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**Martyn Cassell**

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**From:** James Gregory  
**Sent:** 11 September 2012 16:23  
**To:** Martyn Cassell; Steve James  
**Subject:** THANET LEGACY SKATE PARK PROJECT: Focus Group

For your approval.

*THANET LEGACY SKATE PARK FOCUS GROUPS*

*TDC SPORT MATTERS GIVES YOUNG PEOPLE A VOICE.*

We would like to invite you to our Information gathering exercises at key skate locations, that are **due to take part** next week after TDC Cabinet decided to build 3 skate parks in 3 separate locations around the isle.

This was in response to a 1200 signature petition received by TDC in June.

These focus groups, which will be led by UK SKATE ASSOCIATION'S CHAIRMAN, NIC POWLEY are **specifically** targeted at people who take part in the various skate disciplines: skate boarding / bmxing/ in-line skates & scooters.

These will be held at key skate locations around Thanet (young people friendly locations, meeting them in their own space and style).

This is just the start of the consultation process. We want to ensure we are delivering what the skaters & people want.

We are no skateboard experts; that's why we have called on Nic & the UK Skate Association for assistance, advice and expertise to make sure we do things right.

We have heard of case studies where council's build skate parks without consultation and then are baffled when they are left empty by the user groups. This will not happen in Thanet.

These initial focus groups will be followed up by more formal skater / resident meetings.

I apologise for the last minute nature of this invite, but due to the UKSA Chairman being in Thanet for a festival this weekend, we are able to save money on expenses, accomodation and travel costs by conducting these next week.

**1) Mon 17th Sept: BROADSTAIRS: MEM REC: 6pm**

**2) Tues 18th Sept: MARGATE: HARTSDOWN DIP: 6pm**

**3) Weds 19th Sept: RAMSGATE: WARRE REC: 6pm**

If we have poor weather, we will have our gazebos up and could use the leisure facilities on site.

I look forward to meeting you next week..

Best Regards

James Gregory

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The logo for 'SPORT 4NRG' is displayed. The word 'SPORT' is in a bold, sans-serif font above the word '4NRG', which is also in a bold, sans-serif font. The '4' is stylized. The text is white with a black outline, set against a dark, textured background that resembles a halftone dot pattern.

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**From:** Dawn Cole  
**Sent:** 17 September 2012 12:05  
**To:** Martyn Cassell  
**Subject:** RE: Freehold title number - Hartsdown Park

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is that all you need?

Rgds

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**From:** Martyn Cassell  
**Sent:** 17 September 2012 10:53  
**To:** Dawn Cole  
**Cc:** Natalie Beldin; James Gregory  
**Subject:** Freehold title number - Hartsdown Park  
**Importance:** High

Hi Dawn

I am submitting a bid to Sport England today for the new skateparks. I need evidence of security of tender for the land and Natalie suggested the above.

Do you have the freehold title number to hand for Hartsdown Park please.

Regards  
Martyn Cassell  
Interim Community Safety, Sport and and Leisure Manager

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**Sent:** 17 September 2012 17:28  
**To:** James Gregory  
**Cc:** Martyn Cassell; cllr-Ken Gregory  
**Subject:** Proposed Skate Park Hartsdown

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Hi Shirley

Will have a chat tonight about this but quick responses;

1) Would love to see the file on the previous attempts.

2) I am sure democratic services will know the breakdown of the signatures, but ultimately this is now irrelevant as the decision is one in each of the towns and last night's consultation in Broadstairs showed that the youngsters move around the whole of the district to each of the parks anyway.

3) We totally intend to liaise with all residents surrounding the proposed sites for development but no point until we have outline plans. That way if there is valid opposition we can adapt accordingly but not worth just going to discuss 'what ifs'. There is loads we can do to minimise the impact on local houses such as physical screening and of course engagement work with the users.

4) Basketball posts will be included in the design or moved to the tennis courts. Loads of open space for the remote control cars and the skatepark will cater for bikes too.

5) Will research the tanks issue but not one I am aware of.

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**Sent:** 19 September 2012 17:40  
**To:** Martyn Cassell; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** James Gregory  
**Subject:** RE: Hartsdown - Skatepark

Hi Martyn

Thanks for this - will come in with file when you have a bit of spare time! Can you either e-mail me or give me a ring to arrange a suitable time etc.

Thanks  
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**Sent:** 19 September 2012 13:33  
**To:** [REDACTED] cllr-Shirley Tomlinson  
**Cc:** James Gregory  
**Subject:** RE: Hartsdown - Skatepark

Hi [REDACTED]

I look forward to meeting you and the group in due course so we can consider any concerns. I hope to be able to reassure you that the plans will be considerate of all parties.

- 1) Not all of the concrete area will have tricks and banks as we definitely still want to cater for beginners or younger children.
- 2) I would happily meet the radio control car group to suggest other suitable areas/options. Again not all of the concrete area is planned to be used for skate/BMX as the budget is limited.
- 3) Whilst we have not decided on types of screening yet, one of the benefits of refurbishment is to use the correct type of skimmed concrete. This has no lips/connections so reduces the noise from wheels hitting them e.g. noise from the equipment. Noise from increased number of people using the facility is a consideration but I would argue that it would be difficult to hear noise of the skaters above the road and train station already. Anti-social noise would of course be followed up in the usual way by Council departments. We would not be installing lights at the venue so the usage of the park will decrease in winter months (7 months of the year). During the summer we will actively engage with the users to consider local residents and work with senior members of the group to 'self police'.
- 4) Having spent more time at the site last night, my current thought process is now to move the basketball posts to edge of the concrete area as there will be plenty of space.

