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Dear Sir/Ma'am

I hope this email finds you well. I was asked by my brother to create an email to support him and the skating community within Wellingborough with reasons as to why a new skatepark will benefit Wellingborough.

Firstly, the current state of the existing skatepark is far from ideal. It has become a hotspot for litter and broken glass, posing significant safety hazards to skateboarders and other park users. The presence of such debris not only diminishes the aesthetic appeal of the park but also increases the risk of injuries to individuals utilizing the space.

Moreover, the uneven grounding of the skatepark renders it unsafe for inexperienced skaters and young children. The lack of smooth and level surfaces makes it challenging for beginners to hone their skills and enjoy the sport safely. This presents a barrier to entry for individuals who may otherwise be interested in skateboarding but are deterred by the current condition of the facility.

Furthermore, the layout of the existing ramps contributes to an unfavourable atmosphere within the skatepark. The design of the ramps allows for individuals to congregate underneath them, often resulting in disruptive behaviour and an unwelcoming environment. This not only detracts from the overall experience of skateboarding but also discourages families and young enthusiasts from utilizing the space.

By investing in a new skatepark, the above issues can be addressed and create a vibrant recreational space that benefits the entire community. A well-maintained and properly designed facility will promote physical activity, social interaction, and youth engagement. It will also provide a safe and inclusive environment for individuals of all ages and skill levels to enjoy skateboarding, roller-skating etc.

Frequent complaints regarding the presence of skateboarders in public areas, attributed to the noise of their boards and the acrobatics they perform, these issues could be effectively mitigated through the provision of a suitable skatepark. It is noteworthy that a significant portion of skateboarders opt for locations such as car parks or the town centre due to their superior amenities, as opposed to the existing skatepark, which fails to meet requirements.

A new skatepark also has the potential to attract visitors from neighbouring areas, thereby stimulating local economic activity.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and consideration. I hope this email, along with others that you receive helps to continue this proposal to receive the planning permission required.