

Derby City Council – Response

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Metal detector spaces

<p>1. So where are the people of derby meant to go metal detecting. If we create open spaces for all other hobbie like football, rugby, cricket, bmx track, skateboard park ramps we created spaces for golfers so there 100s of metal detectors in the hobby where are they meant to recreational place?</p>	<p>We do not hold information on where people are meant to go metal detecting and cannot permit metal detecting on parks for the reasons outlined below.</p> <p>Many of Derby's Parks are protected landscapes and for a number of reasons we cannot give permission for metal detecting to take place. Underlying geology, designated nature reserves, protected archaeology, historic landscapes, mature tree roots are all protected from disturbance. Despite not intending to dig any holes, someone seen metal detecting may encourage others to think it is appropriate and therefore we cannot give permission.</p> <p>Derby's parks are public places available for recreational use and we do have to consider the security and safety of all the people using parks. Whilst we would therefore be concerned about any potential for ground disturbance, we would also be extremely concerned about someone with a metal detector possibly looking for and removing needles or looking for potentially hidden knives or weapons on parks. These issues are better dealt with by either council staff or the police who have the appropriate equipment, training and facilities to deal with and dispose of such items, which could potentially constitute evidence.</p> <p>There is a park byelaw (please find attached) which prohibits the use of such machines as metal detectors on parks.</p>
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