NAVARCLES SKATEPLAZA

PMAM / SKATE ARCHITECTS

Site: Pla del Cos, s/n, Navarcles, Bages (Barcelona)

Work: June-September 2018

Architect: Pol Martín

Security Supervisor: Raúl Ramón

Construction Company: Constructoras F80 + SkateGo

Client: Navarcles City Hall

Budget: 33,000€

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Previous State:

Navarcles is a small city of 6,000 inhabitants located 60 km away at the north of Barcelona, right on the geographical center of Catalonia. Historically, skateboarding facilities may have not been the top priority for small urban municipalities and Navarcles was no exception. However, the local considerable skate community had been demanding a proper Skatepark for decades.

A previous volleyball court in the middle of an old running track served to host a few metal ramps. This old sporting area is located right in the border between the residential and the industrial area, also not far from the main high school. Even after the odd location and that it was not in top shape, the space already had the potential of gathering some youth after school. The banging noise of the metal ramps was a major complaint for the closest neighbors, which were reluctant to the idea of having any skatepark at all. Despite a low budget to begin with, this facility for skateboarding is conceived and proposed as an opportunity to contribute also in the urban development of the city, transforming this old sports area into a new public park for the whole city.