

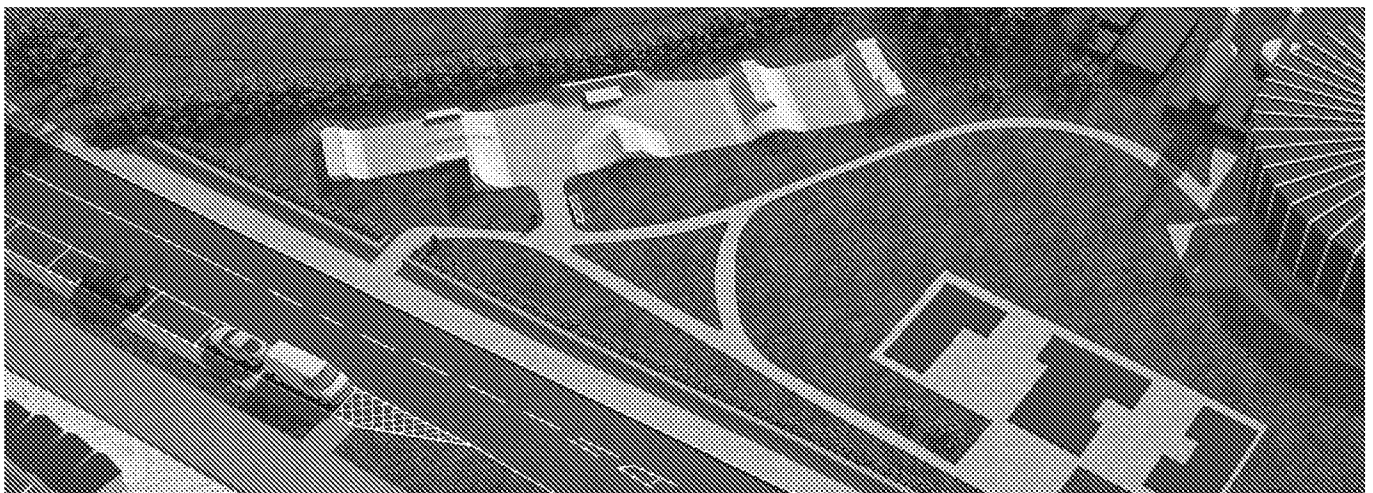


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## DESIGN STATEMENT

# LITTLEHAMPTON SKATEPARK

Maverick's Littlehampton design has been created to provide the local riding community with a new, state-of-the-art, wheeled sports park. Our design offers a comprehensive range of features that will appeal to learners who are just starting out and those who are at an advanced level. The facility has been designed to serve the needs of a wide variety of disciplines, including, skateboarders and BMX'rs. A concrete wheeled sports facility of this nature will attract a broad age group of people (5-55 years). The park has been designed to as a community facility first but also appeal to people further afield. Our skatepark design is 100% bespoke, it is statement skatepark facility with a progressive approach to design.

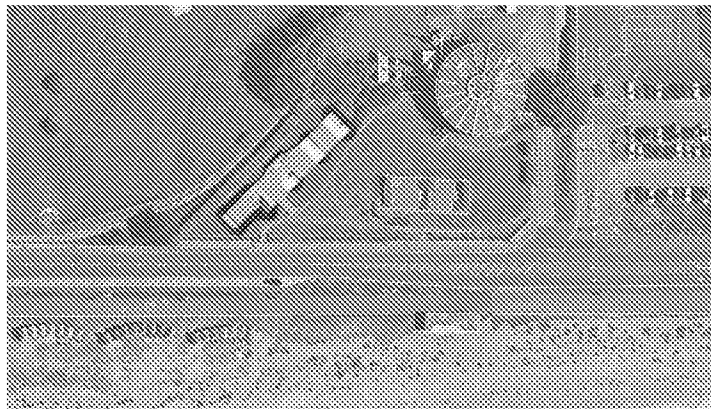


## THE PROPOSED LOCATION

The proposed location for the New Littlehampton Skatepark is off Sea Road, close to the current steel ramp facility, as shown in our location plan. The space is broadly rectangular in shape and measures approximately 40m x 15m. The site is bordered by a hedge, a low-level brick wall to the South and tarmac pathways. Due to the proximity of the sea and associated high water table, this facility will need to be built from the ground up, this has had an impact on the way it has been designed. We have conducted detailed consultation with local riders and they have expressed a desire to see more street features in the facility, this has informed the design process.

