


<b>Services and Facilities Committee Meeting</b>	 Market Drayton Town Council
<b>Agenda Item: 6.SF i. Dalelands Play Area</b>	
<b>Date: 28 July 2022</b>	
<b>Appendix: SF42</b>	

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A questionnaire regarding the future improvement of Dalelands was circulated to schools and nurseries in the Town and put on the Town Council's facebook and website.

There were 124 responses in total. Listed below the 79 responses listed under the any other comments sections on the questionnaire, 52 of which are in favour of keeping the bike paths.

### Any other comments regarding the upgrade and future use of the play area

I feel the cycle path should remain and the money cost in levelling out should be used for extra play equipment.
is it good use of funding to pay to level out the mound?
A muga for teenagers is needed in town
Removing the bike track means that younger children will not have to track in the vicinity. The bike/skate park adjacent to the swimming pool is used by older children and due to this, can be hazardous for children below age 8 years.
Having separate areas for different age groups is so helpful when you have more than one child with you
Extra bins.
We need somewhere for the older kids to enjoy a few hours, gym equipment would be brill, plus a better area for football
Disabled swings
Should be monitored with cctv and prevent groups of youths congregating- drinking, drug taking etc. or time controlled with entry gates.
Would be good if there is something for toddler. There is nothing in this park suitable for young kids at the moment.
My son plays up there ever day with his friends there can be around 15-20 children up there playing football. More space for football with some great goals would be perfect
In the summer there seems to be a lot of children up there playing football- fantastic to see. However due to the small pitch and the poor fences around the park. The balls are kicked out sometimes causing the Children to go into the road. This is a busy road and a bus route also.
Install cameras so as to be able to police the area and check it is being used correctly.
The areas should be separated into age groups
Running/bike track around boundary.. ideal for teaching children to ride, skates, boards
CCTV coverage would be good, & a no dog policy on the park to stop dog mess.
Dalelands park is no where near due a revamp compared to the Oakfield Road park

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Park definitely needs an upgrade. Needs to target the older kids as the only thing used by my 8 year old is the zip wires. Some climbing frames a big slide is needed.
A large open space will create additional problems for the housing nearby, it will not be as comfortable for small and shy children. My now teenage niece and nephew loved the up and down area and were so sad when I told them what you are proposing and they asked ... "why?"
Please don't remove the bike track, it is much loved by many small children.
I live where i can see the park and lots of young people access it . My children and myself have grown up on this park learnt to ride their bikes on the park, It has so much potential, please make it colourful and attractive
Don't bother and spend it on the outdoor pool at the leisure centre
Why would you remove the bike track, by far the best thing in any Drayton park and constantly used and loved. Better to resurface it for the dozens that use it daily.
I have lived next to this park most of my life i would like to see more trees planted and flowers and more green areas.And the road to display speed reduction
It would be nice to see equipment updated but please don't get rid of the bike bumps
Keep the bike ramps
Please do not get rid of the bike ramps, my kids love them we use them regularly. The park it's self is fine just needs a little upgrade on the equipment. They run up and down the hills. And thoroughly enjoy the bike track for their scooters and bikes. They're 3, 5 and 7.
Keep bike tracks and ramps, always in use when ever I go past and as an adult that has grown up in the area it would be a real shame to lose them
Do not remove the bike track
Don't remove the cycle track.Enjoyed by many.
Please don't remove the 'bumpy path', there is a huge grassed area on buntingsdale park a short walk away but Dalelands park has the fun 'bumpy path' for children to scoot and bike along. We travel from the other end of town with our 7 year old just because she requests to go to the 'bumpy path' park. The town park also has an unused large grass space, children need things to do on a park!
Town park and buntingsdale have a large grassed area for community events...please keep the unique cycle path, and fairly large tarmac area to cycle on. There is actually no where in Market Drayton for a child to ride a bike, other than going round and round the path at the town park (where they then have to avoid walkers). Children find it difficult to cycle on grass, which is why we travel to Dalelands park so our child can cycle on the path and the paved areas. This is where she learnt to ride a bike as the only park in town with a paved path to do so!! The bumpy cycle path is unique. Why would you want another open community area no where near any community toilets?! Keep the park for children, keep the bumps, give the adults a few more benches, just upgrade the equipment so that we can take babies and 8 year olds for a play... please!
Keep the bike ramps. They are ideal for little ones learning to ride.
The bumps and paths for bikes, scooters should be left in. Buntings dale, oak field road and manor gardens are all flat
Please don't get rid of the small pump track, my 4 & 7 year old love going on them with their bikes/scooters. If anything just update it.
Please keep the hill and bike track. The children use this daily and there isn't anywhere else in town with these fun features.
Children don't need another community space...that is what the town park is for (considering it's near public toilets, car parks etc??) children need to roll down a hill and get covered in grass...Dalelands has a unique mound perfect for this! where else can they scoot and cycle along an exciting bumpy path? Only Dalelands! Please have a rethink. New equipment would be great on the other side, but please think about it from a child's point of view and how exciting it is to run up and down a hill, roll down it, run along a bumpy path...

