

Lossiemouth Skate Park

Feasibility Study

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1 Executive Summary

Lossiemouth is regarded as the jewel of Moray, with a reputation as an attractive place to live and visit. Following wide community consultation in 2014, a list of desired projects and initiatives was adopted by the Lossiemouth Community Development Trust. Within this list, there was an identified desire to provide a wheeled sports facility or skate park.

Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative was developed in order to progress this project, with this feasibility study demonstrating the consultation and resulting high level of community support for the development of a concrete skate park at Coularbank Playing Fields. Furthermore, this report outlines the management and operational requirements, indicative capital costs, and proposed capital funding opportunities required to deliver this project, concluding a viable and sustainable skatepark for Lossiemouth. The new facility will positively serve the local and surrounding communities in a manner which aligns with local, regional and national strategies around sport, health, physical activity, and wellbeing.

Following extensive consultations and research, this report concludes the following recommendations in order that Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative can move the project forward to a successful conclusion.

2 Recommendations

1. It is recommended that Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative apply to Moray Council for a 25-year lease through the Community Asset Transfer process for the site at Coularbank Playing Fields, Coularbank Road, Lossiemouth for a peppercorn rent for the construction of a new concrete skate park.
2. It is recommended that Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative advertises a design and build contract on Public Contracts Scotland.
3. It is recommended that floodlighting should be considered subject to planning.
4. It is recommended that on receipt of tenders Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative carry out a tender evaluation exercise to select a preferred contractor.
5. It is recommended that once a preferred design has been chosen that this is submitted as part of a full Planning Application to Moray Council.
6. It is recommended that Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative continue to fundraise towards Third Party Contributions required for any applications to the Scottish Communities Landfill Fund.
7. It is recommended that Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative considers appointing a Project Manager on a fixed term arrangement to assist with capital funding applications, procurement and contractor management until the completion of the project.
8. It is recommended that Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative continues to lobby for letters of support for the project.
9. It is recommended that Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative continues to keep the community informed of the progress of the project through social media channels.
10. It is recommended that Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative approaches local businesses (BAE, Johnston's of Elgin, Diageo etc) to seek some commercial sponsorship towards the capital costs.

3 Introduction

3.1 Project Overview

Following a comprehensive community consultation conducted by the local Community Council, and resultant formation of the Lossiemouth Community Development Trust, the Lossiemouth Community Action Plan (2015-2020) listed a number of key priorities identified by local groups and associations. One of the priorities identified was the need for a Skatepark in the town, and as a result, the Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative was formed.

The group operates as a sub-group of Lossiemouth Community Development Trust, in order that the project can be progressed to delivery. There has been a steady and proactive movement in engaging local young people, residents and the wider community around a shared vision for the development of a wheeled sports facility in Lossiemouth.

In assessing a site at Coularbank Playing Fields, the group propose a unique surf inspired skatepark, providing a top quality, free to use sports facility for the people of Lossiemouth and surrounding communities, catering for wheeled sports users of all ages and abilities.

The park will be constructed in sprayed concrete, sitting sympathetically within its surroundings and enhancing the otherwise underused land for increased public recreational use. The facility will incorporate different sections so multiple users can participate at the same time.

The proposed facility will not only allow people to learn and participate in skateboarding and other wheeled sports, but will also allow them to progress in their chosen discipline.

3.2 Lossiemouth Community Development Trust

Lossiemouth Community Development Trust adopted its Memorandum and Articles and became a registered company on the 25th November 2014. The Trust is a member of the Development Trust Association Scotland and has charitable status.

The Trust identified a list of actions from the two community meetings in 2013, and in March 2015 held an and open event, as well as providing an online survey, to ask the community to help prioritise these actions and inform their Action Plan.

The objects of the Trust are:

- To consult with, inform and represent the interests of, the whole community throughout the lifetime of the Trust;
- To investigate the opportunity and viability of various community-led initiatives;
- To report back to the wider community as appropriate;
- To establish whether or not the community wishes to pursue the proposed initiatives, and
- To form a community company, if appropriate, to progress and implement the initiatives.
- To liaise with agencies, statutory bodies and landowners or their representatives as appropriate.
- To secure funding from appropriate bodies to enable the appointment of various professionals and consultants to assist the work of the Trust

Lossiemouth Community Development Trust is a Scottish Charity registration number SC045972.

3.3 The Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative

The Lossiemouth Skate Park Initiative committee is made up of professionals from various fields. These include a Project Manager, a lawyer, a landscaping professional, and professionals for various related

backgrounds. The group comprises a mixture of both RAF personnel and local community members. The Skatepark Initiative is also a member of the Moray Sports Hub.

The group comprises the following members:

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4 Local Market Assessment

4.1 Lossiemouth and Moray

Lossiemouth is a town in Moray, Scotland. Originally the port belonging to Elgin, it became an important fishing town. Although there has been over 1,000 years of settlement in the area, the present-day town was formed over the past 250 years and consists of four separate communities that eventually merged into one.

From the Moray Council Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP), the following information is noted relating to the Lossiemouth Area School Group Area (ASG).

The Lossiemouth Area School Group includes the following towns/villages: Burghead, Duffus, Hopeman and Lossiemouth. Population levels vary throughout the ASG, ranging from 329 in Duffus to 7,705 in Lossiemouth.

Main issues

The varying levels of educational attainment in the area suggest that this is a theme which cuts across the ASG. A second theme of relevance to the overall ASG is the trend towards an aging population which has implications for the provision of and access to older people's services.

Minor issues

Other issues for this ASG are: transport and access to services, including multiple car ownership/reliance upon public transport; and housing. There is a continued reliance upon the RAF Lossiemouth and Kinloss Barracks for employment and the population dynamics of the ASG is heavily influenced by these two bases.

Population

The population demographic of Lossiemouth reflects the fact that it is home to a Royal Air Force base: there is a significantly higher percentage of working age people here (age 16 – 59) than the Moray average, particularly in the 16 – 29 age group.

Anti-social behaviour / crime

While levels of anti-social behaviour are generally very low in comparison with Moray as a whole, the incidence of vandalism in Lossiemouth matches the Moray average, and Burghead has a relatively high incidence of graffiti. Crime rates are also below average with Burghead and Hopeman having significantly lower levels of crime than the Moray 'norm'.

4.2 Trends in Wheeled Sports

In 2016, The International Olympic Committee announced that five new sports will be added to the Tokyo 2020 Games, including skateboarding.

The thinking was that skating would draw a young audience in. "We want to take sport to the youth," said IOC president Thomas Bach. "With the many options that young people have, we cannot expect any more that they will come automatically to us.



4.3 Trends in Sports and Leisure

Gathering statistical data on sports participation, the Scottish Government has identified the following key trends in sports participation.

- There is a general increase in the overall number of people partaking in sporting activity, measuring respondents who have partaken in activity within four weeks.
- Individuals who rate their health as good are more likely to take part in sports activities than those who rate their health as bad or very bad.
- There remains a gender gap in sports participation, with more male participants than female. It is noted that this gap had significantly reduced over the last ten years.
- Levels of deprivation have a direct correlation with participation in sports and exercise. Significantly lower income households demonstrate considerably less sports participation. Many local authority leisure trusts and facilities have developed concessionary membership schemes and pricing to encourage participation from this demographic and to support the reduction of this gap.
- There is a larger rate of sports participation in young people living in rural areas compared to those living in larger urban towns and cities.

4.4 Rural Inequality and Rural Deprivation

The Scottish Rural Policy Centre (SRUC) published a report in 2014 entitled Rural Scotland in Focus which looked to monitor how rural Scotland is changing, focusing on: population trends, the lives of young people, the levels and experiences of poverty and disadvantage and how use of our finite rural land resource is negotiated through planning and other means. With specific reference to the project in Lossiemouth, it is important to consider the aspect of rural inequalities, which, as listed below, create challenges to living that are not experienced by communities in larger urban areas.

The following are key aspects of rural life that highlight differences and inequalities for residents.

1. Employment Issues and Inequalities

In reviewing employment in rural areas, the SRUC report highlights a significantly larger percentage of those in part time or smaller contract jobs, often with lower hourly rates or salaries than counterparts in urban population centres. Many rural areas have become increasingly reliant on the Tourism Industry, and as a result many jobs are seasonal in demand, reducing the overall hours or contracts available over the year.

2. Fuel Poverty

Living out-with larger urban areas is likely to increase the costs of goods overall – primarily due to the cost of the supply chain network required. This can be seen in the cost of petrol and diesel with a predominant market of independent providers, unable to offer the prices of larger national outlets. This issue raises a secondary cost to local residents, with rural communities relying more on private transport, and often having to travel further for services. Ultimately, for residents of communities such as those in Lossiemouth, more fuel is required, and that fuel is supplied at a higher cost.

A second aspect of fuel poverty proposes that many rural communities will have an older stock of housing on average, thus requiring a greater investment to heat. Where newer modern housing common to urban population centres have been designed to be efficient in retaining heat and using energy, the older houses found in rural communities are often significantly less efficient with older windows, colder brickwork and poor insulation.

Minimum Income Standard for Remote Rural Scotland

The above report follows on from work and research on the Minimum Income Standard for Scotland. Considering the previously noted inequalities in rural living, the report headlines that the cost of food and

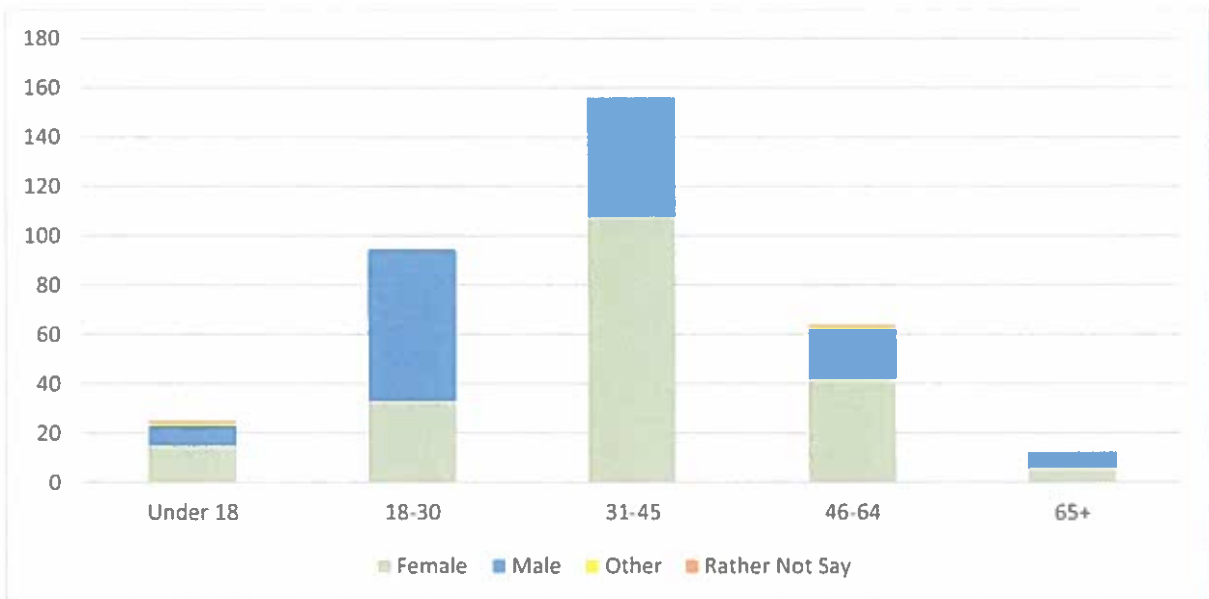
consumable goods are between 10-50% higher in rural areas, whilst clothing and household goods are between 30-50% higher than in urban areas.

5 Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

5.1 Community Survey

In investigating the feasibility of a skate park in Lossiemouth, a community consultation survey was undertaken. This online survey was distributed on social media, by email, and through a variety of channels by the Skatepark Initiative.

The survey received 371 responses with the demographic breakdown as shown below:



Respondents were asked to provide their post code, in order that an understanding of the geographical spread of support could be identified. The following map demonstrates the level of support across the Moray area. It is also noted that there were respondents from Edinburgh (9), Glasgow (6), the Borders (3), North and Central England (4), and London (2).

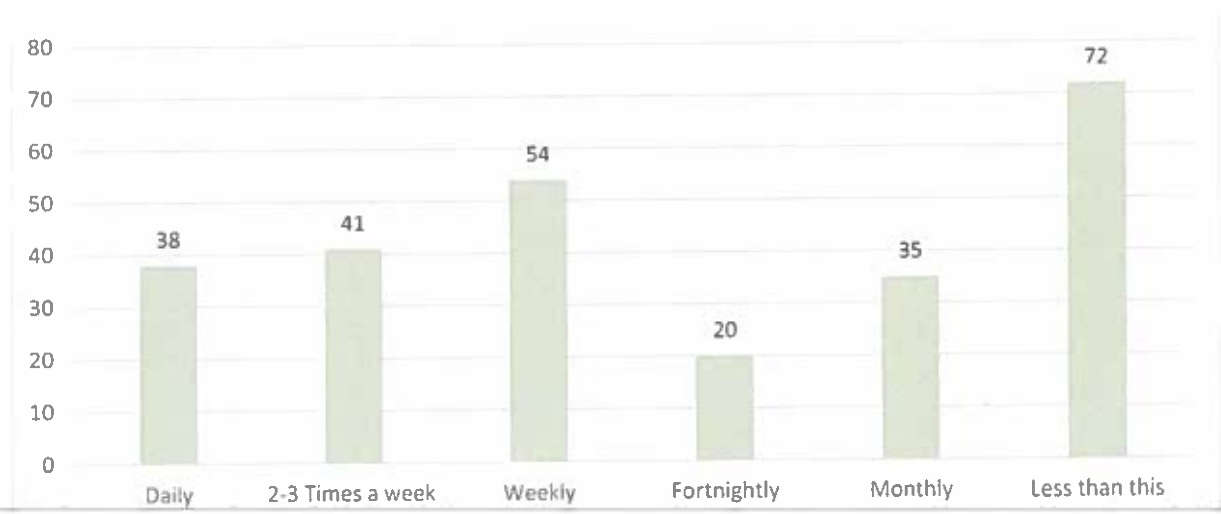


Respondents were asked to identify the statement that best describes them in relation to the potential wheeled sports facility. Respondents who indicated no interest in the project were automatically excluded for questions relating to frequency of use and design consideration.

