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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Dalmeny DIY
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Hello [REDACTED],

I'm [REDACTED] the fellow from the skate community that introduced himself to you at Dalmeny Pk. We've got some really exciting plans and would love to coordinate with you moving forward. One of our number is an architect and interested in measuring gradients and seeing what we can achieve. I've watched the gradual improvement of that space and we are still dealing with some pretty nasty elements ie aggressive hard drugs users that harassed the skaters. Not safe around young people. We've all called the police on the same guy. He's back like clockwork every day! A lot of the men that skate there now were the wee crazy boys that went to Dalmeny as children. It's an important generational space. We just want to make it safe. Thanks again. [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Dalmeny park redevelopment
Date: 26 September 2025 17:43:30
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Hello my name [REDACTED], I have been coordinating and organising with the skateboarders at dalmeny park, to improve the facilities for skateboarding in the park. Having taken inspiration from the parks in Copenhagen, where they have blended areas for sports with skateboarding obstacles built around a central court. We already have a rough plan and I'm currently speaking to an architect to have a proper plan drawn up. I would be very interested to hear your plans for the park. I'm best reached on my mobile as I'm not the greatest at replying to emails my number is [REDACTED]

I look forward to hearing from you,
best regards

[REDACTED]

From: [Thriving Green Spaces](#)
To: [Jack Caldwell](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: DALMENY STREET PARK
Date: 17 April 2026 17:32:19
Attachments: [image005.png](#)
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Hi Jack,

Just to quickly update you on our correspondence below - the Operational Teams will be cutting back higher growth at the grassy/meadow area you circled in your email next to the playground next week.

We will closely monitor it after this but hopefully this will allow the area to be used by families as a sitting area whilst also keeping increased biodiversity/colour.

Thank you too for your kind words in response to my colleague Emma.

Best wishes and hope you have a good weekend,

[REDACTED]

From: Thriving Green Spaces
Sent: 02 April 2026 15:53
To: Jack Caldwell
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: DALMENY STREET PARK
Hi Jack,

Thanks very much for your email and for feeding back after meeting with [REDACTED]. I'm glad you saw someone planting at the site too! There's been great involvement from local schools here so keen to keep supporting that too.

As I said, my colleague [REDACTED] and I met with [REDACTED] also and discussed this with her. The wildflowers that were put in were as a result of the consultations and people saying they wanted to see more flowers and colour across both sides of the park (and through the consultations that space wasn't highlighted as used but very keen to take on the feedback from [REDACTED] and look to solutions).

Following on from the discussions there are different approaches we are happy to look into - as we said initially to [REDACTED] also we would continue to monitor the site this year. A good first option is just cut it this year so that it would be a mix of grass with some flowers still coming through so it can be used by families to sit on etc. by the playpark, but still has some colour coming through. It won't be as high a growth as the first year and there will still be a lot of grass coverage. If this doesn't give enough space for seating, we can also mow sections so there are seating areas/paths within it as well.

It would be great to give these options a go just to try and look after the feedback we received

initially, alongside the discussions with [REDACTED]. Hopefully this will address the use of the space - but we can always revisit fully seeding it back to grass if needed.

Happy to have a call with you if it would help on this [REDACTED] - in the meantime I'll discuss these options with the teams that manage the space.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

