



Forres Skate Park Initiative

Public Consultation

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2 Executive Summary

Forres Skate Park Initiative (FSPI) undertook a public consultation online and held two public sessions in Forres House Community Centre into the development of a Wheeled Sports Facility in Forres.

The consultation appraises the concept design and the preferred location of Grant Park and through these consultations FSPI were able to get a large representation of many varied demographics from the community.

3 Introduction & Overview

3.1 Project Background

Forres Skate Park Initiative is a Scottish Charity (SC049947) formed in 2020 to develop a permanent concrete wheeled sports facility (skate park) in Forres. The Group identified four potential sites in the town and following a previous feasibility study in 2021, Grant Park was identified as the preferred location.

3.2 Forres Skate Park Initiative – Board of Trustees

Alan James, Hon President of Forres Skate Park Initiative – Alan James is owner of AJ Engineering Ltd which provides a wide spectrum of engineering services ranging from steel fabrication and CNC machining to cladding and civil engineering. He is also currently one of the Deputy Lord Lieutenants for Moray. Alan was a founder member and later chairman of the Forres Events board which ran the successful European Pipe Band Championships in Forres from 2013 to 2018.

Shaun Moat, Chair of Forres Skate Park Initiative - Shaun Moat is owner of Moray Digital Ltd and 3rd Pixel Ltd which provides marketing and websites to clients across the UK. He is also currently a Community Councillor for Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council, Trustee of Forres Osprey Bus SCIO and Treasurer of Forres Area Business Association (CIC). Shaun was previously the Chair of Forres Community Council (2019-2021) and Chair of Forres Area Soccer 7s (2009-2019). A Veteran of the RAF he has lived in Forres since 1997. Shaun has a passion in community involvement and is very keen to ensure the youth of Forres have a place to call their own.

Kev Skivington, Vice Chair of Forres Skate Park Initiative - Working as a Police constable based in Lossiemouth, Kevin was previously stationed at Elgin and Forres. Whilst in Forres he was the Community Police Officer building connections with all schools and Head Teachers in the Forres area. Outside work he is involved with Forres Highland Games, Trustee of Forres Osprey Bus (SCIO) and Community Councillor for Forres Community Council. Kevin have previously been the Child Protection Officer for Forres Area Soccer 7s and was involved for many years as Operations Manager for the European Pipe Band Champions in Forres

John Ryder, Secretary of Forres Skate Park Initiative – Having left the RAF after 22 years' service, John now works for Boeing as a P-8A Poseidon Pilot Instructor at RAF Lossiemouth, settling in Forres with his wife Siobhan and their 3 children. Although keen to pick up where he left the 'skating thing' 30 years ago, his main motivation for involvement with the Forres Skate Park Initiative, is to create healthy opportunities for the Town's youngsters. However, he is also committed to reducing the significant carbon footprint associated with driving his own kids to Hopeman skatepark.

Nikk Horne, Treasurer of Forres Skate Park Initiative – Works as a self-employed Senior 3D CAD Designer within the Subsea Oil & Gas Industry. He recently moved with his family from Aberdeen to Forres. Nikk was a skateboarder & snowboarder in the Aberdeen / Aberdeenshire area from 1987 to 2008 but retired his boards due to a hereditary disability. Nikk is still involved with the skate scene through his Wife Catriona and their 2 children. He has also designed & built several skateboard ramps over the years and is now keen to be part of his new community, offering his 3D CAD & skateboard experience to aid with the initial skatepark concepts & designs.

Catriona Horne – Catriona left Forres in 1994 to study Publishing at The Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen. Following a 15-year career in the print, graphics and communications industry, Catriona re-trained as a primary school teacher. She has taught in schools in Angus, Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen and now lives and works in Forres. Catriona was a keen skateboarder throughout her late teens and twenties and at the time, was one of the few girls involved in the Aberdeen skate scene. Catriona now skates with her daughter and believes a skatepark in Forres would be a major asset to the community. She is dedicated to helping create a space that promotes physical and mental wellbeing and is inclusive of all ages and abilities.

Lousie Pearson – Louise left Forres in 2007 to study Fine Art in Dundee and returned home in 2012 where she ran a small art gallery for a couple of years. After that, she took some time out to work and hit the slopes in the French Alps and is still a keen snowboarder. In 2016 she moved to Gairloch in Wester Ross and has since worked in community development. She currently works for Wester Ross UNESCO Biosphere as an area officer, engaging with communities and working on sustainable development projects that benefit both people and nature. She is also an artist and co-opted member of Gairloch Community Council.

4 Consultation & Stakeholder Engagement

4.1 Community Survey

Community support is key to demonstrating the viability and demand for any new Wheeled Sports facilities in Forres. In delivering this feasibility study, a community engagement survey was undertaken, using the wide number of stakeholder contacts and key groups. The survey, promoted through Facebook, Instagram, and through two public consultations resulted in 180 completed surveys

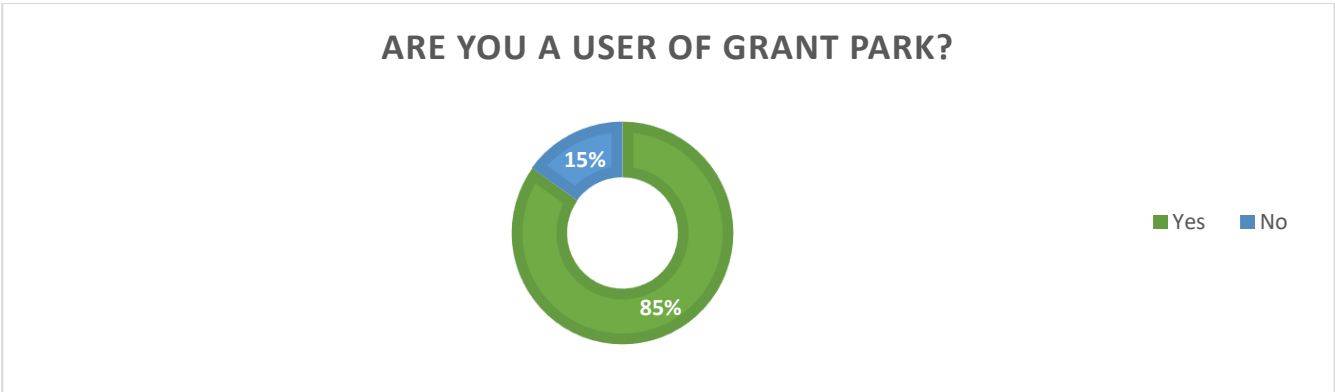
The results of the survey are outlined below.

Respondents Demographics

Respondents were also asked to provide their location in order to demonstrate the reach of the survey. The table below shows the most common post code areas reported:

Aberdeen	6	Inverurie	1
Brodie	3	Kinloss	10
Buckie	1	Kintessack	2
Craigellachie	1	London	1
Dunphail	1	Lossiemouth	3
Dyke	3	Nairn	2
Elgin	7	Portgordon	1
Findhorn	3	Rafford	2
Forres	128	Slough	1
Glasgow	1	USA	1
Grantown on Spey	1		

In order to understand each respondent’s perspective, and to ensure they were asked relevant questions, they were asked to indicate if they used Grant Park.