The responses are noted in the chart below, noting that the majority of respondents were adults who had children or grandchildren that would benefit from the project. The second largest respondent group was made up of potential users.



Respondents were then asked how often they, or their children, currently make use of a dedicated skatepark or wheeled sports facility. The results are noted in the chart below:

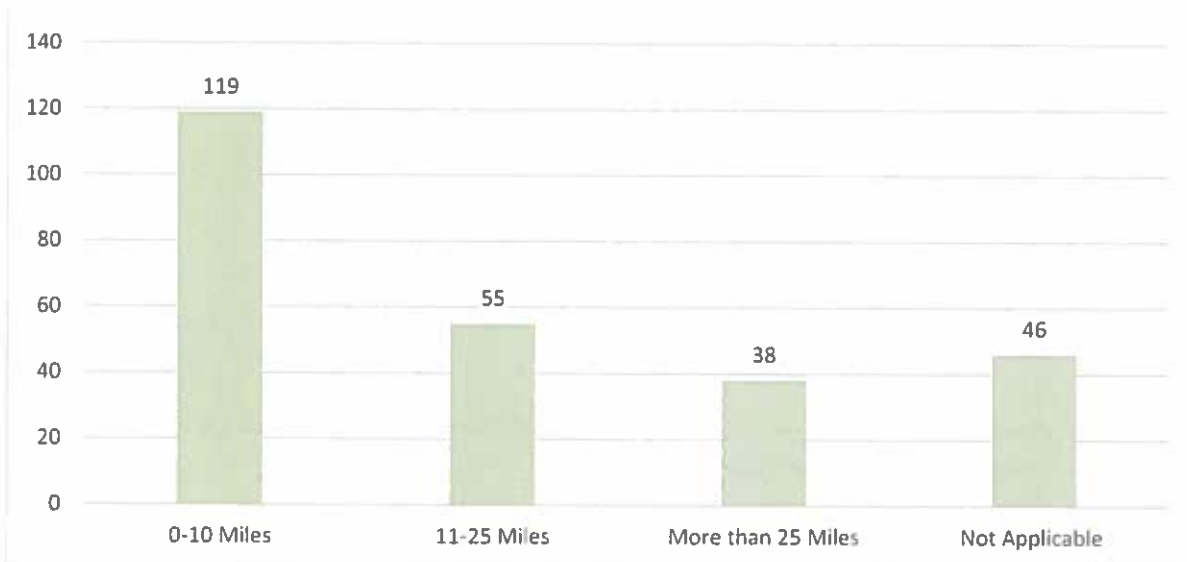


For those who have indicated that they use a facility less than monthly, the option to provide further details as to the reason for this noted the following:

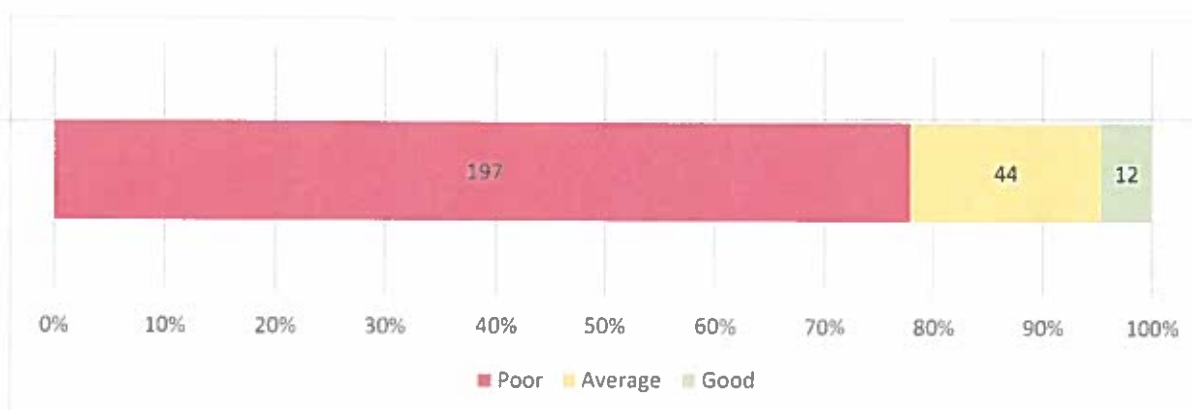
None available locally	27
Unable to / Effort to travel	20
Children currently too young	13
Use streets / bike trails / parks etc	2
Safety Issues	2
We don't skate	1

Respondents were asked to identify where the facilities that they currently make use were located. The table below shows the frequency of each location mentioned. The distance travelled (round trip) for each respondent is noted in the subsequent chart.

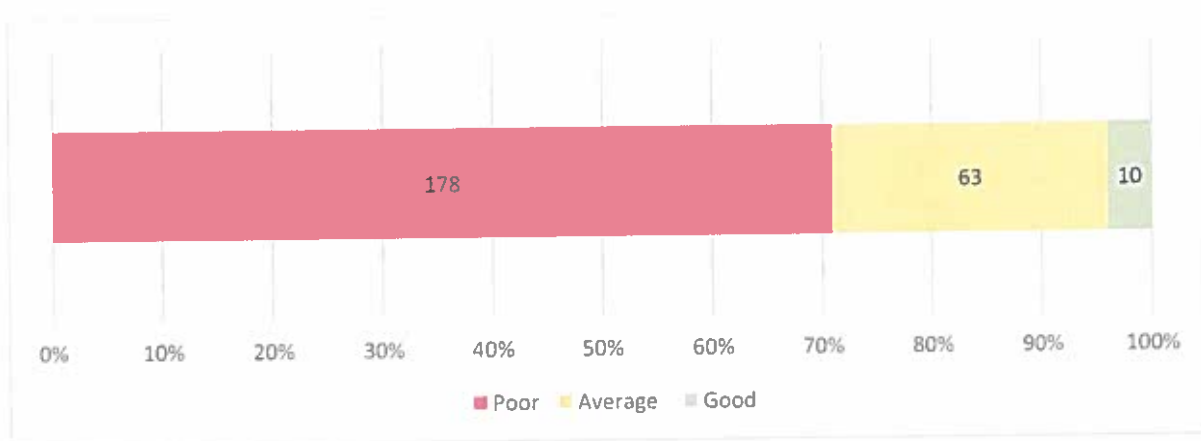
Elgin	120	Banff	1
Hopeman	79	Castleton	1
Inverness	33	Forres	1
Aberdeen	14	Glasgow	1
Buckie	9	Glenlivet	1
Lossiemouth	7	Golspie	1
Edinburgh	4	Kinross	1
Dundee	2	Laggan	1
Fochabers	2	Manchester	1
Muir of Ord	2	Perth	1
Nairn	2	Thurso	1
Speyside	2	Whiteash	1
Aviemore	1		



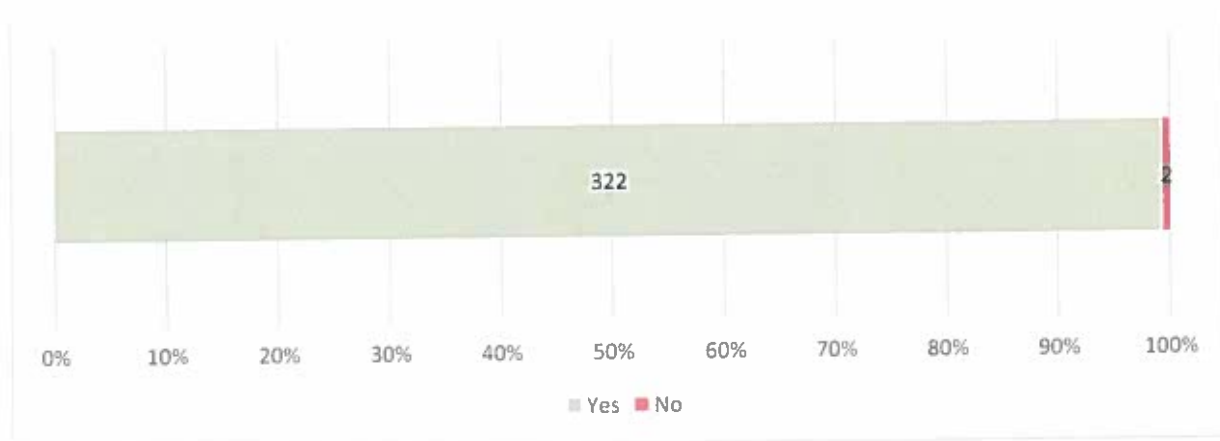
Respondents were asked how they would rate the quality of the current wheeled sports provisions in Lossiemouth, with the results shown in the chart below:



The respondents were also asked how they would rate the accessibility of adequate wheeled sports provision in the area, with the results shown below:



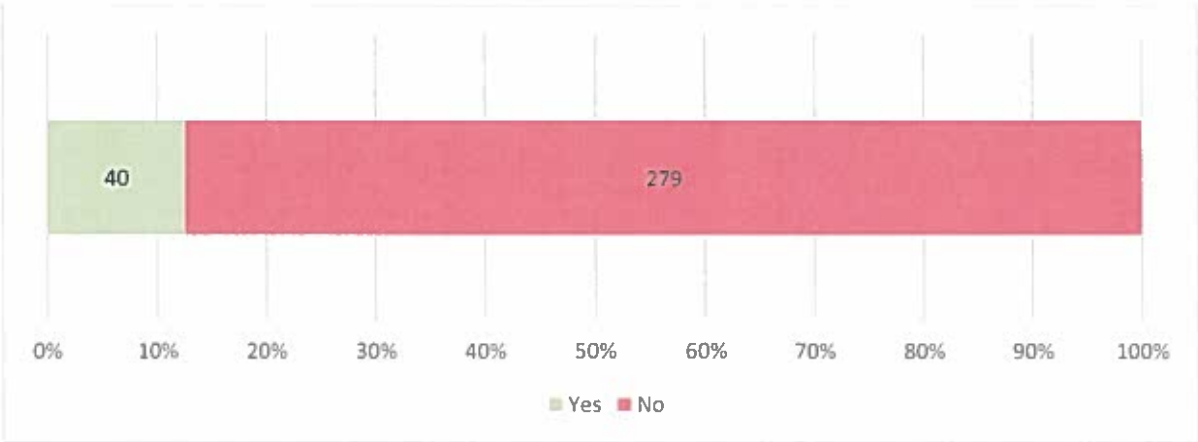
Respondents were asked if they were supportive of a new concrete skate park in Lossiemouth. As the chart below shows, there was overwhelming support for the project.



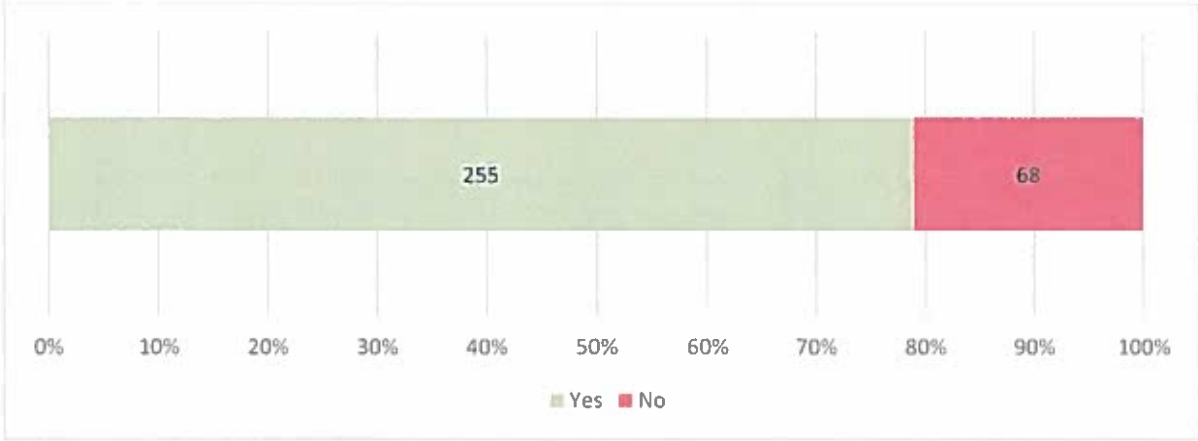
Respondents were asked how often they felt that they, or their family, would make use of the new facilities, with the frequency shown in the chart below:



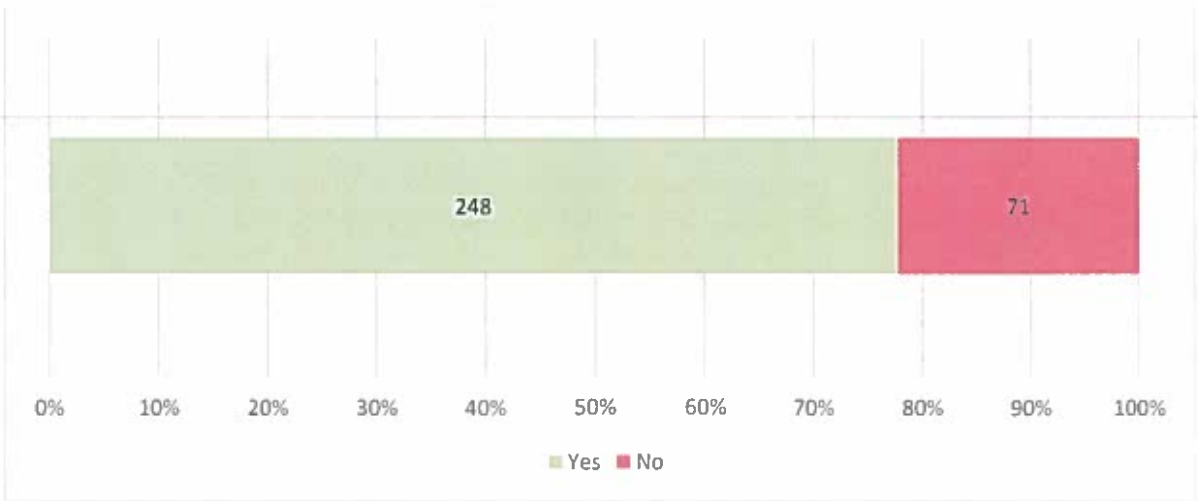
The survey respondents were then asked to indicate whether they felt that a user charge should be levied to assist in the running cost of the facility. As shown below, the majority of respondents felt that the facility should remain free of charge.



