



Arklow Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Economic Opportunity – Tourism - Shops & Services - Community Facilities

Submission

In relation to new sport and recreational facilities, we would highly recommend the incorporation of a new state of the art running track with facilities that support field events. Athletics has had a strong history in Arklow since the 70's and with the club currently being the only sporting club in the town without our own premises, a new track is long overdue. This track can have an incredible impact on the communities health, wellness and fitness. It is a sport that supports everyone who wants to join. Currently we cannot support those with disabilities as we do not have access to suitable facilities that make it safe. The current track is full of weeds, potholes, dangerous surface that can severely injure you if you fall and in addition to this is used by people walking dogs and not cleaning up after them! We are limited in the amount of juvenile members we can take on as we do not have a large enough facility to cater for them. Arklow is a designated disadvantage area, why don't we use this opportunity to create employment, tourism and support our local community in creating a place that promotes health and wellness.

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