

The Controversy

Most of the residents who have contacted us about this idea have been warmly in favour and there is already an eager band of local kids collecting names and addresses for a petition to demonstrate this support.

A small minority of residents oppose the project on the grounds that a BMX/skate park would increase anti-social behaviour on Paxcroft Mead.

We take these concerns seriously. We have consulted the local neighbourhood police and they tell us that their statistics show that there has been no rise in anti-social behaviour in other areas with these facilities.

We have done our research and we will be following the advice of specialist firms and council youth officers who advocate involving the kids themselves from an early stage. This way the kids feel pride in the park and want to keep it in good order.

It won't be easy to achieve. Even supposing we get planning permission, there will be tens of thousands of pounds to raise. But we are determined to do our very best, because we're confident that this is a worthwhile project which will be a real benefit to our community.

You can help

- ◆ Visit the website and join the forum - it's free
- ◆ Come to the AGM on May 24th and sign the petition
- ◆ Download a leaflet and a mini-petition and get some names.

paxcroft mead community forum

Paxcroft Mead Action Park

The local kids need an exciting activity

The young people need a place to hang out

The community forum wants to make it happen

will you help us try?



www.paxcroftmead.org.uk/forum

The Proposal

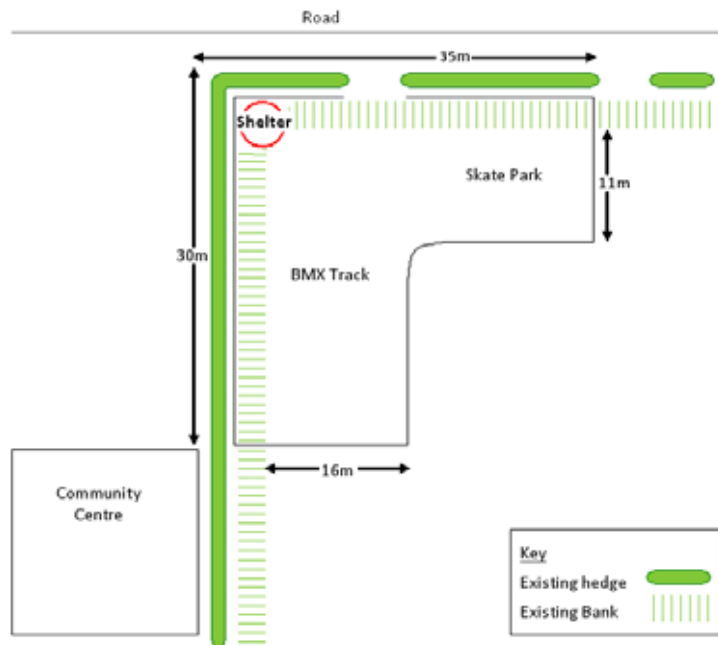
One of the key issues to come out of the first general meeting of Paxcroft Mead Community Forum was the lack of facilities for local kids.

The proposal is to build a BMX track/skate park on the corner of the cricket field behind the community centre. This would provide an exciting activity for local kids and a designated area for young people to hang out and meet their friends.

The final layout would be determined by a design process involving local kids and specialist firms, but the initial idea is to have a BMX track of beaten earth, with a skate park featuring one or two elements in steel and marine ply.

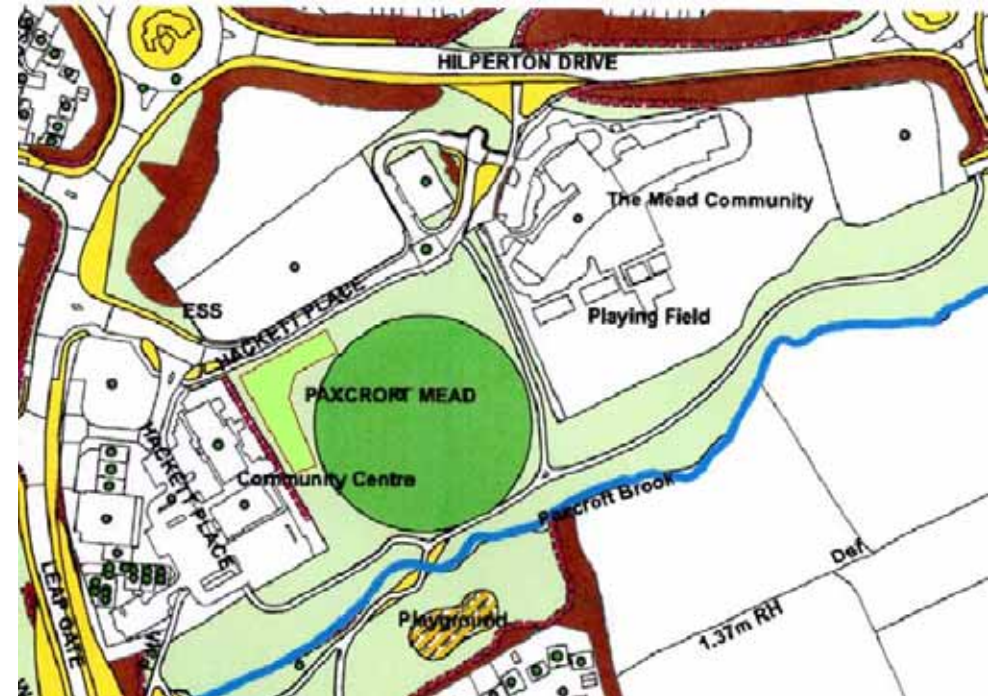
There would also be a shelter for young people to congregate as well as outdoor seating and bins.

Sketch Plan of the Action Park (Dimensions are approximate)



Map of the Country Park near the District Centre

Proposed position of the action park shown in lime outlined in red



View of the footprint of the Action Park area from the corner of the field

The central tree would be the only one which would need to be removed as it marks what would be the starting point for the BMX track. The covered seating would be just behind and to the left of the camera position

