Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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> What are the key transport and movement issues affecting residents, workers and visitors?
As being a new resident in Blessington, moved recently to Sorrel wood. It takes 2 - 2.5 hours daily for my work from Blessington where i'm travelling on public transport bus no-65 and I need to wait for 72 bus stops to catch my next bus to reach my ESB head office in Firtzwilliam. I also see lot of school students find it difficult travelling with limited transportation options.
Also have witnessed an accident in N81 where the car toppled, rolling on the road and it was a near miss hitting my car while travelling with my wife and kid.
It would be great to extend LUAS from Citywest/Saggart to make travel to city centre /Dublin easier.

> How can we make the towns a safer, friendlier place for pedestrians and cyclists?
As a new resident to this place, i'm doubtful on available cycle tracks available for cyclist. Could see many cyclist driving on N81 on regular basis which has high risk of accident.

> Where should new/upgraded footpaths, cycleways, roads and other linkages be located?
It would be great to extend Green way trail roads for cyclists upto dublin.
Connect motor ways from Blessington to M7 makes car transportation safer and easier to reach connect other counties.
Extending LUAS seems to be must which makes travelling to city centre/Dublin easier and safer
Extending Irishrail/Dart from NAAS to facilitate residents have options to travel to different places.

> What are the issues to overcome in moving from the private car to public transport or walking and cycling?
I hope constructability options to be explored, since we are in short of connectivity like 15 Kms in terms of LUAS from Saggart and 15 Kms drive to NAAS Motorway M7, it might be good to explore existing routes available

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