# Ashtead Common Detailed Risk Register

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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 &	Score	Target Date/Risk Approach	Current Risk score change indicator
ENV-NE-AC 004 Local Planning Issues	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	8	Local plans continue to be developed and are scrutinised and commented on when required.  Epsom and Ewell Council have begun consultation on a new Local Plan that could see significant residential development in the vicinity of Ashtead Common. Locally there are limited resources to engage with this process. For this reason the risk score remains 8 (likely / serious). This will be an extended consultation process; therefore the target date has been set to March 2025.  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	Impact	6	31-Mar- 2025	

24-Feb-2022 Andy Thwaites	pressures on the Common in the long term.  23 Aug 2023	Reduce Constant
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ENV-NE-AC 004c	Keep situation under regular review.	This situation is kept under regular review.	5		31-Mar- 2024

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ENV-NE-AC 005 Tree Diseases and Other Pests	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	8	Tick bites have increased threefold and there has been at least one confirmed case of Lyme Disease. Therefore, we have increased the risk score from 6 (possible/serious) to 8 (likely/serious).  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. These actions should help to bring the risk score back to 6 by the end of the year.  OPM is endemic and widespread at Ashtead Common but appears to be subject to natural controls which have suppressed numbers.  23 Aug 2023	Impact	6	31-Dec- 2023	Increasin g

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		The Commons' Tree Safety Policy is reviewed every three years: next due in July 2024. The annual review of the local site risk map is underway.	5	22-Aug- 2023	01-Jul-2024
ENV-NE-AC 005f		The situation is kept under review and further measures will be implemented if and when they become necessary.			31-Dec- 2023

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ENV-NE-AC 009 Maintenance of buildings and other structures  15-Jun-2022 Andy Thwaites	Cause: Poor condition of buildings and other structures, combined with inadequate planned and/or reactive maintenance, reduced CWP budget and limited capital programme.  Event: Structures, specifically byelaw boards, deteriorate to an unsafe condition.  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.	Impact	time with lack o maintenance. The unsound and presafety risk.  External contract three boards as replaced by the boards are replaced by the boards and defects surveyor's (CSI Management Tella The CWP has not money for this is financial year, the boards the resource necessary works staff do remove boards themsely we continue to the safety of the boards themsely.	tors have assessed meeding to be replaced.  monitored on a regular are reported to City D) Facilities am to address.  ot allocated any ssue for the 2023/24 merefore CSD do not ses to carry out any unsafe byelaw res.	Impact	6	31-Mar- 2024	Constant

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	,	Byelaw boards are monitored on a regular basis. Any which become unsafe are removed. A request for capital funding was requested Friday 18/8/23 to remove and replace the 6 boards.	2	22-Aug- 2023	31-Mar- 2024

	The outcome of this is still pending a decision		
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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.  22 Aug 2023	Impact	6	Accept	Constant

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ENV-NE-AC 006a		Major emergency plan produces were shared with Surrey Fire and Rescue in May 2022. This will next be done in May 2024, unless changing circumstances require an interim review	3	22-Aug- 2023	31-May- 2024
ENV-NE-AC 006b	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.	-	22-Aug- 2023	31-Mar- 2024
ENV-NE-AC 006c	Understand the potential impacts of climate change on Ashtead Common. Engage in climate change research and debate.	The site continues to monitor and respond to warnings of extreme weather.	-	22-Aug- 2023	31-Mar- 2024

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ENV-NE-AC 008 Water pollution  27-May-2022 Andy Thwaites	Cause: 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	6	Thames Water identified and corrected nine misconnections during summer 2022 and there have been noticeably fewer pollution instances since.  Designs have been produced for a reedbed filtration system that could remove contaminants (although this would be expensive to create). However, in light of the recent apparent improvements, we will gather baseline data over the coming year to assess whether such a system would still be beneficial.  The Rye Brook is regularly monitored, including kick sampling and measurement of phosphate levels.  22 Aug 2023	Impact	2	31-Mar- 2031	Constant

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ENV-NE-AC 008b	filtration system would be beneficial.	During 2023, we will gather baseline data to assess whether progressing the project to construct a reedbed filtration system is still required, in view of the apparent improvements seen in summer 2022.	5		01-Jun- 2024

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ENV-NE-AC 001 Budget reduction and income loss	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		This risk remains low for Ashtead Common.  Additional Countryside Stewardship funding has been secured up to 2031. Therefore, the current likelihood of this risk occurring is 'unlikely'.	Impact	4		•
24-Feb-2022 Andy Thwaites				23 Aug 2023			Accept	Constant

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ENV-NE-AC 001a	Keep risk under regular review.	2	U	31-Dec- 2023