

The Level Project

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File Note: Risk Assessment for Skatepark North of Rose Walk

This file note documents the risk assessment undertaken for the skatepark if located north of Rose Walk.

It should be noted that the actual design for the skatepark has not yet been developed. However, a broad concept design and boundary treatment has been developed for this purpose and these drawings have been used. These are attached and include:

- Concept Design
- Artist Impression
- Sketch Sections
- Skatepark Edge Details
- Independent wheeled sports area risk assesment

The outcomes from this assessment will help to define the design brief for the new skatepark to ensure any significant risks are mitigated. An experienced Skatepark Designer will be appointed to ensure risks are considered and mitigated and the design will comply with BS EN 14974:2006 Facilities for users of roller sports equipment – Safety Requirements and Test Methods, copy attached for information.

A further risk assessment will be carried out on the actual design once it has been developed, which is standard practice for the council.

Risk of young children, dogs and balls getting into the skatepark

Concerns have been raised for young children and dogs gaining accessing to the skatepark and being hurt by skateboards and/or causing accidents, and also for balls getting kicked into the skatepark.

Two risk assessments have been carried out.

An independent risk assessment has been carried out by the Play Inspection Company based on initial proposals and it was found that the risk associated with the skatepark in the north was minimal. A copy of this report is attached.

An Internal Risk Assessment has also been carried out with the council's Health and Safety Business Partner. A copy of this report is attached.

All risks were found to be low to moderate. This is a similar rating to standard playgrounds and does not pose a concern.