

Chalfonts Activity Park Proposal October 2023



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1. Introduction

The Chalfonts Activity Park project is led by a group of local residents who would like to see additional sporting facilities in our village. We want to work with our community and local authorities to raise funds and locate a site for a modern, free-to-use, "wheeled sports" activity park for people of all ages to enjoy, on their bikes, skates, skateboards or scooters.

The park is intended to become a community hub, offering everyone the opportunity to engage in a healthy, positive activity. It would provide people in our community a chance to make new friends and have fun.

The project is overseen by a committee made up of local residents and Parish Councillors which has produced this paper to demonstrate why a park like this is needed in Chalfont St Peter, where it could be located, its potential design, how it would be funded and the benefits it would bring.

1.1 A short history of Chalfont St Peter and skateparks

Chalfont St Peter had a thriving skateboarding and BMX scene in the 1990's. Due to the surge of popularity of these sports at that time a wooden mini ramp was installed on the Mill Meadow site, built by Freestyle Skateparks Ltd. This was a well-used facility that all of the local children and adults benefitted from, either directly as in the case of Alex Bell (pictured) who went on to gain sponsorship as a professional BMX rider, or as a means of recreation and social interaction as can be seen in the testimonials of the O'Toole brothers.

Unlike today where most of the surrounding towns have wheeled sports parks, the Chalfont mini ramp would have been one of the few facilities of its kind in the area and as such would have been a hub of the local 'scene'.

Unfortunately, the installation of a badly designed metal ramp at the Mill Meadow site in the late 1990s has hampered the development of these sports. The crucial radius of the transition between the horizontal and vertical surfaces of the ramp is too small. This means the ramp is extremely 'tight' or 'whippy' and can only be attempted by the most skilled riders.

The small "street" section has limited utility as the rough tarmac surrounding the metal obstacles is not of a large enough area to permit a 'run up' before or a 'run off' after attempting tricks.



In short, the current park design does not encourage inexperienced riders to gain confidence and proficiency in the basic building block manoeuvres that must be mastered when learning to skateboard or freestyle BMX and as such has acted as a barrier for people wishing to participate in the sport.



At the end of this paper are testimonials from two residents who recall using the original facilities

2. The Need for Better Facilities

Chalfont St Peter has a range of recreational facilities and open spaces. Families with younger children are able to enjoy the playparks in the village and there are a range of private members clubs in the village offering swimming and fitness classes, cricket and football.

There is a small multi-use games area in the youth centre in the Tithe Barn but apart from this there are no free-to-use community sports facilities in Chalfont St Peter and no facilities for taking part in wheeled sports.

While there is a metal "half pipe" and small "back-and-forth" ramps at the Mill Meadow playpark (Fig 1 below), these are not fit-for-purpose and are not used by wheeled sports participants. Even highly experienced riders and skaters don't use the half pipe, which is steep, short, narrow and noisy.

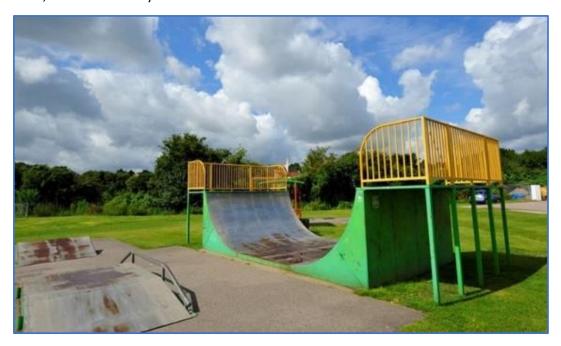


Figure 1: The existing ramps and half-pipe at Mill Meadow: steep, short, narrow and noisy – a barrier to participation

Modern wheeled sports facilities (Fig 2 below) offer a far wider range of features suitable for people of all abilities. Built into the landscape, they are attractive and free flowing with an almost organic nature. They are constructed from concrete, making them extremely quiet compared with metal features and will last for decades with minimal maintenance.





Figure 2: A modern wheeled sports activity park: flowing and organic (Image: Maverick industries)

The lack of local wheeled sports facilities in Chalfont St Peter contrasts starkly with other neighbouring areas.

Figure 3 below shows where new skateparks have been constructed or updated in nearby communities in the past decade. As can be seen, many other communities have decided to invest in wheeled sports facilities. The fact that so many more of these facilities have been built recently is evidence of the growing popularity of these sports and of the realisation by local councils that these facilities provide an invaluable community resource, as well as being an appropriate use of public funds.

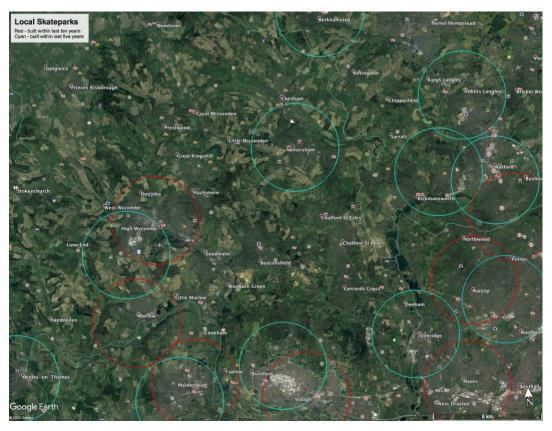


Figure 3. Nearby skateparks, circles represent a two-mile radius from the park (source: Google Earth) See references for dates of construction.



2.1 Community Consultation

Beginning in March 2021, the CAPP is engaged in an ongoing consultation process to demonstrate the need for a wheeled sports park, determine the most suitable site and help design the park. We designed a community survey that could be completed online via our website www.chalfontactivity.com and on paper copies that we left in the Library and some café's in the village. Our website enables people to download and read our initial proposal document and frequently asked questions document which explained our ideas and linked to further information on noise and positive community impact

We publicised this survey and our website via local press articles and our social media presence on Facebook and Instagram. We also reached out to the following organisations and asked their members or customers to complete the survey either online or in paper form.

- The Royal British Legion
- The Women's Institute
- The Chalfonts Community College
- Robertswood School
- The Church of England Academy
- Chalfont St Peter Library
- Chalfont St Peter Scouts
- The Chamber of Commerce

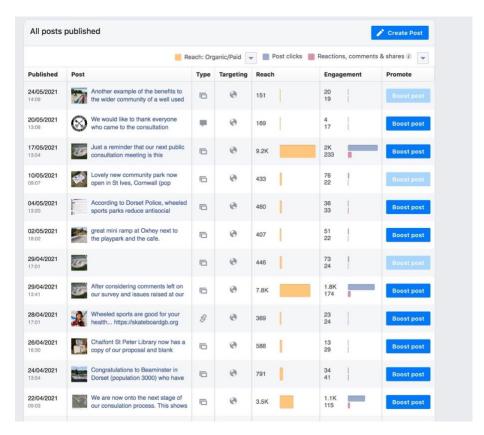


Figure 4 Our posts about community meetings reached 7,800 and 9,200 people.



We held two public meetings via zoom focusing on the two possible sites for the park and held a face-to-face public meeting in the scout hut near the site that was chosen as the best location (see chapter 4). We also used our fundraising activities as an opportunity to engage with the community. We had a stall at the village feast days and Christmas fairs in 2022 and 2023 holding a raffle to raise money but also to engage with local people and get their views via the community survey.

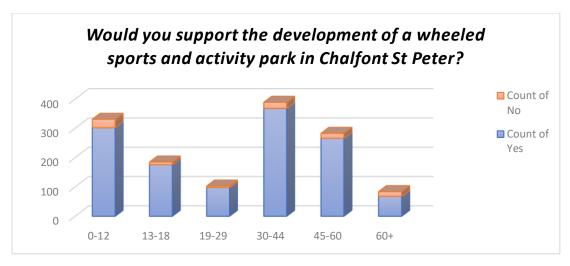


Figure 5. Stall at Village Feast Day 2023

To date over 1300 local residents have completed the survey, this is over 10% of the population of Chalfont St Peter. We have made every effort to engage with residents of all age groups and demographics and not just potential park users.

Overwhelmingly, residents voted that a new wheeled sports park was badly needed in the village. Of the 7% of residents that voted against the proposal their reasons centre round the possibility that the site would be Cheena meadow. In the end as we decided against this site, the number against could be even smaller.





Common reasons for having the park can be grouped as follows:

- · Current facilities are inadequate
- Lack of amenities for younger residents in CSP
- Village is increasing in size year on year need more investment in facilities
- These sports reinforce positive behavior
- Community space for younger & older residents to mix
- Reduce antisocial behavior in the village
- A safe place to practice these sports as opposed to public roads
- Improve public health

3. Scope of Project

This project aims to fund-raise, design and commission a modern purpose built wheeled sports park with the support of the local authority and an approved contractor that is primarily for wheeled sports users but we would like to create a space that can be enjoyed by the whole community whether participants or spectators. The project will be community led and will at all times consider the views of local residents and potential park users.

The park will be designed so that amenities can be added to it in the future to improve the facilities on offer, e.g. Floodlights, outdoor table tennis tables, bike repair stands etc.

The park will be designed and built by a company with a proven track record of building high quality skateparks on time and on budget in line with the <u>best practice guidelines set by skateboard GB</u>.

The park is to be sited on land controlled by the parish council and after it is built the Parish council will assume responsibility for the park as they already do for the existing ramps there. The CAPP group will disband and all data collected will be deleted in accordance with GDPR laws. Potentially a new group could evolve from this to continue to improve the park and hold regular competitions and skate jams to further promote the sport and increase participation.



4. Proposed Location

With reference to the <u>Chalfont St Peter Neighbourhood Plan</u> only a few possible sites exist for the proposed activity park. These are Mill Meadow near the Community Centre, Gold Hill Common near the existing playpark, the Boundary Road play area and Cheena Meadow on Denham Lane.

At the CAPP committee meeting on 16 December 2020, the various sites were discussed. The criteria we used included accessibility, community impact, environmental impact, noise considerations, plant access and existing facilities following the guidance contained within the document 'Design and Development Guidance for Skateboarding' published by Skateboard England. This section will expand on each site in detail. The circles in the images below show a radius of 80m (Source: Google Earth).

4.1 Gold Hill Common

Gold Hill Common is central to the village and already has a football pitch and a children's playpark. Both facilities are well used, while the Common itself is of course the location for the annual Feast Day and various fun fairs during the summer.

Most of the common is sloping or covered in trees. The only flat area that could be utilized is next to the children's play area. The committee felt that this was not a realistic prospect as it was too close to housing, there was no parking available and the 'common land' status of the site would make planning permission for development problematic.

https://w3w.co/sits.hears.path





4.2 Boundary Road Play Area

There is a small patch of green space next to the Boundary Road play area. This was felt to be unsuitable for many reasons. The space is narrow, small and sloping, very close to housing, no parking and plant access for construction would have to route through the existing playpark. The space is better used in conjunction with the existing playpark for games and picnics.

https://w3w.co/brave.hips.boats



4.3 Cheena Meadow

This site has the advantage of being flat and level with excellent access. It is owned by the Parish Council and is not used for other large-scale organised community events. The facility would be sited in the north-east corner of the meadow so as to be as far away from housing as possible. It is likely that the car parking area would need extending and resurfaced and a concrete path to the facility laid to ensure stop the development of muddy tracks during the wetter months. The adjacent field has several well-used football pitches and there is a nearby primary school.

https://w3w.co/tent.faces.hops



The case against using Cheena meadow is that it is on the edge of town and hidden from view by trees. Skateboard GB guidance on location advises that a wheeled sports park should be somewhere central and observable. The location is also very close to the Garden of Rest as can



be seen in the picture. Even with an enlarged car park, the site could bring in more traffic, which would potentially cause issues at afternoon school run times and on weekends, when organised sport is played on the adjacent field. In addition, the change of use of any area of open green space to a sports facility would mean that an equivalent space would have to be re-provided elsewhere in the parish.

4.4 Mill Meadow

This site is in the geographic centre of the village and has no issues with access. The obvious location for a wheeled sports park would be where the existing metal ramp construction is currently located. The space is constrained on all sides by the drainage ditch bordering the allotments, the children's playpark to the south, a parking area and the hedge next to the existing community centre. Nevertheless, there is ample room for an appropriately sized wheeled sports park and the additional amenities e.g. table tennis tables could be located elsewhere in the grassed area. The area is already developed and should not contravene the Neighbourhood Plan objective of preserving green space. The site is also historically significant to the development of wheeled sports in the area as explained in the history section of this report.

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However, Mill Meadow is in a flood zone which could have implications on the planning application. The potential site could also conflict with the current project attempting to get the community centre re-developed. Land ownership could also potentially cause problems and unwanted extra bureaucracy as the land is controlled by Buckinghamshire council, not Chalfont St Peter Parish council. The site is also slightly closer to residential housing than the Cheena Meadow site.



