



# Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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## Topic

Compact Growth - Housing - Population Growth

### Submission

The need for additional housing in Blessington is clearly understood, however future development should only be considered subject to robust measures to protect the Poulaphouca and Golden Falls Lakes and the River Liffey. I understand the Waste Water Treatment Plant is over permitted capacity with no capacity for storm overflow. The proximity of the WWTP and piping to the lake is concerning given its use for recreation and as a source of drinking water. The impact on declining fish numbers down stream also needs to be considered. Future development should only take place with appropriate measures in place to protect the lakes/ Liffey.

The level of algae on the lake in recent years needs to be investigated and understood, it is not apparent that any efforts are being made to address same and this should be reviewed in the context of any further development in Blessington.

## Topic

Other topics for you to have your say on! - Environmental Assessment - Plan Implementation -Plan Delivery

### Submission

The development of a park at the Carin Homes site is very welcome, particularly the intention for it to be age inclusive. Blessington's, and West Wicklow's, burgeoning population requires enhance sporting facilities. The inclusion of a running track and a swimming pool should form part of the LAP. There are no running tracks or swimming pools in West Wicklow at present, this should be urgently addressed. Additionally, the Lake is an underutilised resource. Consideration should be given to outdoor pools or designated swimming areas.

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