I really don't think refurbishing this corner of the park will impact on ALL other users. There is plenty of space and my current understanding is that there will be no further loss of park to the football club. I agree that all users work together at the moment and don't envisage this changing with new facility.

As Cllr Tomlinson says we will be in touch soon once initial plans are drawn up. In the meantime I would be interested in seeing the file with concerns about previous plans so we don't fall into the same problems.

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**Cc:** James Gregory  
**Subject:** Skate park - Hartsdown

Hi

Iv'e told [REDACTED] about the meeting on Thursday - can you please bring her file with you with the paperwork from previous plans.

Many thanks

Shirley

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**Sent:** 20 November 2012 10:57  
**To:** Martyn Cassell; cllr-Shirley Tomlinson  
**Cc:** James Gregory  
**Subject:** RE: Skate Parks..

Thank you . We will need to make this very clear! Regards, Iris

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**From:** Martyn Cassell  
**Sent:** 19 November 2012 14:43  
**To:** cllr-Iris Johnston; cllr-Shirley Tomlinson  
**Cc:** James Gregory  
**Subject:** FW: Skate Parks..

Hi Cllrs

See email exchange below from a potential supplier. To build the skatepark in the centre of the park **would** cost an approx £50k more than on the existing site. This is assuming that the resurfacing costs of the existing park are about £30k. This is before we even consider the actual ramps or trick areas.

I haven't had chance to look at the screening costs yet but I would hazard a guess that it will be cheaper than this option.

Regards  
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**Sent:** 16 November 2012 16:31  
**To:** Martyn Cassell  
**Subject:** FW: Skate Parks..

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 16 November 2012 16:15  
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Hi James,

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A new build tarmac pad of that size would be in the region of £80K (list price).

If you need a confirmed price/quote please let me know.

I know you are working hard on Gym and Skate areas at the moment but I do have some new play designs that I'd like to discuss with you in the near future.....

Regards  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** James Gregory [mailto:James.Gregory@THANET.GOV.UK]

**Sent:** 08 November 2012 11:47

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Skate Parks..

Hope all is well [REDACTED]

We're still in early stages of consulting with residents about our skate park projects. Residents are not too keen on having it right outside their doorsteps in the concrete bowl area in Hartsdown Park.

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Thanks in advance.

Best Regards

James Gregory

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**Sent:** 10 December 2012 19:01  
**To:** [REDACTED] Martyn Cassell; James Gregory; cllr-Iris Johnston  
**Cc:** cllr-Shirley Tomlinson  
**Subject:** Re: Hartsdown - Skatepark

Dear, [REDACTED]

Shirley is still very much your active ward councillor. She has stepped down from her role as a Shadow Cabinet member but attended the meeting at TDC recently which I chaired on an update. Residents and would be users attended.

We now await the drawings and further investigations in to what can be achieved at Hartsdown. Officers confirmed that a skatepark in a new area will be very expensive (50k more at least) but we still have to see what we can do. Once officers have further informaiton on all of this we will be in touch.

Regards, Iris

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** 'Martyn Cassell' <Martyn.Cassell@THANET.GOV.UK>; 'James Gregory' <James.Gregory@THANET.GOV.UK>; [REDACTED] 'cllr-Iris Johnston' <cllr-Iris.Johnston@THANET.GOV.UK>  
**Cc:** 'cllr-Shirley Tomlinson' <cllr-Shirley.Tomlinson@THANET.GOV.UK>  
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**From:** James Gregory  
**Sent:** 12 December 2012 09:51  
**To:** Martyn Cassell; [REDACTED] IRIS JOHNSTON  
[REDACTED] cllr-Shirley Tomlinson  
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**To:** James Gregory  
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James

Appreciate the detailed update and the fact that the needs of the residents are obviously being taken into consideration for which we are very grateful. Look forward to hearing further in 2013.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas  
Regards  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** James Gregory [<mailto:James.Gregory@THANET.GOV.UK>]  
**Sent:** 11 December 2012 16:02  
**To:** cllr-Shirley Tomlinson; IRIS JOHNSTON [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Hartsdown - Skatepark

Hi [REDACTED] Since our resident consultation at Hartsdown, we have updated users with information that came to head from user group and resident meetings..

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- \*shielding and sound screening the area with bushed or tree lined barriers

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Considering we only have 150k to be split between 3 parks we do not see this as a commercially viable, or a practical option. This cost does not take into account the reverse work of making the current dip an open green space; which would be a requirement for the loss of park space.

We are now progressing by looking at viable options for suitable and attractive screening to ensure the resident's needs and concerns are fully taken into account.

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I apologise that this information is only coming to you now [REDACTED] but I hope it shows you that we are taking the residents views very seriously and are not rushing ahead with the project regardless.

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**Sent:** 04 June 2013 09:51  
**To:** Hannah Thorpe; IRIS JOHNSTON (iris.johnston@btinternet.com);  
[REDACTED] cllr-Shirley Tomlinson; Martyn Cassell  
**Subject:** Margate Skate Park - Hartsdown Park.

Hello to all. Martyn and I feel it's time that we touch base again with the margate residents to give them an update on the situation but we want to have a pre meeting with you all first to ensure we are all getting the correct message across.

Can you give me some suitable dates and times over the next few weeks please?

Friday 14th June

Tues 18th June

Thurs 20th June.

These dates are good for Martyn and me.

