

## Draft Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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## Topic

Community Development (incl. sports facilities & schools, etc.)

## **Submission**

I urge the planners to maintain the current lands earmarked for sporting facilities, in particular soccer facilities and would like to propose further lands be zoned AOS in the upcoming LAP.

Soccer facilities and pitches are urgently needed within the town boundary.

The soccer club are currently leasing pitches in a neighbouring county well outside the town boundary. The club is growing year on year and has almost outgrown its current amenities and will soon have to turn members away which should not happen in any club or to the persons looking to join a community club.

None of the previous AOS lands were utilised in the 2013-2019 LAP so there has been no growth of facilities for any club in the last 12 years within the town.

The planners can change this by keeping the objectives in the Draft LAP where sporting facilities are to be developed before other infrastructures and to allocate further lands for AOS to ensure the previous 12 years of stagnation does not occur again for the community and its local clubs.