

Dereham Town Council

Dereham Skate Park.

Tender to select preferred contractor.

Budget - £200,000 - £250,000

Deadline for submissions – 1st November 2025 –

Tenders returned to : generalenquiries@derehamtowncouncil.org

If additional information or a site visit is required please contact Tony Needham on 01362 693821

Background.

The current park was installed just over 20 years ago, flood lighting was added about 10 years ago and we would anticipate that the new facility is also be flood lit.

The facility is extremely well used by skaters, BMXs and scooters, because of the flood lighting is used well into the evenings most of the year.

The facility is so well used that on some of the ramps the concrete has worn away exposing steel reinforcing bars.

Concept ideas.

We are inviting companies to submit initial concept design for options to refurbish, extend and upgrade our current facility. We would expect the concept ideas to incorporate features for skaters, BMXs and scooters. We are keen to ensure that new comers to the sport are able to use the facility so it must also cover a range of complexity to cater for the nervous beginner through to the experienced, confident older teens. Concrete is our preferred construction material because this seems to provide better functionality, longevity with minimal maintenance, but we are open to other materials if these can be demonstrated to be superior.

We are looking for a contemporary, inspiring design, of a similar size to the existing skate park, but we would also like options increase the functionality of the park if additional funding became available. When the current skate park was first installed it was hailed as one of the best in the County, we want people to say the same again.

Within your submission, you will need to:

1. Details of similar sized projects recently carried out, or a concept plan for this site. We would like to see options to extend the park if additional funding became available.
2. Detail how you will engage with the current and potential users to both manage expectations and to turn the concept design into a detailed deliverable design to meet the needs identified in the engagement process. We are particularly interested to know how you will work with less experienced nervous users and potentially people with mobility impairments and wheelchair users. The Town Council has venues that could be made available for this purpose. It is expected that there will be at least one event where the contractor will discuss the project with young people and hear their views on an initial concept idea, then a follow up event when to explain how issues raised have been incorporated into the final scheme, and also explain why any ideas could not be incorporated.
3. Show a breakdown of estimated costs for each option to include:
 - a. Preliminaries - Consultation, detailed design, site setup and mobilisation etc.
 - b. Construction phase – Demolition and removal, materials estimated quantities, volume and costs. (while it is understood that costs may alter before any contract is signed, we would like you to price at current rates, so tenders can be compared).
4. Show a project timeline, if appointed in December 2025. We will be looking for work to commence in early summer 2026, planning permission is not required.
5. Explain how you would meet the design requirements as detailed above.

6. Include a design; it is not expected that there will be detailed drawings prepared specific for this site, but it would be helpful to include images of similar value projects you have completed and annotate the image so it is easy to see how each feature could meet the design requirements.
7. Any warranty and defects correction period and how any identified defects would be dealt with.
8. If possible provide low carbon options, including low carbon concrete. The Council would like to consider what if any low carbon options are available.
9. Detail contractual arrangements, if the contractor has a standard contract please submit this.

Constraints.

There are a number of mature trees to the east of the existing skate park, a root protection zone will need to be established to ensure the trees are not impacted by the works.

Selection of preferred contractors.

How well you have addressed the points detailed above, particularly how you intend to engage with current and potential users to finalise the design and value for money.

The site is located off – London Road/Station Road Dereham Norfolk NR19 1AF



