

Our Ref:  
Your Ref: JC/LS/LM

Date 13 May 2019

Please ask for: Janelle Clark  
Direct Dial: 01467 536421

Ms Mary Lennox  
Banchory Community Council



**Janelle Clark**  
Area Manager Marr  
Marr Area Office  
School Road  
ALFORD  
Aberdeenshire  
AB33 8TY  
Tel 01467 536421  
[www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk)  
marr@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

**If you have difficulty reading this document please contact  
Linda Milne on 01467 536421**

Dear Mary

**Statutory Consultation with the Local Community under Part 8 of the  
Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 for Disposal of Common Good  
Land – For lease at Banchory Skatepark, Bellfield Park, Banchory – Response to  
Representations**

Thank you for your representation to the Statutory Consultation for the Disposal of  
Common Good Land – For lease at Banchory Skatepark, Bellfield Park, Banchory.

We note that Banchory Community Council supports the proposal. Please find detailed  
below a response to the specific issues and concerns that you raised:

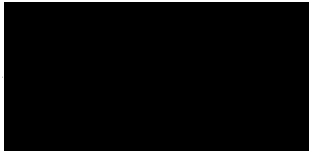
QUESTIONS/ISSUES/CONCERNS	COUNCIL'S RESPONSE
Some adverse comments about its location at the western end of the park and some suggestions that it could be moved somewhere else in the park, for example:	
That it would dominate and prevent families and other groups accessing areas used for picnics and relaxation.	The new skatepark is proposed to cover an area of 0.15ha. Bellfield Park covers an area of over 2 ha. Therefore sufficient open and green space will remain for the enjoyment of those not at the skatepark.
That it would obstruct the steps leading down from Station Road.	Access to the steps will be retained.

That it would encroach on the play area and narrow the view from the carpark	The skatepark footprint does not encroach on the existing playpark area (and is not directly adjacent to it).
That it would potentially cause noise and obstruction in the evenings and weekends.	The area is already used as a skatepark facility during evenings and weekends. The new substrate (concrete) is generally understood to be quieter than steel (the existing ramp material). Existing paths in the park will not be affected by the proposed skatepark which should therefore not cause an obstruction.

All representations were considered at Marr Area Committee on 7 May 2019. The committee approved the responses to the representations and having had regard to these representations, reconfirmed its decision of 22 May 2018 to lease the site of the skatepark to Banchory Skatepark Group. The Head of Legal and Governance has been authorised to petition the Court, under 75(2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 for authority to dispose of part of the Common Good Land at Bellfield Park for a lease to Banchory Skatepark Group for a Skatepark.

The Committee report, plus redacted copies of all representations and responses to these will be published on the Council website on the Common Good Property page: [www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/community-empowerment/common-good-properties/](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/community-empowerment/common-good-properties/)

Yours sincerely



Janelle Clark  
AREA MANAGER (MARR)