


Key issues and staff responses to the St Albans skate park revamp submission feedback

Topic	Description	Staff Response
Concerns		
Safety concerns	Expressed concerns about increases in graffiti, vandalism and broken glass. With requests for lighting and cameras to be installed and for Council staff to consider road safety around the park due to the extension potentially increasing the number of people visiting the park.	As parks get busier they tend to provide more natural surveillance and provide less opportunity for antisocial behaviour. There's no intention to provide lighting as this can give the impression the park is a safe area to be after dark and we do not want to encourage night-time use of the skate park. There is no funding available to install cameras and this would be a last resort if there were issues in the future. If you are aware of broken glass or any vandalism at the park, please report it to the Council by either phoning 941 8666 or by using the Council 'Snap, Send, Solve' app so that this can be resolved.
Path	Concerns over a conflict between other park users and skaters use of the footpath if it's incorporated as part of the extensions design. Some suggested the path be widened or a new one put in.	We're proposing to move the seating shaded side of the skate area. This will encourage skaters to use that side of the park and should allow access along the pathway to continue to be used as it is now. Staff don't expect other park users will be prevented from using the path due to the skate park extension, but this will be monitored and if it becomes an issue funding would need to be sourced to widen the existing path.
Tree loss	Not wanting the trees to be lost and would like more planting to be done in addition to keeping the trees.	The two walnut trees will be moved to a more appropriate area within St Albans Park. It is important to note as the trees get bigger their current location is not ideal and they will eventually need to be moved. It's better to move them now before they get any larger and moving them is no longer possible. We have had advice from our Arborist that these trees are suitable for successful relocation.
Rubbish	Expressed concerns about rubbish and want more rubbish bins and/or for them to be emptied more often.	There are five rubbish bins around the park, including one near the skate park. The current approach is to encourage users to take their rubbish with them, as then there is an option for it to be recycled (where possible).

Suggestions		
Add remove or change features	<p>Suggestions on this topic varied, but the two things mentioned most often were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Don't like the bumps and think they should be removed or made smaller. - Like the ramp to platform, but would like it to be wider and longer. 	<p>We've taken this on board and the double rollover bumps have been replaced with a low pyramid and wollie ledge and rectangular grind rail.</p>
Seating	<p>It was consistently asked that more seating be provided for parents away from the skate area, as they often get in the way of skaters by sitting within the skate park.</p> <p>A picnic table was requested.</p> <p>It was also suggested to move some of the seating and shade sails and to make it skate friendly, as the current position means it will get skated on.</p>	<p>We've change the plans, moving the seating to the other shaded side of the skate area as suggested in the feedback.</p> <p>A picnic table was considered, but it has been noted people are more likely to use separate seating, as this does not require users to share a picnic table if someone is already there.</p> <p>All furniture will be skateable.</p>
Etiquette Signage	<p>Would like etiquette signage installed that's also directed at parents.</p>	<p>We are starting to roll out etiquette signage at our skate parks and this will be included as part of the St Albans Skate park revamp. This will be of a similar to the signage used at Halswell Domain and Lyttelton skate parks.</p> 
Water fountain	<p>Would like a water fountain to be provided at the skate park.</p>	<p>There are two water fountains at the park, by the toilet/change room block and in the playground area, both of these are only a</p>

		short walk from the skate park. The addition of another drinking fountain at the park is an expensive option that would exceed the project budget.
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