



Draft Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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

Submission

Hi there!

As a long-standing resident of Blessington and a dedicated member and committee representative of the local running club, I am writing to propose the inclusion of a 400m running track within our community development plans. This facility would serve as a vital resource for the entire community, promoting physical activity, fostering a sense of community, and supporting the continued growth of athletics at both senior and junior levels.

Our running club has seen tremendous growth over the years, with increasing participation from all age groups. However, we face challenges in accessing suitable facilities that can support structured training, competitive preparation, and recreational running in a safe and controlled environment. A 400m track would not only address these needs but also encourage more individuals and families in Blessington to embrace a healthy and active lifestyle.

From a personal perspective, as both a parent and an active club member, I envision this track as a space where my family, along with countless others, can engage in athletics, nurture talent, and create memories. It would also allow us to continue building the club's outreach programs, attracting new members and fostering talent development from the junior to the senior levels.

Benefits of the Proposed Facility Include:

- A dedicated, all-weather training space for the Blessington running club.
- Opportunities to host local and regional competitions, bringing economic and social benefits to Blessington.
- A safe and accessible venue for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy running and walking activities.
- Enhanced pathways for nurturing athletic talent in the community, benefiting both youth and senior athletes.

I respectfully urge the committee to consider this proposal as part of the ongoing commitment to improving community infrastructure and supporting active living in Blessington. If a specific site needs to be identified, I am happy to work with local stakeholders to assist in selecting an appropriate location.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the possibility of seeing this project come to life and contributing further to Blessington's development as a vibrant and active community.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Pettigrew
Blessington Running Club Committee Member

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