4.5 Conclusions

In the first 3-4 months of 2020, the project committee hosted two public meetings and met with a range of stakeholders including local schools, the CSP Youth Centre and the CSP Chamber of Commerce. After listening to feedback from these meetings and reviewing comments left on our survey, it is clear there is overwhelming community support for this proposal. It is also clear that the Mill Meadow site where the old metal ramp is currently located is the most appropriate and popular option.

This area has been used for skateboarding and BMX since the 1980's, is accessible and in the centre of Chalfont St Peter. It will increase footfall in nearby shops and cafes, help reduce antisocial behaviour and provide much-needed free to use sports facilities that can be used by everyone. This choice of site is supported by the Chamber of Commerce and the Chalfont St Peter Youth Centre.

At the October 2020 Parish council meeting the following motion was unanimously passed by the councillors:

The Parish Council support in principle the Chalfont Activity Group to develop their proposal to upgrade facilities at Mill Meadow subject to necessary conditions, such as future maintenance requirements, Insurance liabilities, Funding, public consultation and planning requirements.





5. Potential Designs and Costs

After a tendering process in the first half of 2022 a panel formed from the committee chose Maverick Industries Ltd as the approved contractor to help take the project further. Following several meetings and another online feedback survey a potential design has been worked up and costed using the projected budget (£280k).

Maverick Industries are recognised as an industry leader and have delivered some of the best skateparks on the UK on time and on budget. They have worked with Buckinghamshire Council on the Homers Farm skatepark and have also built much bigger and more complex projects e.g. Concrete Waves in Newquay and the Folkstone 51 project.

Survey data will be used to determine the expected experience level of potential users and the design of the park will reflect this. The park will be constructed from concrete with steel coping and rails. This is the industry standard and is recognised as having the advantages of reducing noise and increasing longevity. As an example, the Harrow skatepark is still in use forty years after construction. Maverick Industries skateparks are guaranteed for fifteen years.

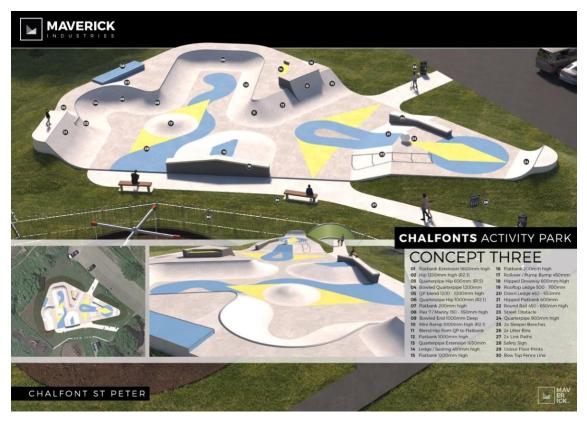


Figure 8 – The proposed design, Maverick Industries



In deciding on a potential budget, the committee has looked at comparable facilities in other areas of similar population size. Skateparks in Henley - Oxfordshire (£290k), Thame - Oxfordshire (£250k), Abbots Langley - Hertfordshire (£120k) and Corfe Mullen - Dorset (£115k) have been compared.

A budget of £280k was felt to be realistic and would be the expected cost of a medium sized wheeled sports park with the other amenities mentioned in section 2. This takes into consideration that the park would also be within two miles of Gerrards Cross, Maple Cross, Chalfont St Giles and Jordans.

Due to the rise in the cost of building materials since 2020 these figures are only a rough guide. A detailed breakdown of costs was included in the tender submitted by Maverick.

Fundraising Strategy

In researching other community skatepark projects we found that funding came from three main sources:

Grassroots fundraising: This could include collections at local events, donations from local businesses and organisations, sponsored events undertaken by local riders, organised fundraising events e.g., a temporary skatepark set up for the day or a raffle at public events. After consultation with skatepark builders we set our grassroots fundraising target at £3000 from local sources. **To date we have raised £2700.**

Local authority contributions: Local councils have an obligation to provide facilities for their residents. All the wheeled sports parks identified in **Fig.3** received a significant contribution from public funds. These local authorities all recognised the benefit to the wider community from these facilities notwithstanding the other tangible benefits in terms of improved public health and reduced antisocial behaviour. We would also explore the possibility of S106 payments to cover any funding shortfall. A realistic contribution from the local authority would be **10-20%** of the total budget. **In August 2023 the Parish Council Voted to contribute £50,000 towards the cost of the park**

Grant funding: All of the surveyed wheeled sports parks gained grant funding from a variety of sources including Sport England and the National Lottery. Three sources of funding that are uniquely open to this project are the HS2 Community and Environment Fund and the Veolia Environmental Trust. It is our aim to make applications to these funds for the larger proportion of the funding. These funds will donate up to £75k to successful applications from community projects. It is expected that grant funds will cover up to 80% of the total budget.



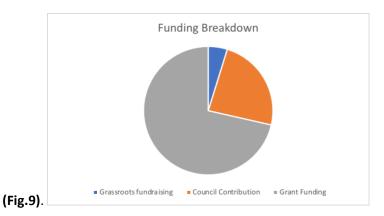


Figure 9 Rough funding breakdown

7. Benefits to the local community

Public Health - according to the Government's chief medical officer, less than half of all young people achieve the recommended daily amount of daily exercise. Facilities need to be provided to encourage sports and recreation to enable people to lead a healthy and active lifestyle. Skateboarding and BMX are recognised Olympic sports and are a healthy activity for young people to participate in.

Sports participation - wheeled sports parks are free to use and help encourage participation in sports amongst groups of people that are often marginalised by traditional team games. The equipment needed to participate is inexpensive and widely available.

Community Cohesion - Skateparks are a meeting place for people of all ages. BMX and skateboarding are highly athletic pursuits that help develop persistence, resilience, and a positive mindset. Well-designed wheeled sports parks are self-regulating spaces that have been proven to reduce antisocial behaviour in the areas where they are built. The design of our park will make it attractive to families to visit and cater for more experienced users.

Community Investment - Our community needs investment. The construction of a wheeled sports park in Chalfont St Peter will help generate much needed economic activity. A good skate park will be used by local BMX and skateboard instructors to run classes and could potentially create a demand for skateboard and BMX equipment that could even support a local skate/BMX business.

Accessibility: The park will be designed to be accessible and will cater for potential users of all ability levels. The data used in the design of the park will be gathered by a survey polling all sections of the community including residents and local riders.

7.1 Supporting Evidence

Following research of newly-built skateparks and correspondence with other local councils, including Abbots Langley, we engaged with them to ask for feedback on how new skateparks had affected their local communities.

The Abbots Langley clerk confirmed that the park, opened in May 2019, is used by riders of all experience levels and ages (beginners, intermediate & advanced, including a wide range of children, families, and adults). Likewise, the gender split of using the park was anecdotally given as 60%M 40%F, further concreting the concept of inclusivity.



In terms of potential negative impacts to the community, the clerk noted that there was occasional littering, which could pose problems at the Chalfont Activity Park. However, thanks to the due diligence of regular and respectful skatepark users, this negative impact has been easily negated by the conscious efforts all those within the community. In conclusion on the outcome of the skatepark project, the clerk commented: 'Honestly, no negatives but a pile of positives'.

A member of the Chalfont Activity Park Project committee also contacted the Chairperson of the Henley Skatepark Initiative to learn from their experiences. Henley on Thames is slightly smaller population wise than Chalfont St Peter but already had an old worn out skatepark made from metal framed ramps. After a successful fundraising campaign, the old skatepark was replaced with a modern concrete wheeled sports park. This cost in the region of £295,000 and was built by Maverick Industries in 2017. The funding came from a variety of sources, as can be seen the majority was from public funds. Grant funding was obtained from Sport England after a successful application. The Henley Committee raised approximately £6,000 through fundraising initiatives like raffles and local collections etc.

At the planning stage there were several objections centring around noise issues. The council planning officers instructed that a noise survey be carried out as part of the planning application. This confirmed existing evidence that a skatepark produces less noise than a children's play park and that replacing the existing metal ramps with a concrete skatepark would reduce noise levels.

Having spoken with several other local councils, we received similar comments regarding the positive and impacts on the local community. After our extensive research of social, environmental, and economic impacts, the arguments for the implementation of a local skatepark are far in excess of the negatives.

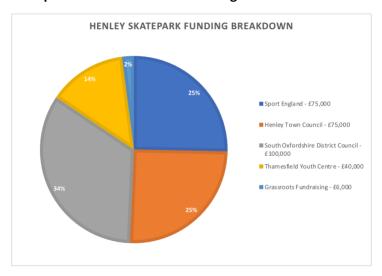


Figure 10 Henley Skatepark Funding Breakdown

7.2 Addressing potential objections

Anti-social behaviour – A common concern raised by opponents of wheeled sports parks is that they will attract anti-social behaviour. However, there is no evidence that this is the case and, indeed, the provision of facilities such as this is more likely to give rise to an increase in positive behaviour.



A Press Release by Dorset Police's Section Commander shows that Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour in Dorchester has dropped 19% since the completion of Dorchester Skatepark in 2009, and 33% in the area where the skatepark is located.

Inspector Les Fry, Dorchester Section Commander, said: "This reduction is a tremendous result for the town and shows the real value of having such a good facility for young people."

A <u>2014 survey</u> conducted in Australia of skatepark users found:

Pro-social behaviours were much more likely to be reported as frequently occurring, with all six of the pro-social behaviours (cooperation, learning from others, socialising with friends, respecting others, taking turns, teaching and helping) noted as occurring often by more than 50% of the respondents.

The reality is that there is already anti-social behaviour in our village and there can be no guarantees that it would not take place at an activity park.

We believe that much of it is caused by boredom. Teenagers have little to do in the village. Boredom can take hold, and this is when problems with anti-social behaviour can begin.

A well-designed activity park would improve life by giving young people, in particular, an activity they enjoy and inspiring them to be proud of their community.

Beyond this, denying our entire community a much-needed facility because of the potential behaviour a minority of users might at times behave poorly is simply nonsensical.

Noise – As noted above, a noise survey carried out in Henley found that skateparks generate no more noise that playparks. Most people's experience with skateboarding noise is associated with the act of skateboarding across footpaths. The majority of this noise does not actually come from the wheels rolling across the surface of the concrete, but rather from the cracks in footpaths and other rough surfaces and inconsistencies. According to the Skatepark Association of the United States (SPAUSA) smooth concrete skateparks do not generate any more noise than any other kind of park: "A skatepark has no more noise than the ambient surrounding noise that exists in other parks."

Litter — Littering is an unfortunate reality and additional bins would likely be required to be provided by the council and regularly emptied. This should not be a significant additional cost given the Council provides sanitation services at all public areas in the Parish. The small additional cost of the increased frequency of litter removal should be balanced against the savings made by improving public health. Increased use of the park may result in increased litter but the only way to stop litter completely is to prevent anyone from using parks altogether.

Money should be spent elsewhere - this is an investment in facilities for our community that will benefit the majority of residents. We need sports facilities that are comparable to other neighbouring communities. We are in danger of devaluing Chalfont St Peter due to the lack of current facilities.

Injuries - Skateboarding and BMX riding is statistically safer than playing football.

We should not develop green space - We are lucky to have a large amount of accessible green space in Chalfont St Peter. The chosen site will redevelop an existing skatepark that has fallen in to disuse due to a poor initial design. The total area of the wheeled sports park will be a tiny fraction of the green space available to local residents.



Not needed - 40% of the population of Chalfont St Peter are aged 12-44 yrs. There is a growing demand for these facilities as evidenced by the development of facilities in neighbouring communities.



8. Glossary

Skatepark – a concrete structure purpose built for riding skateboards, BMX and other wheel-based equipment.

Activity Park – an all-inclusive outdoor recreation area purpose built for practising sports, socialising and gathering.

Concrete – Skateparks require a specific blend of sprayed concrete in order to achieve a smooth and rideable surface.

BMX – A style of bicycle riding specifically designed for skateparks

Wheelchair riding - Adapted wheelchairs for the purpose of skatepark riding

Rider – A person who participates in wheeled sports

Grassroots Fundraising – Local level fundraising through local means including bucket coin collections, GoFundMe crowdfunding, community days, raffles etc.

Grants – Monetary funds received for community projects from government and private sources.

Social Investment – the social benefits of a project, measured in terms of satisfaction & well-being as supposed to monetary value

Environmental Impact – the positive and negative environmental effects of a project, including the reduction in car usage, litter, and noise pollution.

Triple Bottom Line – the combination of social, environmental, and economic factors which are used to determine the value of a project.



