know they had a problem until they started running and left shortly after starting due to no toilet facilities at the running track which is a basic human right . I am in my late 50 and wanted to stay healthy but had to give up this club activity even the school would not allow us use the toilet facilities . Blessingtons running club needs an athletic pitch with toilets changing rooms which would benefit so many clubs in the area . Please provide designated land to give us a chance to be healthy and socialise outside in a healthy environment and not have to worry about a basic human right "the toilet "

## Topic

Land Use Zoning / Specific Local Objectives / Land Use Zoning Map

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Please give blessington zoned land for athletics with a running/ walking track etc , toilets and changing facilities . The back of the secondary school and gravel is where people run now and the school trees are the toilets as access to proper toilets is not given . Please help our community stay healthy providing an athletics area will greatly help to keep people as they often don't realise they have bladder problems until they start running again at a couch to 5 km so they give up after the first or second night with no toilet . Please help us