What we want to tell them is:

- \* no viability about having the skate park somewhere else in the park (cost of £50,000 plus, budget for the park is only approx £60,000 as it is)
- \* Only half of the dip will be refurbished into skate park, leaving the other half as a sports facility, maybe still available for remote control cars.
- \* concrete will be used for the surface to eliminate any unnecessary surface noise levels.
- \* Natural screening will be provided to help with noise reduction and visuals (trying to get images from suppliers for this as to what it might look like)
- \* No lighting will be provided so there will be a time limit on usage
- \* The bright light that is currently at roadside will be brought up with kcc highways to dim.

Thanks

Best Regards

James Gregory

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**From:** IRIS JOHNSTON [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 July 2013 12:40  
**To:** James Gregory; cllr-Iris Johnston; [REDACTED] cllr-Ken Gregory;  
Martyn Cassell; Hannah Thorpe  
**Subject:** Re: Hartsdown - Skatepark

Sorry only 30th and 31st good for me. Iris

**From:** James Gregory <James.Gregory@THANET.GOV.UK>  
**To:** cllr-Iris Johnston <cllr-Iris.Johnston@THANET.GOV.UK>; [REDACTED] cllr-Ken Gregory <cllr-Ken.Gregory@THANET.GOV.UK>; Martyn Cassell <Martyn.Cassell@THANET.GOV.UK>; Hannah Thorpe <Hannah.Thorpe@THANET.GOV.UK>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 July 2013, 10:55  
**Subject:** FW: Hartsdown - Skatepark

Hello to all.

Can you give me some convenient times and dates over the next two weeks so we can organise this meeting with the Hartsdown residents please..

Weds 17th or Thursday 18th, from 4pm until 6pm is my best availability.

Or week after (I'm away) so week after: Tues 30th, or Weds 31st: Again, any time after 3pm

Best Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 June 2013 17:33  
**To:** James Gregory  
**Cc:** cllr-Shirley Tomlinson  
**Subject:** RE: Hartsdown - Skatepark

James

As I have not heard back from you regarding meeting tonight, I will assume that you can't make it. I will check with some of the other residents to see if they are available next Wednesday at 7pm instead.  
Will be in touch

Regards

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 June 2013 18:42  
**To:** 'James Gregory'  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Hartsdown - Skatepark

Hi James

Would love to have an update as we were all wondering as July gets ever nearer (even if the summer weather doesn't).

Short notice I know, but can you make Wednesday, 5th June at my house at 7.00pm? I know that this is probably later than your working day, but need to fit in with the residents that would like to attend and their working days. I live at [REDACTED] All Saints Avenue. I have copied the other residents in so that they will get your response, if you wouldn't mind using the reply to all option. I will let Ken and Ian know as when I get your response as they are not on email.

Many thanks

**From:** James Gregory [<mailto:James.Gregory@THANET.GOV.UK>]  
**Sent:** 03 June 2013 11:30  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Hartsdown - Skatepark

Hi [REDACTED] Hope all is well? Are you free for a 30 min catch up over the next couple of weeks so we can let you know where we are with the skate parks?

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 10 December 2012 18:44  
**To:** Martyn Cassell; James Gregory; [REDACTED]; cllr-Iris Johnston  
**Cc:** cllr-Shirley Tomlinson  
**Subject:** RE: Hartsdown - Skatepark

Dear All

Obviously with the resignation of Cllr Tomlinson, we have not had any further information or updates regarding the proposed Skateboard park at Hartsdown Park since our meeting at the Leisure Centre with you on Thursday, 25th October 2012. Could you please update me on any items that might have arisen from recent meetings.

Many thanks

Regards

**From:** cllr-Shirley Tomlinson [<mailto:cllr-Shirley.Tomlinson@THANET.GOV.UK>]  
**Sent:** 19 September 2012 17:40  
**To:** Martyn Cassell [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** James Gregory  
**Subject:** RE: Hartsdown - Skatepark

Hi Martyn

Thanks for this - will come in with file when you have a bit of spare time! Can you either e-mail me or give me a ring to arrange a suitable time etc.

Thanks

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**From:** Martyn Cassell  
**Sent:** 19 September 2012 13:33  
**To:** [REDACTED]; cllr-Shirley Tomlinson  
**Cc:** James Gregory  
**Subject:** RE: Hartsdown - Skatepark

Hi [REDACTED]

I look forward to meeting you and the group in due course so we can consider any concerns. I hope to be able to re-assure you that the plans will be considerate of all parties.

- 1) Not all of the concrete area will have tricks and banks as we definitely still want to cater for beginners or younger children.
- 2) I would happily meet the radio control car group to suggest other suitable areas/options. Again not all of the concrete area is planned to be used for skate/BMX as the budget is limited.
- 3) Whilst we have not decided on types of screening yet, one of the benefits of refurbishment is to use the correct type of skimmed concrete. This has no lips/connections so reduces the noise from wheels hitting them e.g. noise from the equipment. Noise from increased number of people using the facility is a consideration but I would argue that it would be difficult to hear noise of the skaters above the road and train station already. Anti-social noise would of course be followed up in the usual way by Council departments. We would not be installing lights at the venue so the usage of the park will decrease in winter months (7 months of the year). During the summer we will actively engage with the users to consider local residents and work with senior members of the group to 'self police'.
- 4) Having spent more time at the site last night, my current thought process is now to move the basketball posts to edge of the concrete area as there will be plenty of space.

I really don't think refurbishing this corner of the park will impact on ALL other users. There is plenty of space and my current understanding is that there will be no further loss of park to the football club. I agree that all users work together at the moment and don't envisage this changing with new facility.

As Cllr Tomlinson says we will be in touch soon once initial plans are drawn up. In the meantime I would be interested in seeing the file with concerns about previous plans so we don't fall into the same problems.

