



# Draft Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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## Topic

Any other issues

## Submission

I am all for growth and town regeneration of Blessington as I feel it is badly needed in a really beautiful setting. I do not want to prevent Blessington growing but I would have a concern/issue with the lack of thinking for the protection of the ecosystems around Blessington Lake/Poulaphuca Reservoir/Golden Falls.

The reservoir needs to be protected as we do not want to see it damaged further than it already has been with algae bloom from pollution. Has protection methods been considered as urban water run-off into the lake from Blessington is an on-going problem and likely to increase?

The lakes catchment of rivers leading into it should also be monitored as the lake is supposed to be protected.

The Blessington Wastewater capacity is full and has no capacity for new zoned lands, which is totally unacceptable with what is being proposed. The discharge is into Golden Falls via a pipe which really needs to be assessed. I walk by Golden Falls everyday and the visible and what looks like untreated discharge into it is appalling. It is a very important amenity to its users (walkers/fishing/skiing). The risk to users has not been taken into account and should be investigated further as it will have an impact on River Liffey Towns further down the river not just Ballymore Eustace where bathers are swimming in very poor water quality.

This should be a joint LAP with Wicklow and Kildare as I know Kildare do this with Meath for Maynooth.

My concerns are valid and will have a bigger impact on society around the area going forward.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and look forward to hearing what is going to be done to mitigate these concerns.

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