



Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Submission

I have been involved with football all of my life. I am happy to see the facilities where I grew up and played football in Tallaght, have changed so much. Shipping containers were replaced with a clubhouse. I am now living in Blessington 20 years and sadly, football in Blessington never left shipping containers. Football, and sport in general provides so much more than what is invested, but football in Blessington hasn't had any investment. We currently play our home games in Kildare. With 550 players, 2 pitches is not enough. We have no fit for purpose training facilities, so players from 5 years of age have to pay to train on other facilities. I would implore the council to make sport and in particular Blessington AFC's 58 year wait to play football in Blessington a priority. I don't want to see senior players running roads as we have no facilities to train in any weather. I don't want the groans of children who have no training or match again. For the benefit of the community, please put Blessington AFC where they belong, in Blessington. We all deserve the opportunity to play football but without space and facilities, this opportunity and the benefits are lost.

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