



Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Topic

Compact Growth - Housing - Population Growth

Submission

Unused quarry, mixed housing such as downshire works well. Some of the now vacant houses on mainstreet should be retained as residential and not just retail.
Old health centre left empty for a number of yrs, more housing for elderly should be incorporated here.
Walkway through the mainstreet onto new town square would allow village to connect old with new.

Topic

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

Submission

Residential sprawl ahead of facilities to meet growing population.
No heritage building, downshire hotel & ulster bank if regenerated for different purpose should include an historical space, incorporating tourist Office. eg carlow Town has used old convent to house County museum.
Would like to see ulster bank/downshire as a boutique hotel with room for a small museum.
Twyford's shop is now up for redevelopment Would like to see original features retained. Very disappointed to see original school on Kilbride Road being used for a takeaway premises.

Topic

Economic Opportunity - Tourism - Shops & Services - Community Facilities

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Plenty of cafes, Lack of evening restaurants.
No swimming pool or other facilities for teenagers to do in the evening e.g cinema.
Good sports clubs in the area.

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Infrastructure - Sustainable Movement - Transportation

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Infrastructure not keeping up with urban sprawl.
Secondly school project must be a priority.
Complete ring road.
Link mainstreet with Newtown Square.
Bus not regular enough.
Location of pedestrian lights at centra very dangerous, cars coming from Kilbride road regularly break the lights.
Finish greenway, increase carpark to facilitate visitors with public toilets.
Complete a cycle lane to the greenway to allow local people living in village cycle safely to the avon thus removing the need for cars.
Local schools do not have cycle lane links.

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