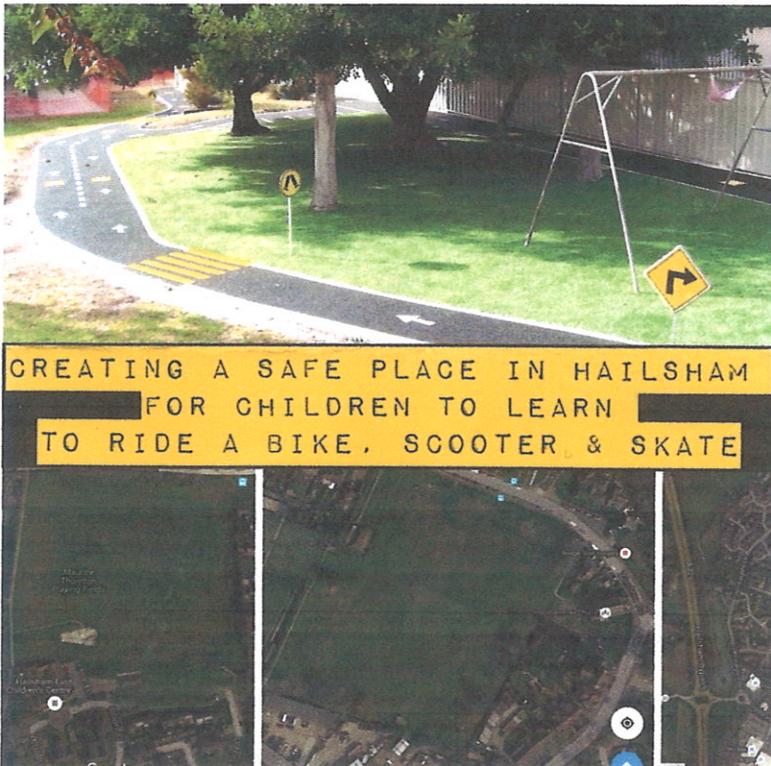


# To go on Commons

Dear Councillors Paul & Barbara Holbrook

I am sending you this email/letter as you are a councillor on the Hailsham Town Council Strategic Projects committee. The following letter has been sent to all councillors on the committee. I am looking to gain support from councillors for the project outlined in this letter, with the hope this can be put an Agenda for further discussion.

I like many other families in Hailsham have found teaching our young children to ride a bike, scooter or skate challenging in Hailsham. Pavements naturally mean you often encounter other residents and mobility scooters. A lot of pavements are not suited to cycle or skate on or are too close to traffic. The popular Cuckoo trail has ditches, it's used by dog walkers, horse riders, pedestrians and bikers which means it does not create the best environment for children to practice and learn safely.



The concept I am proposing is to create a 'circuit/track' around the edges of some of Hailsham's green parks/spaces. Such a circuit/track would be created on the perimeter of the Recreation Ground on Western Road, Hailsham Country Park and Maurice Thornton Field. The circuit/track would be wide enough for for two bikes side by side and would accommodate any disabled / adapted bikes and trikes. Purposely designed for toddlers, young children & disabled children/ young adults to use. This concept in the parks mentioned above could offer a safer environment for children to learn and gain confidence before using larger

more populated cycle/skate routes. The design and format could easily replicate roads and crossings to educate children. This opportunity would create a dedicated place where children can come together, learn together, encourage fitness and above all be safe in doing so. Being on the perimeter it would have less impact on the main recreational spaces.

If you support this idea/concept I would welcome the opportunity for you to contact me and see how we can make this a reality.

Kind regards  
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