9. References

Skatepark Modelling: https://www.maverickskateparks.co.uk/

Expert Arguments For Skateparks skatepark.org

Source: Dispelling Stereotypes: Skate Parks as a Setting for Pro-Social Behaviour among Young People. Centre for the Built Environment and Health, School of Population Health, The University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia. 2014 <u>LINK</u>

https://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/news/8438283.dorchester-skate-park-cuts-anti-social-behaviour/

Figure 3. – Further information

Local Skateparks	Date Built/Updated
Within last Five Years:	
South Ruislip (Field End Road)	2018
Berkhamsted	2016
Henley-on-Thames	2019
Homers Farm	2020
Oxhey	2020
Amersham	2020
Croxley Green	2019
Uxbridge (Fassnige)	2018
Abbots Langley	2019
Within last ten years:	
Ruislip (Kings College)	2016
Hayes	2013
Slough (Salt Hill)	2016
Carpenders park	2012
Maidenhead	2013
Desborough	2013
Slough (Britwell)	2015
Older:	
Marlow	2007
Wycombe	2008



10. Testimonials regarding the history of skateboarding and BMX in Chalfont St Peter

Below are comments from two residents who recall the original facilities.

"I used to love going down to the skate park in Chalfont when I was a teenager. I was never that great at riding or skating myself (I tried but had neither the balance nor the confidence to try anything much!) but it was just a great place to hang out with other kids my age and watch people doing some pretty cool stuff on the mini ramp or boxes. It gave us something to do and felt like a bit of a safety in numbers situation too as sometimes 'alternative' kids (or 'grungers' as people often used to call us) might stand out in other places - not so when there's a group of you all together having fun. It really was our go-to place back in the day so I have loads of really fond memories from being there at that time." - **Callum O'Toole**

"It's been over 20 years now since Chalfont St Peter has had a rideable extreme sport facility. Back in the 90s the Chalfont St Peter mini ramp attracted people from miles around due to its large deck space and mellow yet sizeable transitions. Countless Skaters, BMXers and Rollerbladers dropped in for the first time on this ramp, a rite of passage for any extreme sport enthusiast and many riders spent hours developing skills here.

Since its demolition in the late 90's it has been replaced with a structure that although more durable, has clearly not been designed by anyone who knows how to ride ramps as it is too steep and tight for even the most skilled riders. There is a growing demographic of extreme sports enthusiasts in the area which will only be furthered with the next Olympic Games featuring BMX and Skateboarding freestyle for the first time. Local ventures such as Croxley Green's new park and the Oxhey activity park have proved a hit with locals providing a safe welcoming family friendly environment for riders of all ages, this is a story that is being repeated across the country as concrete parks spring up. Chalfont St Peter and the surrounding areas have a large population all eager for an extreme sports facility. - Chris O'Toole (BMX rider and Chalfont St Peter resident since 1986)



Appendix 1 – CAPP Timeline

2020

- A public meeting was announced to the 500 people that signed the original change.org petition in October 2020.
- At this meeting a committee was formed and proper roles nominated and elected by a majority vote.
- A group constitution was agreed on and signed by the chair and secretary.
- A survey was drafted by the members and published on our website (one of the committee members is an expert in local consultation processes).
- A meeting was held to discuss possible all possible sites looking at all of the pros and cons. Cheena was by a very narrow margin the first proposed site.

2021

- A working proposal document was drafted and published on our website along with an FAQ document. The document explains everything we are trying to achieve in some detail and is regularly updated.
- Letters were delivered to residents adjoining Cheena meadow stating that this was nothing more than a proposal from a group of local residents, inviting them to a public meeting and directing them to our website.
- The public meeting was also advertised via our Facebook page and on local interest facebook groups
- A public meeting was held in April and recorded via zoom. Several parish councillors attended the meeting.
- Letters were delivered to all residents adjoining the Mill Meadow inviting them
 to a public meeting. This public meeting was also advertised via our facebook
 page
- A public meeting was held in May and recorded via zoom. Several parish councillors attended the meeting.
- Over one thousand leaflets were delivered to local addresses Chalfont Heights, Holy Cross and all houses between Lovel Road and Mill Meadow and also given out to parents at local play-parks and school pick-up times.
- Posters have been put up in newsagents, fast food outlets, barbers, cafes, primary school gates and the public library.
- Paper copies of the proposal have been put out in the library, Costa and Crumbs along with paper copies of the survey - this was widely advertised including directly emailing the people that had pointed out that there was no offline option.
- The committee met to look at all the information and feedback gathered so far and decided that the best site was the Mill Meadow recreation ground where the old metal ramps are sited.
- We announced via our social media accounts that we had concluded that the Mill meadow was the best site and would be proposing that to the council. Our facebook posts about the Mill Meadow site and the public meeting for that location have been seen by 20,000 people
- A new leaflet was drafted with a paper version of the survey on the back, we have used this to begin getting the views of younger residents. Yrs 5&6 at Robertswood School have done the survey.
- Chalfont Community College pupils were asked to do the survey online.
- The WI and the Royal British Legion were asked to complete the survey.



- We had a public meeting 25th November at the scout hut all the councillors were invited
- We had stall at Chalfont Fun night in December and raised £300 plus got more residents to do the survey

2022

- In 2022 we held a tender process to choose a contractor. Three companies were asked to tender and Maverick Industries were chosen. (This followed parish council guidelines re. choosing contractors)
- The Parish Council paid for a mobile skatepark in March for a day, very successful with local families despite the short notice of the event.
- 10% of local residents have now completed the survey 92% of respondents are in favour of updating the existing skatepark on Mill Meadow.
- The CAPP committee ran a stall at the village feast day with information on the project.
- Maverick ran a design survey via their website asking local skaters and bmx riders what they wanted in the park and produced a design.
- Bucks lottery took CAPP on as a good cause meaning we now get a regular income from the sale of lottery tickets
- Our raffle on CSP fun night raised nearly £500. Local businesses provided prizes after an appeal by the chamber of commerce.

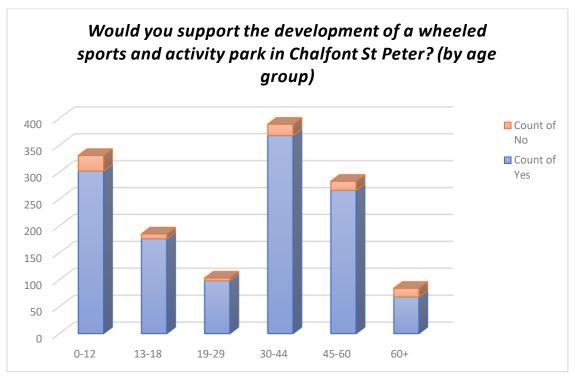
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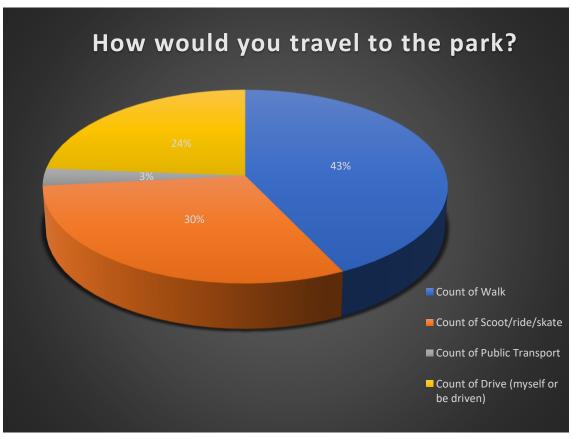
- A flood risk assessment and drainage survey has been carried out for the proposed site. No issues with flooding or drainage were found.
- Another raffle was held at our information stall on the village feast day.
- In August planning permission was granted on the proposed design by Buckinghamshire Council.
- The same month Chalfont St Peter Parish council voted to contribute up to £50,000 towards the cost of the park.



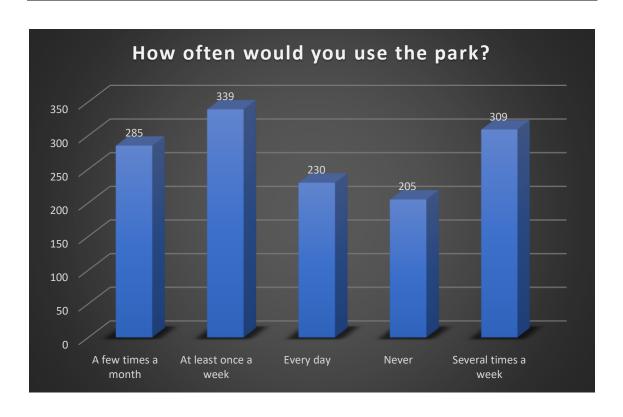
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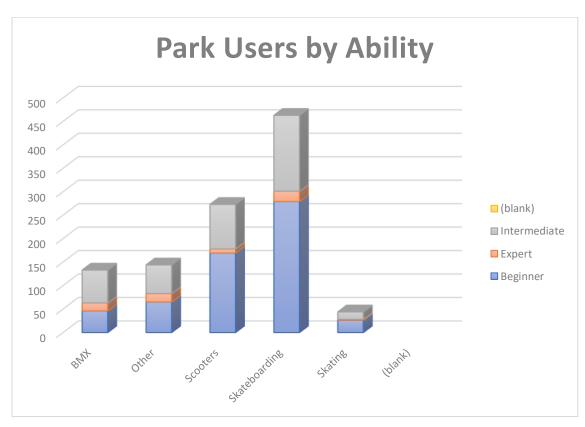
Survey Results at October 2023













Appendix 3 – Survey Comments

June 2021

If yes, why?

Great outdoors physical activity for kids of a wide age range

We need more activities locally for youngsters. There is not much for them to do. We often go to Amersham but it gets very busy so it would be good to have something closer

The children need a place to play

These activity parks give families more options and gives them a safe environment to participate in wheeled sports. Looking at examples in other councils that have completed similar projects, such as Watford and Acton, I can't see any negatives.

It would be great for kids my age to use this as a spot to have fun and hangout

I have 2 children who would love it

We desperately need more free activities for young people in the area.

For people like me who skates to have fun

Be fantastic for the kids. There's is no where for them

Perhaps having a little cafe there would be good too (with not too much junk food)

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Gets kids outside. I have two children and would like stuff for them to do. I personally would like a pump track.

My son would really like it

The current skate park is out dated and inadequate. Older children would benefit from having a proper activity park to meet, get fresh air and exercise and be occupied.

Greater opportunity for activities for our children

My son would really like it

Very much needed for the age range of children who would use it

good thing to do

The community needs more child friendly activity spaces. The current infrastructure is old bordering on non-existant. You'd have to be a monumental killjoy to oppose such a project.

Very much needed for the age range of children who would use it

To bring new community life back to our village

I think it's important to provide safe spaces for children and young people to be active in a positive setting

For the kids to be able to use their skateboards and scooters

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So kids and people can have fun

There needs to be more free sports activities within the area,

It is important to give children an outlet and to keep them fit and occupied. However, it needs to be in the right location.

Great area for the children of the community to extract themselves from tech and engage in outdoor activities.

I think it will be a healthy way for young and old adults to create community. Great idea.

The kids need it

Anything like this can only be a good thing for the community



It's great to have activities for all age groups. It's good to have something active and interesting to do close by.

we have little to nothing to do in the village and have to travel for any decent facilities

The kids need more leisure activities in this area.

Because if it's better than the chesham one I'll take my kids there and if it's as good as croxley green it's a bonus as it's closer to home.

The kids need more leisure activities in this area.

Having two sons (now with their own families). They were never a problem, as they enjoyed, being with their friends joining in so many different activities. Chalfont St Peter, has many youngsters, and with a growing population, this project is perfect and will be a huge success.

Any physical, outdoor activities for children is a good idea, and this proposal will enable children to further enjoy such activities

We have an 11 year old son and there are not enough outdoor activities to do in our otherwise wonderful village. They need somewhere that they can meet friends and once old enough somewhere safe enough to get to on their own. Done well it can be something they are proud to have in their village. It is especially important to maintain and make new local friends, given that they all go to different schools.

I understand that there maybe concerns for people living near to both proposed sites, but we only need to look at South Oxhey as an example. Families, children, young adults, adults all mix together happily at this park. There is a great sense of community. Older kids seem to look out for/help the younger ones. Even if near to the Garden of Rest, hopefully the sounds of happy play is something positive.

If we could stretch to a cafe that would be an added bonus.

We are interested in scooters, bmx and skateboarding

Because young and old need spaces to express themselves and be physically fitter

It is so important for youth to have a communal area to connect and if it encourages physical activity...even better!

It would be a fun place to go.

