Update for Chippenham Area Board

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Subject	Chippenham Skate park – update

Update

Following the submission of the skate park planning application in February, the Local Planning Authority (LPA) requested further information. While the additional plans and sections have been provided, additional information regarding drainage and flood risk is still being compiled.

The main contractor, Wheelscape, have commissioned consultants to undertake further negotiations with the Environment Agency and the council's drainage engineers around discharge routes and rates for surface water. Essentially this relates to how and where rainwater falling on the skate park drains away. Given that the site chosen by the Area Board is located in the flood plain, the drainage solution needs to be able to cope when the river is in flood. The LPA requested additional information to support the application and this has required further consultation with the Environment Agency and Wheelscape are awaiting their response. Once this has been received, the scheme can be modified (if necessary) and the information can be submitted to the LPA. The current timescale for this is June 2016.