The survey proposed the idea of floodlights as part of the skatepark design, and asked respondents if they felt that these should be included. The results below show that nearly 80% were in favour.



With regards to floodlighting, respondents were asked if they would be supportive of a system by which users purchase pay as you go cards for the lights, ensuring that the cost of operating these is met directly by the end user. As shown below, there was a consensus that respondents were in favour of this system.



Respondents were then given the opportunity to provide any further comments, feedback or suggestions on the project. These have been summarised by theme in the table below and included in full in Appendix One.

Comment Theme	Frequency
Positive / Supporting Comments and Encouragement	29
Comments on the benefits of the project to the community and the economy	70
Comments and considerations around design for the park	27
Comments and considerations around management, maintenance and operations of the park	23
Negative comments and objections.	3

5.2 Further Community Support

Over the past two years, support has been gained at various events and through word of mouth. This support is evident in the group's Facebook page, which has over 750 page likes.

Additionally, the group have an online petition through the Change.org platform which has gathered over 500 signatures to date.

5.3 Further Stakeholder Support

Included in Appendix Two of this report are letters of support. These letters have been provided by local organisations and individuals to demonstrate their support for the project and outline how they believe it will benefit the wider Lossiemouth Community.

6 Strategic Links

6.1 Local and Regional Policies and Strategies

Lossiemouth Community Action Plan

In the Moray Local Development Plan 2020 (MLDP2020), the Council aims to raise the aspirations for creating quality places, promoting variety and architectural interest into streets, providing open spaces with a clear function, reduced dependence on cars, promoting biodiversity in developments and designing developments to encourage more physical activity, social interaction, quality of life and mental wellbeing. The Council plans to work further with healthcare professionals to maximise links between land use planning and planning for a healthy society.

In previous Development Plans, growth has been concentrated in Moray's 5 main towns, with Elgin as the primary centre and the secondary centres of Forres, Buckie, Keith and Lossiemouth.

6.2 Moray Council – Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP)

The current Local Outcome Improvement Plan identifies the following key priorities:

- Understanding which communities are experiencing poorer outcomes
- Understanding how participation helped identify this understanding

- Translate this understanding into a genuine plan that reflects community planning partnership priorities
- Those priorities must deal with the inequalities identified.
- Demonstrates a link between local outcomes and national outcome
- The LOIP must the differences that are targeted for communities.
- It will identify the resources partners are deploying to contribute to the outcomes
- IN particular the resources aimed at prevention, reduction of inequalities, and building community capacity.

The Lossiemouth skatepark project contributes to identifying and addressing inequalities in the local area through the provision of wheeled sports facilities, in line with several of the above objectives.

6.3 National Policies and Strategies

Scottish Government's 2014 Legacy Plan

This plan sets out the key legacy aims and ambitions and highlights a wide range of initiatives, which will be taken forward with key partners over the next 10 years. The plan focuses on an Active Scotland, Connected Scotland, Flourishing Scotland and a Sustainable Scotland.

Improving the nation's health is the overarching theme of the plan and the Active Scotland component of the plan includes two key initiatives. Both are aimed at increasing the availability and accessibility of physical activity and sport to individuals and communities that will in turn contribute to improving the health and fitness of people in Scotland.

These initiatives are the Active Nation and the development of Community Sport Hubs. Active Nation aimed to create a popular and high-profile movement to motivate people of all ages across Scotland to become more active in the run up to the Commonwealth Games and now beyond. Community Sports Hubs focused on the bringing together of communities of interest to share best practice and shared values across a range of sports.

The development of wheeled sports provision in Lossiemouth aligns with this strategy, creating a potential wheeled sports hub for young people to socialise, participate in exercise and be detracted from any temptation of antisocial or behaviour or activities detrimental to their health or development within the community.

Let's Make Scotland More Active

The National Strategy for Physical Activity (2003–2022), most recently reviewed in 2008, aims to change Scotland's reputation for inactivity. This Strategy sets out the vision that: "People in Scotland will enjoy the benefits of having a physically active life. "This needs changes in both policy and culture. However, as the World Health Organisation (WHO) has noted:

"There is insufficient action and limited policy orientation for encouraging the adoption and maintenance of physically active lifestyles within supportive political, social and physical environments... political leaders and decision-makers need to be convinced of the importance of physical activity for health."

Take Life On

This Scottish Government Health and Wellbeing campaign promotes healthy, active lifestyles through various online, media and event marketing. The focus is on encouraging people to find activities near them, understand the health implications of inactivity and obesity, and to ultimately reduce the resultant strain on the NHS in Scotland. With targeted marketing and promotion of facilities in Moray, the group can leverage the interest and excitement around the project to attract more people into sports and exercise, with a particular focus on young people, and those who perhaps are financially disadvantaged, therefore unable to access paid activities and facilities.

Active Scotland Outcomes

The Active Scotland Outcomes Framework describes Scotland's ambitions for sport and physical activity. Active Scotland Outcomes contribute to the delivery of National Outcomes and ultimately to the Scottish Government's overarching purpose of creating a more successful country, with opportunities for all to flourish. The framework has been developed collectively with partners through the National Strategic Group for Sport and Physical Activity (NSG), chaired by the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport. Conclusively, the following outcomes are proposed – and evidently supported by the proposal to develop a new leisure facility in Lossiemouth.

- We encourage and enable the inactive to be more active.
- We encourage and enable the active to stay active throughout life.
- We develop physical confidence and competence from the earliest age.
- We improve our active infrastructure – people and places.
- We support wellbeing and resilience in communities through physical activity and sport.
- We improve opportunities to participate, progress and achieve in sport.

Physical Activity Implementation Plan – A More Active Scotland

This new 10-year plan adapts key elements of the Toronto Charter for Physical Activity (which makes the case for increased action in tackling physical inactivity) to Scotland, and links it directly to the Scottish Government's legacy ambitions for the Commonwealth Games. Underpinning delivery of the overall commitments of the plan will be a series of detailed action plans which will define how the plan's commitments will be met.

In addition, the Scottish Government and its partners continue to spread the word about the importance of physical activity, informing people about how and where to get involved through the following websites:

- www.takelifeon.co.uk – this gives ideas for a more active lifestyle
- www.activescotland.org.uk – this gives information on sports and activities available locally – just enter a postcode or an activity
- www.healthyworkinglives.com – this helps employers promote physical activity in the workplace

By providing new wheeled sports facilities in Lossiemouth the group will contribute towards achieving the outcomes of the National Physical Activity Implementation Plan.

Reaching Higher: Building on the Success of Sport 21

This is the key Scottish Government strategy for sport and exercise. Reaching Higher sets out the long-term aims for sport until 2020 including the vision that everyone should have access to affordable, high quality community sport facilities and advice and guidance. Reaching Higher focuses on two main aspects of sport and fitness – increasing the quality of sporting facilities, coaching and provisions, and increasing the number of Scottish people taking part in sports and exercise.

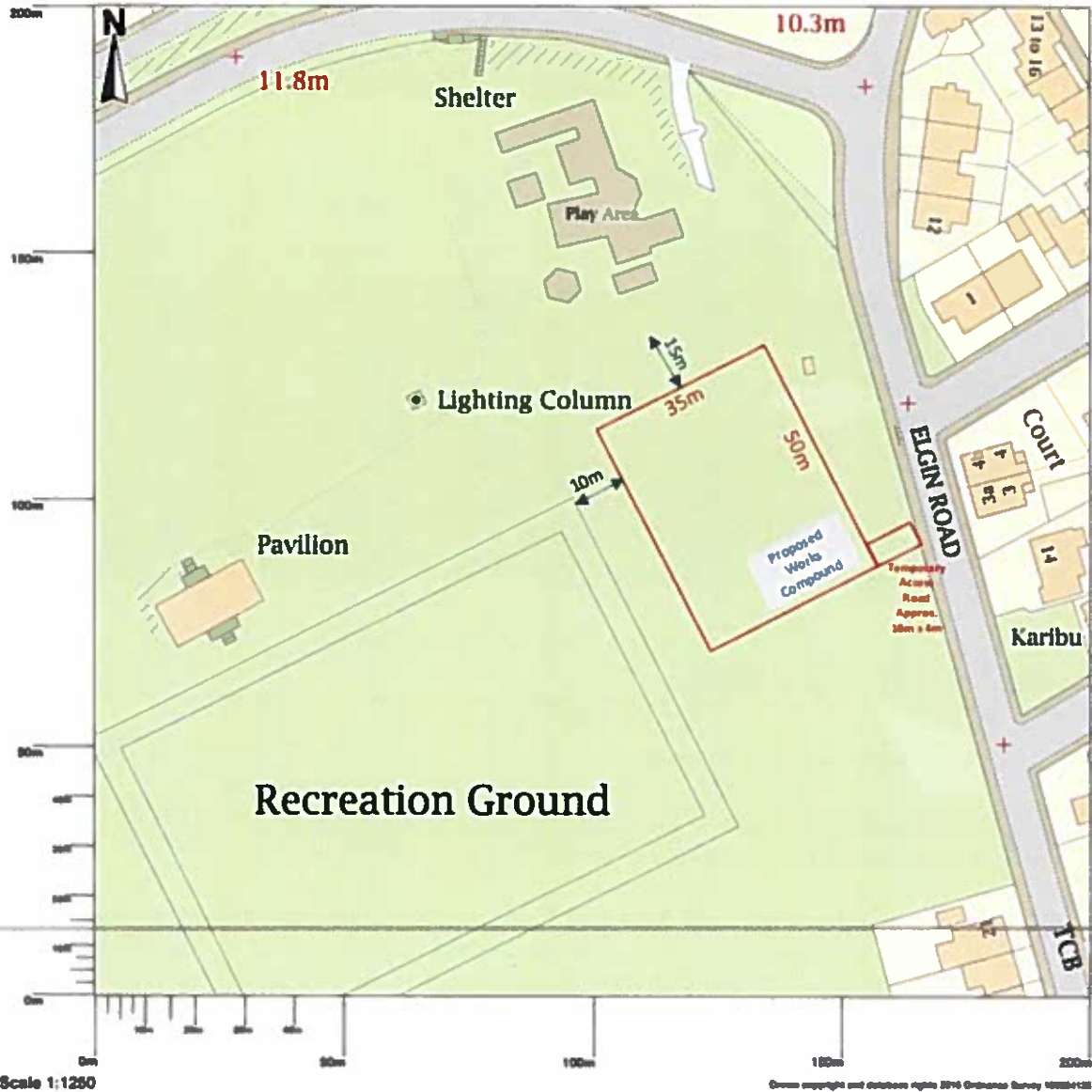
Preventing Overweight and Obesity in Scotland: A Route Map Towards Healthy Weight

This 2010 joint policy directive set forth by the Scottish Government and CoSLA aimed at helping central and local government decision-makers to deliver long-term solutions to obesity and overweight. With lack of exercise cited as a prominent reason for obesity in Scotland, any expansion or development of facilities that will support a more active lifestyle should be strongly supported.

7 Site Considerations

The proposed site at Coularbank Playing Fields is identified on the map below. The site is in a central, easily accessible location with a bus stop situated directly opposite it. A playpark, football pitch and playing fields sit adjacent to the site which enhances its accessibility. The site has the advantage of being in a safe location for children to use, and is highly visible.

Lossiemouth Skate Park





8 Design Considerations

8.1 SportsScotland's Guide to Skateparks

These guidelines have been created by sportsScotland in response to the growth in extreme sports, which has seen a rejuvenation of the skate park as a centre for sports participation.

The guidelines are based on a concrete skate park of around 1000 square metres, which they consider to be minimum appropriate size for a strategic approach to the development of skateboarding and other associated activities as a sport in Scotland. This type of facility will normally be located in main centres of population. Facilities serving rural and small communities will usually be of a different scale and construction and although many of the following guidelines will apply each such proposal would have to be assessed on its own unique merits.

In order to be eligible to compete for sportsScotland funding, skate parks should have adhered to the following points:

- Should provide evidence that prospective users have been consulted with regard to the site, design and operation of the facility.
- Should be designed by a competent and reputable specialist, be constructed from concrete with features allowing skateboarders, BMX riders and in-line skaters of all ages and abilities to be able to participate.
- Should comply fully with British Standard BS EN 14974:2006: Facilities for users of roller sports equipment – Safety requirements and test methods
- Should be floodlit. This will allow a greater usage time.

- Should be complete with litter bins and seats for participants and spectators.
- Should be managed by a User Group. The Group would act as a self-policing force and contribute to coaching and fundraising.
- The Group should contain members representing the various disciplines, age groups, parents, youth and community groups and, possibly, the local police community worker. A representative of the local authority could also be included as that individual can act as a conduit to and from the council.
- Should be within 50 to 100 metres of a sports or community facility, which is staffed during the majority of times the skate park is open. This will allow for informal supervision, especially if no members of the User Group are present at the skate park.
- The sports or community facility can also provide toilet facilities, a public phone, first aid facilities and storage for protective gear and simple maintenance equipment (brushes, etc).
- Should be within 250 metres of both public transport and secure parking and afford easy access for emergency vehicles and personnel.
- Should be subject to a Risk Assessment to identify the risks associated with operating a skateboard park. This assessment should be used to implement appropriate control measures at the design/installation stage and create a management policy for the facility. The risk assessment should be documented, signed and dated and reviewed annually, unless changes take place – at which point a review should be carried out. The assessment should at least cover such aspects as access/egress, falls/collisions, noise, violence/aggression, vandalism and maintenance.
- Should be inspected by an independent body or qualified inspector upon completion and at least once a year thereafter. The inspections should follow the recommendations of RoSPA. The latter body can also carry out these inspections. Daily, weekly and yearly inspections/maintenance should also be carried out as indicated earlier in this paper.
- Should have Public Liability cover of at least £2,000,000. RoSPA recommends a minimum of £5,000,000 and sportscotland should follow this latter recommendation.
- Should have appropriate signage. The signage should cover such topics as location of nearest telephone and toilets, the maximum number of users, any restrictions (lower age limits, permitted activities, etc), protective gear must be worn, no dogs, no alcohol, etc. The sign should also note that 'all users do so at their own risk'.
- CCTV may also be installed but this sensitive matter should be fully discussed with representatives of the User Group.
- As there is currently no governing body for skateboarding, the operators of the facility will commit to becoming members of the recognised governing body when that body comes into being.
- The skate park operator will also be required to set up a structured skills development programme with particular emphasis on beginners.
- The operator should also be required to set up programmes aimed at increasing the number of females and ethnic minorities participating in the sport.

