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To whom it may concern,

Re: Support for the Donkey Common Skatepark Refurbishment Project

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On behalf of Parkside Pools & Gym, operated by GLL under the trading name Better as managing agent for Cambridge City Council, I am pleased to offer our support for Cam Skate's proposal to refurbish the Donkey Common Skatepark.

As a provider of health, wellbeing and leisure services within Cambridge, we recognise the vital role that high-quality, accessible recreational facilities play in encouraging active lifestyles and improving both physical and mental wellbeing. The proposed redevelopment of Donkey Common Skatepark represents an important investment in the city's outdoor leisure infrastructure and aligns strongly with our shared ambition to increase opportunities for people of all ages to be active.

The current skatepark has served the community for many years but, as identified through Cam Skate's work with Cambridge City Council, the existing layout and surface now limit both accessibility and safe participation. The proposed refurbishment will create a more welcoming, inclusive and versatile space that can accommodate a wider range of users, from beginners and families through to experienced skateboarders, scooter riders and roller skaters. The project aims to replace outdated facilities with a modern, community-focused skate plaza while retaining flexibility as funding is secured.

We also recognise the significant work undertaken by Cam Skate in promoting participation across Cambridge through coaching, community events and volunteering. Their commitment to ensuring that skating is inclusive and accessible has helped grow a positive and supportive community while encouraging healthy lifestyles across the city.

The location of Donkey Common, close to the city centre and neighbouring leisure facilities including Parkside Pools & Gym, makes it ideally placed to become a welcoming destination that complements Cambridge's wider leisure offer. Investment in this facility will help encourage more residents and visitors to make use of the surrounding public spaces while contributing to an active, vibrant and inclusive community.

We are pleased to support Cam Skate's vision and wish them every success in securing the funding required to deliver this exciting project. We look forward to seeing the positive impact the refurbished skatepark will have on the local community for many years to come.

Kind Regards

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