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Department: **Asset Management**  
Title: **Fox Hunting**  
Description: **Fox Hunting**

**Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)**

Thankfully The Cheshire West and Chester Councils are examining 'trail hunting' and fox hunting on their land. With all of my heart I hope that this will bring an end to the illegal activities that ensue across the country. It has long been known that trail hunting is a cover for the illegal act of foxhunting. It is, more often than not, ignored by the people who can stop this cruel, archaic and barbaric pastime. I plead with you to follow the example of Cheshire West and Chester Councils and ban foxhunting and 'trail hunting' from your Council owned land. Nobody in todays civilized society wants this unnecessary cruelty to continue. No-one is allowed to commit acts of cruelty to any other animals so we should all be doing our absolute utmost to do everything in our power as decent human beings to make a stop to this vile activity.

Aside from the cruelty it is also absolutely imperative at this point in time with the COVID 19 situation that we do everything we can to stop the spread, and with hunts and 'trail hunts' in gatherings of people and travelling across the countryside, it cannot be stressed enough how hazardous this is also to human life.

**Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)**

Hertsmere Borough Council is a local landowner holding various parks and open spaces. On a purely practical basis they do not enable trail hunting or fox hunting because of their size. Should anyone seek our permission for such activities we would therefore refuse it.

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

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