

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by a member of the public who either lives or works in the area of the authority.

The question will be answered without discussion. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion. The person to whom a question, or supplementary question, has been put may decline to answer it.

The following written questions have been received from members of the public.

(a) Mr Ash Shelling

“On what moral, and ethical grounds does the council justify sending out 28,000 consultation forms in which the ‘Cons’ (as in 'pro's and con's) of having an open skate bowl on The Level's highly utilised open green were deliberately downplayed, and, in which the Public Health and Safety risks posed by Option 2 received not a single mention?”

(b) Mr Adrian Morris

“The consultation sent out to 28,000 households showed the skatepark in the southern section of The Level from a bird’s eye view from the south. The same view from the south is taken of the skatepark in the northern section, but the trees and shrubs of the Rose Walk obscure it. Had the view been taken at ground level from the north it would have clearly shown the intrusiveness of the skatepark on the green open space.

Would you agree that this was grossly misleading, favouring the northern option and the public couldn’t have realised what they were voting for?”

(c) Ms Julia Davis

“In November, Parks Project Team (PPT) said the skatepark would be 1100m². In workshop 2 (January 15), PPT changed this to 1600m² costing £450k, although only £150k was available, enough for 700-900m², stating a mistake was made in original measurements. The public consultation included the 1600m² skatepark size, but not an artist impression of Option 2 looking North-South, nor fencing around the skatepark in either option, despite requests from residents. These actions resulted in Option 1 looking both unsafe and congested. What skate funds will be available by August, including fencing, and how large will the skatepark be in the HLF bid plans?”

