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I would like to submit the following points for consideration for the Castleconnell Local Area Plan, under the Community, Amenity and Recreation section.

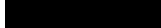
A footpath is required on the R525 Road between Skehan's Cross and Nelson's Cross. There should also be a footpath between Nelson's Cross and the railway crossing at Lacka.

Such constructs would complete the possibilities of walking loops for health, or walking direct routes to and from amenities (shops, station, school, etc.) around the village. It would be an extension of the existing Sli na Slainte that has already provided safer, health-promoting and more environmentally conscious movement around the village. It might encourage more people to avail of public transport options, and also more parents to allow their children to walk to and from the local national school. The outcomes would be beneficial from an environmental point of view but also for health reasons. The recommended daily step count of 10,000 steps (Irish Heart Foundation Guideline) would be more attainable with this expanded route.

The exiting footpaths are in the main maintained to the high standards of safety and accessibility but there are issues with the old path between Oak Lane and Daly's Cross. It is narrow and the road adjacent is prone to holding water during periods of rainfall. It might also be useful to have a pedestrian crossing alert at Daly's Cross on the exit from the village.

It would be great to see improvements like these to continue to enhance the possibilities of what has already been achieved in the area.

Thank you,

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 Castleconnell