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Washington Wheeled Sports Park

Residents' Update 3

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Sunderland City Council is looking for a preferred location and design for Washington Wheeled Sports Park

Step 1

The City Council invites residents to suggest locations for Washington Wheeled Sports Park. In addition, young volunteers are invited to form part of a representative young people's steering group. Ideas of possible locations can be submitted before 10th March 2009 by email to wheeledsportspark@sunderland.gov.uk or by post to Wheeled Sports Park Project, South Hylton House, Block One, Hylton Bank, Sunderland SR4 0JL. Site suggestions can also be forwarded to your Ward Councillor (contact details can be found overleaf). All nominated sites received before 10th March 2009 will be technically assessed.

Step 2

Throughout March 2009 all suggested sites will be reviewed by qualified landscape architects and against national guidance on suitability criteria. Play England have been invited to guide this process. A core group of regular boarders, bikers and in-line skaters from a good geographical spread of Washington will be sought to ensure that young people are involved throughout the project. As the project has a defined budget, the cost of preparing a site will need to be considered. Equally it is important that the facility is completed by March 2010 and this will also be taken into consideration. It may be that some of the sites nominated cannot be progressed due to issues associated with land ownership or legal covenants. However, residents will be kept informed of these results.

Step 3

The evaluated assessment of sites will be presented to Washington Area Committee in April 2009, where your councillors will be asked to endorse the sites to be shortlisted. Members will base this decision on the results presented by the landscape architects and Play England. More detailed designs and full costs will be prepared for those shortlisted, before a further period of consultation. The full analysis will be published on the website www.sunderland.gov.uk/leisure

Step 4

Landscape architects will work up the designs for each shortlisted site. Depending upon the number of sites, it is proposed that designs will be developed and published in May 2009.

An **8 Step** consultation process has been developed, which is detailed below. This process is intended to ensure that the design and location for Washington's Wheeled Sports Park meets the needs of all residents. You have told us that facilities for children and young people are important to you. The council's elected members are committed to responding to residents needs.

Step 5

The designs for the shortlisted sites will be available for young people and their families to see at primary and secondary schools and via youth providers. Young people and families will be asked to vote on-line or in writing for their preferred location and design. Votes in writing should be sent with their full name, address and date of birth to Wheeled Sports Park Project, South Hylton House, Block One, Hylton Bank, Sunderland SR4 0JL. This will enable Sunderland City Council to ensure residents vote only once. The results will be assessed in age group bands so the council can be sure the design has reached the young people that the Wheeled Sports Park will be provided for.

Local schools are supporting the project, to ensure young people have access to computers and are being encouraged to provide feedback via the web.

Step 6

The results of the consultation period will be presented to Washington Area Committee in June 2009. The Committee will be asked to endorse the preferred location based upon the consultation findings.

Step 7

The details of the process to date and the designs will be circulated to residents who live in close proximity to the preferred location. The site location and design will influence whether formal planning permission is required. Whether or not planning permission is required, there will be a four-week consultation period with residents who live next to or in view of the proposed development and the full distribution of information will follow planning standards.

Step 8

The results of the resident consultation will be shared at Washington Area Committee. It is estimated this will be September 2009, when the next steps will be determined.

Should you have any queries or wish to receive notification of progress, please contact wheeledsportspark@sunderland.gov.uk