

## **Ravine Skatepark Filey – Progress Report**

Just a brief update on the progress that has been made over the last few months.

We have had three virtual meetings now with the project management team, legal and estates representatives from SBC along with myself and Cllr Cockerill being part of the Skatepark group.

We have a project programme which covers everything from the initial start proposal right up to the design and build stage and ongoing management once the facility is built. We have taken preplanning advice along with input from SBC estates on the preferred location which has now been agreed as running east to west at the north end of the existing MUGA (see photo below) .This location was thought to be the best area for access to the build which reduces costs access for users along with the least impact on the overflow car park area and it also satisfies the SBC planning policy.

You may have seen some mounds of earth recently in that area, contractors have been undertaking ground investigation work to assess the suitability of the ground. Which I am pleased to say there are no issues.

We are now looking at going through the process to tender for a specialist contractor to design and build the concrete skate park soon. As part of that process there will also be further consultation with the potential users who will be encouraged to have a say on the design as part of the consultation.

We are also continuing to look at other funding streams so that we can produce a facility that is the best we can achieve. We have secured some funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner to help towards the cost of floodlighting .

The Skate park group are pushing to build a facility that is 40m X 20 m (around the same size as the MUGA) dependant on the final design and associated costs there is an option of a 30m x 20m option if we cant get the larger one.

The Skatepark group itself will shortly be having a meeting where we will adopt the new constitution and elect officers. We are also looking to encourage more people that have an interest to come onto the committee to help drive this forward.

There are a lot of things going on behind the scenes and the project is moving forward and if we can stick to the program then we are looking at Jan 2023 start of the build.

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Ravine Skatepark Group Chair