For facilities in smaller centres of population, the following should be adhered to:

- The area for the park should be a minimum of 36m x 18m. This would allow conversion of the area to a multi court at some future point.
- The area should be surrounded by a one metre high fence with appropriate measures to control access. e.g. gates, animal grids and we recommend that ducting is provided to allow the necessary cabling should the installation of floodlighting be a future requirement.
- Whilst concrete is still the preferred construction material other materials may be considered for park in smaller centres of population.
- All other requirements that apply to large parks will also apply to smaller.

8.2 Trends in Construction Material

A general definition for a wheeled sports facility is a purpose-built recreation environment made for skateboarding, BMX, Scooter, wheelchairs, inline skating and other wheeled sports. The main construction methods throughout the years has been wood, metal or concrete materials. This has caused accidents through wood rotting and metal rusting. As a result, the new focus on building new facilities is that they should be built with concrete.

8.3 Benefits of Concrete Construction

Maintenance

The potential maintenance costs of a sprayed concrete skate park are minimal. No replacement parts, fixtures or tools are necessary, except for an Allen Key for clearing the drainage. Considerations should be made for litter and graffiti. One of the most successful ways of combating graffiti is to provide spaces where professional graffiti artists can decorate. It is less likely for users to make unsightly tags when there is attractive art on their park. Additional ongoing maintenance may include minor repairs to the concrete surface made by the impact of stunt-pegs from BMX bikes.

Sustainability

Sustainable construction is considered to be a very economical construction method. An enduring wheeled sports park that does not need to be re-built every few years conserves community resources and effort. This requires the use of reinforced concrete. The sprayed concrete method is more energy and materially efficient than any pre-cast method. With pre-cast, every piece has to be cast in a mould, then transported to the site and set on a separate in-ground concrete foundation.

Sprayed concrete parks are self-supporting monolithic structures which minimize concrete volumes and thus costs and emissions.

Using the sprayed concrete method allows us to use locally sourced materials, reducing environmental impact and reducing the amount of transportation needed, whilst contributing to the local economy. This method uses efficient engineering and precise form work to ensure an optimum build with minimal waste.

Value for Money

Sprayed concrete construction is the method used on the most renowned wheeled sports parks worldwide. It allows designers the freedom to create progressive and continually engaging designs which users gain ownership of through in-depth consultation. Many parks are guaranteed for 30 years; however, the structural integrity of sprayed concrete parks has proven to last indefinitely and is virtually maintenance free. Wheeled sports parks create a social space that provides long term health and social benefits, leading to reductions in anti-social behaviour and benefits for the local economy by way of consequential passing trade.

8.4 Client Design Brief – The Project Vision

The following draft specification outlines the key areas determined by Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative in delivering their vision for the park at Coularbank Playing Fields.

Overview

Lossiemouth is known as 'The Jewel of Moray' and it is expected that the skatepark reflects this with aesthetically pleasing innovative features including tiling, coloured finishes and other design features sympathetic to the surrounding area. The skatepark will demonstrate a passion for perfection with well-proportioned features.

The group are keen to create a unique Surf Skatepark, the first of its kind in Scotland. As Lossiemouth is a surfing town the vision comprises a skatepark that emulates surfing with endless free-flowing lines, mellow transitions, carve banks and both gentle & a (relatively) steep bowl, with space between features to give a

large, open, cruisy feel to the park. The chosen design should reflect this without incorporating too many features. The group wishes to include a greater emphasis on lateral design features than vertical design features whilst still delivering a facility for all abilities and user groups.

The West side of the skatepark is cited near to a children's playpark and as such should house the 'beginner friendly' features to encourage child participation.

Desired Features

The following concept features have been indicated for inclusion within the final park design, with a focus on flow and continuity of design required.

- Large mellow beginner's area (next to children's playpark) with features and space to pump, carve and cruise unbroken banks/lines. Mellow carve banks around perimeter. Corner(s) could be a raised and slightly bowled.
- '5 foot' into '4 foot' extremely mellow half pipe with bowled end adjoins beginners section leading to long '4 foot' mellow snake run with bowled end – (running around the bowls in a loose 'S' shape)
- Street section with tiled features adjacent beginner's area to accommodate features such as street box, tiled flat bank, stairs, rail, rollers and separate carving features/options. This element will have innovative design features and finishes.
- Relaxed, wide, '5 foot' L shaped bowl – with coping
- Wide clover bowl with one squared off bowl
- Flowy/fun path and mellow carve banks around edge(s) of park
- Unique signature element(s) to be incorporated into the design - lighthouse 'icon' as possible tiled flat bank or bowl extension. Wave design possibly incorporated into steeper transition.
- Park to have designated 'areas' or 'sections' so that several skaters can skate at same time without fear of collisions but able to link sections together as well.

The group has also considered the following inclusions / ancillary items that may be included as part of the overall project delivery

- Seating
- Bins
- Access road and parking
- Bike Parking
- Potential shelter

8.5 Landscaping

In recognising the aesthetic significance of the location, and the pride that the community has in Lossiemouth as an attractive and well-presented location within Moray, the group is keen to ensure that all landscaping relating to the project and its surroundings is in keeping with the local area. It has been noted that the edging and surrounding of the concrete park should be seeded or turfed to minimise the concrete's negative impact on the landscape. It is also noted that the natural slope on the site will allow the design of the park to be embedded in a manner that allows the concrete features to appear less imposing on the existing recreational site. The group will ensure that sufficient landscaping consideration and budget is incorporated as part of all designs.

8.6 Floodlighting

As part of the design, the group should consider the inclusion of floodlighting. Although floodlighting provides a substantial capital cost, it's presence will allow for increased usage of the facility. Consideration should be made to the management of energy costs associated with floodlighting.

A popular option for outdoor leisure facilities is to install a pre-paid meter (right) with cards available for sale at a local convenient location. This ensures that all energy costs are absorbed by the users. The group can then control how late the lights operate. By incorporating pre-paid card options, there is a significantly reduced risk of vandalism in comparison with coin operated systems.



Where it may be more feasible to phase floodlighting as a secondary aspect of the project, it should be considered that the installation of suitable tracking and wiring throughout the site may be easier at the build stage, futureproofing the site for the addition of lighting and other amenities at a later date.

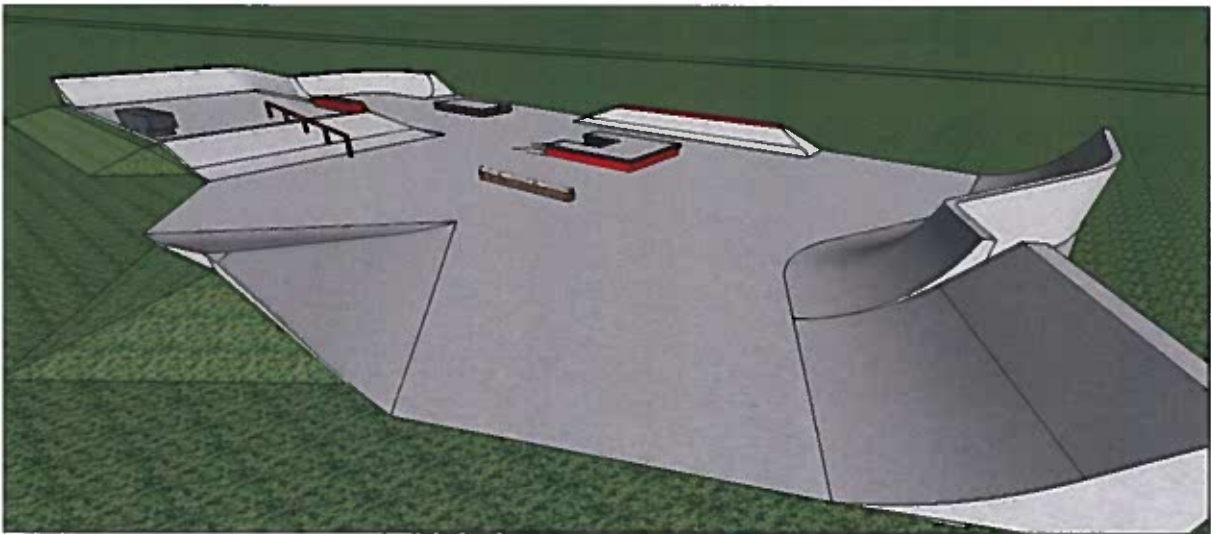
8.7 Surface Water Drainage

The development proposal will increase the amount of hard standing at this site, thus the contractor will need to consider how surface water will be drained. The contractor may wish to confirm with the Moray Council Flood Team the suitability of any drainage proposals.

Drainage proposals for the skatepark project could be a perimeter collection system, that was piped (either solid or perforated pipe dependent on soil conditions) away towards nearest water course or collection point, in line with SUDS guidance.

8.8 Concept Designs





9 Indicative Capital Costs

The following table outlines the indicative capital cost that has been estimated to provide a new concrete skate park. In moving the project forward, and to satisfy any capital funders, the project should be tendered appropriately, resulting in more accurate and detailed costs.

Project Element	Cost
Construction of Park	£175,000.00
Floodlighting	£25,000.00
Project Management	£20,000.00
Net Cost	£220,000.00
VAT	£44,000.00
Total Project Cost	£264,000.00

10 Potential Sources of Funding

10.1 Summary of Potential Project Funding

In order to deliver the capital project, the following main sources have been identified. All funders will require to submit robust applications using this report as a supporting document to provide evidence of need and community support for the project.

Proposed Funder	Capital Amount
Sportscotland	£100,000.00
Military Covenant Fund	£20,000.00
Scottish Communities Landfill Fund	£114,000.00*
Local Business Sponsorship (BAE Systems, Johnston's, Diageo, Glen Moray)	£30,000.00
Total Funding	£264,000.00

**Third party contribution is a requirement of all SCLF approved bodies and explained further below.*

10.2 sportscotland

Sportscotland's Sports Facilities Fund supports capital projects that create or improve places where people take part in sports and physical activity. Having been recently revised, this fund now offers capital funding with a ceiling limit of £100,000. The funding looks to support projects that provide opportunities for people to get involved, increasing participation by targeting their resources on projects that demonstrate commitment to the following:

- Equalities and inclusion
- People development
- Collaboration and impact

10.3 Military Covenant Fund

The Armed Forces Covenant sets out the relationship between the nation, the government and the armed forces. It recognises that the whole nation has a moral obligation to current and former members of the armed forces and their families, and it sets out how they should expect to be treated.

The Covenant Fund has £10 million each year to support the Armed Forces Covenant by funding projects which address specific priorities.

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust makes grants to support members of the Armed Forces community.

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund has four broad funding themes now and in future years.

- removing barriers to family life;
- extra support after service for those that need help;
- measures to integrate military and civilian communities and allow the armed forces community to participate as citizens;
- non-core healthcare services for veterans

Community Integration projects should create strong local links between the Armed Forces community (i.e. current and former members of their armed forces and their families) and civilian communities; and be able to clearly demonstrate how they will have impact in overcoming barriers to better integration; and improving perceptions, attitudes and understanding.

10.4 Scottish Communities Landfill Fund

The Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF) is a tax credit scheme, linked to Scottish Landfill Tax that encourages landfill site operators to provide contributions to Approved Bodies, who can then pass the funds onto community and environmental projects. The SLCF replaced the UK scheme in Scotland on 1st April 2015.

Funding must be passed from a landfill operator via Approved Bodies to a project such as the proposed Skatepark in Lossiemouth.

There are a number of approved bodies that have been identified as suitable and relevant for the project. These are listed below. It should be noted that as a general rule these funders look to fund a specific aspect of the project and not a proportion of the overall cost, additionally they will not be able to fund the same aspects of the project should applications to multiple bodies be considered.

Approved Body	Notes
WREN	<p>The FCC Scottish Action Fund offers funding of between £2,000 and £100,000 to projects from FCC Environment through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund.</p> <p>Further information is available at http://www.wren.org.uk/apply/fcc-scottish-action-fund</p>
Viridor Landfill Credits	<p>Viridor Credits Environmental Company is an independent, not-for-profit organisation which provides funding for community, heritage and biodiversity projects around the UK through the Landfill Communities Fund and Scottish Landfill Communities Fund.</p> <p>Funding up to £50,000</p> <p>Further information is available at http://www.viridor-credits.co.uk/apply-for-funding/</p>
Suez Trust	<p>SUEZ Communities Trust will consider projects which focus on physical improvement at an identified site. Funding is typically awarded for the purchase of materials/equipment and the appointment of a contractor to undertake the improvement work. A request for funding for multiple-sites or for-salaries, running costs, project management or design fees will not be considered.</p> <p>Funding up to £50,000</p> <p>Further information is available at http://www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk/scotland</p>

Third Party Contribution

When a Landfill Operator (LO) contributes to an Environmental Body (EB), it can only claim tax relief on 89% of the contribution it makes and is left with a 11% funding shortfall. Some LOs will absorb this cost, or a portion of it, themselves. Sometimes LOs will require you to find a separate third party - a Contributing Third Party (CTP) to make the 11% payment or a portion of it.

Who Can Be a Contributing Third Party?

Almost anyone can be a Contributing Third Party, providing they do not gain a unique benefit from the project put forward for funding. Below is a list of examples of organisations that may be Contributing Third Parties:

- Private Companies
- Public Sector organisations - Local Authorities, County Councils
- Charities
- Voluntary organisations
- Private donors
- Monies from fundraising

Who is Excluded from Being a Contributing Third Party?

- Any individual or organisation directly connected to the landfill operator, or a contractor of the project
- Any individual or organisation who gains a unique benefit from the project

11 Project Plan and Key Delivery Tasks

The following table, identifies key stages in the development and delivery of the Skatepark in Lossiemouth, using the plan outlined in sportsotland Guide to Project Development: Skateparks and Wheeled Sports Document, and noting examples of best practice from facilities in and around the North of Scotland.