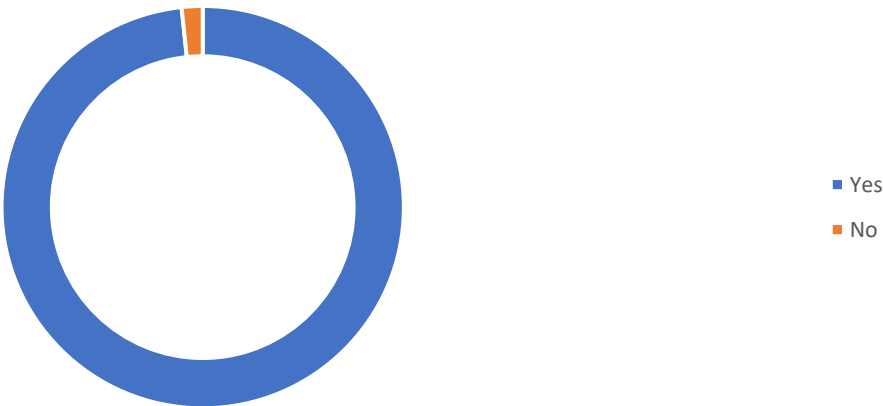


Yes	152	No	27
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What do you do in Grant Park?

Walk	152	Dog Walking	27
Eat, Picnics etc		Sports	
Events		Relaxing	
Enjoy			

Do you support the building of an all-wheeled sports facility in Forres?'



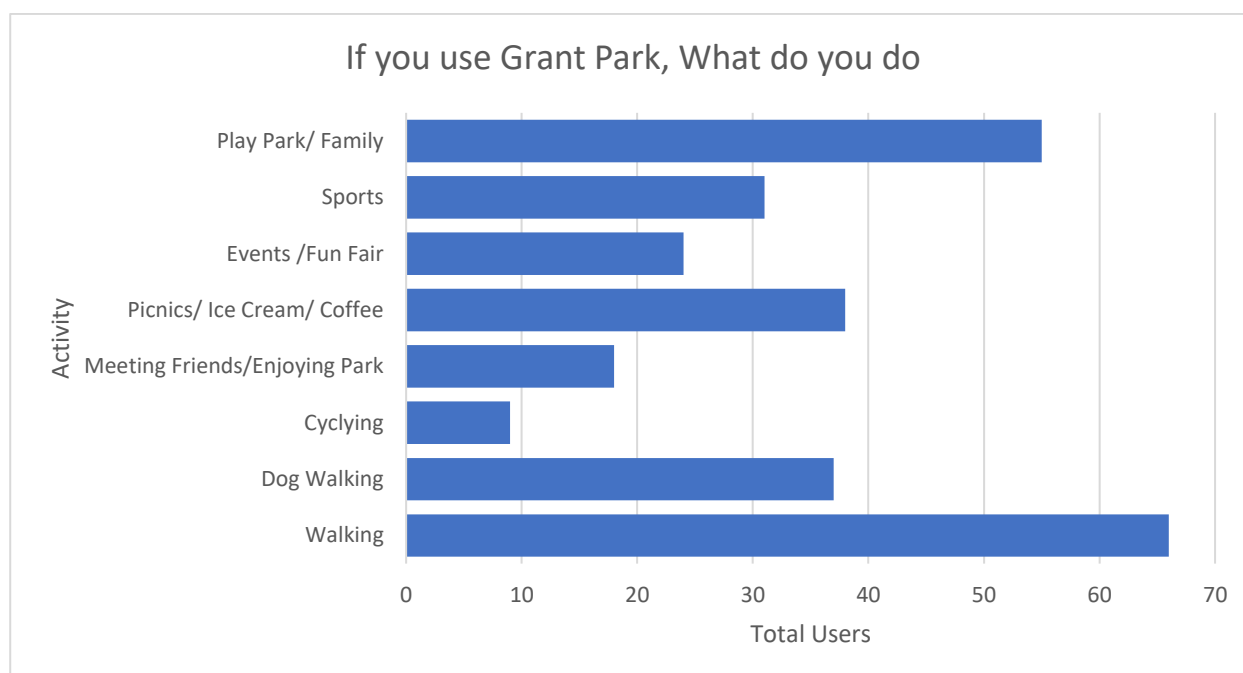
Yes	176	No	3
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Do you support the building of an all-wheeled sports facility on the identified area within Grant Park?



Yes	163	No	16
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5 Comments



5.1 Comments – Do you support building an all-wheeled sports facility in Forres?

It has to be established in an area which does not permanently destroy established recreational areas I point out to you that your statement consultation showed Grant Park was the preferred location is at odds with what I seen reported in the press.
Absolutely needs to be this in Forres
Definitely needed for youngsters
Would be a good addition to the town's facilities.
Not in Grant Park
Very real need. There is a great need to facilities for young people
I appreciate that I haven't been involved to date, but I wonder why this isn't using the park beside the football ground backing on to the A96? So, I have reservations about it being in Grant Park, but I believe in service provision for young people.
As long as the concept design accounts for some skate park basics around high drop offs and low drop offs, and that it caters for all skaters' opinions and access AND there is lighting and waste disposal facilities then I am happy.
Absolutely-this is a great project which because 100% support
But not in Grant Park
Kids need more things to do, and this sounds fantastic
Think it would be great thing for kids as there's not much in Forres for them
I absolutely support this. We had started fund raising for this quarter of a century about.
I can understand how Forres doesn't have a skatepark, yet it seems every neighbouring town and village has.
This is very much needed and long overdue.
Fully support the development! The sooner is built.
A long-awaited facility which would bring a lot to the town
Exactly what Forres has been waiting for!
It's been long overdue
Would be grant for the community

Would hope it was fenced off to keep dogs out as there are many dogs in the park as one could run in and causing accidents, and some bad dog owners may let their dog's do toilet in the Area as what happens in Grant Park.
I been years we have been trying to get s skate park so due public don't phone police on us skating wee spots in town
Forres is loan over. Our for a new state of the age facility
It would be a great area for kids in Forres
I think this is great for exercise in Forres
It would be great not to have to travel out of Forres to take our kids to a skate park.
It needs none
It would be a great place for many people to go round here of all ages and it will be well used. I know many who travel to other skate parks from Forres
It's about time Forres had something open to the youths around here something like this is fantastic opportunity for all
Great idea, Definitely get the kid involved
Because the closet one is ages away, so we need one here
We need something like a skatepark for the youth
Give the people what they want
Great to see this initiative revived.
Best idea ever to arrive in Forres
Yes, I really do I love skating
I think it's a great idea to have for the kids in Forres
Great idea.
It would be a much-needed resource for all of Forres
This is something we have wanted for years. I don't skate however we did al enjoy our childhood at the skate park with brings back great memories of a special friend we all lost
Yes, because we need facilities which attracts the younger generation but equally keeps them fit and outdoors in today's society. Anything to keep them active is a good thing. Also, it gives them opportunities to be able to perhaps go professional in a chosen sport.
As a former manager of an extreme sports centre, I understand the value that these facilities provide to all members of society. A safe place to practice any sport is invaluable to the health and well-being of the community.
We need more for the kids to do in Forres
Like the one in Hopeman
More bins would be preferred if the skate park is to draw more teenagers in, more bins would be needed than just the ones at the public toilets.
Most definitely, brings more people together.
There isn't much to do in Forres and I think it would give us something to do
Forres have needed a skate park for such a long time. I feel we are falling behind other towns if we don't sort this out pretty quickly.
I think it is a brilliant idea & will be well used by my grandchildren & many other children from Forres & surrounding areas. It would keep the children safe & off the streets
This is something Forres has been lacking: it would give children/youths something constructive to do outdoors making them fit, healthy and happy.
About time
Forres has needed a skate/ all wheeled park since I moved to Forres in 2003. My boys would have loved to have this when they were young, now 24 and 26.
It's been needed for years there's nothing for kids and teens to do in Forres and this would get kids up and moving
My boys are need more to do in Forres
Just what the town needs for younger people
My Family moved to Forres and use the park regularly
Would be good for kids to enjoy their life
Great idea.
The Forres community has needed one for a while and will hanging benefit from it
Forres has needed one for years

