Chippenham Campus Development Team Skate Park Position Statement 17th December 2012

As a result of early findings from the first round of the Campus survey, interim engagement/consultation with service providers and a sampling of public opinion the CDT are able to confirm a strong consensus supporting enhanced/improved youth provision within Chippenham.

A clear requirement has emerged for the provision of a skate park venue within a town centre location, however many felt the River Island site may prove to be on the wrong side of the river and somewhat detached from the initial thinking emerging from the CDT on a possible Campus location.

The CDT recognises significant gaps exist in youth provision and endorses an enhanced requirement; details outlining the shortfall will be addressed in a subsequent report to the Area Board.

In every respect a future Campus provides the ideal opportunity to co-locate youth provision. Therefore the opportunity should not be lost to optimise capital generated from the disposal of the Bridge Centre to enhance fully integrated youth provision which should include a skate park.

Whilst a Campus site has yet to be discussed there is an emerging consensus in support of the environs in the proximity of Monkton Hill, the Olympiad and Chippenham College.