



Draft Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

Who are you:	Group
Name:	Cruise family
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Topic

Town Centre Regeneration / Retail / Opportunity Sites / TCF Plan

Submission

To Wicklow Council

RE: Draft development Plan for Blessington 2025

Regarding: Opportunity Sites - Additional Local Area Plan Opportunity Sites: BLESS OP7 Horseshoe Arch & Back lands on P33 of the Written Statement

Dear Council,

As residents of the Main Street, we are writing to raise our objection to the proposed development of the site below:

Proposed Site

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All of the lands outlined are privately owned - including the laneway, the gardens and the green space at Lakeside Downs. The privately owned laneway mentioned is a right of way to the preceding properties, not a public road.

This site is made up of multiple private properties, many of which are in use and not infill / brownfield sites as has been misinformed. Our garden, sheds & private parking should not be mistakenly referred to as an 'infill' or 'brown field' site - it is not 'abandoned' or 'underused', it is in constant, daily use.

The Cruise family property runs from the front of the building on the Main Street to the back of Lakeside Downs (outlined in red above) - this includes not just the building but a yard (highlighted in yellow), private parking sheds and garden (highlighted purple) - all of which are in constant use.

The draft plan proposes removing our outdoor space including our private parking, sheds and our whole garden.

Our children are the 4th generation of Cruises to live in this home. If the proposal is to remove our garden, sheds & private parking, where we park our cars and where should our children play? If our outdoor space was to be taken from us, it would make it virtually impossible for our family to continue to live in our home.

Entrance to Site

2 possible vehicular entrances have been identified in the proposal, both of which would require private lands by multiple parties.

Both of which would require our entire outdoor space - our garden, our sheds and our private parking.

We're concerned that this proposal has not taken any of the above into account. Regarding our private property referred to in the draft plan, no permission has been requested for such access and nor will any such permission be granted. That being the case we request that any suggestion of access to the vacant site via the Cruise property be removed from the proposed development plan.

Regards

Map



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Site Description:

Cruise family residence & private property

File

Submission_Cruisefamily.pdf, 0.67MB

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Figure B.1.8: Opportunity Site OP7.

Image taken from pg33 of Draft Blessington Local Area Plan 2025 - Written Statement

Area highlighted in yellow & purple is the Cruise family property

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Figure B.1.9: Concept Plan for Opportunity Site 7.

Image taken from pg34 of Draft Blessington Local Area Plan 2025 - Written Statement

Area zoomed in and highlighted in purple (on right) is the Cruise family garden, sheds & private parking

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