

Agenda item 36

Risk assessment findings

Dropped Kerb at Skatepark and recommendations to Town Environment –

Clerk to contact Betongpark to ask for information on accessibility in other skateparks , also to check if was included in the funding application *

Review of Risk assessment for Squires Pond and recommendations for Town Environment –

The panel did not agree with the additional fencing on the land and looked at how to mitigate this . The following was agreed: Reinstate fence between Car Park & Minster Field .

Installation of a 2nd lift belt nearer to Squires path.

Removal of the fence along Squires path and the installation of low fencing near to Minster field to be reviewed at next meeting

Review need for CCTV on the skatepark and recommendations for Town Environment – ASB has been minimal to date, this will be monitored going forward

WMRG, timings of lights – lights to be kept on a timer has the risk of no CCTV while the lights are off is minimal

*. Information received from Betongpark and the Funding Application

Betongpark - I think a dropped curb at the entrance would be a really nice idea. As you know our connection to the path allows level access into the skatepark, and it is definitely a consideration that was made during the design. The open-bowl style end of the park, and the little banks are well suited to WCMX. We always consider universal access/use in our skateparks, and it is becoming more common in skateparks generally.

Extracts from Funding application –

Southwell's skatepark should challenging past design and planning orthodoxies and breaking down barriers to enable entry level and experienced skaters, multi-wheel useage (BMX and scooters) and differently-abled such as wheelchair user, deaf and people with learning difficulties to engage with this enlarged community space, not exclusive to skateboarding, but inclusive for all users as a multi-use public space.

The design has been created for all wheel users – skateboard, roller-skates, blades, wheelchairs, scooters and BMXers. But as importantly its design encourages new users the design breaks down barriers to create a more inclusive public skate space. This has been done with the inclusion of a green breakout space in the centre of the design but also the inclusion of an adjoining creative open space called the Bramley Apple Lawn – inspired by Southwell being the home of the bramley apple. These spaces are particularly important to encourage families and girls into the sport.

All this will change with the new multi-wheel facility. A welcoming, creative, inclusive and supportive space for those new to the activity. It's a unique and free space in Southwell where our community can have fun, make friends, find peer support, learn a new skill, gain confidence and ultimately have fun.

Decision Required –

Town Environment to decide if a dropped kerb is to be installed. Recommendations to Full Council .

Original Paper included below :

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Installation of dropped kerb between the Skate park and Nottingham Road Car Park

To allow inclusive access to the skatepark for all users a dropped kerb is required near the installed concrete path . This to be installed before the official opening on 7 September

3 suppliers have been asked to quote for

Quote to install drop kerb to new skate park Southwell leisure centre .

Dig out section of footpath and existing kerbs install new kerbs two flat and two tapered.
Hand lay base tarmac and roll and lay top layer of tarmac and roll

Quote 1 £2200 previously used supplier

Quote 2 £2500 previously used supplier

Quote 3 – £3108 Recommended supplier with reinforced concrete to match and not tarmac for longevity and in keeping with skate park – brushed finish and trawled edge and concrete bollard to stop vehicle access, ramped up to correct gradient. Plus pedestrian bollard.

Decision required

To accept quote 3

Monies to be allocated from the remaining Skatepark budget of £ 3275.00

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