

## Questions for Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee – 7 December 2020

### **The present state of the skatepark**

1. Since the skatepark is not officially open, why was its opening announced?

#### Response

There has been no official announcement that the skatepark is open.

2. The compromise reached over the skatepark was so that younger people under 14 would have a local place for skateboarding, where they could learn safely. The argument was that they could not travel to the skate park at Victoria Park alone. At present, even before the official opening, there is considerable illegal use, largely by male adults. What specific steps are being planned to ensure use only by the appropriate age group? There are clearly safeguarding issues here.

#### Response

The skatepark is for all ages but the design is aimed at the younger age groups. Use by over 14s is not illegal.

3. Given the illegal use is the trust liable for injury or nuisance? (Nuisance includes noise late at night, floodlights, music).

#### Response

The Trust is not liable for injury or nuisance and users of the skate park do so at their own risk. Anti-social behaviour is a matter for the police.

4. The design of the skate park appears to be different from the plans and located in a different place, dangerously close to the children's sand pit. Please provide a copy of the risk assessment that was done for the final location and the design constructed, together with details of actions to mitigate risk.

#### Response

This issue will be reviewed, and a report will be brought to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

5. There has been increased incidence of antisocial behaviour in the park since the contractors left the skatepark site. What specific plans does the trust have to deal with this?

### Response

Anti-social behaviour is a matter for the police. The construction area is fenced off and checked on a regular basis. Steps are being taken to prevent people gaining access to the skate park site until it is officially open.

### **Trust deed**

6. The trust deed requires 4 acres of the park to be set aside for under 14s. What action is the trust taking to ensure adherence to the trust deed?

### Response

All areas of the park are open to under 14s.