

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Sports Pitches**

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

**You asked:**

**Request to establish:**

- 1. How many playing pitches - whether it be for football, rugby, cricket or hockey etc. - have been lost on council-run public parks in the past 10 years.**
- 2. If there have been any pitch losses, could you please tell me for what reasons the pitches have been closed.**

**Answer: Total 5**

**Aylestone Playing Fields** - 3 football pitches in use for the 2006/07 season. We stopped using this location for football for the 2008/09 season. This was due to a combination of flooding of football pitches during the winter and the changing rooms vandalized making them unfit for use.

**Victoria Park** - We lost the cricket wicket this season due to a combination of lack of demand and the cricket square being vandalized.

**Humberstone Park** – the cricket wicket was also taken out of action this season for the first time, due to the vandalism of the wicket by recreation users, resulting in the wickets being unfit to be used by the cricket league.

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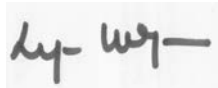
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

*Lynn Wyeth*

Head of Information Governance