



# Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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**Topic**

Compact Growth - Housing – Population Growth

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The inner relief to road should be completed at either end. There is green space right behind Dunne's stores. It should be used for high density housing. Land close to the lake should be used for low density upmarket housing and be sensitive to the Greenway corridor. Try and do something with the now closed Downshire hotel.

**Topic**

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

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Turn the Downshire into a boutique hotel (for the Greenway when it fully opens) or residential or a nursing home.

We should build 4 storey properties in some central locations.

Create a good sized (20+ acres) grass based park on the West side of the inner relief road ie. to the immediate south of the new Sorrel housing development. There is very little grass ground for people/dogs to walk or run on. The town has a thriving running club.

Blessington FC, of which I am a member, needs to have its grounds in the town. This makes a huge contribution to the health and wellbeing of people in the town of all ages. I know young, talented boys who dropped out because they needed lifts to get to Cross chapel. Boys who then turn to less healthy behaviours.

**Topic**

Economic Opportunity - Tourism - Shops & Services - Community Facilities

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Priority no 1 is to get the Greenway built. The plan should be ambitious. If it is of a high standard it will attract from far and wide and pay for itself many times over. There should be a separate pedestrian/cyclist bridge over the lake, rather than one that takes up one lane on the existing bridge, as currently proposed. The bridge should run alongside the road and not compromise road space for vehicles. Please note this refers to the bridge that is approx 1km north east of Blessington town and is adjacent to the Rowing club. We could be more ambitious yet by building a bridge directly across the lake as a complete standalone feature (walkers/cyclists). It would connect the two narrowest points on the lake and be situated approx 200 metres south of the aforementioned bridge.

It's disappointing that it is taking so long to complete the Greenway.

**Topic**

Heritage - Biodiversity- Green infrastructure- Climate Action- Energy

**Submission**

Please do not erect any Wind turbines in the area or any in Wicklow or offshore, unless over 30km out. There are many other cheaper and cleaner ways we can provide electricity without destroying our

beautiful land and seascapes. If people had to pay the true cost of the various types of electricity they wouldn't pay for Wind energy.

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