Great source of pleasure and activity for all ages from 4 years to teenagers. Have seen this in other locations in Dorset. Good for socialising and physical health.



My children would love this and it would be brilliant to have somewhere local to take them

We've young children that I'm sure would benefit

I have two young sons who I think would benefit, as well as many other children their age or older. There isn't a vast range of facilities for children in the area to use at present.

It's a brilliant idea. The one in Amersham is quite small and gets very crowded at the weekend. We travel all the way to Watford but the public transport is not very good. All ages can use a skate park and it's very friendly.

Because it would be lovely to have these sorts of facilities for our young people.

There are not enough free sports facilities in Chalfont St Peter, particularly for older children and teens.

There can never be too many skate parks. Such a good exercise option for kids!!

It would be great to have a skate park for all ages in the village.

In theory it's a good idea, but it depends on the location

More access to free leisurely opportunities

We would use it regularly

Great opportunity for older children to spend time together

It's very much needed in CSP, would be great for the children and young teens to have something a little more exciting to play on.

It's always good to have community activities available to citizens

My 4-year old do would enjoy it

My children are keen skateboarders and scooter riders, aged 8 and 6. As things stand we travel regularly to Oxhey in Watford to use their skatepark there but of course, would be delighted to have something suitable, more locally!

Great to have additional facilities for children to use

To give children something to do.

The kids need it. Skateboarding is now an Olympic sport, but the half pipe here is so badly designed it's unusable. Far too narrow.

as children get older and more independent they need a place to go and get involved with activities

Limited play areas for the children outside of parks for much younger children

It would be a real bonus for the kids to have a proper play area for all age groups that is safe to use

Good for the youngsters to have somewhere



Place for kids to play. Current track is not suitable.

We need to see an improvement in the free to use activities for children in our growing village. CSP needs to see some of the Bucks council community funding which so often goes to the North of the county.

Great for the children of the chalfont area

Any facility for children is an ivestment in their futures

There are not enough places for young people in the village

Its great for kids. The one in Amersham works really well

It's good for children to have somewhere to go and be active within the village. It would be a big hit with my children.

It'll be great for the kids and the local community

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I think all children would greatly benefit from having an outdoor activity park both physically and mentally.

I have 2 boys and we spend our time going back and forth to Watford, Croxley & Hemel Hempstead for their outdoor wheeled sports facilities. There has never been any trouble in those parks. All the boys are so friendly and my sons have made some great friends. It would be great for them to have the same in the village that they live in so eventually get some independence.

We have 2 young boys who would benefit from a place like this. It would help encourage them to do physical activities outdoors.

Welcome more community spaces for kids to enjoy , safely and learn /interact with the broader community

All it's about having fun

For my 4 children

Great to have more facilities for young people in the village

Because the current facilities are minimal and very tired and unsafe looking, and there's nothing much for kids to do once they've outgrown playgrounds.

Social interaction and development of youth.

Great for the children of the chalfont area



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Kids/teenagers need more to do round here

I llove to ride my bmx and use my scooter and no where to do this locally.

For children

Its great to have areas for all ages to enjoy. Especially with covid everyone appears to be more outdoors so a modern area is needed in the ever growing st peter area

I can see the value in the provision of activities of this kind for young people. There is always a concern re anti-social behaviour associated with these things. Might it be help to include young people who might use the area being part of some kind of management group?

I'm 17 and grew up in CSP and there is NOTHING for people my age to do around here. I use to ride scooters and now I'd love to get better at skateboarding but until I got my motorbike I'd have to get my dad to take me up to Amersham. I'd probably drop in after work on my way home a couple of times a week, especially in summer, and my friends and I would be there pretty much every weekend. We just have got to have somewhere to meet up and do some exercise.

It will be more fun for younger children to have some sort of activity playground. And some little ramps for children that have scooters or balance bikes.



Important to offer more activities and opportunities for young people in the area. Especially free activities, which promote fitness and can be outdoors.

I feel the Cheena Meadows location would be ideal due to parking, and not impacting on other services nearby etc.

I would not support the development in Mill Meadow as I have very young toddlers/children who regularly use the playground and attend the one of the 2 nurseries on this site. My worry is that the parking area is not large enough to support a skate park alongside the community centre/nursery/football club and small play areas - as also people often park for free and walk into the village so leave their car there all day which restricts others, as well as those attending classes at the community centre and nursery in there too (as well as the nursery in the football club). I would be anxious about the safety of my young children walking to/from the nursery and using the playground area (designed for very small children) as would be concerned about lots of bikes being ridden around at quick speeds which wouldn't mix well with wandering toddlers on the green spaces. I would be worried about struggling to collect my children from the nursery if it gets too busy with cars - especially as the entrance into the community centre from the main road is a narrow road and can get easily congested. I also personally feel the playground area needs further development as there are very limited playground areas and equipment for young children (I'm sure you'll agree until the new recent additions that playground was very tired and old). Therefore I would be supporting the development of a playground area over a skatepark due to my children's ages. I hope that makes sense!

I think it's a great idea but needs careful consideration of location.

Improved facilities for the youth

We need to encourage teens to go to safe spaces to burn off energy and meet others. Doing so may mean they are less likely to congregate in 'gangs'. Physical activity is so important for mental health and having somewhere free and clean and local would be of huge benefit. the phrase 'the Devil makes work for idle hands' springs to mind!

Something for older children to do within the village, and a place to go for scooters for younger children. Currently the pavements nearby are in a terrible state and none of the parks nearby have paths or anywhere suitable to skate or scoot or cycle.,

Children need things to do in the area

Because it allows every single child and young person to utilise their skills and interests.

This is exactly what children in the area need

My son loves cycling and bmxing, it would be great for children to be exposed to different types of sports

Great for the area and the kids



Because there isn't enough activities in Chalfont

I have three children who all enjoy their bikes and scooters. Having somewhere safe for them to have fun with their friends would be wonderful.

Stop us driving to other towns to use their facilities. Something for teenagers to do. Increase skills

Great idea - fun, lively. Much needed

It will be a great space for young people to spend time outdoors.

Good to have free activities for children in the area

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It's fun and great experience. Better than having nothing for kids to do

It's a growing leisure sport and have taken children to one in Oxhey ,which is really outstanding. Plenty of commercial opportunity's.

Because it will be fun and we need more places in Chalfont where I can have fun

Children need things to do in the area

I don't think there is enough to do as a young person in chalfont so if there is every an opportunity to make it more exciting i am all for it!

Would be great for the community

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Benefits the younger community

We desperately need more free activities for young people in the area.

Great for older children

Yes if a gd location found which is not Mill Meadow

I have young children. Anything to improve the leisure facilities in Chalfont is welcome. Current playgrounds are decades old and not fit for purpose. Just another example of the lack of Council spending in our area.

Coz it's fun!

I think it's a great idea

Cause it will give us something to do!

gives teens something to do



Provide leisure opportunities for kids/youth.

Location and ongoing maintenance however key factors.

Safe place for young people to meet, socialise and play.

The youngster need something like this, proper activity park. The one thats now is not big enough for all of them who wish to use it.

Cause it's awesome to see beginner's learn how to skate, BMX or inline and to have a local skatepark to the community would be a great opportunity for young rider's

As a life long BMX rider and ex-student of Chalfonts Community College, I think that this sort of development would serve the community wonderfully, much like the new facilities in Oxhey Park, Watford. Which has proven to be incredibly popular.

There are no skateparks around Chalfont area

Because I'm a committed skater and really want this

In principle I support amenities for children/younger people, but I'm only supportive of a skateboard/BMX site if it is sited in an appropriate place. Too late I suppose, but was this idea ever brought up during the Holy Cross site discussions? See my further comments below.

A great idea that has been needed in the village for years. The current younger generation have nothing to do in the village, which will only lead to more issues if something like this isnt put into place.

The current skate park is a danger to users. The location next to a popular play park, makes it mostly used by kids for climbing on; creating a safety issue for skate park users and the kids climbing on it. The site suggested is a much better location to reduce this safety issue

i have teenage sons

It is a good social space, it keeps people active and we have been anticipating this for nearly a decade now with constant rejections

It would make a massive difference for the kids

It would make a great community facility for many ages to use.

It is needed the county council keep imposing more developments on the village with no thought tor facilities, like the convent development so it is needed.

It's neeeeeded



Just seen one in Oxhey Park in Watford and it's brilliant to see all ages gathering; lots of small kids as well as older ones which ensures the older ones behave!

It is vibrant and I think particularly in areas that are more rural, not as close to stations we need as many facilities for young people as possible. I hope that there is a coffee shop and other facilities (bikes etc) to broaden the appeal.

I have family that love BMX and one that teaches skating to kids in a central London skate park.

My son loves playing in his scooter and bike so it would be amazing if they had a proper space to do so.

I believe that the children in the area really need something. We have a few parks but they are very old. The young teens have nothing to do round here. A proper skate park would be great.

i have teenage sons

Would be wonderful to have the kids have an up to date park in the area. The parks are very outdated. The kid's live wheeled parks. Excellent idea

It is good for your mental health

Coz it's fun!

We need outdoor activity spaces for the youths to be exercise and hang out safely.

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Not enough for young people to do in Chalfont, especially during lockdown when everything is shut

More activities needed for local children and safe areas for them to play

If on largely and currently non accessed land and access infrastructure - vehicle parking for example - is good.

I have two sons who would benefit hugely from this!

We have a large population of active children in the area but without parents driving them elsewhere they have not a lot! The children now are geared up to stay in on social media... We need to change this now! Fitness and activity is key for physical and mental health. Please make this happen.

It's great for kids to have somewhere to go. My son goes to Amersham and the skatepark there and everywhere we have been is like a little community where they all encourage each other. It's great to have kids outside and being active!

Because I would like a skatepark nearer me

There is nothing in Chalfont for young or older kids to do in the village so this would be a perfect solution to encourage outdoor socialising and get them away from electronics. Ideally you should also consider a 4g pitch with floodlights too



Because me and my friends need more space to have fun and play together. I would also like to learn how to skateboard and have a place to ride my BMX and get better on it.

I skateboard and it would nice for somewhere to go with other skaters and chill out and help build a community with eachother

My children would love it.

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Any additional resources we can provide for children in the village would be brilliant.

I have an 11 and 12 year old and they love skateboarding, cycling and hoverboards

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My kids scoot, cycle & skateboard and it would be a fantastic space for them to be able to enjoy with friends

There's nothing for older children to do

Be good to have something for young adults theres lots for children and older adults but not so much for people in there teens/ young adults

The existing facilities are very poor and out dated! Both my children are keen cyclists and also use scooters. I am also a keen cyclist and would happily fonte towards custom built bike / skate park. However if the plan is to build a pump track, then it should be a high quality one fit for purpose and all age groups. Similar to the new one built in Kenton, Harrow.

I have 2 young children that would hugely benefit. We live just a few houses away.

Our children need somewhere to go

It would provide an additional facility in the local community

I have young children so it would be great for them as they grow up to have a facility like this to use

We need to keep our kids active outdoors.and sociable in a safe environment

Important for young people to have safe spaces to socialise and great way to encourage young people of all ages to be more active.

Health fitness mental well-being fun friendships

Kids need somewhere to actively play

Can never have enough outdoor space for young people to use. Meeting like minded people in any sport creates friends for life.

Keep our youth active with exercise and a safe places to meet friends to skateboard

For children to play outdoors



I frequently use the play area with my grandchildren. Would like to see facilities for children 0-4improved too

The children desperately need it

It will be somewhere for our children (and parents) to practice bike and skateboard skills in safety not on the public roads. It should have suffcient space to practice wheelies, without doing it along main roads or carparks. It is important that this should be open to all age ranges and have somewhere secure to park bikes.

Skate/ wheeled parks are a great way to get kids outside and active whilst still having fun with their friends. I would have used this all the time if it was there when I was younger. My son would love it. The one in amersham is a huge success and we love to go and watch the teenage skateboarders doing tricks and my son aspires to be like them. It would be so beneficial to the whole community.

Desperate need for somewhere decent kids can play safely

To support the community and bring people with a shared interest together. To provide safe spaces for all to use.

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I would like to be able to use the facility's

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Absolutely as I have 2 young children and I think we need more updates play areas for children.

My children are 8 and soon 6 and enjoy going on their scooters and skateboards. They attend a school in CSP /GX

I have two boys who like riding their bikes. A space to challenge, develop and socialise would be great.

Have a 6 year old, they may or may not be interested when older

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Have 2 young boys. Having a skate park would provide us with a safe, local and fun area for the boys to do outdoor activities and gain confidence on their bikes and skate board.

Children like using their bikes. There isn't much for older children to do in Chalfont St Peter.