It is noted that the work undertaken prior to, and on completion of this feasibility study, satisfies the elements of the project highlighted in green, with the remaining tasks providing an outline project plan for subsequently moving the project forward.

Project Stage	Project Tasks
Strategic Definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of outline idea.• Development and incorporation of suitable project delivery group.• Site considerations and appraisal• Determine evidence of need• Determine evidence and level of local support• Determine links to policies and strategies that align with the project• Identify and develop relation with the landowner• Consider insurance requirements• Assess and determine fit with current provision• Identify potential users• Determine scale and skill level of facility• Identify project budget• Identify possible capital funding provision• Identify planning permission requirements and building warrant etc.• Assess operational considerations and the development of a 5-year business plan.
Preparation and Brief	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider contract options and determine contract type and engagement of key professionals.• Create a project plan• Establish duties under Principle Designer (formerly CDM) regulation.• Formalise transfer, lease or purchase of land,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalise any service level agreements or contracts with key partners.
Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with an experienced Skatepark Designer • Consult Skateboard Scotland for comments on the concept designs.
Tender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare all tender information • Prepare evaluation criteria for tenders • Undertake tender exercise (noting requirements of potential funders) • Compile a tender report • Select preferred bidder • Let contract
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit planning application • Submit funding applications
Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site handover • Construction of facility • Payments to contractor as per schedule • Plan for facility opening • Develop communication and promotion strategy • Engage ROSPA for Site Inspection • Attain completion certificate • Identify snagging works • Finalise payment and account
Handover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settle all contract payments • Complete all funding draw downs • Finalise and implement operational plans • Ensure all signage and funder recognition is in place • Hold official opening event • Develop and implement ongoing maintenance and inspection programme.
Facility Operational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor all contractual obligations, agreements etc. • Undertake all ongoing management tasks including financial commitments and revenue generation / fundraising • Continue marketing and promotion of facility. • Management of coaching and sport specific programmes, and all associated resources. • Implement previously determined maintenance and inspection programme.

12 Operational Considerations

12.1 Management

The Lossie Skatepark Initiative will assume ownership and management responsibility for the new skate park. The Chairperson's overall responsibility will be to ensure sufficient skills and expertise amongst the management committee, in order that they have the capacity to undertake all elements of the facility's ongoing operations. It may be necessary to undertake a skills audit, identifying and mitigating against any gaps in knowledge prior to the delivery of the project. The following lists a number of tasks and activities that should be considered following the delivery of the project:

- Managing all income and expenditure
- Managing social media and events
- Organising coaching sessions and promoting participation
- Ensuring sufficient members of the committee and succession planning

- Ensuring all policies and insurances are up to date and in place.
- Encouraging and deploying volunteers
- Litter picking
- Emptying bins
- Periodic checking of the surfaces, entrances, paths and other publicly open spaces
- Gardening and landscaping works (grass cutting, leaf clearing, weeding etc.)
- Periodic checking of lighting, switches, locks etc.
- Regular monitoring of, and interaction with, users, user groups and their parents.

12.2 Insurance and Liability

As owner or leaseholder of the site, and regardless of access or usage charges, Lossie Skatepark Initiative will be responsible for the facility once constructed. As a consequence, they will require to have adequate public liability insurance. Given the nature of the sport, the group should ensure that their liability insurance is sufficient to cover a full spectrum of potential claims.

12.3 Maintenance and Upkeep

Operating this facility will require a number of tasks to be completed on a regular basis to ensure that it remains appealing, fit for purpose, and safe for users, as well as minimising the possible need for major repair works to be undertaken. The group should use its membership to determine a schedule of volunteers, reducing the need to pay or contract individuals or companies, and avoiding the associated costs.

13 Financial Assessment

13.1 Access and Pricing

Thought community consultation, it is clear that there is a strong desire for the Skatepark in Lossiemouth to be free of charge for all users. This was reflected in the survey responses, and qualitative comments. A free to use facilities would also support delivery of the objectives and strategies listed within this report, ensuring the greatest benefit for the widest user groups.

However, the Skatepark Initiative must ensure that adequate revenue is generated to ensure the cost of any floodlighting, repairs, insurance policies etc. are met on an annual basis.

A membership package may be an effective way to generate interest and revenue. The group should consider the benefits that will be made available – discount on coaching, events, free merchandise etc. Given that this will create additional management work, this report does not currently consider income from membership within its financial feasibility, however notes that the group may wish to consider the management and promotion of this as a revenue generating option at a later date.

13.2 Revenue Assumptions

In delivering a publicly available sports facility, there is limited scope for the generation of income. However, the group must ensure that sufficient revenue is achieved in order that the annual running costs can be met. This report assumes the following proposed income for the year.

Events

The Initiative should consider running a number of events throughout the year including skate jams, competitions and family fun days. In managing these events they can determine how money can be generated within each. This may include entrant fees, stall holder pitch fees or donation buckets. In running four events per year, this report would assume an annual revenue of **£1,200.00** (net of all associated running costs).

Grants, Sponsorships and Donations

In delivering this project, the Initiative has shown the capacity to secure grant funding. Following the development of the project, the operating group should consider grant funding, and the soliciting of sponsorship and donations as a key part of its on-going responsibilities. For this report, a reasonable estimate of **£1,000.00** per year has been considered.

13.3 Expenditure Assumptions

Following the construction of the skatepark, the group will require to meet a number of annual and on-going operational costs. These have been listed below:

Floodlights – Energy Costs

The consultation exercise demonstrated a desire for floodlighting. Should the group opt to include floodlighting as part of the project, they should ensure that the lighting operates in a manner that allows control over timings and maximum use. I.e. they should be set to switch off after a set point at night, and periodically or where nobody is using the park. As noted previously, the floodlighting should be controlled by a prepaid meter, therefore removing the need for the group to raise funds to meet these costs.

Insurance Policies

In leasing or obtaining the site from the local council, and providing the facility, the group will hold all liability for public access and use and therefore will require to hold sufficient and appropriate insurances. Given the nature of the activity, a budget of **£500.00** per annum has been assumed.

Maintenance

The construction of the new wheeled sports park should deliver sufficient quality and longevity that the maintenance required in the subsequent years is minimal. However, in consulting other similar facilities, the group should budget for small repair works that may be undertaken to the ancillary spaces, landscaping, track edges, or following minor vandalism or damage. For this report, a budget of **£1,000.00** has been assumed.

Landscaping and Regular Upkeep Works

In order to ensure that the facility remains attractive and well maintained, a budget of **£500.00** per annum has been assumed for the provision of tool such as brushes, drying brushes, bin bags, cleaning materials and gardening tools and seeds. This will be required to allow the previously outlined list of volunteer tasks to be undertaken.

13.4 Summary of Financial Viability

In summarising the above income expenditure considerations, the following table demonstrates that the completed project will be able to operate annually in a financially sustainable manner.

Income	
Events	£1,200.00
Donations, Grants and Sponsorship	£1,000.00
	£2,200.00
Expenditure	
Insurance Policies	£500.00

Maintenance	£1,000.00
Landscaping and Regular Upkeep	£500.00
	£2,000.00
Surplus	£200.00

14 Risk Management and Mitigation

14.1 SWOT Analysis

The following SWOT Analysis provides an at a glance summary of the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats considered in the delivery, and subsequent management of a new concrete skate park in Lossiemouth.

<p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lossie Skatepark Initiative is a strong competent committee with a wide range of professional and business skills • The group has a good reputation within the community as well as support from local council officers, councillors and the Moray Council • They have a significant number of wheeled sports users in Lossiemouth and good community support for their project • The proposed site is an existing recreational site, therefore meeting all appropriate planning policies. • The site is located in an existing public recreational area at Coularbank Playing Fields, Coularbank Road, Lossiemouth, IV31 6EE • The project aligns with a number of local and regional strategies. • The project is potentially fundable through Scottish Communities Landfill Fund, sportscotland and several other funders including the Military Covenant Fund • The project reduces the carbon footprint associated with the travel currently required to make use of facilities further afield in Elgin and beyond.
<p>Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moray Council has not yet agreed a lease/community asset transfer • The project will require to make a planning application • Securing adequate capital to fund the project with increasing demand on all funders. • Access to the area is through an existing public open space adjacent to a play area therefore a temporary road is potentially required in order to allow contractor access.
<p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group has identified a good location for the proposed new Wheeled Sports facility • They are discussing a long-term lease/community asset transfer from Moray Council • The project has the opportunity to create a Wheeled Sports facility for Lossiemouth and other surrounding communities. • Once build, this will become a venue for a range of Wheeled Sports coaching initiatives and one-off events. • The facility will attract users from out with Lossiemouth, bringing a positive economic impact to the town through secondary spend. • Opportunities exist for links to Active Schools and other local health and sports initiatives.
<p>Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constant threat of poor weather • Lack of capital funding could affect some elements of the project.



14.2 Business Risk Register – Lossie Skate Group

Lossiemouth Skate Park Facility		Business Risk Register			Date: September 2018
Risk Area	Risk Identified (Describe the risk to be managed)	Risk Categories:			Risk Monitoring
		0-8 Low Risk	9-17 Medium Risk	18-25 High Risk	
		Impact Factor (1-5, with 5 being most severe)	Risk Ranking (probability x impact = probability)	Risk Management (How the risk will be managed)	Risk Responsibility (Describe who will be responsible for managing the identified risk)
1.0 Strategic					
1.1	Lack of Business Plan and Feasibility Study	2	8	This feasibility study has demonstrated a robust and sustainable business model, as well as significant demand for the project. In working with local consultants to deliver this facility, a strong business case has been tested and identified prior to the funding and development stage of the project.	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative
1.2	No long-term Development Strategy	1	4	This has been addressed initially within this Plan but longer term an enhanced development plan will be adopted for the new facilities and their impact to all user groups and the wider community.	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative
1.3	Business Continuity Management Plan	4	16	It is recognised that there is limited annual overheads, and therefore the risk of financial viability is reduced. The group should ensure they work to ensure that adequate resources and revenue is in place to cover the required costs.	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative
1.4	Health and Safety and Regulatory issues	2	8	The nature of sports and leisure business will require advice on H&S	Chairman and Board of

							matters and compliance. The group should ensure that adequate signage, rules and advisory notices are in place, in particular stating that users visit the facility at their own risk. Additionally, the group must ensure all adequate insurances are in place in recognition of their liability and ownership of the facility.	Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	policies and procedures reviewed periodically.
1.5	Marketing and Branding Strategy		2	4	8		The group should identify key areas for the promotion of the new facility, following the brief outline within this document – social media, press releases, website update etc. This will ensure adequate visitor numbers, support the capacity to celebrate success within the sector whilst acknowledging all funders.	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	Targets and strategy developed in line with business plan and reviewed periodically thereafter.
1.6	Convincing the funding bodies that you have a robust business case for obtaining their investment		4	4	16		This study emphasises the number of potential users and uses in the local area demonstrating the feasibility and figures supporting the project.	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	One off
2.0 Operational Risks									
2.1	Ensuring effective use of new facilities.		3	4	12		The proposed facilities will cater for various user groups; therefore, it is essential that effective usage be promoted to ensure the facility is enjoyed by, and benefits, the largest potential user base.	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	On-going.
2.2	Dealing with any Planning related issues including traffic management and car parking issues		2	2	4		It is not foreseen that there will be many planning issues relating to the development of the skate park. However, the final design should take all consideration of advice and recommendations accordingly.	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	On-going throughout the planning stage.

2.3	Trying to meet the needs of different user groups within the physical constraints of the facility.	3	5	15	The group will need to continue assessing the needs of potential user groups.	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	Key to the initial planning stages of the development with periodic reviews.
2.4	Retaining sufficiently motivated Board members representing a wide spectrum of the local community	3	5	15	The group must ensure that succession within the board ensures a broad viewpoint and effectively represents the needs of the varied users and other key stakeholders.	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	Annually or when there are changes to the executive committee.
2.5	Facility Maintenance Plans	4	3	12	As outlined in this report, the delivery of a concrete moulded facility will significantly reduce the requirement for significant maintenance. However, the cost of both preventative and reactive maintenance must be considered to ensure any unforeseen issues do not risk the financial viability of the project.	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	Annually or when there are changes to the executive committee.
4.0 Financial Risks							
4.1	Not securing adequate capital funding	3	2	6	The proposed facility is eligible for several funding sources and demonstrates both a strong business and social case for funding. Our Project manager has secured in excess of £2m in grant aid funding in recent years for similar wheeled sports facilities.	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	Initially in the development of a strong long-term business plan, then periodically reviewed.
4.2	Financial Viability	4	4	16	The group must ensure that all resulting financial obligations are clear, contracts are signed, and that the business revenue proposed covers all overheads accordingly.	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	Key focus at initial stages of project, then reviewed each financial period accordingly.
4.3	Financial Control and Audit Systems	4	2	8	The group ensure strict financial controls including the provision of an external account's auditor.	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	Annually or when there are changes to the executive committee.

4.4	Reduction in income	3	4	12	Although there is not a significant income and expenditure associated with the annual running of this facility, the group should ensure that they review financial performance in line with their business plan and act to review, activities and strategies accordingly.	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	Reviewed quarterly or more frequently should revenue appear to decline.
5.0 Political/External Risks							
5.1	Relationships with Moray Council	3	2	6	The group should seek to maintain a strong relationship with the local Council through open and transparent communications.	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	Annually or when there are changes to either the committee or key elected council officers.
5.2	Relationships with local elected members	3	2	6	The group should build strong relationships with locally elected council members through open and transparent communication and by inviting and encouraging their support in the project.	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	Annually or when there are changes to either the executive committee or key elected local members.
5.4	Relationship to wider community	3	3	9	The group must work to establish a positive relationship with the local and wider community paying specific attention to alleviate and support through any disruption caused because of the construction work on site.	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	Frequent monitoring required through duration of construction with annual review necessary thereafter.
5.5	Securing adequate Community Support for the new facilities	2	4	8	As the proposed development relates directly to the demand from local users, there is little risk here. However, it is key to monitor the support from a wide variety of local stakeholders and demographics on an on-going basis.	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	Annually or when there are changes to the Committee.
6.0 Reputation/Image							
6.1	Media Relations	4	4	16	It is important to utilize the local media throughout the project to keep local communities updated and to encourage local interest. Post construction, it is vital to use the media where possible to	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	On-going and frequent throughout the project work with reviews annually thereafter.