From: Jack Caldwell

Sent: 27 March 2026 13:39

To: Thriving Green Spaces

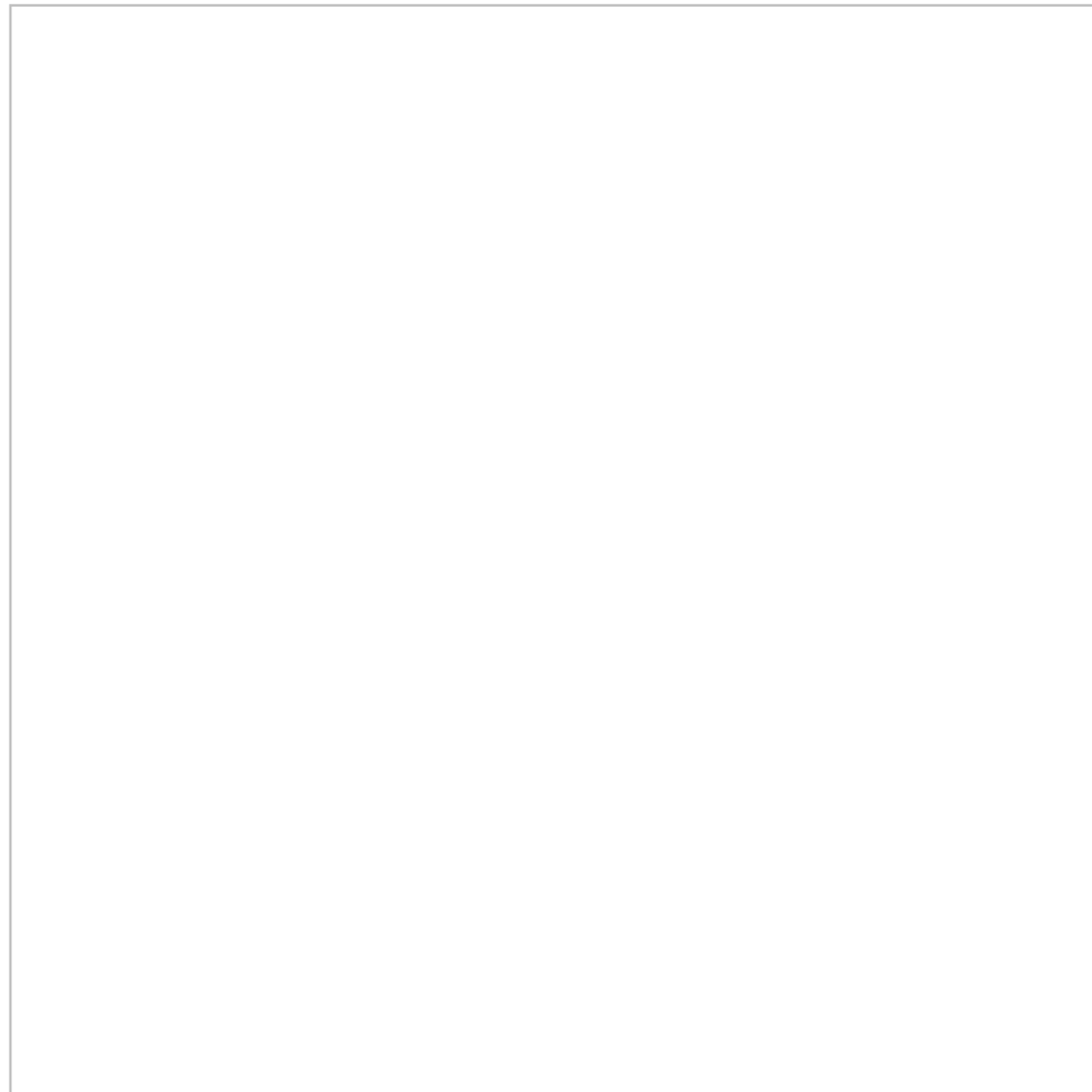
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: DALMENY STREET PARK

Hi [REDACTED]

Very grateful for that. I visited with [REDACTED] today to discuss wider concerns and can see her point about the lack of greenspace in the play area for the kids to run around on, and how it just results on them running around and doing cartwheels etc on the concrete which isn't ideal.

As such, I'd be grateful for consideration of the area highlighted below being reverted back to flat grass as it's sitting as unusable scrubland for the majority of the year. The wildflower garden along the east side (north of the red highlight) I'm sure can continue to be positive. Saw a TG person replanting in the grassy section and that's looking great!



Thanks,
Jack.

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Councillor Jack Caldwell / Scottish Liberal Democrat / Leith Walk ward

From: Thriving Green Spaces

Sent: 18 March 2026 12:27

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Laura Shelbourn

Subject: Re: DALMENY STREET PARK

Good afternoon Jack,

Thanks very much for getting in touch on this.

Just to let you know that myself and a colleague met with [REDACTED] on site last year when she was initially in touch with concerns. It was due to this meeting that we suggested to [REDACTED] that we would move two of the benches originally allocated to the grassed-side of the park to the playpark side.

We also explained to [REDACTED] that our funding was specific to the Edinburgh Nature Network (and did not allow us to allocate anything to play equipment).

We discussed the meadow and fully hear [REDACTED] concerns re. the placement and reassured [REDACTED] that we would monitor how the meadow came back through this year and how the area was used and if it impacted this use negatively we would be happy to look at grassing part of it back.