The little cycle path is well used, little ones gaining their confidence on their bikes, scooters etc:
Keep the bike path ramps , new equipment
Please, please do not get rid of the bike ramps. Ho hear they will be flattened to make space for a large grass area is absurd!! There's grass areas at other parks the bike ramps get lots of use and it would be worth investing in them instead.
use the area where the swings are better, leave the bike tracks alone, if anything improve them! theres plenty of green space in town without taking away facilities that are in use.
Please keep the hill. The children love to ride their bikes there. It's a great place for them to gain their riding confidence.
This park is surround by roads, I think football will result in balls on the road and accidents as children retrieve the ball
A basket ball court like the one at Tern hill by the school would be great for the junior ages kids please.
basket ball court would be good - not just a hoop, but two back board baskets for team use. A court sized area of tarmac would be multi purpose
I think your making a big mistake removing the bike area, that is well used, we go that park daily for my kids to play on the bike area, your gonna upset a lot of people by doing this
Keep the bike area big mistake taking them down there used all the time!! Gonna be a lot of kids upset over them going! You have plenty of space with the bike area to put loads more equipment in
Please do not remove the bike tracks
Please do not take the cycle paths away. These are a great source to teach young or older child to ride their bikes out of road users.
The play area needs to modern and well built. Not cheap and will last a long time. Please do not rush this development and take your time to come up with some really good ideas. Have an open meeting with members of the public and see designs and ideas from the community. This park could be fantastic and can be used by many of the right equipment is put it. Children like the race track.
I do hope that you will obtain the necessary permissions from FIELDS IN TRUST before proceeding with any works as reinstatement could be a very expensive exercise.
Security cameras , better fencing to prevent balls going into the road, but please leave the fir tree alone . Plant trees for future shade areas as weather gets hotter.
We do not want a flat green space for events - this already exists at the Buntingsdale and Town Parks. This is the only facility of its kind in the area where children can go to learn to ride their bikes, and we see children of all ages enjoying these tracks on a daily basis. Whoever has put these proposals together has simply not taken the time to properly survey how the park is used, and it would be outrageous if the plans go ahead. I know I am not the only one who feels this way - every other person I have spoken to about this would like to see the tracks remain.
Older kids need more in this town.
The cycle path should not be touched, well used by small children. Waste of money
Please please don't remove cycle paths they are much loved
A lot of children of all ages love using the bike ramps/ bumps, removing these would be a great loss to them. If anything they should be enhanced, not replaced. Please keep them
Please do not get rid of the bike track many many children use it and it would be such a shame
Please improve the skatepark area, the current implementation of the skatepark is terrible, even though there is one near the swimming baths it would be nice to have an upgrade
Definitely NOT to remove the cycle tracks etc.. my grandchildren use these all the time..
A new bike track would be good as this seems to get a lot of use from the smaller kids
DO NOT remove the bike part with the ramps
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Keep the bike track and ramps
The bike humps should NOT be removed. It is well used by all children.

Any further use would benefit the park but not at the expense of the bike track that is by far the most used equipment on there. I have lived adjacent to the park for 20 years, seen the changes to the park over the years with the addition of the bike track the most commonly used and sort after since its installation.
Small picnic bench
To replace the skate ramp do not get rid completely
Please KEEP the small cycle track. It's great for infants to learn on & exciting for them.
Please please PLEASE keep the bike ramps. They are an absolutely excellent resource for young children to build skills and to build their confidence around biking. If you remove them, there is nowhere like it for young children who are just learning to ride their bikes. The loss of the bike ramps would be a huge loss to the young children of this town.
Upgrade bike track. There are plenty of picnic areas
Revamp the bike humps
Please do not take the bike tracks they are very popular & used by all the kids down there
Do not take the bike track away. The bike track is very popular with the children. There are plenty more appropriate places for community events than Dalelands play area. By removing somewhere safe for the children to play they will move to unsafe areas like the road.

## To Consider

To consider the responses submitted under the any other comments section of the questionnaire and in light of the new information consider keeping the bike paths.