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To Whom it may concern.

Hi I want to give my thoughts on the proposed skatepark in bassets park Wellingborough.

I am a 48 year old skateboarder who still skates minimum 3 times per week with my 7 year old daughter. (She is showing a real talent for it and it's her passion)

This always means travelling to another towns skatepark.

I also coach skateboarding once a week at adrenalin alley in corby, where I help young children and complete beginners.

We visit many skateparks and had some great experiences.

We've witnessed kids and adults find new hobbies and We've seen friendships made.

All while getting great exercise outdoors.

To have a facility like this on our doorstep would be great for us and the wider community.

I also strongly believe it would be good for the park.

Bassetts currently has a skatepark in a very poor state and unfit for purpose.

Anti social behaviour in bassets is not usually from the skateboard/ bmx community. But from young people just aimlessly hanging around with nothing to focus their time and energy on.

And it is known that areas in a poor state of repair seem to attract this kind of behaviour.

Yes a new skatepark will increase visitors to the park. But they will be there for a reason, something to focus on. And I'm sure with a decent facility the park will be used for its intended purpose.

I really only see this being a huge positive for the area.

We only have to look at many other towns skateparks. Many of them are very close to residential areas.

Here's hoping we can push forward with this project and give Wellingborough what many other towns have and enjoy