



# Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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## Topic

Compact Growth - Housing - Population Growth

### Submission

Housing could be developed on land around the Avon ri or in the Manor Kilbride Road, at the bottom of Red Lane. The site opposite Dunnes Stores/ in Downshire Park could be used for housing/ cinema/swimming pool.

## Topic

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

### Submission

The greenway will be a fantastic resource when it is complete. Please ensure there are toilets and possibly a cafe along the route.

The Downshire Hotel needs to be redeveloped or renovated. As well as having tourist accommodation it could house restaurants/bar/swimming pool. It is the only really accessible b&b/ hotel in the Dublin to Glendalough road and it's a wasted opportunity in the town. Locals could use facilities during the quiet months but to be honest I think a hotel in this area would do fantastically all year around, providing leisure facilities, conference facilities, wedding/ party facilities etc.

## Topic

Economic Opportunity - Tourism - Shops & Services - Community Facilities

### Submission

As mentioned above, opening the Downshire Hotel would provide huge opportunities for employment in the town.

The lake is a huge draw for people. Could a lido be built to provide a safe area to swim in? Unfortunately people are still wading/swimming in the lake.

A new secondary school needs to be built as the original one needs to be upgraded quickly.

A leisure centre located on the site of the Downshire Hotel or on land near the Avon ri would be of huge benefit to the community. It could house a swimming pool, gym, squash courts, cafe etc.

Expansion of the library, up into the third floor of the shopping centre building, would be of huge benefit to the community. The library is run by wonderful, helpful staff. It runs great community initiatives such as Lego days and story time for toddlers. Expanding it to have a bigger study/ reading area would be great.

## Topic

Heritage - Biodiversity - Green Infrastructure - Climate Action - Energy

### Submission

As mentioned the greenway will be fantastic when finished but will need toilets and possibly a cafe along the route.

The new walk way to Glending Forest is nearly ready to be open. But perhaps the car park, on the Blessington to Naas Road, could be upgraded to ensure it doesn't ice over in the cold weather.

The tiles around the dunnes shopping centre are ridiculously slippy in cold weather. I find myself wary when I walk on them so I can't imagine how frightening it must be for older people.

The view from the town up to glending forest should be preserved. It is a stunning view, especially when the sun is going down or when the sun is shining straight onto the trees in autumn.

The big trees in the very centre of town, opposite the credit union should be maintained and minded. They are a meeting point for people on the community.

The old ulster bank building should be used in the community. Perhaps luxury accommodation or a community meeting place could be put in.

## **Topic**

Infrastructure - Sustainable Movement - Transportation

## **Submission**

We need access to more frequent buses. Would it be possible to have a 65 that doesn't go around the square in Tallaght, but instead stays on the n81 and continues straight into dublin Town. We need more frequent buses into town. We need more bus stops for the local 885 and local link buses. There's only one stop in the middle of the town but a stop outside Downshire Park/ burgage Manor/ deer park would be great.

More street lights around the town, or can get a little dark on the ring road from aldi to deer park and from the KWETB to Burgage Manor.

Street lights are needed on the n81 to Tallaght if people of going to cycle/ walk. It's too dark. Open the new ring road from roadstone to Kelly's garage.

## **File**