Can see it might be needed
I think it is brilliant there is going to be a place to board blade and bike.
I feel Grant Park really needs something for the kids. This will be great for all ages!
Much needed for kids off all ages and abilities to enjoy
Absolutely exactly what the town young people and community need
A skate park in Grant Park would be a great site and would have a positive impact for children and the town increasing community spirit.
Not really much to do in Forres
Nothing to do in Forres
I think this is long overdue. There are built activities for older people (bowling) and children (play park) and nothing for young people - skating is for all ages, and would benefit all ages and particularly young people
Forres needs something like this for the kids, teens & adults all to enjoy their BMX, Mountain Bikes, Scooters, Roller Boots & Skateboards
I think the young people of Forres community deserve to have an all-wheeled sports facility to enhance the health and wellbeing facilities in the area and provide a much-needed area for kids and adolescents to exercise and socialise.
Long awaited and needed playground for skate and bike fans of all ages
This is much needed
Moray is too centred on facilities in Elgin, it's time to spread the activities across the region.
I think a skate park is just what Forres needs a safe environment allowing the public to express themselves the sports
Make it happen
Would be great for people to have more to do skating an all-ages sport so great for everyone
I do not think CAT should be granted the park we should not be giving away any part of the park all of it should remain under the control of ALL the towns people as Sir Alexander Grant meant it to be
I would travel through from Aberdeen to use such an excellent facility!
A new skatepark with an all-level access design will encourage outdoor sports and activities for children and adults. It is supporting the rise of skateboarding after the Olympic Games. The new visibility has motivated many - children and adult alike - to start skateboarding in the recent months. The design of the skatepark is perfect for all levels, with gradation of difficulties in street and ramps/bowls features. I believe it will be enjoyed by many users.
I have when living in the area and been a part of the discussions surrounding SCIO and I am fully supportive of this action being taken
I no longer skateboard but if something like this was built a few years ago then I doubt I would have ever stopped, looks incredible!
Resources like this are great for keeping kids entertained and fit and healthy. I wish there were more about like this when I was younger. Park looks immense
The Grant Park is so under used. It would be fantastic to see this project take shape up there.
Forres needs a skatepark for the community
Great idea. Skating is on the up and this would bring Forres into the now. It's a beautiful town and this would make the park more useable bringing in folk from all over so it's a win win for everyone
There are not enough facilities of this sort in the north of Scotland. We have an obesity crisis, and we need facilities that encourage people to be outside doing an activity.
Providing facilities for young people which enable the constructive use of time and energy is a very positive thing to do in any community.
The park doesn't need to be this size, a mini ramp and a kerb would do. This would be amazing if you can pull it off!

5.2 Comments - Do you support the building of an all-wheeled sports facility on the identified area within Grant Park?

Grant Park is for the people of Forres and no part of it is to be permanently removed from the use by all Foresiens and visitors, minority groups however well intended must be prevented from permanently destroying any part of the park. Your statement that the designated area is not well used is in my experience completely wrong.
The location in Grant Park has the potential of severely damaging my holiday business located close to the proposed site - just the perception of problems associated with skateparks will deter customers
Where would the circus and funfair go?
Parking facilities are restrictive as it is. What about the old Tesco site. To make the use of the derelict area as a standalone site or Bogton road
It should go where it was before, behind the academy
Of all the unused green spaces in Grant Park and other parks in Forres, it seems absurd to take away one of the few areas that is actually used for multiple events.
I support skatepark but not in Grant Park. Lots of space at Business Park, Bogton, Field back of Pilmuir
Wrong place. Common good land and the location of main events.
I think it is brilliant for Forres to have a skatepark but unsure about where it would best be positioned in the park
A facility which allows for disabled access yes, all wheeled however takes away from it being a skate park. I would be cautious around the definition.
Would have to something to do. This is great for young people to learn how to skate
Other suitable areas in my mind are Mannachie and Bogton, Car parking at Grant Park can be very difficult mostly at weekend. I would like the areas used by the showmen to be kept available for their use the round the year
It's almost joke worthy a town the size of Forres does not have a skatepark especially with all the years of fundraising and petitions.
I'm not seeing the picture, but I guess it's not in the middle of cricket pitch or soccer 7s
Grant Park is that absolute perfect location for this proposal.
Absolutely a frequent user of Grant Park in the last 7 years I don't think I walked over the space even once giving the space proper use would be amazing
Perfect location, easy access for emergency vehicles and plenty of parking
Long overdue!
Think it would add some activity to the park
A creative activity for young people
Perfect location
We have the playground but it skatepark would be good for all ages
I am in two minds of the location; will other functions still be able to go ahead in Grant Park? Also, there is the old Tesco location (not too sure if this has already been discussed, I am a bit late with finding out about Forres Skate park Initiative. I think it's amazing!
Don't harm the big tree
It is a proper place and easy get to
In a well-known space and easy to get to
A great location with high traffic leading to more potential continues use
I don't think the site in the Grant Park is appropriate. It's an unlit area. The young children who use the play park would be less comfortable with the noise and older children being there, I've watched many young children being nervous and unsure when older children are around the play park. It would also restrict events that happen during the year at the park as there is now where else for those to go in the park area.
I think another site would be better. My biggest concern is small children. We go to Inverness skatepark a lot. One thing that always bothers me is unsupervised small children in the skatepark. If you put the skate park in Grant Park. This will happen a lot. The park looks really kid friendly though which my sons will love. They are just learning BMX.
Yes, please go-ahead great idea.
Suitable for all ages and novice to experienced
I'm by no means an expert, I mean that, but wouldn't you want more of a larger half pipe area? If I was wanting to use it I'd be looking for areas where I would be able to take advantage of gravity to go back

