



Draft Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Topic

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

Submission

Hi there

I am applying on behalf of Poulaphouca Paddlers Kayak Club.

Poulaphouca Paddlers is a kayak club based on Poulaphouca Reservoir, affiliated with Canoeing Ireland. Established in 2007, it has 103 members from West Wicklow and East Kildare, with active adult and junior sections. The club organizes 2–5 weekly activities between April and September and runs summer camps for juniors. It also hosts the Liffey Lakes Race, part of the national canoe/kayak marathon series, and plans to expand into canoe polo and freestyle kayaking by 2025.

Membership demand has surged, with 70 applications received in December 2023 but only 22 spots available, leaving 40 on the 2025 waitlist. To accommodate growth, the club seeks a sheltered lakeside facility with secure storage and changing rooms. A proposal outlining potential locations and comparisons to Kilcullen Canoe Club is attached. The club emphasizes its community value and future potential.

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