# OSD Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queens Park Risk Report

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Risk no, title, creation date, owner	Risk Description (Cause, Event, Impact)	Current Risk Rating	& Score	Risk Update and date of update	Target Risk Rating & So	core	Target Date	Current Risk score change indicator
OSD NLOS 008 Maintenance of Divisional buildings and equipment	Cause: Inadequate proactive and reactive maintenance; failure to identify and communicate maintenance issues Event: Operational or public building become unusable Impact: Service capability disrupted; ineffective use of staff resources; damage to corporate reputation; increased costs for reactive maintenance. Delay will have operational impact. Overrun of additional work programme.	Likelihood	12	Risk has risen from 2 to 12. This risk was previously not reported to Committee, due to its low score, but due to the rise in Likelihood and Impact, we will again be reporting to Committee for monitoring.  This score has increased due to the lack of Cyclical Works Programme budget available to the Department over the next three years. There is a risk that the Division will not get capital funding for projects such as the Athletics Track or the Queen's Park Toilets. Capital money that has already been allocated but not yet reached Gateway 5 may be reviewed again due to COVID-19 financial pressures placed on the City Corporation.  21 Aug 2020	Impact	6	31-Mar- 2020	Increasin

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OSD NLOS 008 a	Asset review is being carried out with Surveyor's Dept. Review of assets is an ongoing process	Review is cyclical and ongoing. This is co-ordinated between the City Surveyor's department and local teams.	Richard Gentry	12-Aug- 2020	31-Mar- 2021
OSD NLOS 008 b	Client Liaison meetings are held regularly to discuss issues and raise concerns about Building Repairs and Maintenance and Projects.  Regular review process	Ongoing Action.  Client Liaison meetings are taking place.  APFM in regular contact with internal Divisional stakeholders.	Richard Gentry	12-Aug- 2020	31-Mar- 2021
OSD NLOS 008 c	East Heath Car Park Capital Project	A budget re-evaluation has impacted project progress. Currently awaiting value engineering exercise prior to gateway 5 sign-off.	Richard Gentry; Bob Warnock	12-Aug- 2020	31-Dec- 2020
OSD NLOS 008 d	Capital project to refurbish the Queens Park Toilets.	Due to go to gateway 3/4 by end of October.	Richard Gentry; Bob Warnock	12-Aug- 2020	31-Oct- 2020

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OSD NLOS 011 Impact of housing and population and transport increase	Causes: Planning Authorities obligation to meeting housing demand. Fail to monitor and challenge planning applications. Lack of resource to employ specialist support or carry out monitoring/research. Lack of partnership working with relevant Planning Authorities.  Event: Large houses, buildings or other developments on land affecting the Open Spaces.  Impact: Potential increase in visitor numbers and recreational pressure. Increased air, light and noise pollution and consequent potential decline in biodiversity and tranquillity. Further increases in traffic volumes on local road network. Ground compaction and resulting associated effects on tree and plant health. Wear and tear to sports pitches. Lack of budget to facilitate repairs.	Likelihood	12	The risk remains unchanged.  We continue to liaise with partners and stakeholders regarding planning applications which may impact upon Hampstead Heath and the wider Division.  We are currently liaising with Camden in relation to their plans to extend the cycle network in the borough, specifically including the Heath, in response to COVID-19.  12 Aug 2020	Impact	12	31-Mar- 2021	Constant

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OSD NLOS 011 a	Supt and Officers in contact with the London Borough of Camden, Barnet, Brent and Haringey in regard to planning	Ongoing, division to make representation as necessary.  Stakeholders, e.g. Consultative Group and Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee updated as appropriate.	Richard Gentry	12-Aug- 2020	31-Mar- 2021
OSD NLOS 011 b	influence the content of the documents.	Ongoing. Response to planning issues as necessary. No change.  Stakeholders, e.g. Consultative Groups, Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee are updated when necessary.	Richard Gentry	12-Aug- 2020	31-Mar- 2021
OSD NLOS 011 c		Ongoing. Response to planning issues as necessary. Relevant planning applications are monitored. No change.  Stakeholders, e.g. Consultative Groups, Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee are updated when necessary.	Richard Gentry	12-Aug- 2020	31-Mar- 2021

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OSD NLOS 002 Outbreak of Fire in Woodland / Heathland	Causes: Extreme hot weather and a lack of rain leads to dry grass and woodland. Visitors improperly using site for barbeques, disposing of cigarettes, campfires.  Event: Large-scale fire.  Impact: Possible loss of life, serious injury to staff, visitors, contractors and volunteers. Damage to site.  Ecological damage caused to environment. Service capability is disrupted: increased demand for staff resource to respond to incidents and maintain safety of site and visitors: loss of species: temporary site closure and associated access: increased costs for reactive management; damage/loss of fragile/rare habitats and species.	Impact	8	Risk has increased due to the number of recent fires which have been found / reported by staff and members of the public. Fire Risk Register is reviewed weekly.  Visitor numbers and anti social behavior have seen an increased number of fires lit. Hot, dry weather causes grass to be more susceptible to fire.  Staff remain vigilant and have access to equipment to douse burning embers if necessary.  Likelihood has increased, bringing score from 6 to 8, due to dry spell. Continuing to monitor fire severity index.  20 Aug 2020	Impact	6	31-Dec- 2020	Încreasin g

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OSD NLOS 002 a	Staff are made aware of extreme weather events and 'Trigger Events.' Managers and Supervisors receive weather warnings and this information is shared with staff.	Ongoing action. Fire safety audits are currently being undertaken with the CoL Fire Safety Team, aiming to complete by the end of the year.	Richard Gentry		31-Dec- 2020
OSD NLOS 002 b	Review Emergency Action Plan. Review carried out annually or following incident if appropriate.	Review and update continues annually or after an emergency event.			31-Mar- 2021

	Trigger Event Policy compliments this plan.		
	Signage is displayed at key locations, reminding visitors not to light fires or barbeques. Social media messaging has also been used to deliver this message.		

