



Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Topic

Economic Opportunity - Tourism - Shops & Services - Community Facilities

Submission

Increase visitors to the Greenway will also increase the number of jobs/business in the village, such as service businesses to cater to the tourists arriving.

Need additional food establishments as well as accommodation - Hotels, B&B and possible hostel facilities to attract more visitors.

Both water and environmental tourism is where we need to plan for the future. We have lots of areas around the lake that would attract walking and hiking, these activities have increased in popularity in recent years. It needs to be carefully managed so that the wildlife and sensitive areas are protected. The lake water quality needs to be addressed as the Algae blooms have increased over the last number of years making the lake's dangerous both for dogs and people.

Giving people a good location to walk dogs will also attract visitors, this is also a growing trend with more and more people holding with their dogs.

I think Dorans pit would be a good location to set up facilities to support the development of the greenway

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Heritage - Biodiversity- Green infrastructure- Climate Action- Energy

Submission

There is currently a park being built by the new Sorell Estate but there is no information as to what type of park this will be. I would like to see the Glending woods extended down into the park as much as possible and where they intend to have open fields it would be good if some of these could be turned into meadow allowing natural fauna to thrive.

Also Glending woods would be good if that could be managed with an emphasis on planting native trees and possibly removing some of the non native pines as it would be a nice niche for wildlife with the loss of the habitat due to the housing estate being built close by.

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Infrastructure - Sustainable Movement - Transportation

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Problem is a lack of public transport, the bus service is poor at best so the only option for most local residence is a car.

Extending the Luas from Citywest would provide more options

Also more frequent buses from the village to the square as part of the new zone system being introduced.

Paths in the village need to be improved, in a lot of places they are uneven and in many they are narrow. Lighting and lack of bins are also a problem, some areas on the main path are quite dark as lights are either not there or out of order. Lack of bins make keeping the area clean more difficult.

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

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The aging population, need to consider services that will be needed in the future to assist OAP living at home. Assistance program, possibly community lead to assist individuals who prefer to stay independent but will require help in order to ensure that they quality of life is not impacted.

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