

Reepham Multi-Use Wheeled Skate Park Site Information

1.1 Existing skatepark facility

The existing skatepark was removed in 2022, after it was deemed unsafe by our playground inspector. It was of metal construction, and had begun to rot in a number of places. Therefore, a concrete replacement would be preferred.

The existing skatepark comprised of a Roll in / Platform Bank, a Grind wall / Rail / Driveway with Flat Top Ramp, and a Platform Transition with Tombstone (see appendix 1).

The old skatepark was considered to be too close to the young children's play area, as the older children using the skatepark could appear intimidating, and occasionally used foul language. There was very little anti-social behaviour there, but a new, preferred site has been identified (see appendix 2).

It is expected that the footprint of the new skatepark will be of approximately the same size as the old skatepark (400sqm)

1.2 Wider site

The site is within the Recreation Ground, where there is a playground, a football pitch, tennis courts and a Community Hall. The allocated site for the skatepark is the old tennis court, surrounded on two sides by residential properties, a grassed area on one side and the car park on the other (separated by a fence).

1.3 Proposed Multi-Use Wheeled Skate Park footprint

The footprint available for is shown in Appendix 3, and measures 400sqm. The extent of the footprint is dictated by various constraints including hedge lines and the car park. The Council is satisfied with the footprint and trust that it offers significant potential to accommodate a well-designed Wheeled Skate Park.

The goal is to create an open and welcoming space for everyone, utilising the current fencing.

The site is slightly constrained, and the Contractor should take account of surrounding constraints in considering design. These include:

- Nearby residence, and the need to apply for planning permission, if the proposed Skatepark is over the permitted development allowed size. It is anticipated that the noise impact would be minimal, due to the design of a concrete facility, rather than the old metal one.

1.4 Requirements from the new Wheeled Skate Park

The design for the new Multi-Use Wheeled Skate Park is expected to be refined through a combination of online consultations and in-person design workshops led by the appointed contractors in collaboration with the Town Council and agreeing the final design with Councillors. Over the past year, consultation efforts, including online surveys and face-to-face discussions, have been undertaken by the Council to gather user and community input.

The design must accommodate various wheeled sports, including skateboarding, scooters, and BMX. Our goal is to create an open and welcoming space for everyone.

The site will continue to be owned by the Town Council and the expectation is that they will manage the maintenance of the new facility. The Town Council currently undertakes visits to the Recreation Ground for litter picking and checks, and this will continue.

1.5 Local support/consultation and previous activity

The old metal skatepark was removed in 2022, and the Council are regularly asked for a replacement. A Councillor, through her company Resilient pathways and working with the Youth Action Board, carried out several public and online consultations, which has shown that there is the need for a replacement skatepark.

Further consultation on the design will be expected.

APPENDIX 1 – Old skatepark design



APPENDIX 2 – Location for new skatepark