The site drops away from the road and along its length; this is beneficial in terms of drainage. We propose to drain the facility positively across the floor of the skatepark and into an appropriate system.

We feel that the facility could be drained sufficiently with a perforated land drainage pipe, following the topography of the site to a soakaway system in the ground to the North. As discussed we would be very happy to work with the Council to ensure an acceptable solution is agreed upon, prior to construction. Drainage of the site will be resolved during the detailed design phase (engineering stage).



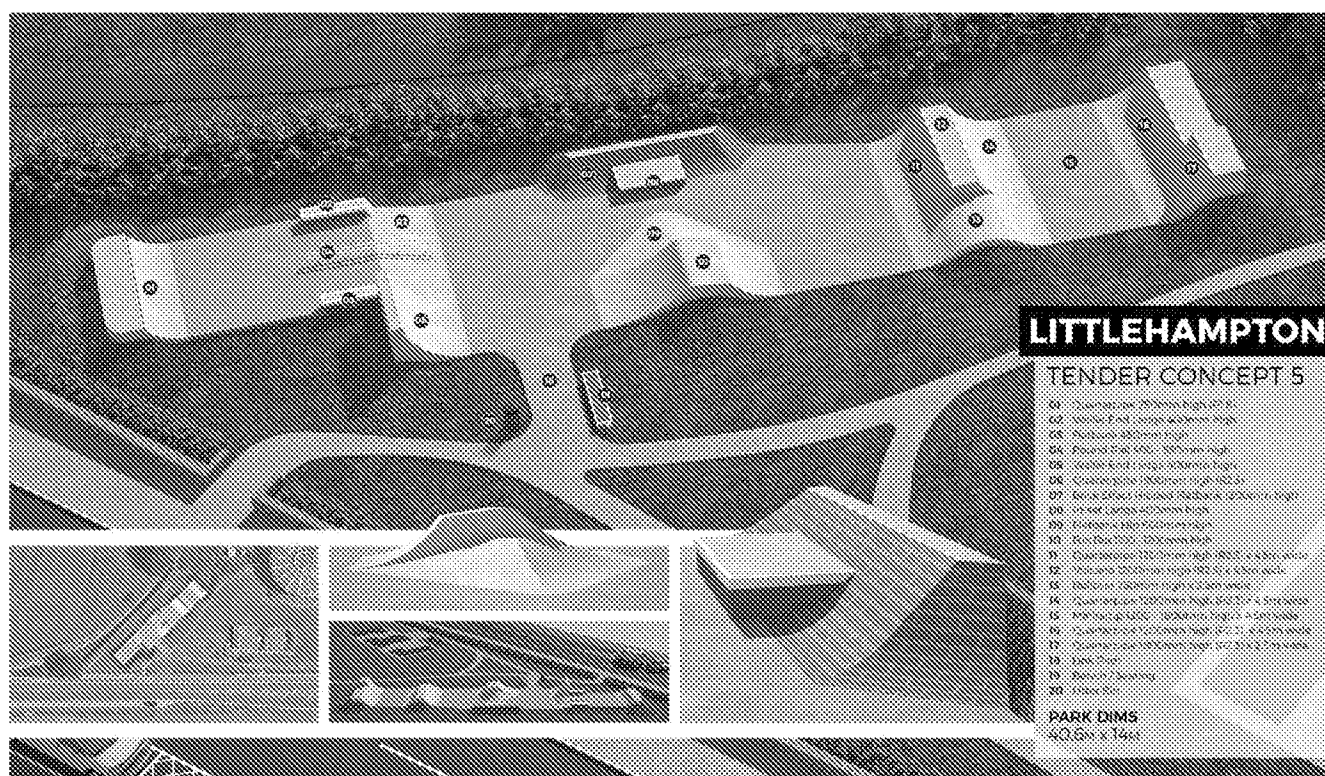
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A new spray concrete facility will work well in the existing site. The space is surrounded by grass which enables our proposed design to be bundled and landscaped, this removes the need for handrails. As you are aware handrails are a maintenance issue and can become bent out of shape and rusty over time. The new facility will be connected to the existing tarmac pathways.

