



# Barrowford Parish Council

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Mr. K. Roberts  
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Dear Mr. Roberts,

The proposed Pump Track was discussed at last night's council meeting and I have been instructed to write to you on behalf of the council requesting some answers regarding the proposed track. You are well aware that the Parish Council sought the funding for the junior mountain bike track and are keen not to lose a well-used junior facility in preference to a competitive adult facility. The Parish Council feel that they cannot make a decision whether to support the proposal or not until the following issues and questions are resolved.

1. Is there a local need for a large competition class Pump Track which could potentially draw users and competitors from a 30mile radius?
2. Who will run the site?
3. What will be the access to local youngster particularly at weekends?
4. Will the facility be available free of charge?
5. Will there be adequate parking with 12 spaces as provisions for the Steven Burke Track are wholly inadequate particularly at weekends?
6. How many trees will be lost on the existing site as these are what the Parks determined would be the parameters for the construction of the existing track?
7. Who will maintain the facility in future years?
8. How will this be ensured?
9. What facilities will be created as compensation for the more junior riders who will lose a facility aimed at their age group?
10. How will road safety for both pedestrians and cyclists be addressed at both where the road runs under the motorway bridge and the bridge over Colne Waters onto Swindon?
11. What provision will be given on non-competition days for possible injury to potential casual users?
12. Who will be responsible for any accident claims arising from unsupervised use of the facility?

Until all these questions are answered and a public consultation open to more than just pump track riders and members of cycling clubs are undertaken the Parish Council will be wary of giving tacit support for a facility which in reality may have little or no benefit to the residents of Barrowford whilst resulting in the loss of a currently used local facility and increasing traffic problems in and around Bullholme.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Iain A. Lord'.

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Clerk of the Council