Regards

Martyn Cassell

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 18 September 2012 19:54

To: cllr-Shirley Tomlinson

Cc: Martyn Cassell

Subject: RE: Hartsdown - Skatepark

Hi Shirley

Many thanks for such a prompt update and for your email just before the meeting - really appreciate your help with all this. I was desperate to come over but thought it best to stay away (and got a lot of housework done to get rid of my frustration!). I did see the group and also the bikers and indeed a couple of brave souls (neighbours) who went over - I was not prepared to risk it after last time - after all I am 20 years older now and don't move quite so fast! As far as I am aware both [REDACTED] indeed have issues with this proposal.

With regard to your previous email and Mr Cassell's comments - just a few points:

- Not all bikers that use this part of the park are BMX-ers - there are a lot of smaller children (who would have been at home having tea and getting ready for bed at the time of the meeting) and who would not be able to use the area due to the necessary speed that the skate boarders/bmx-ers need to achieve before being able to do stunts.
- Remote control cars do not work as well on grass, otherwise the guys that have these would use the grass already there.
- Regarding the physical screening - I fail to see how this will minimise the noise issue - unless it is a very high unsightly type of screening. Also please see back to my point in a previous email that if wooden fencing was used, this would probably be dismantled (as in the case of the toilet door and cubicle doors in 1990) to make secondary ramps which was a big litter problem before and also impossible to secure out of hours.
- If the basketball posts are moved to the tennis courts, this will reduce again the number of tennis courts - half of them have already been lost as a car park.

I think it is important to bear in mind that the park is for ALL users - and the space open to the general public to play, walk dogs etc is already being eroded as there is a huge chunk being used by Margate Football Club for the 5-a-side pitches (and possible plans for another full size pitch I believe along the Tivoli Park Avenue side of the park) and now restricted from general use by members of the public. Whilst I appreciate that the skateboarders have a right to specific space too, with the current concrete area, all users rub along very well together and all our catered for.

Regards

**From:** cllr-Shirley Tomlinson [mailto:cllr-Shirley.Tomlinson@THANET.GOV.UK]  
**Sent:** 18 September 2012 19:17  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Martyn Cassell  
**Subject:** Hartsdown - Skatepark

Hi [REDACTED]

Just to update you :

There were about 20 youngsters at meeting which was really to find out where they had come from how they travelled, whether they were a skater, biker or skateboarder etc.

The proposal is to upgrade the existing site - there is only £50k in the budget to do this so not sure what they would get for this. Nic Powley - Head of UK Skate Assoc was present getting a feel from the lads of what they wanted - he will then go away and draw up things etc.

There will be more formal meetings with the group and of course the residents. Martyn will inform us of the dates etc.

I met a [REDACTED] tonight who seemed very upset about it all and he also mentioned the water tanks, so perhaps you could keep him in the loop too along with [REDACTED] opposite who didn't seem to have any issues.

The lads I know would rather have one super dooper skate park than 1 in each town but that decision has already been made.

I will meet with Martyn probably next week sometime with your file and will keep you up to date with things.

Regards

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**Sent:** 31 July 2013 18:37  
**To:** James Gregory; Martyn Cassell; shirley\_tomlinson@thanet.gov.uk; Madeline Homer; Hannah Thorpe; Paul Verrall  
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**Sent:** 02 August 2013 10:34  
**To:** Karen Paton; Martyn Cassell; Steve Mayes; Grant Burton  
**Cc:** James Gregory; cllr-Clive Hart; cllr-Alan Poole  
**Subject:** RE: Thanet Skate Parks

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Iris

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**Sent:** 02 August 2013 10:05  
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**Cc:** James Gregory; cllr-Iris Johnston  
**Subject:** RE: Thanet Skate Parks

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**To:** Grant Burton  
**Cc:** Martyn Cassell  
**Subject:** Thanet Skate Parks

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**From:** IRIS JOHNSTON [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 August 2013 15:17  
**To:** cllr-Shirley Tomlinson; Martyn Cassell; James Gregory; Madeline Homer; Hannah Thorpe; Paul Verrall; Grant Burton  
**Subject:** Re: Skateparks

Definitely money for skatepark secure. Speak next week perhaps? All the best, Iris

**From:** cllr-Shirley Tomlinson <cllr-Shirley.Tomlinson@THANET.GOV.UK>  
**To:** IRIS JOHNSTON [REDACTED]; Martyn Cassell <Martyn.Cassell@THANET.GOV.UK>; James Gregory <James.Gregory@THANET.GOV.UK>; Madeline Homer <Madeline.Homer@thanet.gov.uk>; Hannah Thorpe <Hannah.Thorpe@THANET.GOV.UK>; Paul Verrall <Paul.Verrall@THANET.GOV.UK>; Grant Burton <Grant.Burton@THANET.GOV.UK>  
**Sent:** Friday, 2 August 2013, 10:48  
**Subject:** RE: Skateparks

Again - I thought it was crossing the T's and dotting the I's! I agree we may need to think again but **WHY** should 7/8 residents decide the future for our youngsters - would hate to lose the money for the Margate one so **perhaps** we need to discuss at some stage.

Thanks for all your hard work guys.

Shirley  
**From:** IRIS JOHNSTON [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 31 July 2013 20:57  
**To:** Martyn Cassell; James Gregory; Madeline Homer; Hannah Thorpe; Paul Verrall; cllr-Shirley Tomlinson; Grant Burton  
**Subject:** Re: Skateparks

We could always put it in Dreamland!

