

Sats 2005. Shorter **Writing Task: Space for everyone?**

Example of response – marks awarded: **Candidate achieved L7**

Sentence structure, punctuation and text organisation summary – 6 marks

Composition and Effect – 10 marks

Spelling – 4 marks Total marks for task : 20

Dear Mr Williams,

I am writing to express my views about the public notice which I read in the park. Though I agree there are some safety issues about skateboarding, I do not agree with all the points of action you have put forward.

I would strongly support the plans to build a skateboard ramp on the grass area in the park; however, I find it rather extreme to ban skateboarding on the paths. I do admit that I myself have found the conduct of some skateboarders quite dangerous at times, but I think it would be a much better idea to have a skate lane running parallel with the paths. This would mean skaters would no longer need to skate on the same paths as pedestrians, yet both parties would be happy.

I also feel that the proposed ban of ball games on week days is absolutely ludicrous. If children cannot play ball games in the park, where can they play them? I have never been concerned for my safety due to a ball game being played. If there is an issue for some people, maybe a certain area could be designated for ball games, another for skateboarding and another for sitting down and relaxing? In my opinion, the park should be available for everyone to use. I don't think any particular group should be singled out and banned from using the park.

I do agree that dogs should be kept on their leads at all times, but I am sure many dog owners would disagree with me. Perhaps you could address this problem by allocating "dog free" zones.

I do hope that you will give some consideration to the views I have expressed and the points I have raised. I look forward to seeing the future plans for the park.

Yours faithfully,