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OSD NLOS 004 Plant and Tree Disease	Causes: Inadequate biosecurity, buying of infected trees, plants or animals, spread of windblown OPM (oak processionary moth) from adjacent sites  Event: Tree disease including Massaria, Ash Die Back, Oak Processionary Moth. Sites become infected by animal, plant or tree diseases  Impact: Service capability disrupted, Public access to sites restricted, tree decline, reputational damage, substantial cost of removal of OPM, risk to human health from OPM	Impact	8	The threat of OPM across the North London Division is not diminishing, we continue with the Forestry Commission led management on a targeted caterpillar spray and nest removal.  Staff continue to manage Massaria and Horse chestnut bleeding canker.  The tree team work with the Forestry Commission in conjunction with the London Tree Officers Association on an annual inspection program looking at 53 plots around London for the presence of Canker Stain of Plane (Ceratocystis platani) and Xylela fastidiosa.  Staff continue to be vigilant and inspect for all the other tree pest and diseases on the list. Of which we do have Chalara die back of ash at NLOS which currently is not a major concern.  12 Aug 2020	Impact	8	31-Mar- 2021	Constant

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			Tree provenance is considered, the Division will source and use planting stock consistent with best practice guidance. Ongoing action.	U	31-Mar- 2021

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Safety of staff, contractors, visitors and	Cause: Poor understanding and/or delivery of Health and Safety policies, procedures and safe systems of work; inadequate training; failure to implement results of Divisional H & S Audits; dynamic risk assessments not undertaken. Security, antisocial behaviour, dealing with members of the public.  Event: Staff or contractors undertake unsafe working practices  Impact: Death or injury of a member of staff, contractor or a member of the public, reputational damage; financial penalty	Impact		Risk remains unchanged. H&S works continue.  12 Aug 2020	Likelihood	8	31-Mar- 2021	Constant

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006 a		This is an ongoing item, reviewed annually. These were completed for 2019 and contributed to the OS Certificate of Assurance.		31-Mar- 2021
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OSD NLOS 007 Hampstead Heath Water bodies including Bathing Ponds	Cause: Improper use of water bodies. Members of the public swimming in unauthorised areas. Swimming outside of designated zones/times. Swimmers fail to pay attention to acclimatisation requirements. Insufficient signage, poor maintenance of banks  Event: Death or serious injury of member of public, contractor or staff in ponds. Unable to effect safe rescue of swimmer/person in pond.  Impact: Possible legal challenge. Emotional impact on staff. Reputational risk. Financial penalty	Likelihood Likelihood	8	Risk has increased from 6 to 8 due to COVID lock down and the commensurate rise in visitors entering facilities and water outside of operational hours. COVID-19 restrictions required the swimming facilities to be closed until 9 July 2020 Staff are deployed at bathing ponds from 8am - 7pm.  Illegal entry in to the ponds appears to be before 7am and after staff have left facilities. The City Corporation security contractor has been providing night time patrols with two dog handlers monitoring access in to the ponds on Hampstead Heath. Where necessary, they have removed people from the water via verbal commands.  Instances reported of people entering water in non-lifeguarded ponds while staff are on duty. City Corporation staff are reporting these instances and people have been removed via verbal instruction to leave the waters.  Ponds have now reopened for swimming with new booking facilities, which may go some way to mitigating the risk over time.  20 Aug 2020	Impact	6	31-Oct- 2020	Increasin g

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OSD NLOS 007 a		Ongoing -Training needs and requirements are identified in staff performance reviews and 1:1 meetings throughout the year.	Richard Gentry	12-Aug- 2020	31-Mar- 2021
OSD NLOS 007 b	Appropriate signage at ponds Weekly - Signage is checked as part of Ranger duties, this includes checking gates are locked and life rings are in place - ongoing	This remains an ongoing issue for monitoring. Signage, specifically at water bodies, is checked by Ranger team as part of their weekly patrols and defects reported for repair or replacement.	Bob Warnock	12-Aug- 2020	31-Mar- 2021
OSD NLOS 007 c	Weekly - Checks are carried out by life guards within their facilities  Monthly – Safety equipment is checked as part of Ranger duties.		Bob Warnock	12-Aug- 2020	31-Mar- 2021

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OSD NLOS 003 Extreme Weather Events  10-Aug-2015  Bob Warnock	Causes: Severe wind events, prolonged precipitation or restricted precipitation  Event: Severe weather/climate impacts at one or more sites within the Division  Impact: Service capability disrupted; Strong winds cause tree limb drop, prolonged heat results in fires, snow disrupts site access, rainfall results in flooding and impassable areas, site closures: severe damage to flora and fauna: risk to life and limb: damage to property	Likelihood	6	Extreme weather events continue to be managed.  MET office Storm Centre warnings monitored.  MET Office Flood Alerts and Warning monitored.  Risk remains unchanged.  12 Aug 2020	Tikelihood	31-Mar- 2021	Constant

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OSD NLOS 003 a	Alerts issued to staff via Met Office. Review processes 6 monthly or following an extreme weather event	E .	12-Aug- 2020	31-Mar- 2021
OSD NLOS 003 b	Site plans reviewed annually or following incident if appropriate. Reviews usually conducted in September and agreed later in the year.		12-Aug- 2020	31-Mar- 2021