**From:** Martyn Cassell <Martyn.Cassell@THANET.GOV.UK>  
**To:** [REDACTED]; James Gregory <James.Gregory@THANET.GOV.UK>; Madeline Homer <Madeline.Homer@thanet.gov.uk>; Hannah Thorpe <Hannah.Thorpe@THANET.GOV.UK>; Paul Verrall <Paul.Verrall@THANET.GOV.UK>; cllr-Shirley Tomlinson <cllr-Shirley.Tomlinson@THANET.GOV.UK>; Grant Burton <Grant.Burton@THANET.GOV.UK>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 31 July 2013, 20:31  
**Subject:** RE: Skateparks

No worries Iris, we are used to difficult meetings and that one tonight wasn't the worst we've had.

I agree we probably need to go back to drawing board on the Margate site, I thought it would be a point of showing we had listened and making some concessions on screening but very apparent the issues they came up with at the first meeting were there to put barriers up and they didn't expect us to be able to come up with solutions.

I will follow up with police to see if the ASB issues they talk about are currently occurring.

On a slight negative, the tender packs were issued today to the five companies (I knew it was imminent but by sheer unluckiness it had to be today) so I will have to go out and inform the companies to disregard Hartsdown for the meantime.

Will update other officers tomorrow.

Regards  
Martyn Cassell



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**Sent:** 05 August 2013 15:32  
**To:** cllr-Iris Johnston; Martyn Cassell; Karen Paton; 'Steve Mayes'; Grant Burton  
**Cc:** James Gregory; cllr-Clive Hart; cllr-Alan Poole; Hannah Thorpe  
**Subject:** RE: Thanet Skate Parks

Hi Iris,

I wouldn't want to see it 'mid field'.....

Alan

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**From:** cllr-Iris Johnston [mailto:cllr-Iris.Johnston@THANET.GOV.UK]  
**Sent:** 05 August 2013 15:21  
**To:** Martyn Cassell; Karen Paton; 'Steve Mayes'; Grant Burton  
**Cc:** James Gregory; cllr-Clive Hart; cllr-Alan Poole; Hannah Thorpe  
**Subject:** RE: Thanet Skate Parks

Okay Martyn, let me know what you feel about Dane park but we wont rule out Hartsdown mid field!

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**From:** Martyn Cassell  
**Sent:** 05 August 2013 15:10  
**To:** cllr-Iris Johnston; Karen Paton; 'Steve Mayes'; Grant Burton  
**Cc:** James Gregory; cllr-Clive Hart; cllr-Alan Poole; Hannah Thorpe  
**Subject:** RE: Thanet Skate Parks

Hi All

I am happy to look at other options but we need to decide fairly quickly as the tenders have already gone out. If additional money can be found then we can move it further into Hartsdown Park, but then will this be suitable for other residents that didn't want to lose more space in the park on previous consultations?

I will try to have a walk up to Dane Park this week.

Regards  
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**From:** Karen Paton  
**Sent:** 06 August 2013 10:11  
**To:** Martyn Cassell  
**Cc:** James Gregory; cllr-Clive Hart; cllr-Alan Poole; Hannah Thorpe; cllr-Iris Johnston; 'Steve Mayes'; Grant Burton  
**Subject:** RE: Thanet Skate Parks

Dear Martyn,

As this further feasibility study is going to take more time than first envisaged, I suggest that rather than risk tenderers wasting resource on working up bids for Hartsdown dip that we notify them that whilst further feasibility is underway, this element is suspended from the contract opportunity subject to review of requirements.

Martyn, I also suggest that an update to risk log for this procurement is undertaken as there are now potential risks of project slippage, reputation, challenge of identification of suitable site subject to site survey, any funding limitations and additional costs that will be incurred.

Martyn, I am around this afternoon if you wish to have a get together to discuss procurement implications which we can then advise/update GPM

Kind regards  
Karen

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**Subject:** RE: Thanet Skate Parks

Hi All

I am happy to look at other options but we need to decide fairly quickly as the tenders have already gone out. If additional money can be found then we can move it further into Hartsdown Park, but then will this be suitable for other residents that didn't want to lose more space in the park on previous consultations?

I will try to have a walk up to Dane Park this week.

Regards  
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**From:** cllr-Iris Johnston  
**Sent:** 02 August 2013 10:34  
**To:** Karen Paton; Martyn Cassell; Steve Mayes; Grant Burton  
**Cc:** James Gregory; cllr-Clive Hart; cllr-Alan Poole  
**Subject:** RE: Thanet Skate Parks

Dear All,  
I have spoken to the Leader and Cllr Poole and explained that we CANNOT continue on the Hartsdown site. I was under the impression that Toni and some residents were happy if we got the screening right. However she and the others at the meeting back tracked on this.

I understand from Cllr Will scobie and Cllr John Edwards tat there is a dip in Dane park that might be ideal. Lets look at that urgently. It wont affect residents and is near the play area.

MARTYN can we please discuss this am. I am in the cabinet room now but have a 11am meeting. Should be free for half an hour at 12pm

Iris

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**From:** Karen Paton  
**Sent:** 02 August 2013 10:05  
**To:** Martyn Cassell; Steve Mayes; Grant Burton  
**Cc:** James Gregory; cllr-Iris Johnston  
**Subject:** RE: Thanet Skate Parks

Dear Martyn,

Sorry to hear that. If there is to be a potential change to the specification depends what timeframe this may develop within? Obviously, bidders should be advised as soon as there is some level of certainty of any possibility of a likely site change, to ensure that they don't put a lot of time and money into what has been presented. However, to advise without certainty is not really an option this could delay all aspects of the project, unless you wish to postpone this element but that is not something we would usually advocate unless unavoidable. I suggest rather than set "hares running" to wait the few days until you have a better understanding then we can have a rethink.