6.2	Branding and Public Profile	4	4	16	capture events, successes and stories that will promote the facility. There is an important opportunity to market facilities to potential user groups throughout the surrounding areas, ultimately increasing the awareness and presence in the local community. This will support the business plan in terms of future user numbers, and alleviate any inconveniences caused to existing members as work on the project takes place.	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	Monitored frequently throughout the project construction phase and annually thereafter.
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14.3 Risk Assessment – Proposed Skate Park

Lossiemouth Skate Park							Risk Assessment			Date: August 2018
Risk Categories:		0-8 Low Risk		9-17 Medium Risk		18-25 High Risk				
Risk Area	Risk Identified (Describe the risk to be managed)	Probability Factor (1-5, with 5 being most probable)	Impact Factor (1-5, with 5 being most severe)	Risk Ranking (probability x impact = probability)	Risk Management (how the risk will be managed)	Risk Responsibility (describe who will be responsible for managing the identified risk)				
Injury or Accident as a result of using park features.	Significant risk of injury from minor or severe resulting from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Falls Slips Collisions 	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial construction and design process to consider mitigation of risk through appropriate layout, adequate experience and effective flow. Design, construction and maintenance to be carried out by experienced, wheeled sports park specific contactors. Adequate signage in place to encourage safe use, direction of use, recommended safety equipment and parent supervision where appropriate. 	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative				

						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate lighting available. • Sufficient emergency access to all areas of the park. • Landscaping to reduce drops from the top or behind the top of ramps, bowls and other features. 	
Missuse or damage to park	Risk of damage to the facility resulting in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased risk of injury • Unsuitable surface for skating etc. • Cost incurred by group to repair or replace surface or feature. 	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the park promoted as community led project from the beginning. • Adequate lighting • Regular checks by operating committee. • Promotion of good working relationship between operating committee and user groups. 	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	
Conflicting user groups: - Age group - Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased risk of injury from wide age range sharing facility. • Increased risk of injury from variety of activities sharing the facility. • Increased risk of exposing younger users to unsuitable language and behaviour. 	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and promotion of a "rules of the park" notice board highlighting the need to respectable behaviour, language and effective sharing of space. • Where possible, grouping of features by complexity and difficulty in the design process. • Where possible, grouping of features by likely uses (BMX, skate etc) in the design process. 	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative	

15 Marketing and Promotion

15.1 Overview

Regardless of the scale of a project, marketing is an essential part of good management practice. It is a process of identifying user needs, wants and wishes, and satisfying them. Community, sport and leisure services and facilities depend on satisfied user, especially where the local residents support and involvement is both fundamental in instigating a project, and essential for its on-going success.

By definition, marketing involves creating appropriate goods and services and matching them to market requirements. Therefore, far from being just about selling, marketing is from the beginning an integral part of the process.

In the first instance, this report has demonstrated a marketing centric focus in that it has considered the following:

- Identification of target market, population and key trends.
- Assessment of current provision.
- Assessment of need and market research through consultation with current and potential users throughout the community.

15.2 Communication and Promotion Strategy

The following is a proposed marketing actions plan specific to the development of a new skate and wheeled sports facility in Lossiemouth. It must be considered that success will be measured in the level of usage and the overall satisfaction of all key stakeholders. As a result, the following strategy is set to promote and highlight the facilities to all potential users both locally and from surrounding communities.

	Task Details	Timeframe	Costs	Responsibility
1	Develop website highlighting the new facilities – incorporate user testimonials and photographs.	One Off	Free	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative
2	Use promotional space in partnership with local user groups and organisations to promote the expansion to the facilities.	Periodically	Free	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative
3	Engage social media to highlight the new facilities amongst target audiences.	On-going	Free	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative
4	Press Releases: Engage with local media to promote the improvements to the facilities and its relevance to the community.	One Off	Free	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative
5.	Explore the possibility of running events – races, agility tests, skate jams, and community fun days.	Periodically	Cost covered through sponsorship or entry fees	Chairman and Board of Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative

16 Recommendations

1. It is recommended that Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative apply to Moray Council for a 25-year lease through the Community Asset Transfer process for the site at Coularbank Playing Fields, Coularbank Road, Lossiemouth for a peppercorn rent for the construction of a new concrete skate park
2. It is recommended that Lossie Skatepark Initiative advertises a design and build contract on Public Contracts Scotland.
3. It is recommended that floodlighting should be considered subject to planning.
4. It is recommended that on receipt of tenders Lossie Skatepark Initiative carry out a tender evaluation exercise to select a preferred contractor.
5. It is recommended that once a preferred design has been chosen that this is submitted as part of a full Planning Application to Moray Council.
6. It is recommended that Lossie Skatepark Initiative continue to fundraise towards Third Party Contributions required for any applications to the Scottish Communities Landfill Fund.
7. It is recommended that Lossie Skatepark Initiative considers appointing a Project Manager on a fixed term arrangement to assist with capital funding applications, procurement and contractor management until the completion of the project.
8. It is recommended that Lossie Skatepark Initiative continues to lobby for letters of support for the project.
9. It is recommended that Lossie Skatepark Initiative continues to keep the community informed of the progress of the project through social media channels.
10. It is recommended that Lossie Skatepark Initiative approaches local businesses (BAE, Johnston's of Elgin, Diageo etc) to seek some commercial sponsorship towards the capital costs.

17 Appendices

17.1 Appendix One – Consultation Survey Comments

Positive Comments and General Support

- We really need a skate park in Lossiemouth
- Good luck.
- best of luck!
- I like this idea
- Great idea
- Much needed
- It would be amazing
- Please give the people of Lossiemouth their skatepark.
- It will be a fantastic venture for Lossiemouth
- Lossiemouth needs this, always has.
- Great idea.
- It would be a great thing for Lossiemouth
- Looking forward to it.
- A great project and will be a great asset to the town!
- Get it built!
- Definite need for a skatepark in Lossiemouth.
- Well done folks, good project.
- Needs one badly
- Good luck with this project, the town needs it.
- Good luck and well done on this initiative. My kids would have used it but are sadly too old now
- This will be a great project for Lossiemouth
- This would be a very popular facility well run by local experts
- Be a great facility and would be well received by the local community
- the positives outweigh the negatives
- Fantastic initiative I wish we had as kids
- Good Luck guys hope you do it
- could not support it more, don't understand why it's still being questioned
- Get it built.!
- Fantastic idea. 100% support for this venture.

Positive Impact and Benefits to Local Residents

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- I think a skate park in Lossie is essential to young people as there are a lot of people who skateboard that have nowhere else to go, which can often spell trouble as some of the locals don't like where we skate. Loudmouth is a really boring place to live as a young person as there is literally nothing else to do.
 - Lossiemouth has need this for a long time. Ideal for the youth
 - Having a skateparks in Lossiemouth would benefit me and my child to have easier access to bike/skate/scooter facilities as we both enjoy outdoor sports and would help keep us fit and aid in us having a facility to go to as going further afield has extra costs. Also, will help younger people to have somewhere to go and socialise.
 - Brilliant for surf training when there aren't any waves
 - A new skate park in Lossiemouth would see an increase in "facilities" for youngsters, get fitter, and away from their x-Boxes and perhaps encourage more families to holiday in the town!

- I think it would've a great initiative for Lossiemouth and a great focus for children and young people!
- The teens in Lossie have very little to keep them occupied so this would be great for them.
- Physical exercise promotes overall wellbeing in people, a wide variety of sporting facilities should be available for all to access, Lossiemouth has good main stream facilities such as football and tennis why not skating.
- "I think the skate park would give children who are inactive the opportunity to be active.
- It provides stake boarders a place to stake away from the public
- There has been talk ever since I was a teenager about providing a skate park for the youth. I got ran over by a car when I was 15 due to lack of facilities and skating on the streets. So, a park where the kids are safe would be very much welcome
- Anything involving kids/teens having something to do of an evening would be a great idea thanks
- A great facility for children and adults. Especially in the days of the crazy little scooters. May reduce the risk of them flying out onto main roads where vehicular traffic can pose a great danger.
- A skatepark would really be good to have in Lossiemouth as it's something to do for a lot of us and what I would use all the time
- Think a skatepark in Lossie is a great idea and would get kids out and learning that don't have the facilities there at the moment
- Children and teenagers need facilities to get them outside away from games consoles
- Skateparks are good facilities that give kids something to do other than roam the streets at night, they provide a place in which people can have fun and learn at the same time
- Children would love this facility and the parents would welcome it and help
- Seems to be a lot of support for the project locally. Transport to Hopeman (current closest skate park) from Lossiemouth is only really possible by car, as road is unsafe for bikes and no direct bus link.
- I think a skate park would be great for local residents and their kids of all ages, to have a fun way of exercising and practising new skills, encouraging kids to play outside!
- My now adult children grew up in Lossiemouth unable to use their skateboards or BMX bikes in a safe area on properly constructed equipment. They were often moved on by residents living around their chosen areas for making noise or for building their own makeshift ramps that were not safe and ended in several A&E visits. If children want to play they will find a way. Woodland areas and unused green areas or parks are attractive. A safe constructed well-lit area would have saved many worries about where my boys were 'hanging out' with friends.
- My cousin's stay in the area and would make use of a skate park.
- It's a great way for kids to be active and its fun. I also know many adult skaters who regularly use their local skate parks."
- Adding outdoor recreation for residents is always a good idea
- A skate park would be a great thing for Lossie as there is nothing to do and nowhere else to skate without people getting angry for you skating there.
- Skate park creates a hub for kids. Giving them a focus and creating a community.
- "The children growing up in Lossie would really benefit having a state-of-the-art half pipe & bowl.
- The area has not had a half pipe since the Elgin academy one was demolished in the mid 90's.
- I was lucky enough to have good skate facilities in Plymouth as a child, I would love the same for my son here in Lossie.
- "It would be really nice to have skatepark in hometown, as there are not many facilities for free time activities. Town is full with young families with children who have to travel to other further locations for facility like this.
- I believe skatepark in Lossiemouth would be fairly use on daily basic and would help the community spent more time outdoors in their lovely hometown. "
- Surfing would improve if there was a skatepark
- Activities energises the mind of kids there by reducing the alarming growth of indoor games destroying the active minds of kids.

- I think it's fantastic and only wish they would have done this years ago. So happy about this. We need this the Hopeman skate board park has done great So glad we will have our own in Lossiemouth yeah
- Get children especially out and about and exercising"
- The skate park in Hopeman is well used by all ages and an asset to the community. It would be wonderful if Lossiemouth could provide the same for our youngsters.
- A skate park in Lossiemouth would be a great asset, my daughter would have developed sense of balance a deal easier if she had regular access to a dedicated facility in her home town.
- A new skatepark would be a fantastic facility and boost to the local area. Travelling to other places for young people and Jose who don't drive is incredibly costly and not always something they can do with limited bus services in the area.
- I think it would be a great addition for Lossiemouth and its community.
- There is a good surf school in Lossiemouth. A good skatepark could be used for surf training when sea conditions not suitable. Also good for scooters skateboard BMX and skates
- This would be a great project for the town,
- I think a skate park would be great in Lossie as it would be a great tie in with the surf culture here. It would be a great way for young people to meet and keep fit in the outdoors.
- "it would provide an added facility for the youth of lossy due to its popularity & health of our young people
- provides children with health benefits and a place for young people to socialise "
- A skatepark would be really good to have in Lossiemouth for a lot of people to use of all ages and we would actually have something to do which would be great and something a lot of us would all really enjoy.
- "It's a much-needed facility in the area and would attract others with an Interest in wheeled sports to visit and use it as well as create a safe designated area where local people who want to enjoy these sports can do so. It also allows opportunities for social interaction with people who have common interests. Sharing skills and learning are what these spaces are about. Community is what it could bring along with it.
- Something for ages 11-16 is desperately needed
- Hopefully it will encourage people from outside the area to come and help add a little more to the local economy.
- As a parent I wouldn't be happy for my children to travel to Elgin themselves just for the use of a skatepark however of there was one in our local area then they can go as often as they like and meet up with pals. I see so many children and teenagers on scooters bikes and skateboards why not give them somewhere to go
- My grandson lives in Lossie. He luv's the skate park in Elgin but obviously he's not through every day. He would benefit from one on his doorstep which would encourage him to develop his obvious talent he has on his wheels.
- There are very few facilities in Lossiemouth, yet many kids are skateboarding on the streets or by schools. Bus links to Elgin are poor so nowhere that kids can just go off to on their own.
- It would benefit the kids from having a skate park
- We have to drive to Hopeman when we are at Lossie so a skatepark in Lossiemouth would be great.
- We live in Carrbridge but travel to the moray coast to surf and in the past, we travelled to Nairn and Forres to skate so think having a skate park near the sea would be perfect! Sometimes swell isn't as predicted therefore we would skate instead and be more likely to stay over for the weekend too.
- Lossie had a skate ramp when I was a child and it was well used.
- Skateboarding is fantastic fun and is a great way of increasing both physical and mental well-being amongst our young folk, a much-needed distraction in today's overwhelming digital culture.
- I have some very excited kids with the prospect of a skate park being in their town. Would use more often than Elgin, as wouldn't need to take scooters/bikes in car with dog.
- Lossiemouth needs more facilities for children. The children would love and use it daily

- Such a good idea to get kids active and have a safe hangout space. Plus, I might dig my skate board out the loft and come play too!
- Kids need a place to play and hang out, a funded monitored member space would be great.
- Lossiemouth would greatly benefit from a skate park! I think it would be well used and would be happy to pay a small fee for the use of the facility, my son and his friends would really appreciate a skate park that they can go to without their parents having to drive them and hang around embarrassing them, I'm a whoop whooper!
- Lossie has been long overlooked for a wheeled sports facility, and I would welcome the outlet for a new generation to learn and grow with a new facility to have pride in.
- It's so needed in the town and would be a great benefit to children and adults alike. Encouraging people to be outside getting fresh air and exercise can't be a bad thing surely?!...
- Sorely needed and very welcome. Anything to get kids off their computers and doing something creative outside should be strongly encouraged.
- It would provide an activity for teens who would otherwise loiter
- The older generation of children would welcome this facility as there is very little from the to do. My family has gone up now but had there been a skate park when they were younger they would have used it. I would hope their children my grandchildren will reap the benefits
- If built in Lossie it would be easier for my kids to use instead of getting buses to Elgin or Buckie
- Great additional facilities for young people in the local area
- Lossie would really benefit as it would get a lot of traffic as it's a new skatepark and businesses will benefit
- There needs to be more safe places for kids/teens to encourage hobbies like this. People complain about them using car parks and such and is seen as antisocial behaviour, so an alternative should be put into action

