



Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Topic

Economic Opportunity - Tourism - Shops & Services - Community Facilities

Submission

The proposed Greenway will increase both national & international tourism which in turn will see a need for more restaurants/cafes/shops etc.. this will create more employment in Blessington & surrounding areas. It is important that this goes ahead.

Currently the level of retail facilities are adequate but with increased housing this will change however there needs to be retail diversity & perhaps an opportunity for country markets etc.

Blessington lakes should have sections marked for tidal pools (or lake equivalent), these would be an excellent resource for the local community & a good revenue generating source for the council. I would also like to see jetties erected at different sights to encourage easy access for boats etc.

Campervan & camping grounds with adequate sanitary facilities would really encourage tourism & would also be a good revenue generator.

The delays to Blessington Community College are not acceptable & this project should be given priority as the current school is not fit for purpose, is over crowded & does not have a canteen.

Blessington soccer club does not have facilities within Blessington & all children involved are required to travel to Crosschapel for training twice per week. New pitches could be allocated in the new housing development called Sorrel Wood between the ring road & Glending.

Blessington also has a large scouting group & currently they have to hire halls for weekly meetings. A scouts den would be a great addition to the group & it would be a permanent base for scouts in the future.

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Heritage - Biodiversity- Green infrastructure- Climate Action- Energy

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The Avon greenway is a wonderful addition to Blessington & it's array of plants & trees along the route directly from the Avon is a pleasure. Please hold onto this & don't let greed destroy it, always make it accessible to the public.

Please don't destroy another field to put a supermarket in its place, try to use what's already been built on such as in one of the industrial estates.

Hold on to native trees unless they pose a threat due to rot/disease & are likely to fall down.

Encouraging people to eat less meat by providing quality alternatives will reduce the effects of climate change. Encouraging farmers to use their land for alternative sources of income such as tourism, wind/solar farms will have positive impact on climate change.

Planting more trees & encouraging more people to invest in solar panels will also benefit .

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