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Dear <<name>>,

Proposed BMX track near Kirkstall Road

I am writing to consult you about a proposed BMX cycle track near Kirkstall Road which we hope will receive public support. It is suggested for the north eastern part of the former municipal waste tip between the used car lot and the storage company on Kirkstall Road, as shown on the back of this letter.

In doing this I must declare my personal interests because I serve as the Company Secretary for the local charity Kirkstall Valley Park <http://kvp.org.uk> and my allotments are nearby. Our family plots are closer to this scheme than most local residents. Nevertheless, my wife and I support these proposals and we hope that you will share our views.

Your Kirkstall councillors frequently hear complaints from the public that there are insufficient constructive and challenging activities for young people in Kirkstall, and this is one way to redress the balance. BMX cycling may not be everybody's passion, but it requires skill and dedication, and the young people who take part in it are generally polite and well behaved. It recently became an Olympic sport.

This is a genuine public consultation which depends on local views. If this scheme goes ahead, it would be mainly constructed by the cyclists themselves, and by their families, several of whom live locally in Kirkstall. When compared with the major engineering works required for the A65 Quality Bus Scheme, this would be a very minor change. Details are included on our councillors' website at <http://www.kirkstallward.net> It would be located in the dip, below the level of the road, and would consist mainly of clay "jumps" and approach tracks. This would be strictly "pedal power" and no quad bikes or motor cycles would be allowed on site. Very tight turns and compact design would make it difficult to use motorised vehicles without permission. No trees would be removed, and I doubt that this new facility would be visible unless you were actually on site. We look forward to receiving your opinions.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor John Illingworth on behalf of Kirkstall councillors Bernard Atha and Lucinda Yeadon

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