



Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Topic

Regeneration of Communities & Places - Healthy Placemaking - Urban Design - Opportunity Sites in Blessington

Submission

There should be a proactive approach to dereliction and vacant properties within Blessington. Currently only two properties appear on the dereliction register for Wicklow, none in Blessington, despite numerous buildings being derelict. The Blessington Local Area Plan should put in place plans to ensure that buildings are not allowed to become derelict.

Topic

Economic Opportunity - Tourism - Shops & Services - Community Facilities

Submission

There needs to be a large employer encouraged to set up within the surrounds of Blessington, given the large population of the town and presence of further education centre within the town. This would encourage the retaining of the population within Blessington, rather than commuting to other towns and cities. The Blessington Local Area Plan should include details for how the town will work with the IDA to provide lands to encourage the establishment of a large employer within the surrounds of Blessington, or just outside the proposed boundary of the local area plan (which should therefore then be expanded to include this new area).

In addition, spaces need to be allocated for the swimming pool in Blessington, along with a multi-sports area for pitches within Blessington.

A creation of a tourism plan for Blessington should be included in the Blessington Local Area Plan.

Topic

Heritage - Biodiversity- Green infrastructure- Climate Action- Energy

Submission

More green spaces - provision of allotments and community gardens.

Planting of native trees along the Blessington Inner Relief Road.

Proactive planning to avoid repeat of the flooding that hit Blessington in 2011 - the Blessington Local Area Plan should include steps to reduce the risk for areas in a food risk zone in Blessington.

In addition, the Blessington Local Area Plan needs to include green soakage areas beside the entirety of the route of the Blessington Inner Relief Road, and not just paving.

Protection of key green spaces such as Dempsey's Lane, the 4 stone tree, main street trees, trees in estates such as Deerpark, Burgage etc. as a Tree Preservation Order.

Topic

Infrastructure - Sustainable Movement - Transportation

Submission

Yes - improved public transport, cycling and pedestrian facilities are needed within Blessington.

Introduce Sheffield Stands for cycling facilities within Blessington.

The completion of the walkway to Glending Woods needs to be prioritised within the Blessington Local Area Plan.

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