

Name	Response
<p><b>House of Fraser</b> Via City Centre Company</p>	<p>The view from House of Fraser is that they are noisy, they have damaged steps on the side of the building, they leave litter, congregate around exits and entrances, are a nuisance to customers, dangerous at times and we would want to stop the use of skateboards in the city centre. The same goes for ball games which periodically happen on the piazza. We need to create an area where people can come and shop and relax without the continual worry of noise or danger. I do have 3 children of my own who really enjoy a local skate park, so rather than just ban them finding an area they can use and equipment would be nice.</p>
<p><b>Councillor Nicky Wildy</b> Ward Councillor</p>	<p>I do not wish to change anything. Generally I do not have a problem with skateboarders in City Centre. Think members of public often demonise young people. Any further bye law makes more work for Police who have better things to do and also is probably unenforceable. Do not want to criminalise young people who are engaged in a relatively innocuous sport</p>
<p><b>Cathy Tasker</b> Team Leader Services for Children &amp; Young People</p>	<p>Many Young People don't want to be Skateboarding in the City Centre where local people are nervous of their causing an accident/injury. They have no choice currently because they cannot afford to get to Central Park skate park. For those who can afford to get to Milehouse, the Central Park skate park will be demolished (to make way for the life Centre Car Park) and the replacement will not be built until Nov 2010change this situation.</p> <p>There is an indoor skate park being developed through YCF monies bid for/by young people in Cattedown which is closer, however the young people will be charged for this provision at £4 per session.</p> <p>In addition, there is a mobile skate provision run by the Stonehouse Play Association which is currently rented out, with staff, to locality teams in the Youth Service and other organisations. This provision is well used by young people and would be an alternative to prohibiting the activity in the City Centre altogether. The young people currently using the City Centre could put in a PAYP bid (supported by youth workers) to secure its use in a designated area agreed by the scrutiny panel in or around the City Centre.</p> <p>This will offset the need to criminalise the activity or young people who are-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently not breaking the law.</li> <li>• Achieving Every Child Matters outcomes - Staying Safe, Being Healthy and Enjoying and Achieving.</li> <li>• Fascinating many people using the City Centre, including young people who aspire to be fit, healthy and adept at the sport.</li> </ul> <p>In addition this meets several of our Children and Young People's Priorities including-</p> <p>5 Enabling young people to have fun. 9 Improve opportunities for young people to make a positive contribution 10 Raise young people's aspirations.</p>
<p><b>Copthorne Hotel</b> General Manager</p>	<p>Thank you for your recent email regarding the issues around 'Skateboarders'. Having spoken with the team here, it clearly is a problem from a couple of factors, noise outside of bedroom windows and the challenge we have with cars exiting the car park.</p> <p>They persistently use the wall outside of the hotel in Armada Way and then drop down onto the paving slabs adjacent to the car park entrance/exit. On occasions they have used the ramp besides the entrance to the hotel.</p>

<p><b>Mike Hocking</b> Corporate Risk Manager</p>	<p>I can confirm that we have not received any insurance claims either direct from skateboarders or from anyone claiming injury or property damage as a result of their activities.</p>
<p>Chris Patey Playgrounds Officer</p>	<p>We have currently got Skateboard ramps in the following Locations -  <b>Chaddlewood Open Space</b>  <b>Peacock Meadow</b>  <b>Central Park</b></p> <p>Central park is the largest of the three and is due to be closed soon. There are plans to reinstate the skate park after the building of the Life Centre however it's location has still to be decided. Catherine Dilloway from Development is leading on the Skateboard project along with Nick Jones (Principal Parks Services Manager).</p> <p>We have no objections to new sites for skateboarding being created as long as there is sufficient funding in place for its maintenance and aftercare. We would always request to be involved in any new play /skate park development at the very beginning to ensure our service is not compromised in terms of not being able to deliver or maintain certain types of design and specifications and it delivers on our green space and play policies.</p>
<p>Councillor Bill Stevens Ward Councillor</p>	<p>My view is that the current by-law is unworkable and should therefore be replaced as soon as possible.</p> <p>Most weekends see the huge majority of the area between the Guildhall and the Council House used by youngsters for skateboarding, often with little or no thought for pedestrians, many of whom are elderly or families. This is totally unacceptable behaviour.</p> <p>The damage caused to the street furniture is also terrible. That, and the huge amount of litter they drop, makes a high profile part of Plymouth look shameful.</p> <p>I would very much appreciate the opportunity to address the panel with my concerns.</p>
<p>Mike Kendall Highways Management Co- ordinator (Amey)</p>	<p>To date this year (from, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2008), there has been no repair to any highway furniture, as a direct result of skateboarding activities.</p> <p>There has been some damage to a black granite seat, o/s the Edinburgh Woollen Mill, but this is as a result of vehicular impact, and not skateboarders. However we do suffer damage to the black granite seats from time to time, as these are used as riding rails by the skateboarders. This usually results in the black granite panels having to be re fixed to their supports (broken / sheared bolts / broken fixing points). Damage to the edges of the granite has not merited replacement, to date. Repair work is currently undertaken by PCC Blacksmiths Shop, based at Prince Rock Depot. Costs will depend on the severity of the damage and whether parts are salvageable.</p> <p>Since installation, we have replaced 3no black granite seat sections at a cost of £300 each. (This was a couple of years ago so costs will have increased)</p> <p>Average repair costs to fixings to granite, is in the region of £350 per incident.</p> <p>I have installed stainless steel “Nibs” to one seat, as an experimental deterrent to skateboard damage, which has been successful. This work at the time amounted to £50 per nib, or £300 per seat (2 in each granite section). This work was undertaken cheaply, as a one off, by the manufacturers of the seat, as a PR exercise and possible additional option for them, in future specification / sales drive. Further protective measures have not been undertaken due to limited budgets.</p>

<p>Hannah Metson Customer Service Programme Manager</p>	<p>Having spoken to members of staff at first stop there have only ever been comments from members of the public and no actual complaints logged by members of the public onto the FLARE system.</p>
<p>Nick Marker Prime Delux</p>	<p>Thank you for contacting us on this subject. We have very strong feelings and interest in this matter. We would like to be invited to your meeting to raise our opinions.</p> <p>To summarize, we feel it is disgusting how the council provide one pathetic facility in central park for such a large demand. We are fighting to provide a facility to help the participants who will soon have nowhere to skate as the facility in central park is being demolished for December. Happy Christmas kids!</p> <p>We feel the civic centre is a massive wast of space and kids are enjoying the space as a practice area. They always have and always will.</p> <p>I think the energy being used to make these kids potential criminals would be better used encouraging them as it is a healthy activity and much more.</p> <p>How about sectioning the area with Curb stones or appropriate fencing to stop skateboards shooting off towards the pedestrians at risk. I don't think anyone would mind walking around an area. Its not hard to give a few street obstacles in one area. That would stop them being pushed all over the city where they mark all the furnature.</p> <p>Sure - make it a bye law, but offer a facility first.</p>