**Freedom of Information request - Choice of land for the Commonwealth Games aquatic centre**

1. Which other sites were considered as possible locations for the construction of the new Commonwealth Games aquatic centre?

Black Patch (site in Perrott Street);

Bearwood Road Allotments;

GKN Sports Ground;

Hadley Stadium;

Harry Mitchell Leisure Centre (including part of Harry Mitchell Park);

Lewisham Park;

Victoria Park;

Warley Woods Park; and

West Smethwick Park

1. By what criteria were they assessed on?

The sites were determined on the basis that they were larger than 2.75HA . Each site was assessed on their legal constraints, planning constraints, highways accessibility, the impact of any demolition cost, geographical location to existing leisure facilities, and, where not in ownership of the Council, land purchase cost.

1. For what reasons were they each found to be unsuitable?

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| **Site** | **Reason** |
| Black Patch (site in Perrott Street) | Unsuitable geographic location |
| Bearwood Road Allotments | Legal constraints |
| GKN Sports Ground | Not in Council ownership |
| Hadley Stadium | Legal constraints |
| Harry Mitchell Leisure Centre (including part of Harry Mitchell Park) | Legal constraints |
| Lewisham Park | Unsuitable geographic location |
| Victoria Park | Unsuitable geographic location |
| Warley Woods | Legal constraints |
| West Smethwick Park | Legal constraints |

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