We appreciated [REDACTED] feedback and communication (and also the help of her and her daughter in sowing some of the wildflower seeds on the grassed side of the park).

The issue of litter at the site is well-known to our Park Officer and her Rangers for this area and they have been undertaking more visits to the site to tackle this.

Thanks for your suggestions to [REDACTED] regarding further ways to report/tackle the issue of litter here. If I can help any further, just let me know.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

From: Jack Caldwell <Cllr.Jack.Caldwell@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: 14 March 2026 16:37

To: Thriving Green Spaces <thrivinggreenspaces@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: DALMENY STREET PARK

Hi [REDACTED] and team,

Please see below email for feedback of the wildflower meadow at Dalmeny Street Park.

In regards to the upcoming planting day, is there any possibility of improved seating / space on the hill for parents to sit? More details below.

Thanks,

Jack.

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Councillor Jack Caldwell / Scottish Liberal Democrat / Leith Walk ward

From: Jack Caldwell

Sent: 14 March 2026 16:34

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: DALMENY STREET PARK

Dear [REDACTED]

Firstly, thank you for your email and your proactive efforts to remove litter from the park.

I have noted your previous correspondence and share your frustration about the repeated vandalism, littering and antisocial behaviour at Dalmeny Street Park. I recall similar correspondence back in 2023 when we had to remove a bunch of graffiti from the slide and glass in the playpark. If I recall we ended up getting bigger litter bins too.

I should note however, that the grass area is not strictly a dog park. It is frustrating that it is known almost exclusively as that now-a-days but I fear it is a battle long lost. The upgrades made there last year, primarily the planting of new trees and the wildflower meadow, I understand were part of the Thriving Greenspace project which aims to improve the biodiversity within Leith, as it is a highly built up area with limited greenspace. There is one more open gardening day planned on 27th March.

The five actions I will take from this email are:

1. Gladly take up your offer to walk around the playpark. Please let me know some dates that would suit.
2. Alert officers to the state of the playpark, as the annual citywide Playpark Investment List will be ratified by the Culture and Communities committee this May.
3. Request consistent waste and cleansing resource here.
4. Alert the community policing team to repeated littering/vandalism/anti-social behaviour
5. Request seating carve-out at the wildflower meadow.

Best regards.

Jack.

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Councillor Jack Caldwell / Scottish Liberal Democrat / Leith Walk ward

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 12 March 2026 10:48

To: Jack Caldwell <Cllr.Jack.Caldwell@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Subject: DALMENY STREET PARK



Hi Jack,

Thanks for your help with Lorne Primary, I thought I would forward on some correspondence that I had over the course of 2025 regarding the state of Dalmeny Street Park.

For context, I live on Dalmeny Street, overlooking the play & dog parks. My daughter goes to Lorne Primary and so a trip to the park after school is an almost daily occurrence.

The park is very down at heel, it is well used and loved by a variety of age groups, each bringing their own usage problems. Litter, glass, broken vapes and rubbish are obstacles to safe play each day.

The park is always full of broken glass and litter, after my constant nagging last year (see emails) there were a number of regular cleanups but I don't think they lasted past the Autumn. They also focused on the concrete spaces and not the wooded areas where kids are naturally drawn to.

Each time I am in the park, I take a litter picker and bin bag and fill it while my daughter plays as I am happy to be a part of the solution, but can't be the whole thing!

As you will read in the emails, the wildflower meadow is a slight cause for concern as I don't think it is really fit for purpose in that particular park, in the locations chosen. It looked

lovely for a month or two (and will be again in late summer 2026), but now looks like a waste ground and is littered with glass and rubbish. They also turned the only area of lawn that parents could sit on, into the wildflower meadow meaning that the only place for picnic / hanging out is the gravel / concrete which has its own problems.

As you will also read, almost all of the refurb works last year took place in the dog park side of the park, which is fine, but felt like a missed opportunity to update / upgrade the park as a whole. I lobbied hard for 2 of the 6 new benches to be added to the play park side but it still feels like a poor cousin to the dog park side.

I am a big supporter of the dog park as a dedicated space but did raise the point that it feels like dog owners are being prioritized over parents, children and teens, which feels like an odd choice.

