Ashtead Common Risk Register (excluding completed actions)

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Risk no, Title, Creation date, Owner	Risk Description (Cause, Event, Impact)	Current Risk Rating & Score	re I	Risk Update and date of update	Target Risk Rating &	Score	Target Date/Risk Approach	Flight path
ENV-NE-AC 008 Water pollution 27-May-2022 Andy Thwaites	Cause: Pollution of the Rye Brook. Event: Polluted water poured into road drain, misconnection into the surface water system from other utilities. Effect: Toxins and/or biohazards introduced into the watercourse threatening the health of people and animals; damage/loss of rare/fragile habitats and species; adverse local media coverage.	Impact	f c e	Designs have been produced for a reedbed filtration system that could remove contaminants. However, this would be expensive to create. The Rye Brook is regularly monitored, including kick sampling and measurement of phosphate levels. 26 Aug 2022	Likelihood	2	31-Mar-2031 Reduce	

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ENV-NE-AC 008a Undertake a project to construct a reedbed	3	Write a Project Initiation Document (PID) for approval by the City of London.	Andy Thwaites	26-Aug-2022	30-Jun-2023

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ENV-NE-AC 009 Maintenance of buildings and other structures 15-Jun-2022 Andy Thwaites	Cause: Inadequate level of service provided by City Surveyor's Department to maintain buildings and other structures. Event: Structures, specifically byelaw boards, become unsafe. Effect: Potential serious injury to a member of the public, or member of staff; disruption to service delivery/performance; financial loss; reputational damage as a result of legal action and/or negative publicity.	Likelihood	8	Byelaw boards may deteriorate over time with lack of preventative maintenance. They may become unsound and present a health and safety risk. The boards are monitored on a regular basis and any which become unsafe are removed. 26 Aug 2022	Likelihood	2	30-Jun-2023	

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	Monitor byelaw boards, report on condition and remove any which become unsound.	Byelaw boards are monitored on a regular basis. Any which become unsafe are removed.	Andy Thwaites	26-Aug-2022	30-Jun-2023

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ENV-NE-AC 005 Tree Diseases and Other Pests 24-Feb-2022 Andy Thwaites	Cause: 'Natural' spread of pests and diseases from neighbouring areas e.g. ticks and Lyme Disease and Oak Processionary Moth (OPM). Event: Individuals are affected by Lyme Disease or suffer allergic reaction to OPM. Effect: Staff and other individuals suffer severe long-term health effects; service capability disrupted; damage to corporate reputation; increased costs for reactive maintenance.	Impact 6	We accept that we cannot reduce this risk for the foreseeable future, but we have put in place a range of reasonable measures to limit the effects as far as we can. An action plan is in place for Lyme Disease, including adjustments to staff work schedules to reduce the risk of exposure. Tick/Lyme Disease information cards have been produced for volunteers, contractors and visitors to Ashtead Common. OPM is endemic and widespread at Ashtead Common but appears to be subject to natural controls which have suppressed numbers. 26 Aug 2022	Impact 6	Accept	

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	Review The Common's Tree Safety Policy tri-annually and the local site risk map annually.	The Commons' Tree Safety Policy is reviewed every three years: next due in July 2024. The local site risk map is reviewed annually: next due in June 2023.	Andy Thwaites	26-Aug-2022	30-Jun-2023
ENV-NE-AC 005f Risk review	Keep risk under regular review.	The situation is kept under review and further measures will be implemented if and when they become necessary.	Andy Thwaites	26-Aug-2022	30-Dec-2022

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ENV-NE-AC 006 Climate and weather 24-Feb-2022 Andy Thwaites	Causes: Climate change causes severe wind, drought or floods to occur more frequently. Event: More frequent and severe storms or fires at Ashtead Common. Effect: Injury or death to staff, visitors, contractors and volunteers; damage/loss of rare/fragile habitats and species; service capability disrupted; temporary site closures; increased demand for staff resources to respond to incidents and maintain site safety; increased costs for reactive management.	Impact	6	Fire is by far the biggest risk to Ashtead Common. Although a number of measures are taken to manage the impact of this risk, we are unable to reduce the likelihood of it occurring. 26 Aug 2022	Impact	6	Accept	

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ENV-NE-AC 006a Fire management		Major emergency plan produces were shared with Surrey Fire and Rescue in May 2022. This will ext be done in May 2024, unless changing circumstances require an interim review. And Thw		26-Aug-2022	31-May-2024
ENV-NE-AC 006b Storms	Storm monitoring & management and closure policies are in place and are linked to high staff awareness and training	The site continues to monitor and respond to warnings of extreme weather.	Andy Thwaites	26-Aug-2022	31-Mar-2023
ENV-NE-AC 006c Climate change	Understand the potential impacts of climate change on Ashtead Common. Engage in climate change research and debate.	Ongoing research and dialogue continues. Work on carbon sequestration is being progressed.	Andy Thwaites	26-Aug-2022	31-Mar-2023

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ENV-NE-AC 001 Budget reduction and income loss 24-Feb-2022 Andy Thwaites	Cause: Potential reductions in budget and income. Event: The City of London reduces its budget for Ashtead Common, or external funding is reduced. Effect: Financial failure; failure of key services; loss of staff; failure to maintain habitats on site; reduction in the ability to manage threats; significant reduction in service to users; reputational damage.	Impact	4	The need for an additional member of staff for Ashtead Common has been identified and funding will be provided for this. Additional Countryside Stewardship funding has been secured for the next ten years. Therefore, the current likelihood of this risk occurring is 'unlikely'. 26 Aug 2022	Likelihood	4	Accept	

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ENV-NE-AC 001a Risk review	Keep risk under regular review.	1 8	Andy Thwaites	26-Aug-2022	30-Jun-2023

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ENV-NE-AC 004 Local Planning Issues 24-Feb-2022 Andy Thwaites	Cause: Pressure on Planning Authorities to meet housing targets. Failure to monitor and challenge housing and other development plans. Lack of partnership working with Planning Authorities and inclusion in Local Development Plans. Lack of resources to employ specialist support or carry out necessary monitoring/research. Event: Increase in housing or other developments on land affecting Ashtead Common. Effect: Increase in visitor numbers and general recreation pressure; potential decline in biodiversity due to disturbance and habitat quality; increase in air, light and noise pollution; decrease in water availability; increased hydrological pollution risk; increase in traffic on local road network.	Impact	3	Ongoing - local plans continue to be developed and are scrutinised and commented on when required. Staffing capacity is currently able to manage the volume of work associated with commenting on local plans. The Local Plans of Mole Valley and Kingston generally protect the immediate environs of Ashtead Common. However, possible areas for development are identified within the general area, and this could increase pressures on the Common in the long term. 26 Aug 2022	Impact	3	Accept	

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ENV-NE-AC 004c Risk review	Keep risk under regular review.	Andy Thwaites	26-Aug-2022	30-Dec-2022