



# Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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## Topic

Regeneration of Communities & Places - Healthy Placemaking - Urban Design - Opportunity Sites in Blessington

## Submission

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Economic Opportunity - Tourism - Shops & Services - Community Facilities

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The new Blessington Community College needs to be fast tracked. This was to be built when my daughter started and she is now in her 3rd year in college and my son is doing his leaving Cert. The school is not fit for purpose anymore and is bursting at the seams.

## File

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FAO Planning Department in Wicklow County Council.

I am writing to you regarding the draft Blessington Local Area Plan. Myself and my Husband John Hardy are volunteer committee members with Blessington AFC and we are hoping the new LAP will improve the current infrastructure for our club, community and for the benefit of our juvenile and senior players.

Our club was founded in 1968 by a group of local lads, we're still going strong 54 later but we are "Always Away from Home". Our club continues to grow year on year and yet we still do not have a home in our town. Presently our members have to train and play their games in grounds we have leased from Roadstone in Crosschapel, Co Kildare which is 4km outside of Blessington town. Our members need to travel by Car as the N81 is not safe for people to travel by foot or bicycle. We have outgrown our current pitches and need more space. We now have to place children on a waiting list to join the club as we just do not have the space to facilitate more teams. In the winter months we have to rent local astro facilities in order for our teams to train. Our number will continue to grown with the new housing developments currently being built in the town.

I think after 54 years our club has waited long enough to find a home in our town. I would urge Wicklow County Council to look at all available lands and re-zone them for active space and supply playing pitches so we can continue as volunteers to engage young people in sport.

Yours in Sport

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