and forth with as little effort as possible, as I feel the design is very much of a one way hill and you start at the top and once you're down you'll have to push yourself back up.
It's near toilets and the car park
Near are park, Toilet facilities, play park and Ice Cream kiosk
It would be a great place, as long as we keep the entrance towards Cluny hill, I don't see any issue with the area being used for skate park.
I feel like it would benefit the younger generation in helping them be more social and help them get outside more
Well of course, more than enough space, the park isn't just for toddlers and old people. Not like there is anything else in Forres for people to do.
Or anywhere in Forres
The space is used once a year for out-of-town showies folk. Why not shift them somewhere else and build a skate park for Forres folk permanently.
Ideal place to locate it
Best place for it to be included into the community not hidden away like it a bad thing
Grant Park is the most suitable place for the wheeled sport facility, it is central and is large enough to facilitate one.
Great location
Old photos show the passion of the young for skating/bikes etc and the expertise of those in them.
Seems a suitable area
Ideal location for a skate park, close to town, close to co-op shop, close to toilets. Perfect.
Grant Park needs something like this
It is already a part of Forres
Perfect spot, showies can go elsewhere such as Anderson's playing field
It's a yes with reservations. The area is well used by dog walkers and could attract an anti-social element. But it needs to be somewhere & I can't think of another suitable site!
Toilet, play park, Ice cream and parking. Enjoyable walk round the park whilst kids have fun. Something for all. Gift to Forres for all x
Fantastic space for those, central and safe
I would visit the skatepark to skate which I have not done in a few years. And would take my daughter when she is old enough.
Will bring more people to the town and allow more people to gather and skating
Best location easy access central space cost to Police station
Perfect Location in Forres, the area is only used 5-7 days a year it should be enjoyed all year round.
I think this area is well suited for use as a skate park, is close to other facilities and is easily accessible being close to the centre of Forres and transport links.
The park is for ALL Forres residents
Forres has proven over the years that it is cycle friendly and is due a 21st century realisation that the kids are the future, a lack of facilities creates a hollow feeling of neglect, and this is apparent when kids have to leave town to enjoy themselves. It is factual that kids who use the streets and roads are at vehicular risk so by building this facility it gives them a safe area to exercise and enjoy themselves.
Encouraging an activities lifestyle, creating a safe space for people to enjoy the sport
I think the location is great. Doesn't look out of place within the park
Perfect spot for it
We do enjoy a funfair so would be good if this could also stay with the area being taken away
I think it would be really epic and cool
Yes such a facility should be in the heart of the community
Great for parents with youngers older kids to have their might wear the park
Only if it can be done without a C.A.T. I would be in favour of rate and rent-free lease of land on the condition if the venture folds it would be returned to its original condition at no cost to the rate payers
I would travel through from Aberdeen to use such an excellent facility!
I am a mother of 2 children, and we all skateboard together. I think that having a skatepark in an existing park gives practical access for families and keeps it child friendly. Sharing the space is a great way to develop the community. adding benefit: the best skateboarders often put on a show that is very enjoyable to watch even for non-skateboarders.
Yes the community would benefit from this.

The repurposing of the space for a year-round facility is logical.
The park doesn't need to be this size, a mini ramp and a kerb would do. This would be amazing if you can pull it off!

5.3 What economic, social or other benefits do you think this development could bring to Forbes?

Not in the designated area I see it adding to parking problems on Victoria road, permanent loss of a vital part of the Park and the loss to the community of the popular showies who visit and leave no damage and the park goes on as bequeathed to Forbes.
No economic benefits - the users will be local and not spend additional money in the area. My business will face economic damage. Negative social benefits caused by increased or perceived increase in anti-social behaviour
Events
Give those interested and so somewhere safe to practice their hobby. Healthy outdoor exercise
Social place for kids, which is needed
Would have a social and physical benefit the users of it.
Social activities for young people
Young people need fun opportunities, parents waiting for them are likely to shop in the town.
All kids go through a period of keen interest in this sport/activity. It would be widely used and stop drift into other towns. Having somewhere close reduces reliance on transport to these other destinations reducing the carbon footprint. Kids would spend in their local area, kids would be physically active, they would be safe not skating in disused and often dangerous sites or on the roads, their mental health and wellbeing could be improved, and they socially interact with each other.
People not using facilities for their own purpose
Our kids need a safe area to enjoy a much-needed facility such as the proposed skate park as well as somewhere to forms their energies. Mother care in the park should hopefully benefit from extra trade.
The potential social benefits are considerable. Experience of the cycle jumps of Sanquhar is that young develop skills which are reality giving and memorable in themselves.
Another facility, which would be well used
Anything that helps kids get out and exercise and meeting up with their friends is a positive
The town and its other facilities would benefit because more people would find out they are they and would also make the shops busier.
Costing more people active and more use of the park
Social is a definite, and economic as more people use it more people may stop off at the shops on high street
A safe environment for younger and older folks to hand about and have fun rather than sitting about houses thinking about going out.
Healthier people especially young. Community spirit through social clubs. Character development for the young. Business to the town as it did when the previous park was at the basketball courts and I worked in Stuarts and the shop made a fortune in BMX tyres + pedals, skateboards, pads and helmets
This will be highly beneficial to Forbes & the Moray area. It will introduce local kids to wheeled sports/activities and keep already skilled people in the area benefiting local businesses and attract people from out with the area. I'm sure cycling, skateboard, roller skating practitioners could teach using this ambitious park venture. Its madness this has not happened before in Forbes.
Socially I think it is ideal to keep teens entertained and in a safe visible part of town
Attracting people to Forbes Town centre from outside Forbes
Economic - people/kids would game to use the facilities and spend in proper, Social - somewhere for the youth to go, do more exercise and develop for new skills! keeping them busy will keep them out of mischief, And sporting facilities would be a great benefit to the future
Any attraction like this brings visitors to a town, and the ability to host events and such. In addition, kids have somewhere to go/something to do
Having seen the proposed plans, there are areas for all levels, beginner, intermediate and advanced! Something other locations do not have! Thus, bringing more people to the town and utilising our other shops
Situated near the High Street, visitors to the town would likely spend money in some of the smaller shops, rather than just Tesco and Lidl
Keep kids out of trouble, bring more people to the area
Would people to the town and high street especially young people
Tourism, amazing people

Children of all ages have little to do in Forres. Skating scene and competition all being benefits.
Nope
A facility for my growing children. There is a definite need for our older children to have leisure facilities that they can use
I think it would be a good area for friends be meet and talk
Socialising for everyone, entertainment of everyone
Young teenagers and kids need a place to have fun and relax
Inspire the next generation of skateboard riders something to do, I think is positive
I think there will be social benefits to kids of various different ages. I observe a real community at skate parks with older children helping younger ones and everyone building confidence learning new skills
Various economic increases lowering of youth boredom
Entertaining that will bring people in from surrounding towns
Somewhere so people to hang out exercise
I've recently got back into skating and found that there is a community of people out there on all wheels who are very friendly of all ages. It will give people in and around Forres the chance to meet likeminded people, they are fun and great exercise, we all need more fun in our lives it's good for all our wellbeing.
Brings people into town. More people = more money for the local economy
Help build new skills develop social skills and offer all age incorporation but something especially for the youth who always have to travel out of the area for such facilities
Definitely bring people to the area. Competition can raise the skate profile in the area
Makes people more special and will get people outside
More antisocial behaviour
Give the next generation a chance to develop skills and social appreciation of the town and park they will call their own and be great representation of Forres
People will hopefully spend money in the town
Social benefits giving folk somewhere to be and something to do outside. Huge economic benefit from improved mental and physical health of young population.
As a skateboarder of many years myself (about 17 years) I have seen over the years how impactful having a local facility can be in terms of having more options of activities in a smaller and how it can be incorporated into existing establishments such as schools. I loved in Invergordon and skateboarding became an option for PE in a small number of cases being able to use the local basic part and even our local leisure centre. With the likes of the proposed plans this would easily be seen as a must visit park by locals to the area and close surrounding too much further away helping boost sales in local stores and helping to build solid social interactions with people of all ages. Coaching can be implemented as done successfully Inverness to help and encourage others to get into their chosen wheeled sport and gain confidence and again I have seen this help many younger people with gaining new friends and/or helping build confidence in social interaction in many places I have visited to skate and even locally in Inverness and Ross Shire area.
Great for socialising and mental health
Keeping fit and having fun
I can't see any economic benefits to this, but the social benefits would be great for older children who don't have any areas for their specific use.
If it is not swamped with unsupervised children, loads of people will use the park. This might mean they will use the local shops and other facilities.
More visitors bring more money to the local economy
An activity for the local children, keeping them outdoors and entertained. People will visit from outer towns and spend money in local stores if coming to try facility.
The parks café shop would a benefit from more users the park. Young people in Forres would benefit to.
Fantastic for all ages great opportunity to bring people from other towns/cities
Gives our youths of today something to do
Attract more people, eat more ice cream.
Gives kids something to do, meet new people, fresh air, mental health, exercise!
Gives the younger generations somewhere to go and socialise and be active.
It is difficult to understate the value of space spaces for sport, especially ones that are free at point of entry to any community, especially rural ones.
People from other towns will spend money in town - lunch, coffees etc
Focus for skaters of all sorts to socialise, develop their skills, and build a community within the broader community.
Fairground site, Litter

