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Subject:	Concrete Skatepark – Noble’s Park

Question:

“I’m looking for an update on the proposed “concrete skatepark” that was announced in February of 2018 for Nobles Park Douglas and did not materialise. I want to know the current status of the project and also I want to know why it has not been constructed as of yet or if it ever will be.”

Response:

The Council progressed a project for a replacement concrete skatepark in 2018 but were unable to progress the scheme with the single contractor who tendered for reasons outside the Council’s control.

A second tender exercise took place in 2019, and a successful contractor was appointed but the project had to be paused due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Unfortunately, the contractor appointed at this time was not in businesses after the pandemic, so the project paused again at that point. Difficulties identifying suitable contractors in 2021 led us to explore the potential to replace the existing skatepark with modular features but the cost of resurfacing the tarmac to create a suitable surface on which to place the modular equipment would have taken most of the budget, particularly in view of the sharp inflationary costs of construction work following the pandemic. However, replacement of the skatepark is still in the Council’s capital programme for 2027/28 and the budget has been increased substantially. We currently have consultants preparing a masterplan for Noble’s Park and this will include provision of the future skatepark.