Instead of removing the existing steel ramps, we plan to carry out basic remedial works (welding and recoating with Gravitex) with the aim of extending the lifespan of the old park.

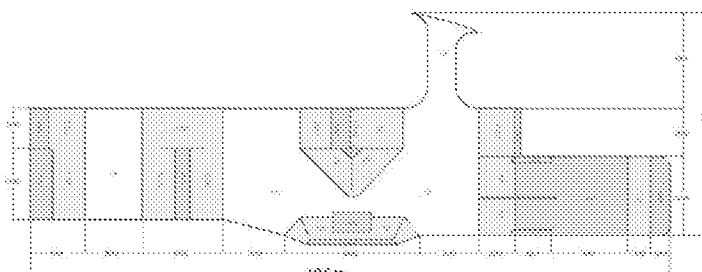
## THE DESIGN

All routes around the skatepark are designed to link up when the facility is quiet, conversely, they can be used as separate, independent areas when the park is busy. Subtly segregating the space into different zones will enable larger numbers of people to use the space at the same time, safely. The proposed design is linear in style and shape offering the following features:



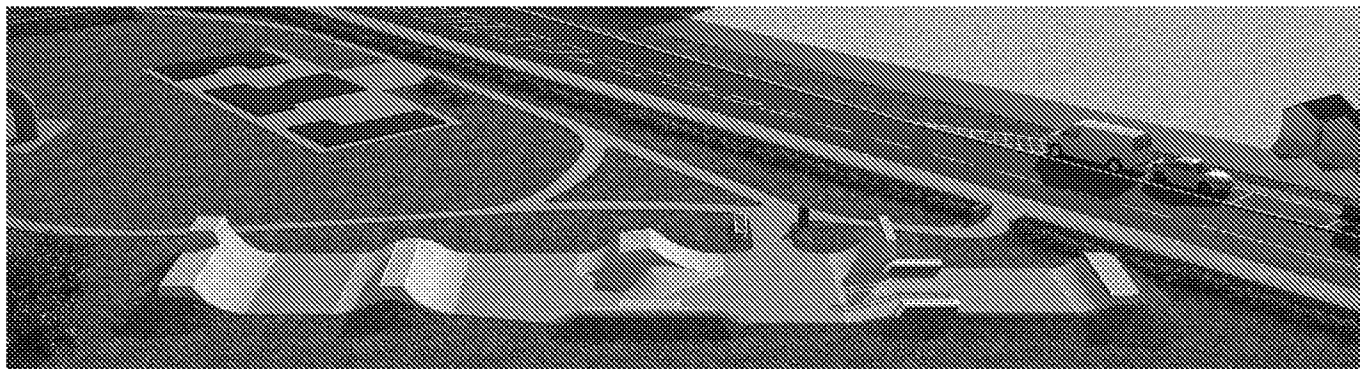
The facility is comprised of three main areas; **The Jumpbox Run**, **The Miniramp** and the **Street Area**.

The jumpbox has been designed as a two-way, step-up style feature. It's a progressive element that allows for transfers between the flatbank hip and vice versa. We have designed an extension on the miniramp to give riders an initial burst of speed and a roller section to ensure riders get sufficient height to perform aerial tricks over the jump. Along the back-end of the facility we have designed a high quarterpipe to act as return for the box and a raised pad with ledges and rail. The wallie ledges and rail can be hit both ways, in and out of the bank. The raised area also features a quarterpipe return so that riders can maintain speed and flow. Rolling down the bank riders can session a hipped street bank with inset ledge. The street bank can be hit both ways and is finished with brick stamp effect to give it an urban feel.



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At the North-Eastern end of the facility is a wide volcano, miniramp. Miniramps form the bedrock to many of the most successful parks. Riders can access the mini by transferring over the volcano or over the rollover. The wide miniramp is a highly functional, superfun element within the space. All the rideable edges and ledges in the park are finished in galvanised steel, to protect the surface and give the park a high quality look/feel. The surface of the skatepark will be finished so that it is smooth and fast, yet retain adequate grip for skate, BMX and scooters. The facility should be seen as a public space available to all and a great addition to the community. Well designed, user group supported concrete skateparks are proven to reduce anti-social behaviour and improve social interaction. The skatepark has been designed within the latest European safety guidelines and could be used as a venue for events.



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