



Draft Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

Who are you:	Private Individual
Name:	Keith Burke
Reference:	DBLESSLAP-232311
Submission Made	December 11, 2024 11:34 PM

Topic

Tourism Development / Greenway Supporting Infrastructure Map

Submission

I really want to see the greenway extended around the lake. It would mean so much to so many in the local and wider areas. The issues cited are issues that impact every greenway that's been built in Ireland in the last 20 years. Yet they were built. This represents a one off opportunity to really attract thousands of visitors to the area annually. It would be regretful to not progress this opportunity and make it a reality. We can't always revert to reason 'why we shouldn't' do something. We need to be positive and embrace the many reasons why we should.

Topic

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

Submission

Population growth in the area is high and this looks likely to continue. There is a major debilitating lag in the growth of public facilities in the area. These are set to worsen if projects like an athletics track and associated facilities can't be delivered. It's high time we started to introduce a process where we install facilities earlier in our development programmes. Too often these are ignored and the result lately often becomes a bigger issue e.g. anti social behaviour etc. We have an opportunity here to install:

1. Something the area doesn't have
2. Something the area badly needs
3. There's a long running history of athletics in the area and this can't be ignored
4. It's a healthy social initiative and in current times that must count for something
5. The local population has many who fit younger profiles and this would be great for them. It would also be welcomed by older demographics also.

It's a good thing. There isn't a single reason why it shouldn't be done and delivered. Don't pass up another glorious opportunity for the local towns and villages.

File