Supportive of anything that adds positive activities for residents



It's a fabulous idea to bring children and adults of all ages and backgrounds together with a common interest. It will give purpose and meaning as well and structure and fitness opportunities to everyone if it's done right. Plus it's a an Olympic sport now, so what's not to love?!!

Opportunities for young people

The village outdoor facilities are awful and very out of date. There are no facilities for older children and teenagers which are desperately needed. We regularly go to Thame and Watford skateparks and are frustrated there is no equivalent closer by especially as council taxes are very high here. The best thing would be to combine the skate/scoot/BMX area with a playground suitable for younger children like the brilliant one they had at Amersham before it was recently demolished for the new buildings. This way there is something for the whole family. If an area of field can be retained for football alongside then even better. Perhaps a kiosk for coffee, sandwiches and snacks too. We have lived here 9 years and this is the best idea we have ever heard for the village! Thank you.

Our parks are

Outdated and old and haven't enough variety

Young people need somewhere decent to go. It's a great skill to learn, outside, away from screens . Cheena Meadows is a very under used green space. The children's play area should remain but the grass area ideal for use for this.

Because I have 2 children myself and I think Chalfont is lacking a good playground/activity park for them.

If lockdown has taught us anything it's how important customised activity is for our young citizens. Better than hanging about on swings far too small for them.

I agree with all the reasons you have stated. Our young people deserve better facilities.

Provide opportunities for a broader range of outdoor activity to promote physical and mental health, especially for young people

The children need somewhere to encourage a different type of sport. They have been affected so dramatically by covid and would benefit from a safe place to meet and develop their skills.

I have 2 children who skateboard, and currently have to drive them somewhere if they want to go. It's not cool for them to be with mum, and I'd rather know they were local.

The children in the village would love this and it is desperately needed

Young people deserve to have facilities that will benefit them. Skate parks can sometimes have a bad rep but let's not forget the positives, they give young people a place to build community, healthy outlet for emotions and energy and encourage good physical health. The village needs to have facilities that show young people they are seen, valued and worth investing in.



Depending on the location. Cheena Meadow is not the right place - too far from the centre of the village and too remote so that it will lead to antisocial behaviour. Mill Meadow is busier and therefore should be to some degree, self-policed

Our kids need this desperately, there is a lack of decent outdoor activity parks for children in this area and this goes a long way to solving that problem.

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I'm a youth worker in the village and think it's a great idea for the young people to have something to do and somewhere else to go!

I have 2 young kids who love being outdoors on their bikes and scooters with their friends. It will be a great asset to CSP..

Because it would be great to have an outdoor place where you can meet friends and have fun.

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Skateparks are vital for young people. I grew up down the skatepark every weekend for 12 years and still coming back now as an adult. Provides a vital place for kids to hang out with their friends off the streets, as well as providing an area to exercise safely. The skatepark in chalfont is very dangerous now and is desperately due an over haul.

Help get children out of the house

It would be a good place to hang out because there aren't many places.

Somewhere to practice



Comunal, outdoor play beats staring at computers.

because it is something that is massively missing from the area. With Skateboarding now being included in the Olympics we should have local facilities to help our athletes

I haw grandchildren and I would like them to have somewhere to go and enjoy being outside with friends and family

Because the current facilities are not fit for purpose and there are many locals with no place to ride, BMX freestyle is also due to be an official part of the next olympic games which will surely inspire even more up and coming riders and having a facility for them to develop would be great for getting them off their smartphones and online games and into a more active social environment.

It would be great to see an outdoor activity that our community kids can enjoy

I skated when I was younger and would have to make long journeys to access good venues to skate like this one proposed. to have it accessible locally for so many young children would be great

Anything extra to entertain the local youngsters would be of benefit

These areas are great for communites and friends to meet exercise.

I've just moved to the area and have made friends by going to the skate park

It is good for the younger member of our community to have a safe place in the village to be outdoors and keeping active.

I am a father of 2 and my son's love scooteribg and biking. When we go out to a skatepark, we normally have to travel 30 mins to a good skatepark. It will be good having a new and improved skatepark in the village so people don't have to travel far. It will also be good for the youth around the village, and it might encourage them to go outside more and partake in sports.

We've tried before to get one without success. It's something that would be used a lot by children and young people in the village where there isn't a lot to do and is good exercise

Because it's cool

With 2 of my own children, I would love to see any new facilities that they could enjoy.

Skateboarding has become extremely popular and this facility would be great for the local young people and anyone else who is interested in this

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We need it for our children



More for the kids to do the better... keeps them

Off the tech

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there is not enough for teenagers to do at present in the village

We need something decent on our side of the village.

The village centre has a playground. The top common has one. Denham Lane definitely needs an upgrade!

Somewhere safe fir children to go, play and get exercise

I'm a 42 year old father who started skateboarding again during lockdown after 25 years away from the sport. I've never seen anything bad come from these parks. I'm from America where these parks are few and far between. In London there's one in every borough. Often more than one. Now that I'm no longer living in London the options are more limited. That's beside the point really. These places give kids and old guys like myself, the place and opportunity to have healthy, present fun outside, away from the device screens. In a time where we're all glued to our screens more than ever, and with physical health on a constant downhill trajectory, I can think of few things better for a community than a park like this where people can go and get exercise, make friends, connect and soak up some vitamin d. It just seems like it's all positives. I'm happy to donate money, but I'm also happy to donate my time, assist with building, cleanup, etc. I really hope this goes through. Thank you all for doing what you're doing.

Fantastic opportunity for our community.

My sons have tried for years to get this, it be amazing for the young people

Started in lockdown (properly), and having rediscovered it, it's saved me this year.

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My daughter is a keen roller skater and we struggle to find spaces for her to practise I

Good leisure facility for all ages.

Because it's a great idea. The village needs more quality outdoor amenities for the young and old. I would be glad to help

See this delivered.

We need more activity's for kids locally for social and health/fitness!

It's a great way for people to come together and enjoy something they like you form new relationships and experience things together. It's good for your mental well-being and well as grate exercise



My children attend a local school and both would enjoy this facility with friends.

My children would use it. They love skate parks but we currently have to travel to use them. We live in CSP.

Much needed. Lockdown has proved undeniably how much the welfare of children's mental health is helped through fresh air, exercise and having somewhere safe to practice. Our daughter is 10. She's been slow to build her confidence on a bike. She recently noticed some crappy makeshift ramps made of crates and sheets of mdf behind the csp leisure centre in the carpark and has been trying them out with her friends on the bike. She's loved it, but it's FAR from ideal and not built to last As a community our kids deserve something well planned and designed they can improve their skills on. Gutted to hear a previous campaign to create a park didn't go ahead.

Great for the kids to have somewhere to play locally. We currently have to drive to Amersham for a good skate park.

The kids need places to play and learn abs interact safety

I have a young child and she would love this!

We are so far behind in this community and the commitment to provide outdoor activities, such as park facilities, this is far overdue and maybe a route solution to the long term anti social behaviour and vandalism due to young generations being bored

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A good area for these people to spend time, eg bikers, get them off the roads, they have a areas to do tricks in rather then doing tricks down the high street

I am an avid skater/bmx/jump bike rider and would use the facilty often. It would prevent me from having to travel further or in the car to other places.

The equipment and parks we have in Chalfonts are very dated and we like to stay local and support local area however sometimes we are forced to drive to Amersham, we also like the one in Oxhey

I have teenagers who like skateboarding and there is nowhere for them to go. I have to drive them to Amersham or Uxbridge. They would love somewhere local.

it will benefit us kids/adults

Great for the children keep fit and active

to encourage more outdoor play for the young, encourage exercise and prevent obesity, as well as support social skills

Because I like sk8



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I think it's a much needed community resource for our children & young people and well overdue. Having two older teenagers, I've heard the complaints from them and their friends over the years of having nothing to do in Chalfont; nowhere safe to ride their bikes, scoot and heavily bored - moved on from open places where it's not acceptable to ride, practice tricks etc. This is when anti social behaviour happens. They need a positive physical outlet that they are interested in and a skatepark is just that. It keeps them focused, happy and most importantly good for their social, emotional wellbeing. It has so many benefits for example, young people do not have to endanger themselves by riding on roads and travelling to other places. Not everyone has parents who can chauffeur them to other skateparks, they are often working so older kids left to own devices have somewhere safe & fun to go to within a short distance to travel.

Cause it's good

I think it's a great idea, we are lacking outdoor activities for the kids

I think kids need more in the village to keep them entertained. But please make it suitable for all ages and especially take note that school children of all ages use the park after school next door. Can there be a mini scooter track? Can the existing playground be improved?

Kids and families need something more in the community.

I think it would be good for the older children in the village.

It would be a brilliant addition to the village and add more activities for the young people of the village

The village needs somewhere for the kids to go, and skating, bmx-ing and scooting is fantastic exercise. In my experience the kids who skate are very supportive of each other and are not trouble makers - we need more places like this for our kids.

Having seen a young boy develop after taking up Scooter sport who had been written off by his school. He has been UK Champion, World Champion and taken part in Nitro Circus and travelled the World. I feel that children need to have facilities to enhance their development and people should be open to better facilities being available.

So my children have somewhere safe to play both supervised and independently when they are old enough.

There is very little for older kids and this would be great

I think this will help to meet a need for active and social engagement for young people. However, I do not support the chosen location in Cheena Meadow. This is an isolated location and there are ongoing ASBO issues here already. Has anyone spoken to the police about your plans? An activity park has to be secure, managed and policed. There are major child safeguarding issues concerning this location, and its remote position. It is also in close proximity to 3 traveller sites. Even if you raise money for the installation of equipment there are ongoing costs - maintenance, insurance, repairs, cleaning, litter, waste and graffiti removal etc. What consideration has been given to the



impact on residents nearby and the quiet solitude of the adjacent Garden of Rest? A nice idea but naive.

Well needed, parks in village all outdated.

Been needing this for years. Need more benches, more shelter (with actual shelter and comfortable seating area) need more parking area's, more equipment in parks, football pitch like the youth club. Need a skate park like Amersham old one and new one put together small concrete spine quarter pipe kicker rails half pipe then need a bmx/ mountain bike track made out of dirt or concrete with loads of jumps humps (pump tracks) berms turns etc etc

There are not enough things for young people to do in the area, I live on Grange road which is a slight hill and kids skateboard past the house daily. This can be disturbing and also dangerous as we've seen many close calls with cars coming around the bend and nearly colliding with a child on a skateboard. Hopefully these kids would use the skatepark instead

It would add more facilities for kids in the area and encourage them to move.

Great addition to the park & adds an area for older children. The park at the moment is aimed at younger children. It's also good to have something this side of CSP for the kids.

I have 2 young boys who love being outside. I have said to them for a while that I would like to do some fundraising to improve the parks in our area. The currents ones are limited and dated. When we visit our family in New Zealand we are always blown away by the quality of the children's play areas even in sleepy little towns. Whist I think a skate prk is a good idea I would like to see more general play facilities built.

My child is unable to ride his scooter locally due to the terrible conditions of the pavements. I am really concerned about the effect this is having on his physical development and resort to driving to other areas such as Ruislip and Watford for him to develop these skills.

We need more outdoor spaces for children and teens.

I think it would be really good for children and teens to have a safe space to ride, but, I don't think cheena meadow is the right place as is situated next to the garden of rest and does not have sufficient parking for families who will travel to use facilities.

Children need more activities to do in the area

I would love to take my kids to a space that would be fun and help them develop their physical skills like balance and coordination.

To increase outdoor pursuits that are free and make better use of such a lovely open space. Young people need more in the village and the current park gets very busy due to lack of equipment.

Lack of activities for children that are not playgrounds which has limited appeal over a certain age, and didn't really encourage sport or team participation.

There is definitely a need for more facilities for older kids in the village



My children use the park a lot and would welcome a more well rounded facility

I think the local area needs more for kids and teenagers.

Great for the children keep fit and active

Because I think an awesome opportunity for kids to get more active and i know I would skate there most days and know multiple people that will as well.

Nothing to do for kids in Chalfont these daysb

It would be nice for the children and teenagers to have something to do on this side of the village. The playground hasn't been updated in the last 16 years we have lived here.

Cause it's fun

My son is huge fan of wheeled activities and have to go to Amersham or further afield, our village so desperately needs something to entertain our children, for all ages

Because I want this to happen so bad

My son loves a skate park and it is limited around chalfont children are always near football club and it's just not big enough

Having lived in the USA for a few years we saw how beneficial such parks were to the community - there were several in our area. They were fantastic for all the children to play together

Nothing in the area for children currently, the parks are very run down and haven't been updated for over 30 years.

