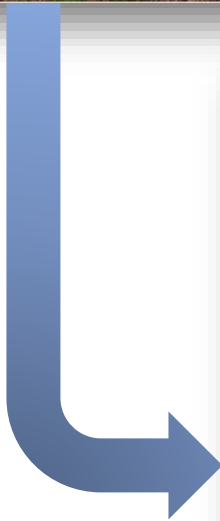


# Roslin Kids Bike Track Proposal



# 1 PROPOSAL

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To create a bike track that our kids can use on the way to school or on walks in the evenings. Useable without getting in a car throughout the entire year.

I propose to build a bike track, known as “pump tracks” in the park. The picture below shows the Davagh Pump Track in Northern Ireland. This image was taken shortly after it was built.



The videos below were shot by a friend at the track once the grass had re-established itself.

[Davagh YouTube Video 1](#)

[Davagh YouTube Video 2](#)

Two possible locations in the park are shown below. The final size and shape of the track would depend on the area of ground that was made available. We would aim to use an area that has no specific use at present. There would still be plenty of room for dogs and all other park users.



## 2 COSTS

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Two main materials are required for building this track, soil & Gravel. I expect that we should be able to get the soil gifted from one of the housing developments. There may also be the option of a donation of gravel. This material can be seen at multiple points on the Cala site.

A mini digger, vibration plates and other tools will be required. These can all be hired locally, though again we may be able to get help from the housing developments.

Costing would depend on the agreed site and size of the track. We also have the chance of benefiting from some goodwill from the current housing development.

## 3 TASKS

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Below is a proposed outline of tasks

1. Find a core group of Rosliners who are interested in this idea and bringing it to life.
2. Explore site and permissions with the council as well as possible support for builders.
  - a. Check possible issues such as drainage
  - b. Address liability & Insurance concerns
3. Assuming the above goes well, distil to 2 or 3 options, with a track design for each.
  - a. Take these to the village for approval
  - b. I have already spoken to the community council and we have their support**
4. Perform a detailed costing & construction plan
5. Fundraise
6. Build
7. Maintain

## 4 POSITIVES

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Cycling is a great way to experience the freedom of the outdoors and a useful skill to have. It helps raise confidence, awareness and generally makes people smile.

A local bike track would give kids somewhere they can accelerate their development of basic and more advanced bike handling skills. In a safe environment that is close to home.

**But most importantly it holds the possibility of riding on the track and learning almost every day, which leads to amazing things.**

## 5 POSSIBLE CONCERNS

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- It is not an attempt to turn Roslin glen into a mountain bike trail park. The Pentlands and Glentress are just down the road and offer much more appealing terrain for mountain bikes.
- Dirt and gravel should be the only materials required, so in time if the track needs to be removed, doing so should be straightforward
- Dogs could still run and humans walk on the track, though it would be ideal if there was no fouling on the main surface.