Fingers crossed X

Karen

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**From:** Martyn Cassell  
**Sent:** 01 August 2013 18:53  
**To:** Steve Mayes; Grant Burton  
**Cc:** Karen Paton; James Gregory; cllr-Iris Johnston  
**Subject:** RE: Thanet Skate Parks

Hi Steve

Many thanks for this. We had a particularly torrid time with the local residents of the Hartsdown site **last night** which may initiate a re-think on the exact location.

I am working on this with senior managers and politicians and should know more by early next week.

Karen / Steve – from your experiences, should we go out to the companies to let them know or wait **until we have** something more concrete (excuse pun)!

Regards  
Martyn Cassell

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**From:** Steve Mayes [<mailto:SMayes@gpm-partnership.co.uk>]  
**Sent:** 31 July 2013 14:15  
**To:** Grant Burton  
**Cc:** Martyn Cassell  
**Subject:** Thanet Skate Parks

Grant

Just to confirm the tenders were sent out yesterday and due for return on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 5.00pm.

Regards

**Steve Mayes**  
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## **Martyn Cassell**

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**From:** cllr-Iris Johnston  
**Sent:** 06 August 2013 18:44  
**To:** Martyn Cassell; Grant Burton; cllr-Alan Poole; James Gregory; Paul Verrall; cllr-Clive Hart; cllr-Shirley Tomlinson  
**Cc:** Janice Wason; Karen Paton; Hannah Thorpe; Madeline Homer  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent Skatepark meeting

Martyn I am away until 21st august. we need this meeting before I go away on 9th . Iris

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**From:** Martyn Cassell  
**Sent:** 06 August 2013 14:22  
**To:** Grant Burton; cllr-Iris Johnston; cllr-Alan Poole; James Gregory; Paul Verrall; cllr-Clive Hart; cllr-Shirley Tomlinson  
**Cc:** Janice Wason; Karen Paton; Hannah Thorpe; Madeline Homer  
**Subject:** Urgent Skatepark meeting

Hi All

Following on from the resistance shown at the follow-up Hartsdown residents meeting last week there is a need to revisit the project for the Margate site.

We released the tender documents to the 5 shortlisted companies last week as well and so I will be asking our contract management company to release notification to the bidders to say that the Hartsdown site is suspended from the tender until further notice.

This carries some risks on the project.

- 1) The original petition that was received by full council asked for a skatepark to be built at Hartsdown Park.
- 2) The decision was to go for 3 parks, one in each town, but with this hold up we are likely to be building the other towns prior to Margate where the plea originated from.
- 3) The delay could hold the entire project up if it is not removed from the tender. However if Margate site is removed from the tender then it is likely a new procurement process will need to be conducted and might not bring the economies of scale from doing all at same time.

We have held public meetings for users and for residents in each area. The Broadstairs and Ramsgate meetings didn't have high attendance but those that attended were in favour and ward Cllrs are aware of the projects. The parks don't need planning permission as they are on Council land, do not exceed 4m in height or 200 cubic metres of land movement. There were press releases issued at the time of the decision that mentioned Hartdown Park and the Warre Rec but not since decisions were made on the three sites.

In hindsight, I am a little worried that if all of the sites proposed have gone under the radar of residents e.g. not advertised through planning, low attendance at resident meetings that we may encounter problems at the stage of building. I would therefore welcome a discussion on the Margate site and whether or not we should publicise the proposed sites further.

Unfortunately tomorrow is my last day in office for a week. Can we look to get together on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 11am please.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 November 2013 20:47  
**To:** Martyn Cassell; cllr-Shirley Tomlinson; cllr-Iris Johnston  
**Cc:** Grant Burton; Karen Paton; Madeline Homer  
**Subject:** RE: Hartsdown Skate Park - Margate

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Regards  
Residents of All Saints Avenue"

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**From:** Martyn Cassell [mailto:Martyn.Cassell@THANET.GOV.UK]  
**Sent:** 14 November 2013 17:46

**To:** cllr-Shirley Tomlinson; cllr-Iris Johnston; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Grant Burton; Karen Paton; Madeline Homer  
**Subject:** Hartsdown Skate Park - Margate  
**Importance:** High

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## Martyn Cassell

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**From:** Martyn Cassell  
**Sent:** 22 November 2013 14:54  
**To:** Grant Burton; Madeline Homer  
**Subject:** RE: Skatepark - Margate

Hi Maddie/Grant/Karen

I think it either needs a meeting or for me to do a report for SMT on this as it has serious implications for the project as a whole.

It leaves us with a few options as we haven't contacted the companies yet about the re-design in the Hartsdown Park area.

1) Cancel the Hartsdown project and go with two new parks under this tender. Then look to provide something else in Margate at a later date.

2) Delay the tender further and get re-designs for other areas in Margate, e.g. Viking Ship area at Cliftonville, Dreamland??

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-----Original Message-----

From: Grant Burton  
Sent: 22 November 2013 08:26  
To: Martyn Cassell; Madeline Homer  
Subject: Skatepark - Margate

Hi

Looking at the email from [REDACTED] we are not going to win on this site. There is no way we should proceed with the current alternative we will only gain problems both short and long term.

