

Draft Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Topic

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

Submission

Dears members of the LAP Committee,

I'm writing to you to advocate for a dedicated running track for Blessington in the Local Area Plan.

I have 2 daughters who attend the running club in Blessington, the Lakeshore Striders. They are about to loose access to their track which will be a massive loss for the club.

I've recently just turned but I'm going to join the couch to 5km programme in the club in January, as it's an inclusive activity for all ages. But initiatives like this will cease in 2026 if there is no track to train on.

I myself ran the community games athletics in Ballymore Eustace when my children were in their school years. Lakeshore striders are starting up a juvenile section to the club in 2025 which is think will be a brilliant addition to the community, of Blessington and Ballymore Eustace, Eadestown and Hollywood. There's great excitement post Olympics 2024 and we need to encourage this among our youth and provide the means and facilities for it to happen. There's an appetite in the community but we just need the resources.

Hopefully you consider this submission,

Kind regards, Marian Tuttty, Ballymore Eustace