I am also a supporter of the skaters who inhabit the park. They are pretty considerate (apart from the early afternoon weed smoking, which is very on brand for Leith). They do drink and smoke but are pretty good and taking their rubbish away, using the bins etc as they can't skate on littered surfaces. They are also very kind to young kids learning to skate, giving tips and lessons. And aren't overly protective of their equipment, letting kids ride bikes on their ramps etc.

In summary, the play park needs some love. Definitely more regular upkeep cleans and management of the wooded and grass areas, as well as the concrete. The play equipment is old, tired and missing a few original items. I don't know if there is any plans for it to get a fuller refurb like Montgomery Street Park, but I'd be keen to be involved in lobbying / consultation for that.

Thanks for your time, I'd be happy to walk around the park with you one Monday or Friday morning?

I will send some pics of the park yesterday in a second email to give a snapshot of the litter issues.

thanks, 

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Dalmeny Park - Basketball courts and playparks - antisocial behaviour & dangerous constructs
Date: 24 June 2026 14:16:13
Attachments: [shield-advisory.png](#)
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[RE: Stuart Wright - Dalmeny Park - Basketball courts and playparks - antisocial behaviour & dangerous constructs.eml](#)

Hi [REDACTED]

Please see attached for actions so far. I'd be happy to discuss, fill in what information I have, and would appreciate a steer on an approach given the history of the site / groups involved.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 1:22 pm
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Dalmeny Park - Basketball courts and playparks - antisocial behaviour & dangerous constructs

See below. Could someone take a look for me please? The photo's don't suggest they'll be that easy to remove.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 June 2026 11:09
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Dalmeny Park - Basketball courts and playparks - antisocial behaviour & dangerous constructs



External email



Hi,

The situation has escalated in the past two days. Attaching new photos of the increased number of constructs.

None have been created to safety standards and are in violation of all previously stated guidelines, policies, and ordinances.

When can we the surrounding residents, children using the play area and people using the basketball courts expect to have these dangerous constructions removed and the more permanently made ones dismantled?

Best,

A solid gray rectangular box used to redact a signature.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] - Dalmeny Park - Basketball courts and playparks - antisocial behaviour & dangerous constructs
Date: 24 June 2026 13:13:19
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
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Hi all,

I have had a call with a point of contact in the skateboarding community that regularly visit Dalmeny Street regarding concerns, including those highlighted below. We have agreed a meeting on Wednesday next week to discuss how skateboarders are using the park with a view to a more positive approach in the future. My understanding is that the permanent structures were installed (possibly without permission) 3-4 years ago. Before the meeting next week, the skateboarding community are to clear temporary structures from the basketball area. No further permanent structures are to be installed.

[REDACTED], as discussed, if the site hasn't been tidied by the group by the beginning of next week, please arrange to remove the temporary structures (reach out to [REDACTED] for assistance as required).

It is my understanding that members of this group have worked collaboratively with the Council on the skate park development at Coalie Park and with the Leith Links masterplan.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 June 2026 06:16
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] - Dalmeny Park - Basketball courts and playparks - antisocial

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Regards,

Group	Percentage
All respondents	75%
Businesses	70%
Employees	65%
Unemployed	55%

To:

Hi

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Cc:

Kind regards,

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, 22 June 2026 22:26:15

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Dalmeny Park - Basketball courts and playparks - antisocial behaviour & dangerous constructs



Hi all,

Please find attached below further photo evidence of the dangerous installations, large constructs and tarped areas hiding new constructs.

Best,
[REDACTED]

On Mon, 22 Jun 2026 at 22:24, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi,

My name is [REDACTED] and I live at [REDACTED] Sloan Street, Edinburgh, EH6 8RQ.

This is the second time I'm writing to start a request the clearance of dangerous, non-council or non-residents placed large items that have been created and placed within the basketball court of Dalmeny Park, to be used only for skateboarding. Which the park has not been designed for.

The basketball courts have been overrun by men in their 20s-40s using the space for Skateboarding. Which has been dangerous and obstructive to those who wish to use the space for its intended use. They've also intrusive to the surrounding residents in terms of noise pollution stemming from their shouts and continuous bashing of their boards/wheels against the concrete and their own created skating obstacles, which they have littered the area with. The men are also incredibly aggressive, aggravating and abusive to those that attempt to use the park for its intended purpose.

