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FERNDOWN SKATEPARK **CHERRY GROVE** **FERNDOWN**

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

Introduction

The proposal is to extend the existing skatepark to allow the installation of new, creative obstacles and provide improved youth facilities.

Relevant Planning Policies/SPG

Christchurch and East Dorset Local Plan Part 1 . Core Strategy 2014
East Dorset Local Plan 2002

HE2 . Design of new development

DES2 . Criteria for development to avoid unacceptable impacts from types of pollution

LTDEV1 . Criteria for external lighting on developments

Guidance for Outdoor Sport and Play 2015 . Fields in Trust Policy Framework

Policy 1 . Promoting Healthy Communities

Policy 5 . Green Belt Development

Relevant Planning History

Approval was granted for the existing skatepark in March 2000.

Existing

The existing skatepark has been in use for circa 18 years and consists of 8 No. obstacles. Currently the skatepark area is 525M². The ramps are steel structures which have been coated with an acoustic substance.



The highest ramp is currently 1.93m with guarding at the top, taking this to an overall height of 3.33M.



The existing surface is tarmac which is the recommended surface for a use such as this. There is currently no lighting.

This skatepark provides a much needed youth facility for Ferndown and has grown in popularity over the years. In a time with growing obesity levels, it is important we encourage children to be active and support this with suitable facilities.

Proposal

The proposal is to extend the skate park into the unused grass area to the East. The new area would be 533.75M².

This area would be laid to tarmac with a PCC kerb edging to match the existing.

The new obstacles will be galvanised steel structures and coated with 18mm Phenolic coated, acoustic substrate.

No obstacle will be higher than the existing ramps.

The existing 1200mm high railings which separate the skatepark from the car park will be extended by 11.5M.



It is proposed to install 4 No. new floodlight 8M columns and lights. The lights will be extinguished at 21:00 hours automatically.

Use

The current use of the site is a skatepark and recreation area.

Amount

The proposal is for 533.75M² of new area to the existing skatepark and to provide 4 No. columns with floodlights.

The floodlights will be 2000 Wall Philips Optivision MVP 507 medium beam asymmetric low glare luminaires. Complete with Tridonic control gear and MHN . FC lamps.

Layout

The skatepark will be extended to the East and there will be a floodlight column in each corner.

Scale

No obstacle will be higher than the existing ramps.

The floodlight columns will be 8M in height.

Appearance

The skatepark surface and obstacles will reflect the existing.

Access

The access will remain the same.