Give young people a purpose-built safe place to be in an established place in a beautiful community
Help kids be more confident and make friends
Teenagers can go out in the local area and actually do something
Socially, a more modern thing to do for kids, for adults as its free, it could benefit all layers of society. Economic, I think more customers for Mathers wee cafe, perhaps also work together with them to upgrade the building on the outside as both will very much benefit of it.
Safe place for teenagers and kids to go, and provide a social safe place for them
Would be vandalised
It will give people of all ages (most importantly teenagers/young adults) a place to stay healthy, make friends, and actually have somewhere to go with something to do other than going to charity shops or getting high/drank the woods all weekend.
Bring people in from surrounding towns
It's closer to skate than Hopeman or Inverness could bring people from around Highlands and Moray
It will bring lots more people to Forres to use the skate park and local businesses. It's no brainer.
More tourists to the town who will use our shops and cafes
It will provide children & teens with an extra activity & somewhere to go
It would bring more people to Forres thereby helping the economy, it would be a place that would nurture social interactions between young people, and would give them the opportunity to challenge themselves in a pursuit (be it skateboarding, scootering, roller-blading etc..) where improvement is potentially unlimited, thereby allowing confidence to grow which would influence other areas of their psyches/lives.
Best benefit both my children can be enjoying without being out of eyeshot there are talks it would definitely be good for the young people. Flower are great but you cannot skateboard on one
Socially I believe we need places where the teenagers can go in the evening/weekends let off steam, share an interest (skateboarding) Younger users will learn from older users. Parents on lower incomes will have somewhere to take their children which will not cost a fortune, or have to go to a neighbouring town.
It would be well used by everyone
Economic to local shops, integration of all wheeled sports into society in a safe and contributing manner.
It would make Grant Park more of an attraction. The play area is fairly small so a skate park would be a nice extra activity.
Visitor that will be hungry and thirsty
Good for older children and teenagers a social place to meet
People will visit Forres with their children
Young people will have any up-to-date facilities. they have waited for so long. The Grant Park was gifted to the people in 1924.It almost time young people had a share of it
A needed activity in the community for younger people - developing their interest in fitness and body co-ordination, also the development of a safe social environment for those involved.
Increased foot fall, good for local business's
Health benefits for users, social integration. Promotion of use across moray and region could provide inter-locality competition and bring in additional revenue.
I do not have any specific studies on the economic impact of skateparks on communities, but from the feedback I've receive from municipal skatepark managers, skateparks do seem to have a positive effect on businesses in the surrounding area. When a skatepark opens, it tends to draw folks from the outlying communities to come bring their kids to the skatepark, do some shopping, maybe have lunch, buy some gas, etc. Skateparks attract patrons to local businesses who might not otherwise be in the area.
Place for young people/teens and young adults to be and have fun, Forres has never had anything for people in younger groups over the primary school age and often teenagers will do drugs or party because there's literally nothing for them to do in Forres. Having this will give them a safe place to enjoy doing things that many weren't given the opportunity
More kids will shop for drinks and food
Place for young people to hang out, place for people to learn and practice new hobbies, people from local surrounding towns will use.
Less crime for kids
Give young people something to do growing up here
Something for kids to do. Skating is something positive for kids to focus on.

Something for teenagers, but also would appeal to adults & younger children. Opportunity for outdoor activity. Hopefully building a supportive community of those who enjoy the sport. Possible economic benefit to local businesses by attracting folk to the area
Somewhere to meet
People in the community will be able to have fun, exercise and have a space for themselves. The park is for everyone and so should hold the facilities to accommodate the varying tastes.
It will encourage people from other towns to come and can encourage folk to spend money in Forres
Visitors. Get kids out in fresh air. Safe place to enjoy
give the youngsters somewhere to go and something to do therefor reducing any anti-social behaviour from them
The young people of Forres need something fun and active to encourage area especially after the pandemic. This offers a safe space but also brings people to the town
It will be great for Mathers the Ice Cream sellers. It will give the kids something to do.
Events and competitions could be held there, a skatepark is a great place to meet people and a great environment for kids to learn.
The old Forres skate part brought competitions. Tourist to those were out of town. Opportunities and activities for young people in town more needed
I think it would enhance the stunning asset of the park, and without taking away its beauty and plentiful green space - a park for all and would attract families of all ages to live, work and play in Forres
Give the children somewhere to go and something to do.
The skatepark will bring people back to Forres from all age's groups but especially the younger generations. Spark a bit of life back into the town. This will only be a positive for the local business owners. The youth of Forres need something like this. Exciting times ahead.
A place for younger people to call their own. Bring people to the park. Competitions etc
This would encourage families and kids from Forres and other areas to use Grant Park facilities immediately close by and use the other shops on the high street. This would be a place for local families and kids to socialise and spend time in a positive and healthy way.
Adding this will allow more involvement in the community due all ages
Bringing Forres activities into 21 century by being more inclusive and embracing contemporary culture alongside our traditional activities
A supportive skate community for children and young people as well as adults, using the facility together, would be great in terms of social opportunities and health / wellbeing.
Kids and parents would visit from neighbouring towns and use other local facilities to eat and drink supporting local shops and business
An influx of families and individuals to use the facilities and spend money in town whilst here.
I can't see any potential issues
This will bring in a sense of community allowing the people of the sport to grow.
More visitors and an increase in business on the high street
See lots of people taking part in skate boarding. Will give the older kids something to do.
For young people and families. Possibilities for competitive etc would bring economic benefits to the town
Physical mental and social engagement for the youth of the town will potential progression to professional athletes within the sport. A safe place for young and old people to meet like individual
More for kids and teenagers to do, the playground isn't great so would introduce another aspect and encourage exercise
Be great place for all ages, all abilities to be able to come together and use
More money, more friends, more people being active.
Believe it will bring diversity within the area
Kids in Forres have so little to do it would be so wonderful to encourage them to spend more time outdoor the skate community always inviting encouraging there would be people of all ages to look out for one another it would also help people of low it came to have access to a skate park without need to pay for travel
Skate parks come and go not convinced the demand is there to make it viable if there is it could be an asset for the youth of the town
Somewhere the youth can learn or enhance their skills in wheeled sports.
it would definitely attract visitors and if done right help the reputation of the town
Free access to sport facilities for adults and children in a friendly environment. I often travel to skatepark away from home because I want a new challenge or a new feature to work on that I can't find

