

## Item 14 Development Committee Meeting 19 July 2023

### Update – Havok Bike Park

#### Background

The Havok bike park at Bearnshaw Tower had to close last year because it is necessary to fell the trees there as they are diseased.

The organisers of Havok Bike Park decided to relocate to a piece of land accessed from Station Parade in Portsmouth.

Both Cllr K White and T Hanley have been involved.



It has been reported that this move is damaging the moorland tracks, causing problems with the parking of many cars and potentially anti-social behaviour. Neighbours are noticing activity even at midnight. There is also an issue as people are crossing the level crossing at Station Parade and leaving the gates open.



It has also been reported that the owner of the land has given permission for the bike park to be located on his property.

#### Action Taken so Far

Contact has been made with Planning Enforcement and Community Safety. No reply has been received from Planning Enforcement but Community Safety have visited the site on more than one occasion.

They have advised that the landowner has given permission for them to be there. The track that had been built is to allow emergency vehicles etc to be able to access the site. They have also advised that parking issues can only be handled by Calderdale Council if there are white or yellow lines where the parking is taking place. Otherwise, complaints should be directed to the police. They have now closed the case that had been raised.

Cllr Sylvia Dacre has contacted Calderdale Planning to find out whether planning permission is required for the bike park to be there.

#### Next Steps

It is proposed to keep a watchful eye on developments, to chase Planning Enforcement and to raise the issue at next meeting with Calderdale senior managers in August 2023.