Design Considerations

- If at least part of the Park was under cover, such as a mini ramp / halfpipe it would be a huge boost to skateboarding in the moray area and draw a lot more people in.
- Concreate is a company specialising in concrete skateparks. They build to a high standard and their works can be seen all over Scotland including Inverness and Cowdenbeath which are inarguably the best facilities in Scotland. I would be delighted to see something from them in Lossiemouth.
- I would like provision for new skaters in the facility
- Lots of variety so it's open to picked abilities would be great! Too many places are to technical for beginners. Perhaps a child only time? As well as a teen and adult time.
- A free to use park that is based on Hopeman but with an extra jump or two would be great
- Solar power on site to feed into grid & self-fund the flood light energy use
- Floodlights would be great for security, but I wouldn't want them to impact on neighbours.
- Well done giving the young ones a skate park, but they can skate when it's good to go, and no need to have the place electrically illuminated! Go home when dark.
- Car parking would be essential in order for me and my friends to visit the skate park with our children and preferably with nearby toilets
- "I think the park would need to cater for all skill levels and interests.
- Ideally a bowl/ pool area for intermediate & advanced skaters. Some sort of street skating section (ledges, steps, rails etc). Also, some smaller transitions for beginners. Without the advanced areas for the beginners to progress to and advanced skaters to use, the park would be run the risk of not being used much after the initial excitement dies down. "
- Would be excellent for kids (and my children) in area and for the already burgeoning adventure sports scene in moray/n Scotland area
- It would be great to see an indoor facility
- Try adding places for people to sit because at Elgin we have to sit on the ledges then other people can't use them

- A roof
- there should definitely be floodlights because they're going to want to see in the dark and not get hurt.
- It would be good if it was under a shelter of sorts (Dutch Barn type building) so it can be used over the winter as well.
- Away from residential houses"
- Maybe two sections with one area for beginners
- I think the addition of a "surf" sections is a great idea. I don't skate much anymore but surf a lot and love a cruise on a carver/cruiser/longboard but very little opportunity to practice anywhere locally.
- Could a turbine or other renewable energy power floodlights or key spotlights? Delighted with the idea and would travel to visit
- Include landscaping
- Suggestion-solar panels to generate electricity for flood lights. So, no cost after installation.
- If part of the park was sheltered from the rain it would up the usage of the park massively.
- Incorporate flat bottomed half pipe with extended vert for old school skaters!
- It should possibly be gated and with opening times as it's a great place for the kids to go and practice skills, but they tend to be a late-night hangout with antisocial behaviour at night, so if there's no floodlights and it's locked up it will keep it safer :) Absolutely should have one though
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Management and Operational Considerations / Observations

- The skate park needs to be run by the users and a committee made up of level-headed Adults who will support and work with the young people. Rules of use need to be carefully considered re smoking /drinking etc. Visit other skate parks that are working well and meet the people there.
 - Skateparks locally have never failed they all get used daily. And are far busier than any football pitch
 - Pay a yearly/monthly fee to use the skate park
 - When the skatepark is built there should be competitions and jams held as there isn't much in the area and it would be good to make the sport slightly competitive and more enjoyable at the same time! It also would be good to have no scooters at the skatepark as all the scooter riders at my local have wrecked the ramps with the use of graffiti.
 - The lengths at which people must go to just to convince moray council to allow a skate park to be built is ridiculous considering the amount of support other local councils throughout Scotland give to similar projects
 - Groups congregating may require lighting but not sure if a pay as you skate initiative will be successful and may end up costing in the long run. "
 - Would pay floodlights if Park was good enough but think outdoor will be too cold/wet to be used at night so possibly not worth money.
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- Suggest possible paying a monthly membership option as a cheaper option for those who will use the skate facilities regularly?
 - This would be a great place for kids and adults to skate. Hopeman do a membership which we paid but I know a lot of kids use it without paying!
 - Maybe start a membership scheme, pay a fee to become a member and that could help cover the cost of the light. They could renew their membership each year.
 - "Annual charge - fine
 - Policed by community officers
 - Grass sports aren't charged for the use of floodlights for example football and hockey matches, so why should you charge kids to use floodlights at a skatepark? We should be doing everything we can to keep kids active and give them an outlet other than a TV, games console or hanging around street corners!

- The pay-as-you-go lights system works well for Inverness Bught Park, along with trustees of the park having access to the controls.
- A small coffee booth or kiosk may help generate turnover to help make the project sustainable. The proposed location would not compete with any existing businesses, so I wouldn't see that being an issue.
- Other skateparks are floodlit and there is no charge. If you charge you are looking at liability and insurances.
- Good idea, maybe link in with local authority/police as a potential community engagement project?
- If payment is required a week/month (for holiday users) or year subscription (for locals) should be considered. Flood lights is a good idea for winter months and benches for spectators is worth considering
- While floodlights sound good it may attract people to it that don't want to skate or use the facilities for the correct purposes
- Kids won't use it if they had to pay, also who would repair the floodlights when the bulbs need replacing or worse vandalised. What time would the lights be set to come on and go off? Who would collect the money and set the timer?
- I think it should be free to use but maybe pay for lighting... with a set time to close in the evening.
- Block buy ticket option or a monthly pass thing
- While I have answered that there shouldn't be a charge for this, if a charge was required to ensure the safety and security of all park users I would be more than happy to pay

Negative Comments and Concerns

- I have a concern around ant-social behaviour. Is the park to be locked out of hours?
- The potential for this to turn into a hangout area for young people to congregate should not come as a surprise. Elgin has this and bins etc will need to be provided and emptied to stop it turning into an eyesore as Elgin's skate park can be at times.
- Will just get trashed a waste of money

17.2 Appendix Two - Letters of Support



Dear Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative,

ESP Elgin would like to offer our full support for the Lossiemouth Skatepark Project.

We are keen to get people skateboarding all around Moray, and we are particularly excited to see a skatepark of the calibre that Lossie Skatepark Initiative intend to provide.

Although there are other skateparks in Moray, Lossiemouth will have the distinct advantage of being accessible to all levels, from beginner to professional, providing a park for the younger riders to build confidence and skills. As the only surf themed skatepark around, the park will provide an amazing opportunity for the North of Scotland, bringing people into the area to use the unique facility.

We are happy to support Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative by offering our seal of approval for the project, and look forward to promoting Lossiemouth as a great destination for skateboarding in Moray.

Yours faithfully,





23rd April 2018

LOSSIEMOUTH SKATEPARK INITIATIVE.

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN

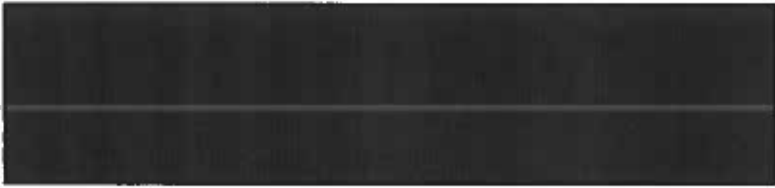
In early 2015 the Lossiemouth Community Development Trust was set up to promote the well being of Lossiemouth and its residents.

A strand of its Action Plan was to promote and develop a Skate Park for Lossiemouth and the surrounding area and this is fully supported by the Trust.

Community engagement was undertaken and the support has been extremely positive from all ages and sectors of the Community..

A Community Asset Transfer has now been submitted to The Moray Council for the land required for the development, an application which has my full backing.

As a local Councillor, Chair of Economic Development and also as Chair of Moray Economic Development I applaud the huge amount of work, effort and vision which has gone into getting the LSI to its present position and wish them every success in their worthy venture



Ambitious for Moray





LOSSIEMOUTH
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

6 April 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

Proposed Lossiemouth Skate Park.

We, the Lossiemouth Business Association, would like to register our support for the above project.

The proposed surf-skatepark would undoubtedly be an asset to our town. The Lossiemouth Business Association would be delighted to see a free to use facility in the town, encouraging visitors which would be beneficial to the local small businesses. The proposed site is well served by the local bus route, again encouraging visitor from other areas to visit Lossiemouth.

We would also be pleased to see the utilisation of the un-used land within the Coularbank Playing fields being developed for a safe and custom-built site which would encourage participants away from streets, roads and other areas unsuitable for this type of hobby.

We also recognise the health benefits a facility of this type would have for the local community.

We wish the Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative, the very best for the realisation of their excellent plans.





'Lossiemouth Campervan Hire'

Dear Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative,

This letter is to express our full support for your proposed skatepark in Lossiemouth. We feel there is a need for such a facility and are sure all ages and abilities will benefit from it.

The health and mental benefits of an active lifestyle are huge and this facility will provide this.

There is a lack of things to do for younger people and a skatepark would be a great asset for Lossiemouth.

We wish you well with the project.

Kind Regards



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Lossiemouth Community Council

10 September 2018.

Hi Magnus

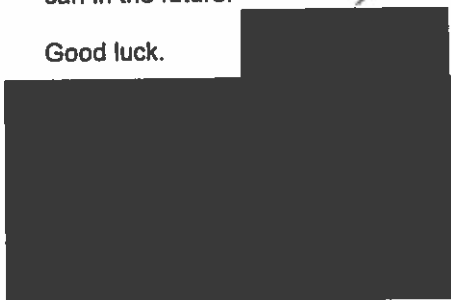
On behalf of Lossiemouth Community Council, I write to lend our support to The Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative.

We believe that this project should be wholeheartedly supported by our town. There is not a huge amount to do in Lossie for young people and we believe that this would offer something extra to the community. It provides exercise, outdoor sport and an opportunity for young people to meet others and also promotes confidence and self esteem.

Apart from that it would provide users the chance to take part in competition and would be a tourist attraction for Lossiemouth as well.

Well done on getting this off the ground and we hope that we can help in any way we can in the future.

Good luck.





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Elgin Business Centre
Maisondieu Road
Elgin
IV30 1QP



September 5th, 2018

Dear Donald,

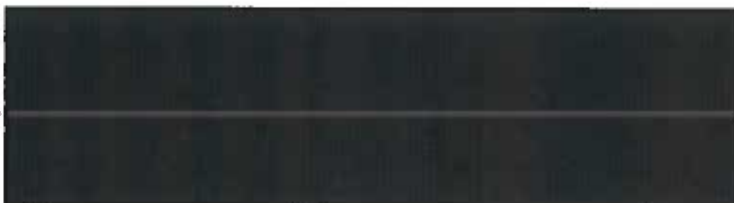
Letter of support in respect of the proposed Lossiemouth Skate/Surf Park

I write to express Moray Speyside Tourism's support for the Lossiemouth Skate Park Initiative.

As the destination marketing organisation (DMO) for Moray and Speyside, we are keen to support projects which complement and further strengthen ongoing work to position Moray Speyside as a must-visit destination and help enhance the visitor's user experience.

The Lossiemouth Skate Park Initiatives work is hugely important to, not only the local community, but also to the local tourism industry by providing adequate facilities for wheeled sports. This is increasingly in demand with younger visitors to the area and those traveling with children. The facility will add to Moray Speyside's growing reputation as a key location for adventure and leisure tourism.

Yours sincerely





25th March 2018

To Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative,

The Scottish Surfing Federation, would like to give our support to the proposed Surf Skatepark located in Lossiemouth, Moray. A facility such as this would be a significant asset to the sport of surfing in Scotland. We are encouraged by the fact that the project committee is being headed by a group surfers and skateboarders, many of whom are SSF members, who we believe will ensure a facility of quality.

A dry land surf training facility would encourage further improvement in the surfing ability and fitness levels of Scottish athletes on both the National Junior Squad and the Scottish Surfing Team. We believe this Surf Skatepark would be used throughout the year, by members who would travel from all over Scotland to ensure optimum performance levels for competing and the SSF would use a facility such as this for national training camps.

With the nearest Surf Skatepark being in the South of England, the opportunity to utilise one in the North East of Scotland would be an incredible asset, and we are happy to champion the project.



SKATEBOARD:SCOTLAND

PROMOTING AND SUPPORTING SCOTTISH SKATEBOARDING

11th September 2018

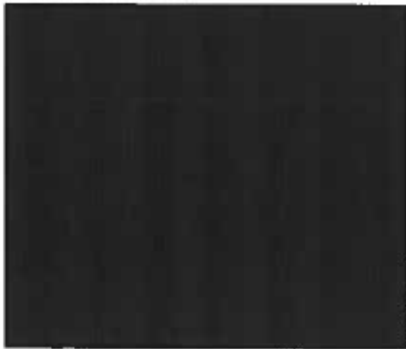
To Whom it May Concern,

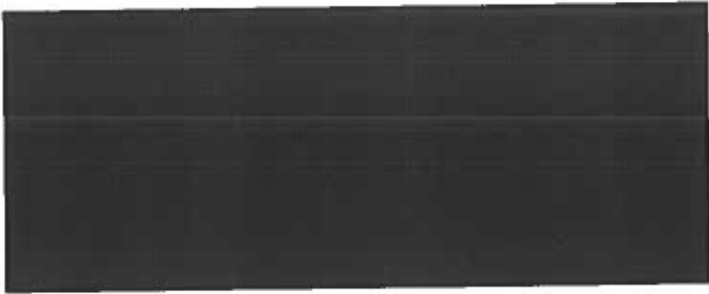
On behalf of Skateboard Scotland: I write in support of the Lossiemouth Skateboard Initiative plan to develop a new Skatepark facility in Lossiemouth.

We believe that this is an area of Scotland that would benefit greatly from a quality concrete skate facility. This is therefore something we as the National Governing Body support.

We wish the Lossiemouth Skateboard Initiative well in their quest for funding.

Yours faithfully,





Our Ref: EDOC-341-798-JA/mmt

11 April 2018



As Convener of the Moray Council and one of the four Heldon and Laich local members, I am delighted to support the Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative in their efforts to bring an exciting, new, free to use sports facility to the people of Lossiemouth and surrounding area.

