

BMX Track Group

9:00am – Tuesday 28th October 2025

Present: Councillors Marten, Casson & Ward

Clerks: J Price/N Pape

1 representative of the BMX Track Support Group

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Longbottom, Porteus & Larkin and a further member of the support group

Agreed: that apologies be noted

2. To consider required actions arising from RoSPA Safety Inspection report & make recommendations to Full Council

RoSPA had undertaken a subsequent inspection of the bike track on 17th October 2025, Cllrs Casson & Marten had been in attendance. The inspector had noted that whilst the remedial works undertaken had reduced the risk ratings, further works were required:

The remedial work to remove external tree growth and create a 3m buffer zone had been done, however there are several places whereby this has not quite been achieved. The signage is good, albeit the diagram reflects what is there rather than instructing with clarity a clear/safe direction of travel. At its core the risks remain threefold:

- **Converging tracks, increasing risk of collision**
- **Variable earth quality and erosion**
- **A tree line that prevents passerby line of sight**

The following issues/risk scores had been identified within the report:

The equipment is not designed so that the risk involved is apparent and foreseeable by the user - risk score 12

Surface needs repair – risk score 12

Ground erosion present – risk score 9

The signage is confusing – risk score 8

The ground has worn in and around the berms – risk score 8

The equipment is not designed so that the risk involved is apparent and foreseeable by the user – risk score 9

Encroaching vegetation or trees – risk score 8

Risk Assessment – risk score 8

It was agreed that that track remain closed until all required remedial works have been undertaken

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Cllr Casson reported that RoSPA had advised that the Parish Council could employ one of their directors to meet with Cllrs to redesign the track, the office will clarify and obtain costings for this service

Agreed: that the office confirm costings of employing RoSPA to assist with redesigning the track

Cllr Casson proposed that riders be invited to meet with himself and Cllr Marten at the track on 31st October 2025 to discuss ideas for redesigning the track, the representative of the BMX Track Support Group will advertise this on social media

Agreed: that riders be invited to meet with Cllrs Casson & Marten at the track on 31st October 2025 to discuss ideas for redesigning the track

3. To consider Risk Assessment

The Risk Assessment was discussed in depth, with proposed scoring to be submitted to Full Council for approval

Agreed: that the proposed scoring of the Risk Assessment be submitted to Full Council for approval

4. To consider BMX Track & Youth Survey results and make recommendations to Full Council

It was noted that there had been 606 responses to the survey. The Clerks will analyse and condense the data into categories for Full Council to consider, the results will provide useful information about demand which could inform future funding bids

Agreed: that the Clerks analyse and condense the data into categories for Full Council to consider

5. To consider questions raised by the Cottingham Bike Track Group

The Group had raised the following questions:

What are the next steps once the second RoSPA inspection is complete and the track is reopened?

Agreed: that the track will close annually for a short period prior to the school summer holidays for repair works to be undertaken

Who will be taking the lead on progressing redevelopment plans?

Agreed: that the Parish Council will take the lead on progressing redevelopment plans, the Bike Track Group are welcome to seek sponsorship opportunities

Will the Parish Council seek input from professional track builders and riders on possible redesigns or improvements?

Agreed: that the Parish Council will seek input from professional track builders and riders on possible redesigns or improvements – riders will be invited to meet at the track on 31st October 2025 to discuss ideas for resigning the track.

The Parish Council will obtain costings to employ RoSPA to assist with the redesign of the track.

Will there be a plan in place for future maintenance to avoid the same issues recurring?

Agreed: that the track will be inspected regularly and will close annually for a short period prior to the school summer holidays for repair works to be undertaken

How will progress, decisions, and survey outcomes be communicated to the public going forward?

Agreed: that progress, decisions and survey outcomes will be shared with the Bike Track Group and with the public via minutes from Full Parish Council meetings and social media updates

What factors, if any, could result in the track not being able to continue in the future?

Agreed: that ongoing maintenance costs would need to be considered by Full Council

How could the community help mitigate or address these risks?

Agreed: that the Parish Council regularly liaise with the Bike Track group to discuss any issues arising

Meeting closed at 10:45