in my area. I also skate every time I am on holidays. The community might even eventually develop clubs and group sessions to provide lessons for beginners or simply skate together. I have met a lot of skateboarders that are also surfers and skate when the waves are flat.
Community spirit with the young and old.
Skateparks are social spaces where often differences are easily pushed aside for the love of the Sport or Artistic nature of action sports such as skateboarding, BMXing and scootering etc.
When the old skatepark was shut down it was devastating. With a new skatepark it will mean somewhere for kids and adults who are into extreme sports something to do locally rather than going elsewhere which would bring more people to Forres.
Social inclusion of the community where all age can interact socialise. Promotion of health and wellbeing. Safe facility in a safe area. Attract people from other areas which will benefit the local businesses as it has for other parks throughout Scotland
With a design like this, or similar, it would definitely encourage people from all over the country to come visit to use the skatepark, this being good for all the local businesses.
The Park will bring potential user into the town. It will provide the misled youth of the town with a place to be and develop and focus
Will bring people to Forres, people in Scotland travel far and wide to ride / skate a decent park
A safe central space for the kids to meet. It would encourage other skaters from out of town to check it out. Plus, Mather would see an increase of footfall.
Skateparks creates a community
Expand the skating community
It would bring the skating community together. Give more options for entertainment
I would come to Forres more often to use the skatepark and eat in Forres more often.
It will give folk a reason to stop when traveling through the town. Provide a safe space for folk of all ages and abilities to learn and social network.
Though I do not visit the area often, I would visit more frequently so that me and my kids could take advantage of what looks like a great park. So, the area would benefit from us spending money on food / accommodation etc while visiting and, no doubt, we'd also take in other local attractions while there
People will travel to the park if it is well designed bringing business to local shops and cafes. However, the greatest benefit will be a thriving local skateboard/ BMX scene. For the youth in particular this will mean developing physical skills that will transfer to long term health and well-being. Interactions with other users, of various ages, as well as the benefits of learning difficult and complex tasks will also serve them very well emotionally long term.
As a someone who has been skateboarding since the late 80s, I have seen how facilities and skateparks have evolved over the years. The proposed design for Forres skatepark would be real asset for the town and would attract users of all ages from near and far. It would definitely something to be proud of. Also, due to the inclusive nature of the targeted users, it will be a friendly and supportive environment for all involved.
Providing positive outlets for young people is also a great for supporting mental well-being.
Make better use of public spaces, improve public health, encourage participation in sports
You'll need to have a skate shop. I think it'll send a message to young families considering living in Forres that the town is progressive and is worth investment.

5.4 What potential issues/ problems do you think the facility may have, if any?

Destruction of a good part of the park. Parking congestion on Victoria road. Noise pollution. The monopolising for long periods of the day and evening of an already limited car park to the disadvantage of Family groups dog walkers etc who need a car park to facilitate the use of buggies wheelchairs and more. At the moment lack of toilet facilities, the local council cannot be expected to fund toilets for a facility like a skate park.
Increased noise, anti-social behaviour, litter and graffiti
Mixture of age groups in that small area could be problematic.
Parking, where would the fare or circus them go if to go at Grant Park.
Litter, broken glass, loud music,
Having seen other skate parks around Moray, it will be targeted by graffiti - you just have to look at the back of the squash club for what will be sprayed on it.

Anyone with an attitude that the park is there just for them on either end of the age spectrum. The need for a visible police presence and vigilance by population to make it unattractive to drug dealers.
Non skaters potentially using the area to loiter and drink. Having good lighting in this area though would help prevent that. Let's face it, those types like to hide their activities and not have the light shone upon them.
More skaters
The only issue we have is the older generation not being happy about a skatepark being built in their park!
Older kids begin unruly
I don't foresee any issues.
Curse of Forres where it turns into a drinking / smoking / drug den. Resident complaints. Litter.
Vandalism
No concern just hoping it would return well but with the another of activities benefits it I have no worries
The usual anti-social behaviour issues. Requires a unique kind of supervision or policing - could cause issues at weekends with kids gathering but hopefully not any major problems
All would be swiftly resolved since it'd be next to a police station
A space for young people to gather, have fun and exercise
Maintenance
Personally, I see no negative
I would be a bit worried that it might get vandalised
Other than dogs being able to access the skate park I cannot see any problems
None there's plenty of land to be used
Could get damaged by irresponsible people
damage to it by teens
Old people
If it's well managed none or very few.
There will always be a need for engagement with those using the park but if the right culture is created this is a huge positive.
There will be undoubtedly vandalism of some sorts and anti-social behaviour, but this is not due to the park or users this is just a scenario that happens regardless of the facility in use or location, but these incidents tend to be in much smaller cases and tend to drop out after skatepark has been established for a while.
Vandalism, groups of kids controlling access and refusing others to use it, bullying, litter
See above answer. Unsupervised small children. Park etiquette goes out the window. The park becomes unusable for those who actually want to use it.
Staying in a good condition. Not becoming another site for smashed glass and graffiti
Damages and graffiti by the teens who have no fear as they get away with everything
Other than making the showies move, none at all, apart from accidents
Keeping on top of litter and the cost!
Litter? Also, Grant Park often has a fairly strong wind blowing and so I would suggest incorporating some kind of windbreak into the design. I think that would be something that many people would like but perhaps don't think about as otherwise people may be put off using the facilities if the wind is too strong. I'm thinking if there was at least a small seating area that was sheltered then parents could sit and watch their kids etc and I think that's important in order to have support from some parents.
Occasionally facilities like this can be subject to vandalism/graffiti, however this can be mitigated by creating a community culture around the facility, one where people take pride in their environment.
There will always be issues but as long as they are dealt with immediately then there should not be no problem
Might become a focus for litter, anti-social behaviour
Factions of the community think it may diminish the park
Litter issue but may be resolved by more bins, possibly a stand-alone one nearby the park as sometimes teens may get too lazy to walk to the building one
Unnecessary judgment from older generation
More places for young people to meet
Less understanding members of council/old, frustrated people seeing it as a waste despite all the benefits. They do that with everything though, very greedy people.
None it in Grant Park

I'm sure there will be many older generations who will complain about the noise and spoiling the park. Possibly litter but if the users are given responsibility to keep tidy, have recycling facilities close I'm sure it will work.
Possible vandalism
None, all wheeled parks only bring positive contributions to community and its people
Possibly more antisocial behaviour.
Noise and potentially with bottles/waste definitely lots of rubbish bins around
How to keep it in good condition and after volunteer
Would need monitoring to discourage vandalism or gang-style groups intimidating younger users
None. Potential safety advantages of a skatepark are numerous: good lighting, regularly maintained skating surfaces, routine structural inspection and upkeep, enclosed (or semi-enclosed) areas that effectively eliminate external factors such as cars, buses, pavement cracks, street potholes, and pedestrian traffic.
I don't think there will be any problems that young people see as problems, I feel the older generation will judge and hate seeing older kids and teenagers out more because they only see them as troublemakers and nothing more.
Maintenance but that could easily be should
Complains from the elderly, concerns about noise where would the showies go? All very small and some issues
Sadly vandalism/ anti-social behaviour, especially later in the day. By a small minority.
Vandalism
It may need youth workers to support young people and there may be anti-social behaviour. However, if it is managed properly and people are worked with then this can be dealt with.
Probably the usual littering and for some people it might annoy folk having more bikes/scooters etc going around the place.
Nothing I can think on.
vandalism unless locked
Litter problems.
Money and maybe getting planning permission.
None! There are hundreds of great examples of the success of skate parks, it is also near a police station, so this gives added assurances etc. Displacement of showies could be an issue but could they go at the other end of park or somewhere else or Bogton Rd or Kinloss etc or next to skate park etc?
Educated the users and there won't be any negative issues. Vandalism is a concern everywhere, but this won't be carried out by users of the park.
Anti-social behaviour. Perception that it shouldn't be in the park
Good lighting, secure fencing and perhaps CCTV would be needed to ensure that the area is not misused or vandalised during quiet periods or overnight.
Potential for more litter / graffiti - I have seen this on similar sites in other places.
Maintenance, cleaning of litter and graffiti. Establishing Floodlighting this would be a benefit
Opportunities to learn new skills and meet new people.
As long as the park is maintained this will not cause any issues
Litter and underage drinking. All easily monitored, Grant Park is the ideal location
Perhaps initial issues but I think this would settle after the first few months
Disruption at night for the houses beside the park
Keeping it in good condition, litter free
I believe as with many there will be resistance of people who have become accustomed to thing being as they are will be unhappy
None-skater are above their park so they would want to keep the area with the police station so close by there would be we retain for trouble
If venture folds could be left with an eye sore in the crown jewels of Forres
I am a user of Westburn park in Aberdeen and I have never had any issues. I would recommend a lamppost to skate the evenings in the winter.
People may be put off by the groups of people gathering in and around the park, but I'd be happier have groups gather in a space like this than somewhere inappropriate or more built up and residential.
Congregating of the non-park user however it is close to the police station which may act as a deterrent
The only issue that there is with a facility like this, is not the intended users, but a lot of other younger people coming to cause trouble. The users and the facility itself can get a bad image because of this but 99% of the time said users don't want any trouble, they just want to keep to themselves and have fun.