I congratulate this local community group of volunteers for the sterling work they have already done to get this project to where it is today.

I wish you every success with your future efforts and look forward to seeing the skatepark when completed.

Yours sincerely





Dear LSI

Since we first heard LSI were intent on providing a concrete wheeled sports facility in Lossiemouth we were excited at the prospect. So much hard work has been done by you all and we salute you for this dedication.

The proposed concrete skatepark would be a worthy addition to the limited outdoor facilities for skateboarding/bmx in Lossiemouth and would provide opportunities for the youth of Lossiemouth and neighbouring towns. The skatepark would promote and encourage a healthy lifestyle while creating an atmosphere of friendship and support for residents and visitors.

Cycle Circle fully supports LSI in your quest for a wheeled sports facility in Lossiemouth.

Yours Sincerely



19.09.18



Dear Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative,

As a Surfer and Skateboarder resident in Lossiemouth, I am well aware of the need for excellent skatepark facilities in our fantastic coastal town.

My business relies on local members of the public learning to surf, as well as tourism from people travelling from all over the UK and abroad, who regularly return to take part in Surfing and Skateboarding activities. One of the main hurdles that visitors to Lossie face when they are keen to learn to skateboard here, is that there is nowhere designated to do so in a safe or appropriate area, and certainly nowhere between Aberdeen and Inverness where there is a skatepark that is suitable for complete beginners to advanced of a Surf Skatepark nature.

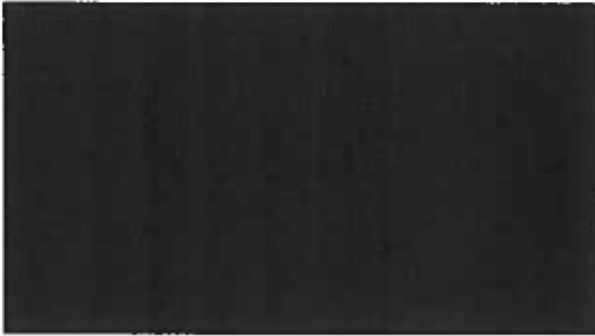
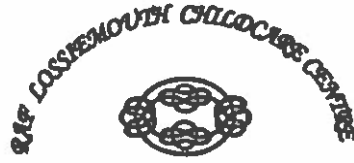
Also, as a Surf Coach with youngsters progressing in the skilled sport of Surfing, I can guarantee that a Surf Skatepark facility would be utilised by much of the Surfing Community across Scotland as a training facility for our Junior and Senior Teams. This includes a multitude of Surf Schools and individuals. In the Surfing and Skateboarding community (which is vast in the UK), Lossiemouth would firmly be on the map as a destination worth visiting.

On top of the benefit to our community and to tourists visiting our beautiful town, I am keen to ensure that I support this project to allow my children to make use of this proposed facility. At present, my children and many of their friends are all avid skateboarders, and yet the nearest skatepark is almost 6 miles away. This means that if they can't get to Elgin or Hopeman, then they are using roads and community areas where it is not as safe nor as acceptable as if it were at a skatepark. A free to use facility that is all inclusive would benefit existing skateboarders, BMX riders and young children on scooters, as well as encouraging even more people to take up these skilled sports, and to enjoy a fun and healthy pastime in a safe area.

Therefore, I would like to offer my full support to this project.

Kind regards,





September 13th, 2018

The RAF Lossiemouth Childcare Centre fully supports the Lossiemouth skate park initiative. The Centre provides full time childcare for children 6weeks to 16years, Monday to Friday 7.30 am till 6pm all year, the centre has an occupancy of 136 children a day. The centre during term time and school holiday time benefit a great deal from using local facilities within Lossiemouth as transport can be difficult to source.

A skate park in Lossiemouth would benefit the centre and community greatly, skateboarding is a great sport that many children love at the centre. A skatepark would be a great asset to benefit all the children in having a healthy lifestyle which can be difficult to promote these days.

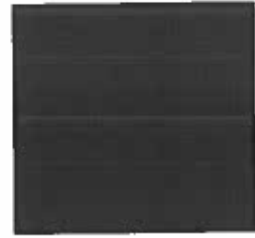
The health benefits that can alongside with this sport are huge, promoting physical endurance, improving co-ordination, social skills, teaches consequences, practice and patience, stress relief and problem-solving.

Regards



RAF LOSSIEMOUTH CHILDCARE CENTRE

13/9/18



Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my admiration and support for the Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative. As a resident of Lossiemouth for over ten years, a father of two small children who attend the local education establishments and a teacher of High School level children I am in no doubt whatsoever that this project will improve the quality of life of our residents. Skateboarding, rollerblading, scootering and biking are all excellent and popular forms of physical activity. They create friendship groups and develop social and physical skills such as balance, timing, endurance, patience, courtesy as well as nurturing a sense of ownership and responsibility. Lossiemouth, like many Scottish towns, suffers from a lack of venues for youngsters to hang out and feel free to develop these skills in a safe environment and this initiative seems to be aimed at addressing these issues in a positive and proactive manner.

I have spent time at the skatepark in Hopeman and have been very impressed with the numbers and diversity of people that use the facility. Locals and visitors frequently enjoy the ramps and the atmosphere is always one of positivity and dedication. I have watched my own daughter fly around the park with a determined grin on her face, her sense of accomplishment impossible to hide as she tackles another carve on her balance bike. More than anything, the Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative aims to improve the quality of life of our residents and visitors by providing a venue for fun to take place, and what could be more important than kids having fun?

Good luck with your venture, please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any help in the future,

Kind regards,





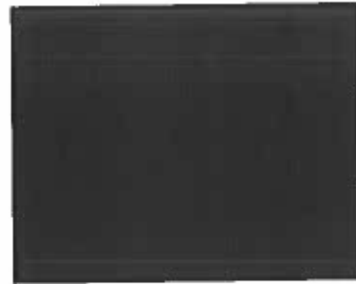
Dear Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative,

I am writing with regard to the proposed skatepark for Lossiemouth. I would like to offer my full support for the project, as I believe that it would be a great asset to the community. I feel sure that a facility such as this would be well utilised by both local community members and people travelling from further afield.

As a Mother and Wife to a family of skateboarders based in Lossiemouth, and a witness to just how many young people there are living and skateboarding in Lossiemouth, I know that a skatepark facility like this could positively impact youngsters lives in a big way. At present, youngsters are using local community areas and busy roads to learn to skateboard and to practice their skills, but this is both unsafe and unsatisfactory.

As a community, we should be rallying around these young people to provide them with a safe skatepark facility. I will support the project in any way I can.





To whom this may concern,

I am writing this letter to show support towards the erection of a skatepark for local children, stating/scootering helps children develop their coordination core strength and fine motor skills thus promoting a healthy life style. Last year the Scottish government announced that 65% of 16 years and 62% of children are either obese or at risk of becoming obese bring numerous health problems naming diabetes and heart disease.

We are looking for a change and will help to support in any way we can,

For more information feel free to give me a call or message.





Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative
[Redacted]
lossieskateinitiative@gmail.com

Your Ref:
Our Ref:

14th September 2018

Dear Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative

Letter of Support

I am writing on behalf of the Active Schools and Sports Development section of Moray Council to show our support towards the Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative. The skatepark group are currently undertaking a feasibility study for this project and are submitting a community asset transfer request for the area of land identified for the skatepark.

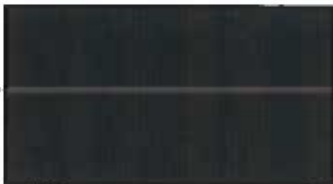
The development of a skatepark has been an ambition of the local community for a number of years due to the identified need that has been highlighted by a large percentage of the local Primary and Secondary School aged pupils in Lossiemouth for such a Park. The voluntary group driving this project forward have undertaken significant work to date to reach this stage in the process.

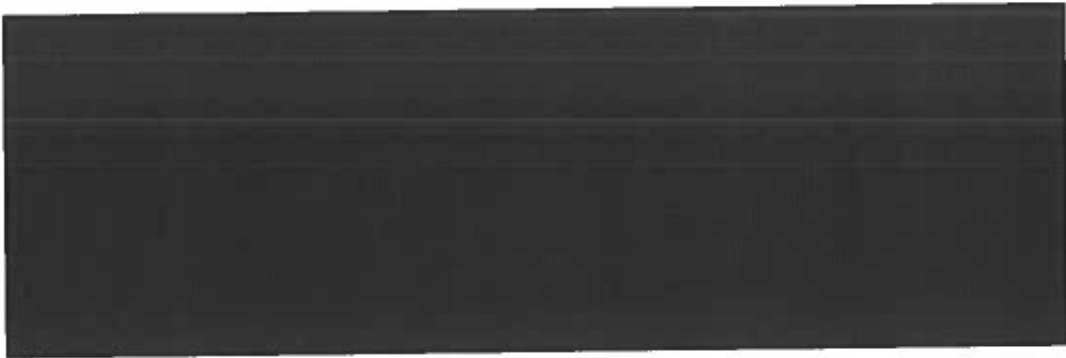
There are currently no skatepark areas or similar alternatives in the Lossiemouth area therefore no safe environment for young people to use their skateboards, scooters and rollerblades etc which are highly popular activities.

Moray's strategic vision is that 'Physical Activity and Sport are embedded in the lives of the Moray community' and this project would contribute to achieving this vision and providing children with the appropriate facility to undertake their hobbies and interests. SportsScotland's national aim within the Active Schools programme is to ensure more children are more active, more often and this project would most definitely ensure this was the case for young people in Lossiemouth and the surrounding area.

We wish the Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative all the best in moving forward with this project.

Yours sincerely





14.09.18.

To whom it may concern,

Our school would like to express its support for the proposed Surf-Skate Park for Lossiemouth. It sounds a very inclusive facility with ramps for all ages and abilities.

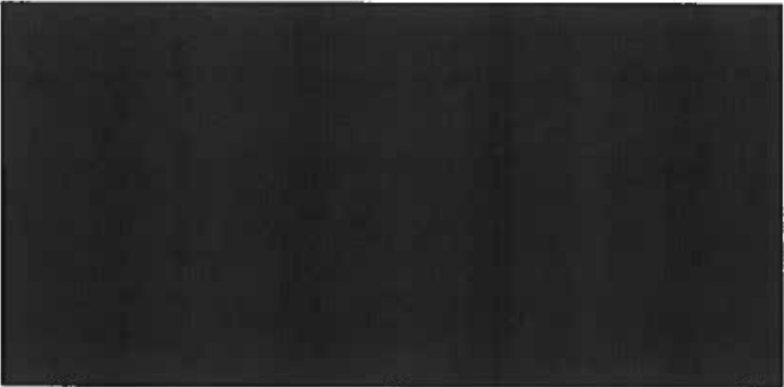
At present many of our children travel to Elgin or Hopeman to use their skateboard parks. However, this depends on an adult taking them at primary age, so a park in their own town would be a fantastic asset. We do have some children who use the school playground out of school times to practise their skateboarding skills but there are no ramps or hills so this is very limited for them.

Furthermore, we are trying to encourage our children to be more active and to develop good habits of participating in sports and activities in the local area. A Surf-Skate Park would be accessible for all and would encourage and support a healthy and active lifestyle.

We very much hope that we will see this facility developed here in Lossiemouth in the near future.

Yours sincerely,





Our Ref: Lossiemouth Skate park Initiative

Your Ref:

09 April 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a locally elected member of Moray council I fully and wholeheartedly support the work and vision of the LSI group and their Skate park project.

To have a free-to-use sports facility like this in the town of Lossiemouth will be a fabulous addition with great benefits for people of all ages. The good health and well-being is essential for all in Moray and I look forward to seeing this project flourish and prosper.

The "Pop Up Mini-Ramp Days" have been well received and the interaction with the high school a very inspirational step forward.

I can only wish the entire team all the success in the world and can't wait to come along and try out some of the activities that will be on offer.

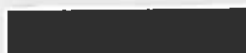
Yours Sincerely



Letter of support to the Lossiemouth Skatepark initiative

Riding High – Swim, Surf & Safety, 18 Ernest Hamilton Court, Elgin, IV30 4GH

08/10/2018



Thank you for sending me links and information regarding the most recent developments of the Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative. It's an incredibly exciting project for Lossiemouth not only providing wheeled sports facilities but also promoting community engagement too.

As a Sports Instructor and Youth Leader I know how important it is to have safe spaces and good facilities to promote health and wellbeing. A skatepark in Lossiemouth will be a great place for wheeled sport athletes to develop as well as giving those new to the sport the opportunity to try out something new. It's an exciting time for wheeled sports with Skateboarding confirmed for it's debut in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games and as it grows in recognition as a sport as well as an incredibly skilled lifestyle activity it would be great to have a permanent facility in Lossiemouth.

I fully support the Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative and wish it all the success in its developments and ongoing community engagement.

Yours Sincerely





Date: 1 October 2018

LOSSIEMOUTH SKATEPARK

As Officer Commanding all community engagement activities at RAF Lossiemouth, it is a pleasure to formally support the efforts of all in the local community who have worked so hard to develop a skate park for the area. RAF personnel have been heavily involved in this project and it is a clear example of where our integrated approach has reaped its rewards.

There is little in the town of Lossiemouth to occupy young people, particularly those who are not attracted to traditional youth club and uniformed youth settings. To this end, the development of a bespoke skate park will provide a meeting point to service the needs of these young people. It will further provide an outreach location where targeted support can be provided.

The skate park will also provide a venue and activity where young people who relocate to Lossiemouth with their serving RAF parents can more easily meet with new friends and embed themselves in their new community.

I wish all involved in this project huge success in their endeavours and look forward to seeing the end result.

Kind regards





25th September 2018

Dear Mr Malcolm

With reference to your email, I would be delighted to offer you support for the up & coming Skatepark Venture.

On reading the Lossiemouth Skatepark Initiative which I see this has been ongoing since 2014, this project well deserves to get the go ahead, it is noticed that there is not that much for the youngsters of Lossiemouth to do, and having something like this keeps them off the streets and out of trouble. I have worked here for many years and notice most, if not, every night we have skateboarders outside the front of the High School so a proper designated area for them the skateboard is much needed.

On visiting Hopeman & Elgin parks I find these two areas well attended.

I wish you all the best and hopefully soon am able to see a Skatepark here in Lossiemouth.

Yours sincerely

