



# Draft Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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## Topic

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

## Submission

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Submission for Dedicated Rugby Facilities in the Blessington Area

I am writing as a concerned member of the Blessington community and a parent to advocate for the development of dedicated rugby facilities for children in our area. This submission is made with the intent to support the local rugby teams, particularly the children's rugby teams currently using the grounds at Russborough House.

At present, the rugby teams in Russborough House lack essential facilities such as changing rooms, dedicated toilets, and adequate lighting for night training. These limitations significantly hinder the development and enjoyment of the sport for our young athletes. The absence of proper facilities not only affects the performance and safety of the players but also impacts the overall experience for families and supporters.

We propose the development of a full sports ground in Blessington that can be shared by all sports, including rugby. This facility should include:

Changing rooms: To provide a safe and private space for players to prepare and recover.

Dedicated toilets: To ensure hygiene and convenience for players and spectators.

Lighting for night training: To extend training hours, especially during the shorter days of winter.

Proper playing fields: To ensure a safe and standardized environment for matches and training sessions.

The establishment of such facilities would greatly benefit the community by promoting physical activity, teamwork, and sportsmanship among young children. It would also provide a much-needed venue for local sports events, fostering a sense of community and pride.

Investing in these facilities is crucial for the future of rugby and other sports in Blessington. It would provide a structured and supportive environment for children to develop their skills and enjoy the benefits of regular physical activity. Moreover, it would help address broader public health issues by encouraging an active lifestyle from a young age.

We kindly request that this proposal be given serious consideration and brought to the forefront of the local area plan. The development of a full sports ground with dedicated rugby facilities would be a significant step towards enhancing the quality of life for our community.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. We look forward to your positive response.

Yours faithfully,

Niamh Craul

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