A much needed resource for teenagers in the village

Chalfont st. peter needs somewhere for kids to play. Current skatepark is old and very outdated, this would be a much welcomed addition to the village

Much needed area for local youngsters to safely gather - with a positive and healthy focus.

Two young skaters (and one old)

The next and younger generation need more actively within the village

This area needs it

Current CSP skatepark is awful, old and way too small. The mini ramp is really dangerous has a flat bottom that is far too short for the size of the transitions and is un-skateable.

We would have a good skatepark in village which we can progress on

I think it's important to give the young more opportunities to play and get together in the village

Everything is outdated and very limited at present. Serious upgrade needed in area.

Because it would be great for youngsters and the community.

Started in lockdown (properly), and having rediscovered it, it's saved me this year.



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My sons have tried for years to get this, it be amazing for the young people

It would be great to get some more facilities for children in the area

I think anywhere designed for a mix of ages is beneficial for the community. To have such an amazing outdoor space can only have positive results for all the uses

There needs to be more areas for young people to participate in activities in the village. I would be glad to see more community based sports and play areas.

Would be a great addition to the community.

To do something fun for once

Anything that gives kids and young adults something active to do is a good thing.

I would support any development for sports and activities in the village for children of all ages. The current provision of children play areas are very poor. It is very old and lacking compared to the surrounding towns and villages in the area. Also very much neglected. The village council really need to look at the demographic of the village and provide facilities accordingly.

There is a lack of facilities currently

A welcome additional amenity which would help in encouraging young people to get adequate exercise, which is a key part of a healthy lifestyle. It would also reduce environmental emissions caused by people driving to wheeled sports and activity parks outside the area.

Because I'm a committed skater and really want this

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I am a keen skateboarder, and there is nothing like this around for the teenagers to use. It would be awesome.

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The park is very dated needs modernisation

Kids def need more to do!

My younger brother regularly skates and would be great to have somewhere local where they can enjoy themselves

Kids need something to do! Brilliant idea

Nothing is available in this village or within a few miles for children and teenagers to use and play in, no money has been spent in this area on these sort of activities in the last 20 years that I have been here

We are not far from Chalfont and my kids enjoy going to other skate parks that are further away.



Much needed, 'healthy' facility for our village

I feel the area is in need of more public, recreational facilities. The offer for those over 7 is particularly limited and this was felt in the lockdown.

I am a keen skateboarder who has lived Chalfont my whole life. The skatepark facilities are no where near adequate and are very outdated.

growing up with a lot of outdoor activities, I feel it is very important for young kids and teenagers to have sport facilities available to them.

Somewhere for my children to go locally to have fun and exercise. The parks and skate parks in Chalfont are very outdated.

Good to provide amenities for the children . Keeps them out of trouble

Important for young people in particular to have local facilities, for both physical and mental wellbeing

I have kids aged 5 and 7 who desperately want somewhere safe to skateboard, cycle and scooter

Any healthy outdoor activity would be great for kids and families. My three daughters are not into skateboarding etc, but we absolutely support improving the village and giving children active alternatives to just hanging around.

I have two young children who love to ride their bikes and it would be great for them to have somewhere to ride without worrying about cars. We currently drive all the way to Amersham to use their skatepark

I skateboard and so do my kids. Its a great sport for every age and so many people are getting into wheeled sports. It's becoming very popular. I'd love to see more skateparks built!

I think the village needs something like this for the younger community to have activities they can do with their friends.

I've lived in Chalfont St Peter my whole life and there was talk of a new park being built many years ago. I never had anything 'rideable' growing up as the current skatepark is not safe and was not good for BMX. I've always wanted this for the village.

Area needs a really good park. Visited some parks around Chalfont way and they are mostly old, unsuitable and small

Such a brilliant idea! The kids need somewhere to play and hang out, and its a healthy and skilful activity, fun for younger and older kids. Gets them outside and exercising, and away from the 'screens'!

I can only add one below, but my 3 kids would scoot, skate and cycle here.

The area really lacks activities for young people.

I think my family would use it, and I think it would benefit the community



I am a keen skateboarder who has lived Chalfont my whole life. The skatepark facilities are no where near adequate and are very outdated.

The area needs more free leisure facilities for young people and these types of parks encourage exercise

We need better sports facilities

Any other comments or suggestions?

Really recommend you stating times and ages for some of the day eg Saturdays.9-10 am under 6s only, and also saying maybe bikes only at some times and scooters only at some times. Then keep that under regular review to see it meets demand.

I feel like this would be a great benefit to the kids growning up in chalfont in the future. And will unite some of the community. The friends i made at the park as a kid are now some of my closest buddies even though we live in different areas on the country now!

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Good luck. This is a great idea.

I'd look at changing this proposal so it's not just a skatepark - you'd have more leverage when trying to promote it. For example, part skatepark and part basketball court / tennis tables.

Shelter for when it rains

Children really need this within the area . It encourages them away from computers, to get fitter and socialise with friends

Create fetes, bi annual social gatherings, community competition, maybe add a race / athletic track as a perimeter around the skatepark to create or add a walking lap track. Just an idea.

So pleased to see your proposal

Can you convince chesham to up their game, our skate park is way too small

A need for public toilets.

Thank you for this initiative. Just what we need!

Great idea

Keep strong

This is a great initiative - thank you

Would not walk



We would really value table tennis tables as people of any age could play with each other.

Cheena meadow is a great site for a board park - there's hardly any activities on that side of the village so will be good to spread out, especially as the centre of the village gets very busy. Additionally there are only a handful of houses near the proposed site, plus the bonus of a dedicated car park so seems like an excellent choice of location.

Anything that can be done to avoid teenage or adolescent "loitering" and vulgar behaviour would be very welcome, as unfortunately, skateparks can attract this. It is very intimidating for the younger kids and puts them off. In Oxhey, the facilities are regularly patrolled and this avoids any problems, which is great and why we travel so far for it! Nice and safe for the kids and good for them to build their confidence on the skateboards and scooters.

Great initiative - very supportive

It's really not required. Let's invest in what we have

There needs to be more multi use activity use such as all weather pitch

Why is there, as yet, no input apparent from the parish council?

I believe that improving the facilities in Mill Meadows in the village would be the best option. Killing the lovely field at Cheena Meadow does not make sense.

I do not feel that a wheeled sports and activity park is a good use of space or funds. I would prefer a more family friendly space that multiple generations could use with a children's play area, benches and tables and an outdoor gym that could be used by parents/older children whilst younger children. I think this space would encourage families to be more active together and be a nicer community space for a wider range of people. Skate parks are not accessible for everyone and not everyone will be able to afford bikes or scooters or have the skills to use a wheel sports space. There should be a space that is more accessible to a wider range of people in the community.

Good luck. Keep advertising this around the village and nearby too - chalfont st Giles & gerrards cross. Children from those areas would benefit from this park too.

It would be great to have age appropriate sections so children of all ages can enjoy the park at the same time. If you include a separate toddler section it will encourage families and avoid the park being dominated by older children.

I think we should create new facilities rather than replace the current little skate park at the community center as this is well used at the moment so it seems a shame to waste these facilities. Could move the current facilities elsewhere if that location is this only option but I'd be opposed to completely scrapping the current facilities.

Of the two proposed locations I've heard of I would strongly put my vote in favour of the Mill Meadow site where the current equipment is - this makes it more accessible for kids from both sides of the village and makes it easier for responsible adults to keep an eye on what's going on there. If events and activities are organised then there is also the proximity of the Community Centre for facilities too!



Mostly I would skate down the hill there but would also probably go on my way home from work on my motorbike

Important to offer more activities and opportunities for young people in the area. Especially free activities, which promote fitness and can be outdoors.

I feel the Cheena Meadows location would be ideal due to parking, and not impacting on other services nearby etc.

I would not support the development in Mill Meadow as I have very young toddlers/children who regularly use the playground and attend the one of the 2 nurseries on this site. My worry is that the parking area is not large enough to support a skate park alongside the community centre/nursery/football club and small play areas - as also people often park for free and walk into the village so leave their car there all day which restricts others, as well as those attending classes at the community centre and nursery in there too (as well as the nursery in the football club). I would be anxious about the safety of my young children walking to/from the nursery and using the playground area (designed for very small children) as would be concerned about lots of bikes being ridden around at quick speeds which wouldn't mix well with wandering toddlers on the green spaces. I would be worried about struggling to collect my children from the nursery if it gets too busy with cars - especially as the entrance into the community centre from the main road is a narrow road and can get easily congested. I also personally feel the playground area needs further development as there are very limited playground areas and equipment for young children (I'm sure you'll agree until the new recent additions that playground was very tired and old). Therefore I would be supporting the development of a playground area over a skatepark due to my children's ages. I hope that makes sense!

I think it's a great idea but needs careful consideration of location.

If finance is being sought from numerous sources, it sees logical to build in other activities such as the ones listed above. This would result in a multiple use area, which would make it more attractive and worthwhile

Great idea

Concerned that if park not highly visible to passing public my children will not be safe. Important to be central to community so families present not just a place where one group can dominate.



Depends on location!

Mill Meadow area is flood plain - adding greater concrete will add to the issue.

There is a drug problem in the park along with anti social behaviour this will draw more people to the area and potentially in evenings later at night exacerbate issues - CCTV will not deter them and housing v close will be affected

Location should be Mill Meadow as it's central to the village. Cheena Meadow is too far out and has very limited parking.

No.

The proposed skatepark / wheeled sports activity site should NOT be at Cheena Meadow next to the garden of rest... Absolutely appalling choice of location, extremely insensitive.

Parking and access key

Maintenance of equipment and facilities key

Facilities like this bring people of all ages and backgrounds together, it also keeps them together. My brother, sister and I got into BMX in 2002 and we're still into it now, and I don't think there are a lot of families with all siblings, now adults, with the same key interest as 19 years ago.

This question is not relevant as I would never use the park.

Please please make this happen

The proposed park should absolutely not be sited at Cheena Meadow, which is next to a cemetery, where grieving people come daily to this peaceful place to remember their loved ones. The clatter of skateboards, bikes, people shouting/playing music, etc. is completely incompatible with this. (It is also incompatible to residents living close to Cheena Meadow.) Secondly, if there is going to be site in CSP it should be in the middle of the village to facilitate and equalise access by younger people from both sides of the village. If the current facilities in Mill Meadow are inadequate and even dangerous, then it would seem ideal to redevelop that site for this purpose. Finally, there is insufficient parking and recently added double yellow line restrictions on Denham Lane close to Cheena Meadow. Just look at the congestion caused on a Saturday morning when Robertswood Rangers meet - this would be a much more regular occurrence if the skateboard/BMX facility were to be sited at Cheena Meadow. Finally Cheena Meadow is a rural location, on the edge of countryside/green belt. It is not an appropriate site for a development of this sort.

For a perfect example look at oxhey skatepark in Watford that's soo good coz the drawing for the skatepark on this website has waaaay to many quarter pipes



Proper consultation to ensure that residents are fully engaged and their concerns are included in the development. Opportunities to learn from other areas; the skate park in Oxhey park has been a real success for residents for example.

Whelled area for toddlers and the bigger kids would be amazing

Basketball hoops are a dream

The ongoing maintenance of any such park - safety and visually (graffiti etc) needs to be first class with the developers and/or council making an annual financial provision otherwise it could become an unpleasant "white elephant"

It is likely to attract users from outside of the immediate area and aspects such as parking and traffic management will be key.

Wouldn't go

Let's hope you get the go ahead - good luck!

I would be interested in owning or renting an area for a cafe to serve hot drinks etc

I've seen some cool art work at other parks which I think would look good and get young people involved.

Wouldn't go

A fantastic initiative for the village.



While I 100% back any additional facilities being provided within the village i strongly object to the location selected. Cheena meadow is now suitable for a number of reasons.

The reduction in the green space in cheena meadow combined with the current skate park at the centre of the village being abandoned actually represents an overall reduction in the provision of services. This also represents a very poor use of prime land in the centre of the village that has been previously selected as an ideal location for a skate park. The new skate park should be integrated with the community centre development.

In terms of policing the existing skate park is far better located. I would be interested to hear TVP opinion of the use of Cheena meadow and how they would plan to provide policing of the site. There are already issues with antisocial behaviour in the car park in the evenings.

The proximity of the park to the garden of rest would also be a concern due to the noise generated by such a development.

I am also concerned about the long term support required for this development and can not see any discussion of the future planning for the upkeep of the skate park included in any of the material presented. Who is going to pay for maintenance? Will this cost fall ont eh council?

I would love to see this development take place and think it will be a great asset to the village but I think there are a number of issues with the chosen location.

The "How would I get there?" question - wasn't sure how to answer - it depends on where in CSP the park is.

