



Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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The local soccer club have been playing home games away from home for too long. 58 years to be exact. There are local facilities for the GAA but the soccer club and its players do not have local facilities to call their own. Parents without transportation have to rely on the kindness of others to get their children to training and all games home and away. Easter and summer camps are great ways for the children to spend their days but most working parents need to take time off work to get their children to and from camps when they could walk or cycle if the club had facilities at home. The GAA make money off the Soccer teams during the winter period because they have the facilities, this is money that could be used by the club to invest into its own facilities and teams.

58 years playing away from home is a disservice to all the volunteers, parents and players that are proud to call Blessington AFC their club. A West Wicklow club playing its home games in Kildare is difficult to comprehend for anyone involved in any club sport.

When will the boys and girls of this club have a home to call their own?

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