

Bishopdale skate park renewal

Submission feedback - Key issues, suggestions and project team responses

Key issues or suggestion	Project team response
What's proposed is too beginner	We have added more features to the design to increase the element of challenge. However, we do also need to cater for some beginner level skate and scooter users.
Dislike the design in general – some people prefer the current layout	Some of the existing elements in the skate park have come to the end of their useful life and need removal for health and safety reasons. The challenge with the design is working in elements that make the skate park functional and also provide good value for money by having them placed over the most damaged portions of the skate park surface. We have added more elements to the design to increase the element of challenge. However, we do also need to cater for some beginner level skate and scooter users.
Suggestions for removing, adding or changing some of the features in the design to cater to a broader range of abilities and users e.g. BMX'ers	We have added more features to the design to increase the element of challenge. However, we do also need to cater for some beginner level skate and scooter users.
Many like the half pipe, but want to see it altered	Mini ramp has been adjusted to a 7.5 foot radius
Concern over rubbish and not enough bins	There are seven rubbish bins already in Bishopdale Park, including one near the skate park. This bin will be relocated to a more suitable location as per the landscape plan. Park users are also encouraged to take their rubbish home and to recycle if possible.
Would like to see money invested in other parts of the park as well e.g. toilets	The funding for this project has been allocated to this project and not to upgrade the toilet block. Some of the existing elements in the skate park have come to the end of their useful life and need removal for health and safety reasons.
Concerns over an increase antisocial behaviour, which has been an issue in the past	The design for the skate park follows Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design guidelines (CPTED), to ensure that the park has good natural surveillance to deter any antisocial behaviour. The more people that are in the park and are using the park, the less opportunity there is for this behaviour to occur.
Would like more seating, shade and/or BBQ area	The design includes a picnic table, under the shade of the tree as well as a bench seat on the south western side of the skate park near the jersey barrier. There is not enough funding to allow for the installation of a BBQ. However this could be considered in the future if demand still existed and funding became available.