

Cherish Chippenham Skate Park Position Statement**15th December 2012**

Cherish Chippenham strongly believe the best location for the Chippenham Skate park is on Monkton Park next to the Olympiad and not Island Park for several reasons:

- This is a central location offering easy access for all students across the Town
- Close proximity to the train station will offer access to skaters from other locations
- Near the college and Olympiad to complement our town's leisure facilities
- Supports town centre shops where food and drinks can be bought
- Offers safety for everyone as right in front of the Community Neighbourhood Police Team at Wiltshire Council Monkton Park offices
- Street Youth Workers have an office based in the Olympiad offering quick access to the site
- The police agree a central location is a good way of keeping teenagers gathered at one point

We have had some designs drawn up with the Skate Park based at this location incorporating some features which we believe would help to reduce any potential noise impact a from a concrete site and these are available on the website.

Furthermore, we believe Island Park would provide an ideal location for an outdoor stage together with a hard standing area to support the Folk Festival and other Town Centre Festivals which will increase the vibrancy and footfall into Chippenham Town Centre and is also displayed on our drawings.

With three senior schools in Chippenham, we hope that Wiltshire Council Skate Board Task Force has the courage to stand up for the majority by voting for an outstanding skate park in Monkton Park instead of being threatened by the minority.

We also hope that the elections in May 2013 do not impede the decision on this important facility for the Youth of Chippenham.