

## Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Currently living in **Sector** on the R759 (Manor Kilbride). Living here a number of years with my husband and 2 children. Since we've moved here there have been no transport connection to any of our nearest towns or villages, with no signs of progress or plans to improve this issue. The closest bus stop for our children to get to school/college/other activities is on the N81, which is a 10 min drive or 1 hr 45 min walk from our home. Outside of peak rush hour times, this bus comes every 2 hours. The local roads are too dangerous to cycle in any safe capacity, with no cycleways in place. Our only options at present is to commute by car, with multiple journeys daily to transport ourselves and children. This is only going to get worse as the kids near adulthood, which will require adding 2 additional cars to the household for us to have any quality of life that doesn't require hours daily in the car.

Some local link connection is badly needed by ourselves and other locals, who are completely dependant and reliant on our cars. Whether it be to Blessington, Brittas, Saggart, there should be no reason for a community so close to these local towns to be so disconnected and inaccessible, except by car.

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