Need to discuss reporting this back to user groups. Makes the consultation worthless in these instances

## Martyn Cassell

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**From:** Martyn Cassell  
**Sent:** 02 December 2013 15:53  
**To:** [REDACTED] cllr-Shirley Tomlinson; cllr-Iris Johnston  
**Cc:** Grant Burton; Karen Paton  
**Subject:** RE: Hartsdown Skate Park - Margate

H [REDACTED]

Thank you for the comments. I had hoped that the new site was the solution to the problems as we are keen to find a solution for all parties. I have commented on the points below much of which I feel I answered at the public meetings.

- 1) The parks will be low level picket fenced but not locked. The very nature of these facilities are that they are open access. We cannot 'police' them out hours, this is the same for ball courts across the district in residential areas but where issues arise we can do is temporary surveillance to resolve issues and identify individuals causing the ASB.
- 2) There is no plan to light the parks at all. The 'daylight' bulb you pay reference to is, as I understand, a KCC street light and nothing to do with TDC. I am making enquiries with KCC about this.
- 3) The majority of the users will be pre-driving age limit but we recognise that some will drive to the skateparks. Signage in the park will remind users of where to park and should there be major parking issues then these could and should be reported to TDC parking so enforcement can take place. Barring an organised event where traffic management plans would be made, we estimate that there are likely to be less than 40 users at any given time.
- 4) It is undecided what will happen to the dip. I share your concerns that there could be overflow and this is something we would need to consider.
- 5) Any future options for the pavilion would factor this in. Leases could have conditions relating to use to mitigate this.
- 6) Any issues that arise from the location of a Skatepark would be dealt with by the relevant dept at the time e.g. community safety for anti-social behaviour or parking for infringements etc.

With regard to locating elsewhere in the park, yes finance was one of the considerations. It will be more expensive to build in the newly proposed area and would be the same anywhere in the park. However as Cllr Johnston said at the public meeting the key determinant for siting it elsewhere in the park was a loss of usable open space. The reason for selecting the area in front of the pavilion was that it would not encroach on other activities too much whereas a site in the middle of the park would.

I will be meeting with other officers in the next few weeks to look at the next steps and so would welcome any further steer from residents following my points above.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 December 2013 07:40  
**To:** cllr-Iris Johnston  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; Martyn Cassell  
**Subject:** Hartsdown Skate Park

Dear Cllr Iris Johnston

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kind regards

[REDACTED]



## Martyn Cassell

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**From:** cllr-Iris Johnston  
**Sent:** 13 December 2013 12:27  
**To:** Martyn Cassell [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] McGonigal;  
Hannah Thorpe; Karen Paton  
**Subject:** RE: Hartsdown Skate Park

Thank you Martyn and especially [REDACTED] for your emails and phone call.

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I hope we can now get on with the projects and a very happy Christmas to everyone. Kind regards, Iris

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**From:** Martyn Cassell  
**Sent:** 13 December 2013 10:16  
**To:** [REDACTED]; cllr-Iris Johnston  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Sue McGonigal; Hannah Thorpe; Karen Paton  
**Subject:** RE: Hartsdown Skate Park

Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your comments.

As I explained at the user group meeting, we received a large number of complaints from local residents regarding the proposed location for the Hartsdown Skatepark. We worked with the residents to offer a range of possibilities to limit the impact of some of their concerns but some were well grounded and unfortunately they were still looking to oppose the plans in the dip. As a result the Council's project team looked at different locations for the facility and a decision was made re: the area the other side of the pavilion. This will mean the building will act as a screen from the nearby houses.

Whilst I understand your frustrations we need to consider all parts of the community and are still committed to delivering a superior Skatepark facility for Margate. We are working with the tender companies at the moment to resolve this.

We have kept users and residents aware of our plans throughout the process via public meetings and through social media and so feel we have communicated sufficiently.

We are moving the rest of the project forward whilst resolving these issues and so there shouldn't be too much delay on the timelines.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 December 2013 19:33  
**To:** cllr-Iris Johnston  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Martyn Cassell; Sue McGonigal  
**Subject:** Re: Hartsdown Skate Park

Dear Iris,

further to our telephone conversation today, i am keen move forward with the project, so could you or Martyn please reply below, to my email sent on December 8th.

Just to clarify i was not present at the residents meeting that you mentioned today on the telephone.

It would be really nice if we could get the ball rolling on this project as soon as possible...

Very Best

[REDACTED]

On Sunday, 8 December 2013, 7:39, [REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 December 2013 09:18  
**To:** cllr-Iris Johnston; Martyn Cassell  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Sue McGonigal;  
Hannah Thorpe; Karen Paton  
**Subject:** Re: Hartsdown Skate Park

Hi Martyn and Iris,

Thank you for your emails dated 13th December,

Please can you provide details of what you mean by a 'large number of complaints from local residents'.

I was not aware of a public consultation where these opinions were being canvassed.

There hasn't been a public consultation on the current plans to revamp the current location. I fully agree that all parts of the community have to be considered and that, if consultation is required for the current plans in the existing location of the historic skate park, that this should be communicated openly.

The skate park (dip) is and has been an existing skate park since 1976, so the location isn't proposed. Surely it would be if the skate park was proposed to be relocated that would be consulted upon?

I have not attended the public meeting with residents that you refer to. I am keen to keep the project moving forward.

Kind regards,

On Friday, 13 December 2013, 12:26, cllr-Iris Johnston <cllr-Iris.Johnston@THANET.GOV.UK> wrote:  
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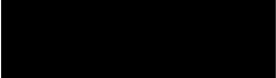
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**To:** [REDACTED]; cllr-Iris Johnston  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Hannah Thorpe  
**Subject:** RE: Hartsdown Skate Park

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As you, we are keen to move this forward and so I hope you will support our plans to provide a **good skate facility**.

