

Equalities Impact Assessment

Proposal Title	Stockwell Skatepark – Design & Build Contract Award
Consideration	Response
Q1a. What is changing?	<p>This EIA report accompanies an officer delegated decision report seeking to award a design and build contract to fully modernise and refurbish Stockwell Skatepark, a free local outdoor sports facility.</p> <p>First constructed in 1978, the park is one of the oldest in the UK and is a popular and iconic skate sports venue with a large number of users both from within the borough and beyond. Due to its worsening structural condition, a major refurbishment and upgrade is required if it is to remain open and serve the community for years to come as a high-quality destination for skaters.</p> <p>The skate park will be fully modernised, creating a state-of-the-art future-proofed skating, BMX-ing and roller-blading venue to attract and inspire a wider audience, especially local young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, and making it fully accessible for people with disabilities. This capital investment will be followed up by a community engagement and training programme partly funded by London Marathon Charitable Trust.</p>
Q2a. What do we know about the people who will be impacted by this change?	<p>Stockwell Skatepark attracts users from across the borough, but the main population positively impacted by the change will be residents of the Ferndale ward where the facility is located.</p> <p>Ferndale is a Lambeth ward Lambeth with the smallest percentage of open space and the highest population density. The LSOA area directly surrounding the skatepark, including the neighbouring Stockwell Park Estate, Stockwell Road and Stockwell Park Road is in the first Deprivation Decile in terms of the Index of Multiple Deprivation, i.e. in the 10% most deprived nationally. Markedly, it is also in the first Deprivation Decile for Outdoors Environment, Living Environment, Wider Barriers, Income Deprivation and several other measures.</p> <p>Groups who will be impacted in a positive manner by these changes will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents • Members of the wider public, from Lambeth and beyond <p>The refurbishment will have a particularly positive impact on groups with the following protected characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age – local young people, but without creating barriers to entry for people of all ages • Disability – the skate park will serve people with disabilities, with specialist coaching provided as part of the the Marathon Trust community engagement grant • Socio-economic background – the skate park will remain a free, open-air sports facility for the community to enjoy • Health – the modernised sports facility will contribute to the improvement of health and wellbeing among its users <p>In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, the Council must have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination and advance equality of opportunity, as set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. In making this recommendation, regard has been given to the Public Sector Equality Duty and the relevant protected characteristics (age, disability, gender</p>

	<p>reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation). It forecasts that there would be no disproportionate ill effects on people with any of the protected characteristics.</p>
<p>Q2b. How will they be impacted by the change?</p>	<p>The impact of the refurbishment will be positive for various local groups with protected characteristics. No negative impact of the refurbishment on any groups with protected characteristics has been identified.</p> <p>A fully resurfaced and modernised free skate park would improve accessibility for users who at present cannot enjoy it due to safety concerns, including families and people with disabilities or mobility issues.</p> <p>The skate park already attracts a diverse audience of mostly young people from various ethnic backgrounds, but it is likely to become even more popular among the local diverse population after the full refurbishments.</p> <p>Modernising the rest & viewing area located in Area 3 as part of the enhanced option and providing additional family benches would create conditions to attract local families with smaller children as well as disabled users to use this sports facility in a safe environment.</p> <p>In addition to the capital grant awarded, London Marathon Trust has allocated a £10,000 revenue grant towards an outreach programme for local schools, community and disabled users, to be spent after the skate park re-opens. Part of grant will be spent towards skateboarding instructor courses for users from the local community, including specialist skateboarding instructor training for people with disabilities.</p> <p>A fully refurbished, modern skate park with state-of-the-art features to train on has the potential to attract generations of sports enthusiasts and even to produce home-grown Olympians of the future.</p>
<p>Q3a. How do you plan to promote and deliver any positive impacts of the proposal?</p>	<p>There will be a grand opening of the new facility after the refurbishment organised by Lambeth and Friends of Stockwell Skatepark (FOSS) with local residents including families and disability groups invited to use the skatepark under the supervision of qualified instructors.</p> <p>Local users will be invited to sign up for free skateboarding instructor course accredited by Skateboard GB. A separate course will be run for local disabled users who would like to become skateboarding instructors. The opening will be also attended by the local BMX club who will promote the refurbished facility to their members.</p> <p>The modernised facility will be promoted by the Friends of Stockwell Skatepark and via Lambeth communication channels.</p> <p>There will be a dedicated family slot for young users and their parents/carers to enjoy the skate park on Sunday mornings, advertised on posters around the facility.</p>

<p>Q3b. How do you plan to address and mitigate any negative impacts of the proposal?</p>	<p>No negative impacts of the proposal on the local community including groups with protected characteristics has been identified.</p>
<p>Q4. How will you review/evaluate your proposal, mitigating actions and/or benefits? Who will be responsible for this?</p>	<p>The impact of the refurbishment on usage and user profiles will be measured as part of the final reporting requirement to London Marathon Charitable Trust, one of the main funders of the scheme.</p> <p>The quality of the build will be reviewed at regular milestones throughout the works, with input from Friends of Stockwell Skatepark, and verified by an independent engineering consultancy specialising in skate park building. The final build will be ROSPA inspected and signed off after the final inspection.</p> <p>The Parks team will take over the day-to-day management of the facility after the refurbishment and will continue to engage with FOSS, other users of the skate park and with the local community.</p>
<p>Outcome of equality impact assessment</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No adverse impact, no change required</p>