



# Draft Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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## Topic

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

## Submission

Dear Wicklow County Council,

I am writing on behalf of my family to support the inclusion of a 400m athletics track and associated facilities in the Blessington Local Area Plan. We are a family of five—myself, my husband, and our three young children

As an avid runner, I understand the immense value of having access to proper training facilities.

Beyond my own needs, I see incredible potential for how such a facility could benefit my children. My 5-year-old has already shown an interest in athletics, and having a local track would provide a safe, accessible, and inspiring environment for them to explore their abilities. As my younger children grow, I hope they will also have the opportunity to enjoy such a facility, whether through school activities, Community Games, or athletics clubs like Striders.

This track would not only serve my family but also the wider community—schools, local clubs, and casual users. It would promote health and fitness, provide a space for social interaction, and inspire the next generation of athletes. Investing in this infrastructure now would create lasting benefits for Blessington and the surrounding areas, including Ballymore Eustace, Lacken, Hollywood, and beyond.

I strongly urge the Council to designate sufficient land for this project in the current Local Area Plan. Access to a local athletics facility would transform our community and help foster a culture of health, fitness, and opportunity for all.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Yours sincerely,  
Maria Murphy

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