It's used too much, and we have to extend it.
Littering, equipment damage (by the younger teens of Forres of course)
Vandalism, littering
The skatepark might be used as a hangout for non-participating teenagers.
I'm not sure many come to mind, initiatives like this are usually a good thing in terms of giving children and young people something to do, a hobby to focus on, etc
Any sports or leisure facility usually experiences anti-social behaviour and vandalism by non-users of the facilities. Fortunately, the nearby police station should be a deterrent.
Ensuring safe use is something to consider - especially if the users will include younger children on scooters, etc. Responsibility for the safety of this group should clearly be held only by the parents/carers.
Adequate litter bins must be provided for users.
Just get some spotlights and cameras and you'll be alright. I guess kids might then congregate in the woods near the park. It might be an idea to have a curfew on the park. You'll also need to maintain the park at least yearly.

5.5 What lasting opportunities do you think this development could provide for the people of Forres?

None in the designated area, however with good robust management in another location it could be an asset to Forres I see a future lack of interest and a gradual deterioration of the facility, I would draw attention to the Bogton Road BMX facility which died through lack of interest and change in fashion.
Diversify the town interest. Large town with enough people of interest to have demand for this. Currently a lack of places for kids to harness their skills.
An outlet for young people so a knock-on positive effect in terms of petty crime etc..
People want to live and work in an area that caters for all their needs. Having somewhere for their children to safely engage in activities makes it an attractive place to settle as the population dynamics of Forres changes.
The development would provide a mass-market sports facility with the potential development skills in young people, quite a bit of bad activities due to the lack of a facilities like this
Only positives
The potential for children to develop skills they wouldn't be able to without a skatepark
Health, Happy community
It would be good for kids' health and mental wellness
A concrete skate park that is there to be used and cannot be taken away (like the Academy Basketball courts were)
How do you describe the memory of the best way to spend your youth? Making friends, keeping fit, learning skills, networking, social development, resilience etc.
Another sport available for the kids to try out, a draw for skaters from all over to try our park
Available for young and old for many years to come
Great sports activities for the years to come
Ability to host skating/wheeled events etc, bring people to the town with the inevitable knock-on benefits
People of all ages getting into the sports!
An extra community group and opportunities in competitions
Infrastructure for young people money in the high street
It would draw people into the community and would inspire our kids to develop new skills
Give skateboarders, Rollerblades and BMX'ers somewhere to practise
It positively lastly to a town in need of it
It could bring more people to focus
Something fun to do in our space time
From personal experience a step forward in positive mental health, you want to do something get out there and do it love life and try something different. These kinds of wheeled sports are making comebacks everywhere, I just love the positivity that comes from it, and I think out of everything, positivity is something that will always create some kind of opportunity somewhere.
Hopefully this will encourage more kids to choose an active, healthier lifestyle.

Something like this will last for a very long time, provide a safe meeting place, provide a fun activity, build relationships across the community
An interest for all kids/adults
Will make people more active and social
Fitness for kids and adults, getting more people together
More users of the park from different demographics will be a benefit
If a continued and sustained growth can be met and maintained within the community potential job roles can be created in coaching young persons and with the rise and implementation of skateboarding into the Olympics it is not out of the realm of possibility to build future talent that can represent the UK.
Tourism and events
Would give kids like me things to do that we really like. I don't like football, so I don't really have anywhere else to go or clubs to join
Its more things for youngsters to do. There is not much for them to do in Forres.
Exercise of any kind is great for children and adults
Development of wheeled skills, socialisation, increased interest in the sport
It would be a massive community resource for the whole town
Could create a new generation of sports stars
Hobbies and pass time
Healthier children with better balance and an ability to interact with different age groups.
Something for us grandparents to watch. Please put seats around so that we can enjoy coffee!
A physical activity for people, health and well-being for people, somewhere for kids to go with an interest in a skate park!
Give people a chance to compete in terms of skateboarding etc. If we don't have the facilities it's hard for them to try.
It may encourage other groups to start up their projects
Develop a broader culture of activity and public participation in the town
Quasit build will last for many years
More positive places and engagement opportunities for young people, less boredom = less crime and anti-social behaviour
A new hobby!! Nurturing new talent!
Safe place for all young adults and teenagers to spend time outside rather than isolate themselves, also be beneficial for people to make friends and socialise
A place of friendship, memories, and culture particularly for young people which is more than I can say for anywhere else in this town.
Something fun to to do in our spare time
The possibility of having the best skatepark in Moray.
May get famous pro-sports men/women from Forres for once!
Something great for the young people to enjoy for many years to come
It would be good for children and youths, and they are our future.
Olympics/health and well being
Forres is expanding with so many new houses, but it doesn't have facilities for families. We need facilities like this development to give the children/teenager/young adults somewhere to go.
Somewhere for people and kids to go
Positive influence on the youth
The opportunity to learn to skate etc without having to travel to Elgin or Hopeman to use their skate parks.
Community connection
Something for children and young people to do!
Fitness, Passion, interest in a skating. Potential for people to have interest in the skills and of the young people
An outdoor activity area for the younger generation, providing fresh air exercise.
Incentivise local sponsorship of individuals or teams. Will be good presentational as will appear as investment in youth.
Arguably the most important reason for participating in action sports is the fact that it keeps you healthy and physically fit. Finding an activity that gets kids off the couch and keeps them in shape is vital for the youth of this nation, especially in this time of a national health crisis.