Skatepark features to enable maximum number of concurrent users and cater for a range of abilities

Redeveloped the present skate park as that is unusable at the moment but nice and local to the village

I really hope this goes ahead. It will be perfect for all ages and give children the opportunity to burn off some energy and learn some new skills.

For us it would be on our door step, which is brilliant. It would be a great addition to the park!



Chalfont St Peter is a lovely small village, inviting people to arrive on public transport will increase car accidents in high street and anti social behaviour. Council funds should be spent on repairing pot holes in our roads to keep cycling a safe.

Just to locate in a busier area which can be closed off at night to deter / not attract young people for other purposes.

Sorry second filling in of this survey. It's just so I can send this message. I was in the zoom meeting as William. There was a comment about zoom meetings not being accessible to 'elderly' people, the counter is I wouldn't have been in it if it wasn't for Zoom. So swings and roundabouts on that point. Also fundamentally the playgrounds in Chalfont are old and in need of renovation (we use the gold hill common one mostly). My priority would be to go to the renovation of these prior to a skate park. (The rocking horse is an antique). I understand from speaking over the fence to a parish counsellor that a playground item is approximately £15,000. To renovate the gold hill common playground is therefore approximately £100k (my calculation). Good luck.

Great idea

Put it by the Community Centre close to village. NOT at Cheena Meadow

Would appreciate a whole family approach so that there are safe areas for mums with young children too. Should be landscaped so NOT a concrete jungle and we'll maintained

Will this be supervised? A requirement to wear safety equipment?

Surely something better can be done? Why not create activities for kids of all ages to get involved in?

Even a better park / water park or sandpit is better. Any area you make please also make it free from dogs so kids can play safely.

Thank you for taking the time to organise this!

There is all ready a ramp near the CSP community centre & believe this is a much better sight for a skatepark away from graves & housing

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It's a great idea but am worried about possible vandalism and littering. Parking could be an issue and it could possibly become an area where drug dealing and legal highs take place. I think it would need to be secured at night and have CCTV cameras.

BMX track? Rain/sun shelter? Swings and slides so that a young family could entertain all members?



I think its crucial maintenance is planned for

I think its crucial we prevent it becoming abused (hang out for drugs etc)

I would suggest more picnic benches and bins than stated in the plan.

I would also consider if the surrounding area is grass. If so, this would lead to puddles and mud during winter periods

I live round the corner and know some residents are anxious about noise, roadworks and gang behaviours etc. Its not something I'm concerned about but worth addressing for some of the more 'traditional' residents who may not see this as the great opportunity it is

Community centre site is too close to houses. Existing noise on a summers evening with teenagers is excessive and goes on into the night at unsociable hours.

Please see my comments above! Thank you.

Some of us have no idea what all of those technical skate ramp names are but it looks fab. My concern would be graffiti and antisocial behaviour from older children although I am in support of it

Dog poo bin might be a plan - if I was a young parent I'd combine a dog walk with taking my child to the park

Good luck! You're doing a great thing.

I think this is a fantastic idea, and would benefit so so many children.

I find almost everyone in the skatebosrding community to be helpful, friendly, and extremely tolerant of those just starting out.

I am fully in favour of this proposal but not at Cheena Meadow as parking would be a problem and noise for the residents, particularly if the service station gets approved. Also it would be too close to the garden of rest, it is great to hear children playing whilst visiting but not the noise of a skate park

Great though the idea is, this is not the right location. Happy to donate to a Mill Meadow site, but not at Cheena Meadow. Also your web site - the font is difficult to read as white on black.

Mill Meadow better location

Thank you for this initiative. Just what we need!



Even though I would not use it myself, I think it would provide a great space for local volunteers (youth workers from the youth centre) to visit the site to chat to the young people in an evening. We sometimes do detached youth work and we would wander round there if that was a popular location.

Whilst outdoor activities are a great idea I do not think that Cheena Meadow is the right location and I would campaign against a skate park sited there. This is for several reasons:

- 1. It is not sufficiently central. This would mean that parents would drive their kids so it wouldn't be something that teenagers would do independently and there would be ongoing carbon emissions associated with it which is clearly a poor outcome. Also, being more centrally located would mean that it was more inclusive.
- 2. There are already some facilities near Mill Meadow which could be developed. There are plans in existence from when this was last suggested. You may want to talk to Parish Councillor Karen Dickson.
- 3. I am generally against green areas being concreted over. In an era of increased rainfall with no additional drainage, we need all the soakaway we can get.
- 4. Developing the above point, turf is a huge carbon sink and we should not be getting rid of it.
- 4. There is a small orchard on Cheena Meadow which was planted as a community, environmental project by the village in 2010. It would be a crying shame if anything was developed that might threaten its existence. You must bear in mind that key involvement was from the Chalfont St Peter Youth Group who helped to pay for the trees and helped to plant them. (Have a look at the photos on the Change4CHalfont facebook page). They did so on the promise that they would be able to take their children and grandchildren there to see it grow in years to come. It is clearly illogical to usurp one community project by another. The orchard was planted as part of the Transition Towns movement as a move to highlight and be resilient against the effects of climate change. It is entirely the wrong move to do anything which might damage it.

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Please make ledges/ with round coping edging!!! This is what makes a good park a brilliant park for inline skaters! Square rails and ledges are obviously more popular with skateboarders but we feel that circle coping would make this park stand right out from most new parks near us

You should provide a service which would enable people to learn to use the park and compete in competitions

Young children love running and climbing on the skatepark section of the community centre park so anything they can do this on would be great



Why on earth are you building it at Cheena Meadow instead of down n Mill Meadow where it was planned before an there is already a pathetically small one? This would be centrally located so everyone in the village can access it.

I would love to take my grandsons there but people on the Gold Hill side will drive and there is already limited parking at Cheena. Also there are residential properties who will be adversely impacted by increased parking and noise as well as the Garden of Rest.

I absolutely support the idea, but absolutely not in this location. Sorry but no!

Make it look cool ₁⁴

Wrong location, too expensive.

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I do understand that this is a park on Denham Lane for everyone... but... my children are primary age. And they go to Robertswood. A lot of primary age children like to play there. Older children/ teenagers can quite easily dominate a place like this. Which would stop parents taking their young children there. Also... dog owners let their dogs off the lead there... which is why the fenced playground is a good idea. Would these new facilities be fenced off to dogs too? Yes would be my opinion.

Also. What would be brilliant is a couple of tennis courts! Nothing fancy. Just a few painted lines and a net. And maybe an adult exercise machine area to maybe steer the older kids in the right direction.

Solar lighting perhaps?

Water taps would be great. But who would use them during covid? And could that encourage travellers to the site? So i'd say no to that idea.

My kids use scooters and I saw there was no mention of bikes which is what they use too. So a long straight flat pathway would be ideal. Maybe there could be a flat area for little kids to practise. And a more bumpy, obstacle path track for older kids. Thankyou if this does go ahead.

CCTV might well discourage misuse

I have seen a lot off these projects fail as they are built with the consultation of the company building the park and not the consideration of the people using it but also the people who travel you use theses good facilities. A classic example of one that failed was at Scots bridge mill (Rickmansworth) I really think that a pump track would be better and more inclusive.

Thanks for getting this off the ground. I'm off to donate and tell my friends. Good luck with it!

We moved to the village in January from SW London. The roads and pavements here are a total disaster locally compared to what condition the roads were in London. No child or teen can skate



or cycle safely on them. The park will give the children exercise, a sense of community and could lead to competitions and organised events once established. People complain about anti social behaviour among the community. A skatepark won't encourage this. It will do the opposite, it will give kids an outlet for their energies and give them something to stop them being bored and more likely to get into trouble. It's a no brainer to us that kids need better outdoor facilities and this fulfills this gap in our community. Thank you for all your hard work and best of luck!

Please feel free to get in touch, as a local business owner and being from the village and with children who can actively benefit from this I would love to be able to help.

Kind regards Mark

I think this is a fabulous idea and would be a real asset to Chalfont St Peter

This is desperately needed, fingers crossed it goes ahead

Make sure things such a benches are cemented in place, multiple benches have been stolen before and this can help prevent

The Hertfordshire skate parks are fantastic and for younger children too. I would love to have something like oxhey in chalfont

many skate parks are designed for teenagers, I think it would be great to have a kiddy/beginner area too to encourage new starters and ensure the little ones aren't intimidated by the older kids

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We'd love to help with this project! We have been talking about how the playground can be updated as it's old and crowded and not suitable for older children. Our sons like to go there after school but it's often v crowded. Love the skatepark idea. How can children of all ages be catered for? Can we help?

I would prefer the skate park at the community centre to be revamped rather than a new one built at Cheena Meadow as I feel it would be a better location as further from houses and not next to a cemetery. I would love the park there to be redone though (in a rustic style similar to the one in Maple Cross).

Fingers crossed that this goes ahead

Leave it alone. Doesn't need "developing"

Leave it alone

If you need some advice on what would be good take a look at Eastbourne Skatepark built last year. Also if this is built I can recommend contacting Dante Hutchinson, British Scooter Champion, and past World Champion. He is family and I know he enjoys visiting sites to encourage other riders and has done so throughout the World.

Please please ensure there are enough bins provided for the space too

Although I think this is a great idea I think the location is totally wrong. Having it next to the gardens of rest seems disrespectful. People go there to sit and reflect about their loved ones and



the noise from the skatepark would be totally unacceptable. You wouldn't put this next to a graveyard and do not see how this is any different.

See above. idea is fine but ill conceived. There are better locations which are safer.

More parking places, more lights in village, more seating area's more shelters more updated equipment in the parks. NEW SHELTER ON GOLD HILL COMMON

Would suggest having gates locked at night and/or floodlights to deter anti social behaviour

Please include ways to keep the area clean with rubbish bins and signage to remind people.

I hope that toddlers can be thought of when planning any future outdoor equipment in Chalfont St. Peter. Currently none of the parks are suitable for children under the age of 3, apart from the swings. Also, please don't forget to place enough bins in the area for litter.

Ideally I'd like to see climbing equipment suitable for all ages. For example, similar the play area in oxhey activity park

Thank you

The playground at Cheena Meadow could also use an update

If an appropriate location is found then I think this is a great idea! I would also think some form of cctv would maybe be a good Idea as these places attract graffiti and vandalism at times so this would be a good deterent and also make it a bit safer?!

Let's do this and give our kids a great space to play after such a hard year

Only concern is vandalism and other anti-social behaviour and who would monitor the area for health and safety.

I feel your optimism is great I just don't think you have spoke to residents about the problems there at all

I fully support your efforts however am concerned about space. It is not a huge area and the grass is already widely used by families and dog walkers etc. It is particularly busy straight after school when the park is very well used. The car park is not big enough and poorly maintained. It would be a great shame to reduce the existing space so hope the plan is to acquire more land- don't see where this would be though

Update the playground beside it and maybe ut up a couple of goals for football

My son would love to be involved in this

Please do this



Thanks for progressing this. Plenty of parking will be critical. We live in a neighbouring village but our kids attend school in CSP. So like many others, we would be in the car and would love to access this facility after school. Especially if it is in the heart of the village eg near the Community Centre.

This is a great idea and has been needed for years - it would be an amazing addition to CSP

I really hope this works out we need it!

I hope you get this through - would be great for the young (and anyone older who wants to try it!)

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I really hope this gets the support this time round $\mathbb{A}4$

I hope this goes ahead!

Is there not a more central location in the village? We would use the facility more if it was multiuse, more than just a skate park. Aston Clinton park has a good mix of things to do in their park area. The village also could use an outdoor gym.

I suggest you wait until the MSA is decided - if it is refused that site is a far better proposition for a world class skate park.

I'd suggest proactively responding to all the negativity on Facebook /NextDoor and correcting people who refer to it as a skatepark. It's likely that people will read "skate park" and incorrectly assume it'll just be commandeered by those causing trouble (like the skate ramps at the community center) without even reading/realizing this could be a family activity area. Also suggest you give people more details about the other sites considered as Cheenies Meadow isn't going to be a popular choice for many unfortunately.

Best of luck, this will be such a great achievement and real benefit to the area!

Please please please make this happen

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This is desperately needed, fingers crossed it goes ahead

Please do something there isn't enough for our children in the area the park is very old and boring for kids

Something needs to be done as the child population in growing in this area

We do not want a skate park to be located at cheena meadow due to the loss of green open play space

The proposed location is totally inappropriate for the village. A much better location would be near the current Community Ctr.



Grateful that a group of volunteers is trying to get this project off the ground again

Will be a benefit to our residents, our shop owners and our neighbouring villages

With more funding it would also be great to see the existing park given a bit of attention with some more play apparatus for older children.