There are numerous home made wooden, concrete and metal skate ramps, obstacles, rails and boxes that have been in the basketball court for over a year now. There are also guerilla concrete poured and set ramps, boxes and concrete curbs set into the grounds. These need to be disassembled and removed.

These are a danger to all who wish to use the park for its intended purpose and it is the council's responsibility to keep the park and its occupants safe. They also largely contribute to the noise experienced by the park's residential neighbours.

These obstacles have not been agreed, created or placed by the council or the surrounding residents and their continued presence are in violation of, at least, the following rules and regulations (to be upheld by the council)

This is a violation of section 5.15 & 5.16 of the Land Reform Act 2003

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2003/2/contents>

It also goes against the Management and Rules for parks and greenspaces sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 & 4.4

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/22552/management-rules-for-parks-and-greenspaces>

As such I am asking, at a minimum, for all skateboarding obstacles to be disassembled removed from the park to ensure safety, avoid accidents in a council park, where it was not planned and designed not be used for skateboarding (only basketball), and curb the anti-social behaviour of the men in their 20s-40s.

These items not being cleared will be seen as negligence of the council and its inability to manage its public spaces in accordance to rules and regulations it has set out.

I've included photos of the guerilla created constructs below that have not been created to any public safety standards. These are all a danger to the public and i imagine the the counsel will be liable for any damage to persons or property incurred by the illegally created constructs.

Both paved topped boxes above have been created by the anti-social skateboarders and illegaly and dangerously added to the park.

Above you can see a long red painted concrete curb added to the park illegally and dangerously. Along with an example of the littered constructed obstacles that are left within the park.

This is a concrete poured ramp created illegally and dangerously by the skateboarders and needs to be deconstructed. Again you can see the amount of littered items they bring and leave in the park in the background. There is another example of a red painted concrete curb opposite this beside the second basketball court that has been illegally

and dangerously installed.

There is also a large blue tarped area with multiple pieces of lumber and bags of concrete at the Dalmeny street side of the park that has been started in the last week.

I would expect to see these items, disassembled where necessary and removed within the working week of receiving this correspondence.

Best,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dalmeny St Park
Date: 30 June 2026 16:38:26

Thanks [REDACTED] Cc'ing in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] just for their reference as they've got an onsite meeting tomorrow regarding some of the issues there.

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Councillor Jack Caldwell / Scottish Liberal Democrat / Leith Walk ward

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 June 2026 16:45
To: Jack Caldwell <Cllr.Jack.Caldwell@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Dalmeny St Park

Good afternoon

Re enquiry 10082809

We have uplifted all the fly tipped items from the park.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dalmeny Park - Basketball courts and playparks - antisocial behaviour & dangerous constructs
Date: 09 July 2026 15:51:59

This is great well done, thanks for the update [REDACTED] and thanks for emailing Cllrs.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 July 2026 14:34
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Dalmeny Park - Basketball courts and playparks - antisocial behaviour & dangerous constructs

Hi [REDACTED]

The meeting was positive and productive, we discussed the following:

- Heath and safety concerns with unauthorised structures
- Official channels for requesting authorised stake features in parks
- Antisocial behaviour from a minority in the skating community
- Formal events process for planned skating events/sessions

and agreed the following actions:

- Skateboarding group to remove all temporary structures asap, I believe this has now happened.
- Skateboarding group to remove concreted structures within a few weeks, with support from Parks staff as required. There is ongoing communication regarding a date of completion for this.
- I am to follow up with Play department regarding the possibility of permission for painted surfaces around the edge of the basketball courts, to facilitate ongoing interest features for the skateboarding group.
- Once all unauthorised structures have been removed, these should not be returned. Any structures left in the park beyond this point will be removed and disposed of by CEC.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 July 2026 18:10
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Dalmeny Park - Basketball courts and playparks - antisocial behaviour & dangerous

constructs

[REDACTED]

How did your meeting go with the skating community here?

[REDACTED]

From:

[REDACTED]

Sent: 07 July 2026 17:08

To: Waste <Waste@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Cc:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Dalmeny Park - Basketball courts and playparks - antisocial behaviour & dangerous constructs

Hi All,

Is there any update on the removal and the danger of the situation within Dalmeny Park basketball court regarding the items flytipped and illegally constructed items created by the skateboarders? There are even more constructs now with the park and nothing has been removed.

Best,

[REDACTED]