



Draft Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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In your Figure B.1.8: Opportunity Site OP7 page 33 and Figure B.1.9: Concept Plan for Opportunity Site 7 I note that you would like to provide for a pedestrian and cyclist only passageway through the Horseshoe Arch to the other proposed access points from Lakeside Downs and AIB. I contend, that as the owner of the Horseshoe Arch and the complete lane area showing the broken red line, that this is private property and not for general public use and that this area and the Horseshoe Arch be closed off and protected by an aesthetic gate and railing limiting access/egress of the 4 directly adjoining properties thus providing a safe and secure area for them because of the proposed inclusion of 2 alternative access/egress points for the whole of Opportunity Site OP7

Other General Comments:

- Public transport in the area is abysmal
- As a gateway to West Wicklow, the largest National Park in Ireland, a SPA, Glendalough (one of the most visited areas in Ireland) and countless walking/hiking trails the plan proposes substantially reducing the parking areas that are necessary for all variety of visitors to ensure our local businesses can profit and expand their offerings.
- I note in the overall presentation that all the proposals are very positive and there are no negatives to be considered in your proposals, like for instance, anti-social behaviour, shop-lifting, drug use, drinking in public places/spaces, intimidation and several other misconducts. While there are oceans of proposed and current activities the people who partake in the wrongdoings leave a general overall sour taste in the whole community and therefore secure areas and top class policing for these general public areas need to be considered in any development plans, otherwise, there are serious flaws of omission in the overall plan and we are viewing a utopian plan.

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