Site	VOS 11- 'Gillow Heath Recreation Ground'		
	Also known as Halls Road Sports Ground / Playing Fields and 'the Sandhole'		
Grid Reference / Post Code	SJ 88422 58504		
Brief Description	This site is well used by numerous local residents and different sports groups across the town (ie. football clubs). The various facilities mean that people of all ages are catered for, with a good circular footpath providing easy access around the site and onto the wider footpath network beyond.		

Criteria.		
Location		Easily accessible by the local community and
In reasonably close proximity to the		surrounded by housing. Well used in both Summer
community it serves		and Winter months.
Local Significance		Community use: A well-used site with various
Demonstrably special to a local		sporting facilities including football pitches, tennis
community and holds a particular		courts, outdoor gym equipment and walking routes.
local significance, for example		Well used by local residents, dog walkers and sports
because of its beauty, historic		enthusiasts.
significance, recreational value		Biodiversity: Small areas of taller vegetation provide
(including as a playing field),		some habitat for wildlife but this could be encouraged
tranquility or richness of its wildlife.		in places. The site shares its eastern border with the
		Biddulph Valley Way and the woodland edge running
		along this.
Size, Scale		c. 5ha
Local in character and is not an	1	
extensive tract of land.	7	
Recommendation		Existing Local Green Space Designation within the
		Local Plan

Pictures:





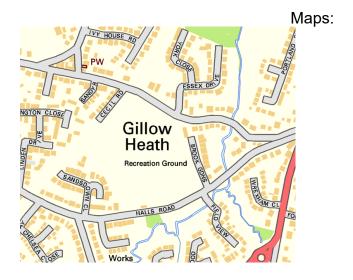




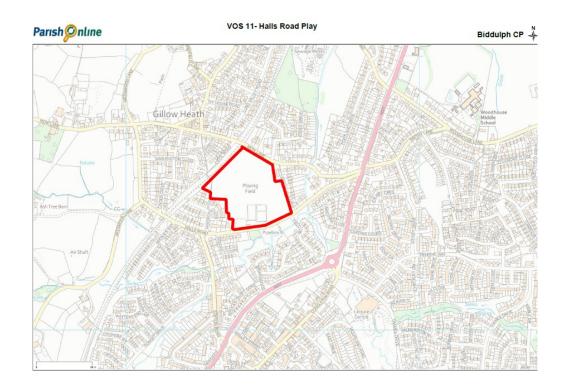












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