I think it will bring a lot of comfort for older kids and young adults because there's a place for them to be without staying at home. It will be nice to have some where fun and safe to enjoy doing activities and fitness
A greater opportunity for young people to learn new hobbies, good for mental health benefits, social opportunities, increase in tourism for possible competitions.
Community spirit for the youngest
A place where kids can go outside, make friends and build a bigger skating community in Forres
If well used, see comment under social & economic benefits
For fitness
Oh, gazillions. People who share a common goal feel connected and this is important. Skill development and confidence and self-esteem also will be built. Organising events gives young people and the community work experience they might not have had the opportunity to take part in.
That depends on how it is looked after, if it is built then left it will get less popular. If it looked after and the Facebook page puts up regular posts you can always keep improving the place.
Kids move on and the next group move up. Hope it lasts for years and is well maintained
Possibly more groups trying to create other things for youngsters
Producing the next Olympic medallists.
Skateboarding, BMXing and other wheeled sports teach children resilience and lots of other important qualities.
Opportunities for young people in sports Olympics
Lively vibrant and progressive town for people of all ages to live, work and play
Create an environment for the kids
Future wheeled sports stars
Sports facility
Forres lacks good sport facilities and social opportunities for young people. This would go some way to address that problem.
Better resources for the youth
Wheeled sports could enable youngsters to enjoy outdoor healthy and relevant activities
Social events and a purposeful activity area for young people, potentially reducing negative consequences that boredom /a lack of belonging and community can contribute to in the long term.
Identify an outdoor social space, encourage kids to visit and spend the day in the town. Encourage skills events,
A development of this nature will appeal to a broad range of ages from across the country and attract them to visit use and encourage more repeated visits, financially it will be a benefit to struggling shops which is no bad thing.
Just busier and more active. Potential athletes
A sense of pride in their town for young people
It could potentially provide a gateway into the sport
Next generation of skate boarders and scooter/BMX riders
Gives people a place to go, Forres definitely needs something like this
New jobs more money more atmosphere
Bringing undoubtedly new opportunity which I walk welcome
It would build more of a community for young people encourage activity
It would need to be well used to have any benefits
Future youth can use the facility
Help retain young people
A skatepark is a free sport facility that lasts for years. The next Olympic champion might be from Forres! We have very talented people in Aberdeen alone!
Fun and fulfilment
Hopefully, young people who maybe feel disinterested in more commonly participated sports, have an outlet that can help them grow physically, which in turn will hopefully improve the mental state of at least some young people in the community.
Encouragement people into sport and inspire others
Confident and social skill building. A place for our future Olympia to train.
It might encourage bike / skateboard shops to be started in the area. Nothing more annoying than breaking something and not being able to get spares locally
It'll give the youth of Forres something to do other than destroy things, do drugs, drinking continuously
A place where people can use the park for sports and exercise.

Help to develop a stronger community by giving people a space to feel proud of and look after.
A positive shift in the culture towards health and well-being.
It could earn Forres the reputation of having one of the best skateparks in the north of Scotland and could help inspire/produce a future Olympic medallist!
All communities should have public sports facilities that cater for all ability levels and ages. Wheeled sports are accessible and relatively cheap. The town has needed this for decades.
Yearly competitions and events. 'Clubs' and lessons in support of children, those new to skating, the local indoor skatepark here (Seattle WA) has an over 30's session that I sometimes attend! They also have female/trans only sessions in support of those folks. As I mentioned before, this development would promote the town as a progressive and supportive modern option for those wishing to move to-or are considering leaving the town.

5.6 Other Comments

Grant Park must be retained as it is with no permanent structures added. All the present users Highland games, Forres week, Pipe Band competitions and more all come use the park and depart leaving no permanent changes to the park. I Quote the old song " They took paradise and gave us a parking lot". Remember once concreated it is difficult and expensive to remove, what thoughts have been given to a reserve fund for reinstating the area to grass when the facility falls into disuse due to change in fashion and interest.
please consider an alternative location which does less damage to a park with great heritage value and less damage to my business
I have my reservations on the legitimacy of selection process for the Grant Park site. I believe the original consultation and points scoring resulted in a different site but following objections and a change to the weighting of points, Grant Park was chosen. This does not reflect well on the transparency of the process and will cause issues. I believe a proper transparent consultation on the site selection should be held, not only with people with a vested interest in the skatepark, but the wider community, as it is their park that will be permanently altered.
I do not wish for a skate park in Grant Park. It will take away the beauty of the park and only promote rowdy teenagers giving out hostile atmosphere. There will also be a rapid increase of littering and graffiti. It will be an eyesore in such a beautiful area. There are other places within Forres that a skate park can be built.
Clearly I am happy supporting of this projects. It has to be the Grant Park because any other possible otherwise how to be ruled out.
I stopped skateboarding in my late teens to early twenties. Purely due to lack of facilities locally
Hurry up and build a permanent skatepark that will benefit Forres tremendously.
I really wish you all the best with this much needed facility
Please build it before my children turn into adults before they can enjoy it
Build the park
The plans look amazing!
100% for a skate park in Forres and thank you to all for making this happen :)
It will be a good thing to get people to hang out outside rather than in house
A social area for people instead of staying inside
Great!
Keeping healthy and having fun and making new friend is important to me. Skating brings people together
A park etiquette sign would be good. So, people know how to use the park safely.
Really hope it goes so well
Should be bigger with roof
Love what you are doing. Thank you for doing something positive and proactive for our community
Get it built.
More of a question - when could it be built by?
so close to police station I am sure as it's so close a copper can just nip out check it out, no hassle. Please remember it is the other who wreck stuff not the skate boarders
Great idea!
I really hope this has go ahead it is so grave then there and people really witted to something fresh new in good here!

Skateboarding is a unique activity because it combines extreme physical exertion with precise muscle coordination and balance. The complexity of performing tricks on a skateboard improves brain function at a fundamental level and stimulates new cell growth in the brain.
There is currently no safe place to take part in activities like skateboarding, roller blading and even wheel chair accessible space for kids to play, etc. People usually have to resort to places that are not safe or regulated like the old, demolished Tesco car park that's been out of use for years or the basketball court near the high school that's overgrown, close to the woods and generally just unsafe environments for activities to be done safely. As someone close to this project but not a part of it as I am the niece of Micheal Robertson that owns ESP and is involved with this project, I know that this project will be a step in the right direction for Forres and the young people. I actively try to skateboard but because there is nowhere to do so in Forres I usually have to be unsafe using public roads or public spaces unsafe for use even if I am being completely safe and careful, it's an extreme hazard for people because you never know if you're going to be hit by a car or have any accident.
Thanks, you for working so hard to make this idea
Wish you lots of luck to get this moving forward
It would be great if there were lessons/teachers about to encourage new users.
The Concept Looks Great
Giving the potential users a say in the whole process will foster a sense of ownership of the project.
Good luck with this project!
Keep up the good work. Fingers crossed for success.
This type of facilities can be used parents and children creating memories that have the potential to span generations.
To deny this facility is to deny kids an opportunity to grow and show some responsibility for what they do and use. The alternative is the risk of a child or adult being a victim of a distracted driver on a road or car park.
This long overdue
The world is changing and Forres needs to catch up. We need to do something to keep the youth happy. Forres is for everyone, and Grant Park was left to ALL people of Forres
Definitely a great idea
I think a skate park would be an excellent attribute for Forres
Good luck, hope we get it!
Like seriously make it happen soon and if you think the skate park is a bad idea ur not cool
I strongly believe that our community cannot be complete without more for young people.
Forres needs this
I wish you well if it can proceed without a C.A.T. if not I am totally against it. We had BMX tracks at Bogton very popular for a few years interest fell, and the project folded, just one of the possible pitfalls'
I fully support the construction of a new skatepark, the design is very good, and I want to see more skaters in a friendly environment provided by the park. I will travel from Aberdeen to Forres to use that skatepark for sure.
I would be interested in joining when I eventually return to Forres permanently but am currently studying.
I think it would be a great outdoor activity for kids in the area
After 12 years Elgin skate park as produced talented skaters that have travelled internationally and inspired other. There has been very little trouble at the park and has only been a positive. Being a concrete park there has been zero maintenance costs. Please recognise that this as important as football pitches and tennis courts
Hurry up!
The council doesn't provide this town with anything fun to do which leads the youth to find their own entertainment. (Fighting each other, drinking, drugs) if there was more to do here this wouldn't be too much of a problem
I really think the young people could really benefit from having this facility on their doorstep.
The park looks absolutely amazing, well done to FSPI for getting all the planning and preparation to this stage. Fingers crossed it ends up a reality.