Rather than a skate board track I would suggest you provide a decent playground for young children aged 5-12. This would be used by the children who go to the school .adjacent to this park and living locally..

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Great cause

Thank you so much for getting organised! Could there be a few facilities for families who are not into skateboarding.. covered picnic tables, water fountains, play area.... (realise we can't do it all!)

I would love to also see a splash park

A place for refreshments and parking

I am very much in favour of an activity park, however would have very strong objections to the Cheena Meadow park location. If that was the only location possible, then I would rather not have it at all. As a resident that lives directly opposite Cheena Meadow, I think this would be extremely disruptive to our everyday lives.

It would no doubt lead to additional traffic & parking. Joiners Lane/Denham Lane is busy enough as it is. During the weekends when there is football training/matches at Robertswood, there is a high level of cars parked, this would no doubt lead to this amount of parking on a regular basis, making it difficult for 2 way traffic along Denham Road.

The noise pollution would also be disruptive. No doubt after school, it would be become extremely busy & at weekends, we would be disturbed in our garden by the amount of users of the park. I think it could well get to a point where we could not enjoy our garden without being disturbed.

I also think it could be an issue when people leave Winkers nightclub. As it is, there are times when we are all woken during the middle of the night, from people leaving Winkers & then sitting in the park, shouting/swearing etc. An activity park will only encourage this to happen on a regular basis.



The park should have an area where park riders can flow around (quarter pipes, spine etc) and a separate area where street riders can link tricks between obstacles (grind a rail, ride along a bit further, manual pad, etc). There should also be a manual pad area where which is taller with multiple levels to it, and the rails need to be 8ft + long.

I would be happy to help provide examples if needed.

Would REALLY like a basket ball hoop!

While I appreciate a skate park can suit all abilities, I think a small section should be designed and designated for tiny children, eg 3-7s

Great cause

If no, why not?

There are much better things to invest in within the community. More indoor sports facilities, an outdoor and indoor swimming pool, an improved library, improved park facilities for younger families and kids, classes at the community centre etc. I personally think a skatepark would attract teenagers to hang around in the evenings and weekends giving them more opportunity to create noise, drink, smoke and litter. How will you deter this from happening? I can imagine lots of locals feel this too. I definitely think there need for more activities in the village but really don't think a skatepark is a priority. I'd be interested in know how big your target audience is and how you know this is the biggest area of need.

The location needs to be right for this Cheena Meadow is a small area of green belt that and backs on to the cemetery. Looking at the proposed design there would be very little of the meadow left undeveloped if this were to go ahead at that location - the play area and orchard take up large areas. The meadow is used regularly by dog walkers and families and is the only park on this side of the village. I am also aware that many local residents in Copthall Lane and Denham Lane are concerned about this development.

I know there will be opposition to Mill Meadow, however this is a much larger area with less immediate residents. With this type of factility (however poor) already located near to the



community centre I do feel that the centre of he village would be more appropriate and
accessible.
It could become somewhere dominated by a few young adults and younger children do not feel
comfortable or welcome.
Why do you need it ? One already exists.
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would be the best option. Killing the lovely field at Cheena Meadow does not make sense.
I feel that this space will be limited to young people rather than the rest of the community.
Personally, I feel an outdoor gym with a playground would be a better use of space and money.
This would allow families to use the space together. I also feel that the noise from a skate park is
quite unpleasant. I feel that skate parks take up a lot of space for very few people and are
unappealing to look at and I question how many people would actually use it. The original
suggestion of Cheena Meadow is also very inappropriate as it is next to the Garden of Rest and I
feel it would be disruptive to people paying respects to loved ones and also to those who are
attending burials.
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Too much noise, too many loitering youths and associated rubbish/graffiti. The park down near
Footsteps is already undermonitored, with kids frequently climbing the hoop and using that to
jump onto the roof of the shelter there. I've even seen kids scale the fence and stand on the



community centre fence.

Too many parks there already. Mill meadow is a place to walk your dogs

I feel it should be situated in a more open space where it is not surrounded by residents. We back on to the park and I can imagine the noise generating from skateboards on the concrete, plus the worry of antisocial behaviour. How will it be policed? I would much rather an exercise park be put in place that could be used for all ages.

There is already a school, playing fields and a kids play park in this area. Noise levels would be elevated and there is even more possibilities of anti social behaviour.

Because of where the proposed site will be

The plans for Mill meadow that have been published on social media show fully open areas and I presume these areas will not be policed so will be open for abuse/noise 24/7. So because of this I will be objecting to the plans for Mill Meadow.

I would support this in an appropriate part of Chalfont St Peter, however to put this in Cheena Meadow is in contravention of the Neighbourhood Plan for Chalfont St Peter 2013-2028. Cheena Meadow is the only open green space in Chalfont Common and is currently used by a wide variety of ages for other purposes. Development of this site in Cheena Meadow would exclude the park being used by people not in the skatepark population demographic. The park's proximity to the Garden of Rest has already been highlighted as a major concern by members of the community with family members 'at rest' in this cemetery.

The existing park there is well used and we don't want to lose that. We also think there are other more urgent needs in the community for these funds.

I would support a skate park in CSP but not at the Cheena Meadow location. Too many anti social issues at Cheena Meadow already.

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I dont mind a skate park just not at cheena meadow it's too small, too isolated and next to a garden of rest.

Location Cheena Meadow selected is not suitable, next to garden of rest and infrastructure nearby. Goldhill Common is a much better option.

I think the location - although probably the only viable option in the village - comes with some security issues. The park already attracts some dubious activity as it is well screened from the road. This might further encourage large groups to gather up there. For local residents this might become a further issue.

The current facility by the Community Centre is under-utilised, but central location means less likelihood of this attracting other activities (drug-dealing in particular.) I'm all for providing a range of outdoor possibilities, but busier areas are better. (I've seen a facility like this in action in Bicester, and it's a really good outlet for youngsters but it's within a municipal park which is closed/gates locked through from mid-evening to morning - works very well!



We already have a problem with anti social behaviour in the village, this will only attract more to our area

It will just create a place for all the youngsters to congregate and cause trouble. Don't give them a place to do this in our village.

Proposed sight is very close to the Garden of Rest which is a place which should be peaceful & believe that this park would create a nuisance.

Should invest in existing infrastructure instead - improve play areas, picnic benches, epilepsy society football pitch, build outdoor gym.

Existing proposal does not benifit the majority of residents and is a huge amount of money that could be better spent.

Will attract antisocial behaviour and prevent existing space being used by young families. This should not be built directly next to residential areas.

This is proposed in the wrong location entirely. Cheena Meadow is good for people exercising their dogs, young children have a play area, albeit slightly old fashioned and families can use the grass area in the summer for ball games. Also, consider the Garden of Rest where people want to sit, reflect, think, mourn and listen to the birdsong. The parking along Denham Lane is already atrocious because of Robertswood School. What about the litter that will no doubt t be left and the gas canisters. This should be developed in Mill Meadow, where there is already skate ramps, improve that and leave Cheena Meadow as it is, a meadow.

Noise pollution. Poor location

I think it is very disrespectful to have the skate park literally on top of the garden of rest. The park is planned right next to the one part of the garden that the grave stones are closest to the fence. My brothers grave is one of them and having the skate park situated on top of his stone is heart breaking. There will be no privacy for my family to grieve in peace. We have already had problems at his grave with drugs being stashed and having the skate park there I'm afraid will just be asking for more trouble.

Even if it was were the actual park is if needs be ,but why does it have to be there were it is closet to the stones!!!!!! I go to my brothers grave to grieve to speak to him to think and relax and this will not be able to happen with a skate park right on top of him.

I have a 14 and 13 year old and totally agree something needs to be built for the kids but not right next to the garden of rest. There is a skate park at the bottom of the village that is in need for a desperate update, build it there.

Please have some respect for the families of the deceased especially in that part of the garden.

Wrong Location

Would only benefit a very small part of the community.

Too much money to build

There is already a skate park in the village, this should be redeveloped.

Money should be spent upgrading the existing park already at cheena meadow.



Site is isolated and likely to attract antisocial behaviour detering parents with younger children from using the facilities

Because it is right next to the village's garden of rest where people go for peace and to respect their lost loved ones - myself included as I have a memorial for my late son there. I think having a skate park there is highly inappropriate and would be disrespectful

I wouldn't want any development to expand on the footprint of where the existing children's playground is in Cheena Meadow. I'd rather this play area be improved rather than replaced by a skate park as it's widely used by the children of Robertswood school who are too young for a skate park to be of any material use to them. There is already a skateboard ramp in the village next to the community centre, would this not be a more suitable project for that playground? I'd hate to lose any of the lovely green field in Cheena meadow where people can walk their dogs and children play freely.

It's next to a cemetery where people go for quiet and reflection.

It already caters for dog walkers and children and doesn't need development.

It's fine as it is. Doesn't need developing.

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There is a better location down by the football club.

I live opposite cheenah meadow and currently we are dealing with issues of an evening there anyway without a skate park being added security of an evening, parking, and added vulnerability to our elderly residents is an issue

I agree that we need more money invested for children and teens, but it needs to be more holistic, rather than just a niche skate park for those who are interested in that one activity. I would be keen to see further investment for play equipment for all ages, which is something that has always been lacking when compared to other surrounding villages e.g. Chalfont St Giles, Latimar. Further afield, St Albans is a wonderful example of providing something for everyone.

I object on numerous grounds

- It is an inappropriate setting for such a sport, this is greenbelt land and should remain as such. Whilst I favour more facilities for younger people I do not agree with a concrete structure, I would more favour outdoor fitness equipment as it is more in-keeping with the environment and possibly more inclusive.
- The meadow is used by dog walkers, families and used for meeting neighbours and should remain as such.
- The woods are used by BMX riders and there is a lot of shouting and a great deal of swearing, we do not need any more.
- Littering is a massive problem in this area and a management plan is sorely needed. Expecting the council to provide and empty bins is unrealistic and will put more pressure on local residents who already cannot keep up with the amount of litter in the area. Bins have already been requested to no avail.



- "this is an investment in facilities for our community that

will benefit the majority of residents" - this is simply not true, many of the residents are too old for a skate park, even your statement - "40% of the population of Chalfont St Peter are aged 12-44 yrs" is not the majority and even within that age group I would doubt many over 18 would use it so in actual fact it is a small minority.

- "We are lucky to have a large amount of accessible green space" - green space is rapidly declining in the area with the proposed MSA and other actual developments. We should not be so flippant about removing green space.

A skatepark in it's very nature is inclusive to a very small percentage of our community. I would favour a more green, inclusive use of the land.

Being an ardent sportsperson I fully back appropriate developments for any form of sport but this one is just ill conceived and badly positioned. I would fully support a skate park and even more facilities in place of the proposed MSA as perceive it to be a better use of THAT land and would be further removed from people's homes and could have appropriate car parking. I would even make a contribution as I think it would add real value to our village.

As it stands, I will not be supporting this and will not be contributing.

Not at cheena meadow

In appropriate location when there are much better options in the village. Ian also not prepared to advise my age so used the default at 0-12

The site involved is not suitable for people to travel to. It will create further congestion.



Any other comments or suggestions?

I'd look at changing this proposal so it's not just a skatepark - you'd have more leverage when trying to promote it. For example, part skatepark and part basketball court / tennis tables.

Would not walk

It's really not required. Let's invest in what we have

There needs to be more multi use activity use such as all weather pitch

Why is there, as yet, no input apparent from the parish council?

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I do not feel that a wheeled sports and activity park is a good use of space or funds. I would prefer a more family friendly space that multiple generations could use with a children's play area, benches and tables and an outdoor gym that could be used by parents/older children whilst younger children. I think this space would encourage families to be more active together and be a nicer community space for a wider range of people. Skate parks are not accessible for everyone and not everyone will be able to afford bikes or scooters or have the skills to use a wheel sports space. There should be a space that is more accessible to a wider range of people in the community.

The proposed skatepark / wheeled sports activity site should NOT be at Cheena Meadow next to the garden of rest... Absolutely appalling choice of location, extremely insensitive.

This question is not relevant as I would never use the park.

Wouldn't go

Redeveloped the present skate park as that is unusable at the moment but nice and local to the village

Chalfont St Peter is a lovely small village, inviting people to arrive on public transport will increase car accidents in high street and anti social behaviour. Council funds should be spent on repairing pot holes in our roads to keep cycling a safe.

Just to locate in a busier area which can be closed off at night to deter / not attract young people for other purposes.



Surely something better can be done? Why not create activities for kids of all ages to get involved in?

Even a better park / water park or sandpit is better. Any area you make please also make

it free from dogs so kids can play safely.

There is all ready a ramp near the CSP community centre & believe this is a much better sight for a skatepark away from graves & housing

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