

Skatepark Update

Two public meetings, independently chaired by Mike Edmund, were held on Friday 9th July at the KGV pavilion to encourage comments and questions to be raised and directed to the Freestyle Collective (the selected partner) and the project team which is conducting a feasibility process on behalf of Sarratt Parish Council, KGV and Sarratt and Chipperfield Community Foundation. Minutes of both meetings were recorded by the Clerk of the Council.

The results of the survey, which every household in Sarratt had the opportunity to complete, were distributed at the meetings. These results were also independently audited by ME and confirmed as a fair and accurate representation of the data.

Survey Results

The questionnaire was open for 30 days and comprised questions to obtain both facts (quantitative) and views and feelings (qualitative). There were 240 responses from across all age groups. 87% of respondents were local to Sarratt making the results a reliable and authentic snapshot of the consensus.

Responses included;
from the project age group (7-18) 41%, presumed parents (35-54) 29% and (possible) grandparents (55+) 27%

1. 100% of all respondents, of all age groups and of both supporters and objectors, agreed that it's important for young people to spend time outdoors
2. 75% of respondents agreed that we, as a community, don't provide enough for young people to do
3. Over 90% thought that we could provide more facilities at KGV for young people
4. 60% currently leave the village to find outdoor activity for their children

Qualitative comments received were as follows;

65% support the project

23% are neutral

Less than 12% are against the project

77% of 7-18 support the project, almost equally shared between boys and girls

68% of the 35-54 age group support the project

44% of the 55+ age group support the project

Below are links to the minutes and the full survey results.

The next stage in the process is for the project group to combine concerns raised in the public meetings with concerns raised in the survey and to meet with Freestyle to discuss if and how these concerns may be addressed.

The project team will then present a recommendation which will be considered at the August SPC meeting (Wednesday August 18th) and subsequent KGV and SCCF meetings for ratification or not.