



Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Topic

Compact Growth - Housing - Population Growth

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The 'industrial park' on the way to the Avon hotel.

the 'town centre' with Dunnes stores

Blessington lakes

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A pool constructed in the water. And protected from algal bloom. Wild swimming is so popular and the lake is contaminated from the farms fertiliser. Huge problem. Also ESB control it and the bridges which always have terrible roads.

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

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Urban design standards -

Eco and family friendly at its heart.

Appropriate and well made structures

Character in keeping with the town

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Or an opportunity for a micro brewery.

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Main sq fountain hasnt worked in forever, that would be nice if it was drinking water and available for all

Artisinal or fresh restaurants that are not involved with a pub or fast food. The restaurant scene is not very good, affordable or healthy.

PLEASE do not keep the design style that the 'town centre' has. It is such a gross eyesore, the one were dunnes stores is. horrendous.

Public realm improvemetns also MUST be the paving in the new 'town centre', they are uneven and unsafe and ppl have fallen and hurt themselfe.

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Economic Opportunity – Tourism - Shops & Services - Community Facilities

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Investing in the infastructure and incentivising young business owners and creative people. Grants, affordable housing and affordable rent for shops

Yes development of water based tourism and nature tourism. Have well labelled nature walks with facilites such as toilets and bike stops.

The plan can put pressure on the ESB to be supportive of these endeavours

Non denominational secondary and primary schools. More creches and another GP surgery.

Swimming pool in the old industrial estate by the Avon.

DECENTRALISE the town centre. Encourage small shops, cafes, businesses, gyms into the housing estates. Eg a neighbourhood cafe and mini hub. Community centres.

there are very little facilites for anyone, and not well maintained playground.

A sensory walk would be amazing, with scented flowers and vivid colour and art work. there is no sculptures or modern art in blessington. missed opportunity.

Tennis courts, basketball courts, swimming pool, jogging trails, walking trails, cycle trails and lanes.

The GAA pitches for Blessington or not accessible without a car unless you want to walk/cycle and risk being knocked down on the N81

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Heritage - Biodiversity- Green infrastructure- Climate Action- Energy

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Reverse all the pine tree and timber harvesting. Plant indigenous flora, fauna and trees.

Get roadstone out. Penalties for trucks speeding, not using tarps over their loads. They cause the road to be filthy and degrade more quickly. Our cars are filthy as a result.

Green corridors to walk by the N81, eg Blessington to Red Lane and the primary school there.

The Downshire should be a heritage site, and maintained and used. It used to be such a gem. A real community hub for weddings, communions, funerals and birthdays. Amazing Sunday roasts too!

The three castles are such ruins and need minding and could be a lovely addition to local history and a tourist attraction, a cycle route to there for example.

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Infrastructure - Sustainable Movement - Transportation

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The N81 needs development.

The 65 bus needs to be more frequent on every day.

An extension of the Luas to Blessington

Another 65 express to the city centre

A shuttle bus to the Tallaght Luas or Citywest Luas

Cycleways all the way around the lake

Cycle lanes to Naas and around Blessington

Diverting traffic from the main street, especially HGVs

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