



Draft Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Topic

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

Submission

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to advocate for the inclusion and development of a dedicated athletics facilities, including a 400m running track, within the Local Area Plan for Blessington and the surrounding areas. At present, there are no dedicated athletics facilities, leaving our club The Lakeshore Striders without a proper space to train. This lack of resources limits opportunities for other field sports like long jump and hurdles. Despite these challenges, we've seen great talent in our community, and with the right facilities, we believe we can help these athletes reach their full potential.

Currently, there is a lack of suitable facilities in Blessington, and a dedicated track would benefit the community in several ways including:

1. Community Games and Events: The track would provide a central venue for local events, races, and sports competitions, encouraging greater community participation and spirit.
2. Local Schools: Schools in the area would benefit from a safe and purpose-built space for athletic programs, physical education, and school sports days, helping to develop young athletes and promote healthy lifestyles.
3. Adult Athletes and Sports Clubs: The track would provide a dedicated space for local adult athletes and sports clubs to train, improving performance and promoting sports at a grassroots level.
4. Improved Community Health: Accessible sports facilities will encourage residents to engage in regular physical activity, helping to combat sedentary lifestyles and improve overall health, especially among youth and older adults.
5. Strengthening the Sporting Culture: By providing a venue for training and competition, this facility would foster a strong sporting culture, create opportunities for new and existing sports clubs, and contribute to building local pride.

We believe that these athletics facilities will not only benefit local athletes but will also greatly enhance the well-being of our entire community, making Blessington a more active, healthier, and vibrant place to live. Thank you for considering this important proposal. We look forward to your support.

Regards,

Steven Byrne

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