

## **Consultation on proposals for pump/skateboard track and community garden on Levens Playing Fields: July 2021**

**Attendance:** 70 people visited the consultation in the Pavilion between 2.30 and 7pm on Friday 9th July. This included 32 children and 3 Parish Councillors. Many thanks to Emma, youth worker from KEY, for helping the older children to put their ideas together and for attending on the day (with them).

**General comments:** I'm really impressed with the letter from the Ingleton Parish Council

It would be good to understanding how much funding the "Playing Fields" have and how it will get shared. The playground is mainly focused on young children. It would be good to see a focus on all age groups.

We need more bins

Maybe add a couple of speaks where people can connect their music via bluetooth to enjoy while using the park

Is it possible to create a little seated area with roof for bad weather/picnic days ?

All the ideas are great and I think that it would be really fun.

I think both the pump track/park and sensory garden having a younger child ourselves, we think it's the perfect addition to our village.

Wonderful idea. Love community garden and bike track to keep children occupied.

I think it looks great ! Fencing would be an issue, speed of cars past the park entrance, too. Great for older kids and something there isn't round here for kids to do.

I think both the skate park and garden are amazing ideas. Noth would give valuable experiences to the whole village, young and old. I don't have any concerns about either of these proposals and would love to see both in our park. Is anything, the only concern I could see getting raised would be around parking and access (from villager who is isolating)

**Community garden:** Love community garden idea: FAB !

A lovely idea to have raised beds linked to school – such a huge part of the curriculum now. Maybe even more raised beds would be good.

I think the garden would be really nice to put for bees and animals. Josh.

Wild flowers and fruit trees. What an ace plan !

Love the music instruments in the community garden. But also love all the ideas suggested ! Hannah and Rachel.

The little children really like the mirror archway in the garden.

Will the children have free access to the gardens ? I'm really concerned that children will get into trouble for using it.

Love community garden. How about a living willow arch ?

Raised beds will be in the shade there (north of school wall)

**Larger swings:** I am concerned about the swings (old ones near school gate) being removed. It is the only play equipment the older children play on. Please consider the older age groups.

Love the ideas. Just wondering swings would go for bigger kids ?

We find that the big swings are better and that they are our favourite part of the park. 3 girls, Year 6 and 5.

I think the gardens are a good idea but I don't want to get rid of the swings as a lot of the older kids go on there. Maybe change the location or move the swings.

Oh no not the swings ! I know they are old but they are so beautiful and part of Levens history.

**MUGA:** I feel it's such a shame to take away the MUGA. The village is growing: 85 at school. 25 playgroup and any older than 12 not counted. Right idea wrong location.

Shame to lose MUGA which if improved would provide many different sports. Garden – excellent

What about hard surface outdoor area for school ? (they use the proposed area when wet)

People still use the MUGA for other things – should that just be updated ?

MUGA is used by school and others for sport – which was the original grant funding. Needs developing not replacing.

I have my concerns. Is it really an activity for all ? Or a certain group of older children/adults? Agree !

Pity we lose the 5 side football area

I really like the idea of a skate park but I would also like to keep and majorly improve the basketball and football facilities. I think this would benefit young and old of Levens. Love the fruit trees and wild flowers.

### **Pump track/skateboard park:**

Thoughts:

First: Great idea and use of dead space also that skateboarding is an Olympic sport !!

Second:

- Not a fan of modular systems. The lip doesn't work for skateboards or scooters, suggest formed concrete, not steep angles but flowing curves are much more enjoyable and progressive
- Modular pump track has issue with sides falling off the track, better to make the track again from concrete like the image you show on your graphics. A much better investment for the length of life and maintenance costs.

L, S, M and J, 3 local men

I think it's fantastic what the children have achieved so far in the time and work they have put into planning a skatepark and would like to support them with my full backing to develop a suitable area in Levens Playground for older children.

However, I'm afraid I am not in support of the suggested plans. I'm concerned a modular, temporary pump track will prove unsafe, expensive and will have a limited life span therefore poor value for money given its reported £30,000+ price tag. The other skate ramp options also don't appear fit for purpose.

I would be more in favour of a concrete skatepark similar to the one in Kendal. It would be suitable for skateboards, scooters and BMX bikes. There's insufficient space allocated in the playground for mountain bikes regardless of the facility put in place.

How much "on the ground" research have the children done ?

Have they visited local skateparks including Kendal ?

What type of equipment do they want to use on the skatepark ?

What's the estimated cost of modular versus concrete skatepark ?

