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PRESS RELEASE – SKATE PARK

Exciting News – Stotfold Skate Park Moves a Step Closer!

Stotfold Town Council is delighted to share that plans for a brand-new skate park at Greenacre Park are moving forward. After months of consultation, planning advice, and careful review, we are now getting ready for the next stage of this exciting community project.

Planning Approach

We'll be developing the skate park under permitted development rights, which allows us to move forward more quickly. A separate planning application for the lighting will follow, so the facility is safe and accessible all year round.

Funding

We also want to be clear about how the skate park will be funded. Instead of using Section 106 developer money as originally suggested, the Town Council will be allocating £100,000 contribution through the release of some reserves which had been built up for other activities. This also means that the project will not be funded through an increase in council tax specifically for this project.

The entire build is costed at £300,000 with additional funding through external grants, and fundraising efforts. While a general increase in council tax may be considered next year to address rising operational costs and financial pressures, this specific project will not contribute to that. We've already invested in surveys, consultation, and community engagement to make sure the design meets local needs.

What Happens Next?

- Make an application for permitted development and move to the next stage.
- Finalise the funding package and approve the revised strategy.
- Seek funding for the remaining funds to build the park.
- Work with our contractor, Betongpark, to bring the design to life.
- Keep residents updated every step of the way.

Cllr Steve Buck, Mayor of Stotfold said, "I can't promise I'll be the first one to drop into the bowl, but I am thrilled that Stotfold is getting its very own skate park! This project has been driven by the enthusiasm of our young people, and it's fantastic to see it coming to life. I'm looking forward to seeing skaters, scooters and bikers enjoying the park — and who knows, maybe a few of us older ones might give it a go too!"

Councillors and officers would like to thank everyone who has taken part in the consultation and shared their views. This project has been shaped by the community, and when complete, it will give young people and families in Stotfold a safe, inclusive, and fun place to enjoy for years to come.



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Stotfold Town Council is committed to being open about how decisions are made and how money is spent. As the skate park project moves from planning towards funding and ultimately construction, we'll keep residents updated and make sure there are plenty of opportunities for the community to stay involved.

If you have any further questions, please email enquiries@stotfoldtowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01462 730064.