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I have not attended the public meeting with residents that you refer to. I am keen to keep the project moving forward.

Kind regards,

On Friday, 13 December 2013, 12:26, cllr-Iris Johnston <[cllr-Iris.Johnston@THANET.GOV.UK](mailto:cllr-Iris.Johnston@THANET.GOV.UK)> wrote:  
Thank you Martyn and especially [REDACTED] for your emails and phone call.

I think there was some confusion over the meeting I remembered [REDACTED] attending! I was certain you were at the Hartsdown users meeting where James and Martyn updated on resident's views and etc. Martyn has confirmed I am not going totally mad!

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**From:** Grant Burton  
**Sent:** 11 February 2014 11:26  
**To:** Steve Mayes (SMayes@gpm-partnership.co.uk)  
**Cc:** Martyn Cassell  
**Subject:** Skateparks

Hi Steve

After a frustrating period of time I believe we now have a way of moving forward.

Members have agreed that the Margate location will change to the area just in front of the old changing block prior to reaching the tennis courts. We can supply you with this location plan.

Martyn has also nudged the other two locations slightly due to car park issues at Ramsgate and the proximity of housing in Broadstairs.

The new location at Margate will increase the contract value as more dig required and banking to be formed etc. It has been proposed to keep it transparent that we will re issue tenders to the tenderers for resubmission with a slightly higher budget and revised locations. At the same time we can address the 'drop off' issues on the ramps and limit the depth of bowls (our insurers not comfortable with depth).

Therefore we can now re tender the works (once you have the budget and locations sent over).

To determine the budget can you advise me what the additional fee GPM will charge to retender and undertake tender analysis, although this should hopefully be minimal from the previous analysis.

Regards  
Grant

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**To:** [REDACTED] cllr-Shirley Tomlinson; cllr-Iris Johnston  
**Cc:** Grant Burton; Karen Paton  
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**Sent:** 05 March 2014 09:34  
**To:** Martyn Cassell; cllr-Iris Johnston  
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Thanks  
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Hi all

I will draft email confirmation to [REDACTED] later today.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 04, 2014 06:54 PM GMT Standard Time  
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Hi Martyn  
Can you update me please?  
Thanks  
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Hi all

I will draft email confirmation to [REDACTED] later today.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 04, 2014 06:54 PM GMT Standard Time  
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**Sent:** 05 March 2014 12:22  
**To:** [REDACTED] cllr-Shirley Tomlinson; cllr-Iris Johnston  
**Cc:** Grant Burton; Karen Paton; Madeline Homer; Penny Button; Hannah Thorpe  
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That said, we do appreciate all the work that has gone into trying to work with us to negate the huge impact that this will cause us.

Regards  
Residents of All Saints Avenue"

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**From:** Martyn Cassell [<mailto:Martyn.Cassell@THANET.GOV.UK>]  
**Sent:** 14 November 2013 17:46  
**To:** cllr-Shirley Tomlinson; cllr-Iris Johnston; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Grant Burton; Karen Paton; Madeline Homer  
**Subject:** Hartsdown Skate Park - Margate  
**Importance:** High

Dear Cllrs and [REDACTED]

Further to our public meetings regarding the above, I can confirm we have re-assessed the siting of the skatepark at Hartsdown. Taking on board the level of resistance towards the dip area, we feel a more suitable location will be the other side of the pavilion building next to the tennis courts. This will provide a natural visual and sound screen. I have attached a draft map to show the proposed new area.

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Kind regards  
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[<cllr-Iris.Johnston@THANET.GOV.UK>](mailto:cllr-Iris.Johnston@THANET.GOV.UK) wrote:

Thank you Martyn and especially [REDACTED] for your emails and phone call.

I think there was some confusion over the meeting I remembered [REDACTED] attending! I was certain you were at the Hartsdown users meeting where James and Martyn updated on resident's views and etc. Martyn has confirmed I am not going totally mad!

I hope we can now get on with the projects and a very happy Christmas to everyone. Kind regards, Iris

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**Sent:** 15 April 2014 16:31  
**To:** Martyn Cassell; Mark Seed  
**Cc:** Grant Burton  
**Subject:** RE: Hartsdown Dip

Just a comment all,

I am unsure if removing the sides and leaving the base is a good idea. There may well be run off from the solid sides into the lower concrete unless it is given a lip or some engineering solution. The site already gives rise to problems for cleansing who cannot easily clean or sweep it. Sadly I think it might be best to get rid of it totally. One way to do this cost effectively would be to break up the concrete and then use chalk spoil from the cemeteries to infill and then surface the top 150mm for grass seeding once the levels have settled.

Model cars gave rise to complaints in Ramsgate seafront where they were close to houses - perhaps we could look at an area on the old pitch and putt course a bit further into the park?

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Paul

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**Cc:** Grant Burton; Paul Verrall  
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4. There is a further meeting tonight to set up a consultation on whether to build Skatepark at Hartsdown or Cliftonville.

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**Sent:** 15 April 2014 15:54  
**To:** Martyn Cassell  
**Subject:** RE: Hartsdown Dip

Martyn

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3. Should this option be taken it is our view that we would need to remove the concrete sides to the dip to discourage 'overflow' from the official park to the dip as this would then make movement of the location irrelevant and residents would continue to object. My suggestion was to remove side, turf or grass seed it and then leave a concrete base for the basketball and other leisure activities as the residents claimed putting a Skatepark in there would stop children using radio controlled cars and learning to ride safely in the area.
4. There is a further meeting tonight to set up a consultation on whether to build Skatepark at Hartsdown or Cliftonville.

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