After a little research, I've included some links below which might be useful.

Best of luck. With my support. J

Brilliant idea. Least injury prone/skid risk

Is the pump track big enough ?

Is the pump track not a bit small ?

Does the tarmac need resurfacing first ?

Concrete looks like it makes better use of the available space

It would be lovely to see the wheels park before the children leave

A super idea, a great asset to the village especially the older children and teenagers H and R

Maybe decide pumtrack or skatepark. My pref would be big pump track

Think the idea is brilliant, will be great for the area of a skate park and pumtrack. Maybe have a area for children to chill who just want o relax with mates

It would be great for the teenagers to have somewhere to go

We like the fact that the modular aspect means it could happen sooner

Sunken pump track rather than on top modular

Great idea – I think the area is quite small for 2 disciplines. Happy to help and contribute more ideas – moving forward

Mix of two seems less cost effective than one cohesive design

Plastic track looks dangerous with drops on sides

Spacing ? distance between cyclist and skateboards. What to do if busy

Great ideas and a huge positive for the village. BIKE TRACK. M.

Lovely ideas. Well done ! Would the pump track be big enough ? Although does look pretty technical

The local area is screaming for some fun space for kids to go. The nearest pump track is 40mins drive away. BRING IT ON !

Full vote for only one. Pump or skate !?

I know of at least 7 toddlers who use the pumptracks in the area who would love this !

Benefits young people's emotional and physical wellbeing

Would a more permanent bike track be better like at Ingleton ? Fantastic idea – my kids would love it. Would a bigger track be better ?

The pump track looks fantastic ! It will be used by a wide range of ages, including the older kids

A bike track/ramps on the MUGA is a great idea. I'm not sure about the modular pump track or the harsh surface to fall on to. I think a permanent built track would be much better. And new surfacing/basketball/nets/football nets on one of the current tennis courts.

I think the pump track is an amazing idea as it will bring all the kids of Levens together in united way – I.

Fantastic work to all involved so far. Space too compromised for both. Seems ideal to leave fencing, base and fence and work space for skatepark with covered areas shelters/bins etc.

Pump park: Wow guys you've worked really hard on this planning. I hope you're successful

Could they hire for 1 day a month Brigsteer footpath ? more off road/roots/mud ?

### **32 comments from children/young people:**

YAY!!! Skate park. Everything looks great !!!

I think the skate park with the grass round it is good because if you fall off it is grass

It is really nice to go on. G

I would love a skatepark because I can come on my long board !

I think girl skateboarding is really important ! I really really really want a skate[park and you have to wear a helmet. PLEASE !!!!!

It is fun because you go fast

Pump track. J. T.

I think the pump track is a good idea because it will be fun

I would love a skate park because it would be fun

I think it be good right size

Pumptrack. A.

I think it will be good because it will give us something to do.

Pumptrack yes ! R

I think it would be good to have the pumptrack because it look really cool. J

Job it looks good good G

Pump track H

Pump track D

Super good

Go pump track !!!

Skateboard and bike track would be fun M

Pump track yes J

Pump track yes ! D

Pumptrack B

Pump track F

Girls skateboarding is very important

I think the skate park with the grass round it is a good idea because if someone falls off they won't get hurt

Skate jumps and corners

Pump track A

E I like the pump and skate park would be fun. It saves driving to another pump track

I think the pump track is a good idea. We will all love it !!!

I think the pump track is the best

I like the pump track J

## **Concerns:**

I think the pump track and skatepark is a great idea but might be better as one or the other. \*No 1 choice – pump track but both with more space

Are there going to be more pump tracks in the area

Isn't there enough bike parks in Milnthorpe and Kendal ?

Currently no bikes are allowed in the park and no dogs. What is the different between a pump track or a dog agility area ? More people with dogs in Levens than bikes

Pump track is a great idea – wrong location – safety for children on playing fields, parking concerns, no bikes on playing fields.

**A safe route** is needed for bikes from the entrance gate to the pump track

I am concerned regarding more bikes going around the play park.

**Parking:** Parking is a massive issue. Love the sensory garden/veg beds. A lot of money !  
Could be better spent for a wider audience ?

Can we have a safer road crossing – Parish Council NOT PC – HIGHWAYS AND WE ARE WAITING FOR THEIR RESPONSE

Think it would be great for local children but concerns about people from out of area visiting. Parking ? Garden – fab !

The parking is a nightmare now – I am concerned regarding more people coming to little Levens

Concerns about parking on the road

Parking is already a nightmare/dangerous !