

**WEST AREA COMMITTEE – 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2012**

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b>Broxtowe Country Park BMX Track</b>	
<b>Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):</b>	John Kelly, Corporate Director, Communities	<b>Wards affected:</b> Aspley
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<b>Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority: (you must mark X in the relevant boxes below)</b>		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		
Safer Nottingham		<b>X</b>
Neighbourhood Nottingham		<b>X</b>
Family Nottingham		<b>X</b>
Healthy Nottingham		<b>X</b>
Leading Nottingham		
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>		
The report summarises the progress so far and next steps in the development of a BMX track for Broxtowe Country Park.		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>That the Committee notes the contents of the report.</b>	

**1. BACKGROUND**

Consultation in the Aspley area over recent years has shown significant interest in the development of facilities for young people at Broxtowe Country Park. In particular, interest has grown in a bmx track for the site. In early 2012, further consultation began to establish what sort of track people would like to see on the site.

**Consultation**

Consultation on the project so far has included:

- o Ambleside, Brocklewood, Highwood, Rosslyn and Seagrave primary schools.
- o The Bike Project
- o Broxtowe Youth Clubs
- o Adventure Phoenix Playground
- o Bells Lane Community Centre
- o New College Nottingham, Basford Hall
- o Nottingham Outlaws
- o Broxtowe Partnership Trust
- o NCC Play & Youth Teams
- o Urban Air bmx shop

## **Proposal**

A purpose designed BMX pump track with an approximate footprint size of 55m x 33m which will be located within Broxtowe Country Park near the Alwyn Road entrance. Consultation is ongoing with statutory services providers, NCC Pollution Control and Gas Specialists in order to determine the best and most cost-effective gas protection specification and precise location.

The track will be constructed mainly above existing ground level to minimise the impact on the existing historical fill materials and will consist of well-compacted subsoil covered with a compacted, self-binding limestone aggregate. Main bends will be tarmac for additional durability. The scheme will be carefully landscaped to ensure that it fits into the existing park landscape and ties in with existing footpaths.

The track is likely to have a 1.5m high start ramp with average jumps being between 0.5m and 1.25m high with the largest jumps being approximately 1.5m high. Subject to consultation feedback the facility may also have a purpose-designed scooter area.

Images of bmx tracks of a potentially similar design and scale are included at Appendix 1.

## **Funding**

£8,000 of Section 106 funding is available for the project, left over from the 2011 entrance improvement works.

Area Committee funding of £35,000 was agreed at the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2012 meeting of the Area Committee with a further £20,000 of Young People's Funding and £10,000 Councillor funding if required.

## **Timescales & Next Steps**

Public consultation in Broxtowe area was completed over the summer of 2012. Additional consultation in surrounding areas and a report recording the results of this consultation are planned to be completed and issued by mid-November 2012.

Following the completion of the initial consultation, the Broxtowe BMX User Group will be established and will be invited to work with the project team to select and work closely with a BMX specialist track company to develop a bespoke, locally-inspired design.

The involvement of Baseford Hall College and the local voluntary sector to assist with the construction works are being carefully considered.

The principal next step in the programme is the development of a specification that will allow a bmx track to be built on top of the landfill and waste that forms the park. Gas release mechanisms and monitoring will need to be built into the design.

The planning application will be prepared and submitted following the receipt of the Consultation Report and Pollution Control approval of proposed gas mitigation measures.

The construction works will take 5-6 weeks and it is hoped that works on site could start in April / May 2013 and be completed and opened ready for the 2013 summer holidays.

**2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

Local consultation has shown considerable demand for facilities for young people at the park, including a bmx track.

**3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

None.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)**

The current estimated cost of the project is £50,000 – £60,000 including fees, planning consent etc.

**5. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)**

None.

**6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Has the equality impact been assessed?

Not needed (report does not contain proposals or financial decisions)

No

Yes – Equality Impact Assessment attached

**7. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

None.

**8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

West Area Committee minutes, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

Appendix 1

