

## **SMARTPLY OSB3 provides a solution for Wreckless Skate Park**



The Wreckless indoor skate park and shop, is a 600 square metre facility that provides a communal area for young people and a cultural heart for the town of Gorey.

The initiative, launched by founder of Wreckless, Grant Masterson, has created a highly regarded, diverse skating area within a large warehouse that can be used all year round. It also acts as a digital hub, which allows skaters to edit their digital photos or videos, which plays a massive part in the publicity of the sport worldwide.

SMARTPLY OSB3 sheets were used to construct the uprights and substructures for the facility's mini ramps and quarter pipes. In addition, uncut SMARTPLY OSB boards were laid across joists and rafters to form the deck structures for the transition areas of the park.

The 11mm OSB3 sheets were also used to build the structural dividing walls between the skating areas and a new shop selling skateboards, longboards, BMXs, scooters, footwear, and accessories.

SMARTPLY OSB3 was chosen for the skate park project as it is made from locally sourced timber from certified Irish forests, which are owned by SMARTPLY's parent company, Coillte. Grant Masterson, Founder of Wreckless comments "We worked closely with the skate park builders, Four One Four, during the design stage of our project. We felt it only right to send them a rough idea of what we wanted our skate park to look like but what they sent us back was bigger and better than we could have ever imagined.

The materials list included the use of SMARTPLY OSB3 throughout the park and as it is a strong, versatile board, we thought it was ideal for the task. Since we opened the park in April, we have held a number of competitions and events at the arena and the ramps are holding up brilliantly, even when pitched against some of the best skateboarders in Ireland."

SMARTPLY OSB3 presented the design team with a fully certified, sustainable product, which is manufactured and tested to EN13986 and approved for use in both structural and nonstructural applications.