

Coulsdon & Other Commons Detailed Risk Register

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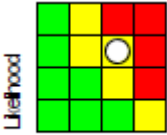
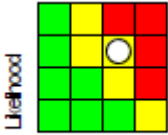
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<p>ENV-NE-COC 009 Maintenance of buildings and other structures</p>	<p>Cause: Poor condition of buildings and other structures, combined with inadequate planned and/or reactive maintenance, reduced CWP budget and limited capital programme, Event: Structures 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.</p>		<p>16</p>	<p>The key issues at Coulsdon Common are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The large, wooden corporate image (byelaw) boards located across the site, and • The cattle grids on Farthing Downs. <p>The local team has undertaken an update of the previous audit of byelaw boards which was carried out by the City Surveyor’s Department (CSD) in 2019. Since this audit, a further eight boards have been found defective and removed. In the last five years, there have been three near-misses where boards have collapsed.</p> <p>For the cattle grids, the CSD should undertake annual inspections, but these have not been carried out for some years. The local team monitors</p>		<p>12</p>	<p>31-Mar-2024</p>	<p>➔</p>

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<p>15-Jun-2022 Allan Cameron</p>				<p>the grids and reports any concerns to CSD.</p> <p>Concerns about the general situation are raised at monthly client liaison meetings with CSD. Issues continue to be raised at the monthly meetings with the Assistant Property Facilities Manager (APFM).</p> <p>29 Aug 2023</p>				<p>Reduce</p> <p>Constant</p>
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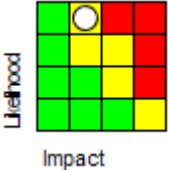
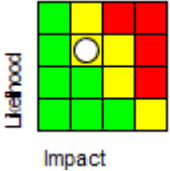

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ENV-NE-COC 009a	Monthly site infrastructure checks.	Continual monitoring of byelaw boards, cattle grids and other structures.	Allan Cameron	29-Aug-2023	31-Mar-2024

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ENV-NE-COC 002 Damage to sites 24-Feb-2022 Allan Cameron	<p>Cause: The sites are more popular than in previous years, linked to people enjoying local natural environments which are free of charge. Increased population and housing in the local area.</p> <p>Event: Long-term environmental damage, with a particular focus on protected landscapes and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) which are not designed for such high visitor numbers.</p> <p>Effect: Ecological and environmental damage; reputational damage; loss of grants related to preservation; increased spend required to maintain sites/mitigate damage.</p>	 <p>Likelihood</p> <p>Impact</p>	12	<p>We are seeing a continual increase in visitor numbers and general population growth which we cannot influence. Therefore, we accept that we cannot reduce the possibility of the risk occurring. However, we continue to encourage people to use the sites responsibly.</p> <p>29 Aug 2023</p>	 <p>Likelihood</p> <p>Impact</p>	12		Constant
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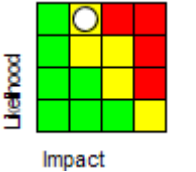
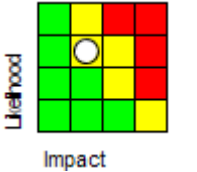
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ENV-NE-COC 002a	Recruit to the vacant Conservation Ranger post.	We will recruit a Conservation Ranger who will monitor development applications and undertake detailed ecological surveys. Recruitment has been delayed due to the ongoing TOM Phase Two process but should proceed soon.	Allan Cameron	29-Aug-2023	31-Dec-2023

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ENV-NE-COC 004 Local Planning Issues 24-Feb-2022 Allan Cameron	<p>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.</p> <p>Event: Large housing or other developments on land affecting the sites.</p> <p>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; increased traffic on local road network.</p>		8	<p>Local plans continue to be developed and are scrutinised and commented on by officers when required. Staffing capacity is currently unable to manage the volume of work associated with commenting on local plans.</p> <p>However, we now have funding to recruit a full-time Conservation Ranger which will provide greater capacity for responding to these issues and enable us to be more proactive.</p> <p>29 Aug 2023</p>		6	31-Mar-2024	 Constant
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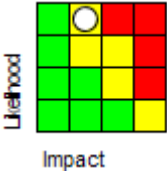
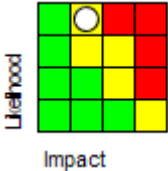
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ENV-NE-COC 004c	Recruit to the vacant Conservation Ranger post.	We will recruit a Conservation Ranger who will monitor development applications. Recruitment has been delayed due to the ongoing TOM Phase Two process.	Allan Cameron	29-Aug-2023	31-Dec-2023
ENV-NE-COC 004d	Seek advice and support from colleagues in the Planning and Development Division.	Investigate options for obtaining support and advice from colleagues in the Environment Department's Planning and Development Division.	Allan Cameron	29-Aug-2023	31-Mar-2024

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ENV-NE-COC 005 Tree Diseases and Other Pests 24-Feb-2022 Allan Cameron	<p>Cause: Inadequate biosecurity; purchase or transfer of infected plants, soil and animals. ‘Natural’ spread of pests and diseases from neighbouring areas e.g. Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) and foot and mouth disease.</p> <p>Event: Sites become infected by animal, plant or tree diseases.</p> <p>Effect: Service capability disrupted; ineffective use of staff resources; reputational damage; loss of species; temporary site closures and associated access; increased costs for reactive maintenance; threat to existing conservation status of sites, particularly those with woodland habitats.</p>		8	<p>Ash Dieback: Cost of future Ash Dieback management is unknown; local risk budgets are not resourced sufficiently to meet costs. Local tree safety inspections deal with immediate risk, but we are unable to predict with any certainty the condition of trees and their likelihood of infection over the next two to three years.</p> <p>29 Aug 2023</p>		6	31-Mar-2025	Constant
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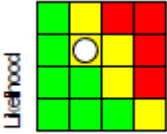
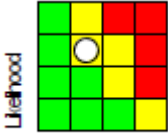
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ENV-NE-COC 005a	Ensure staff training is kept updated to enable timely identification of pest and knowledge of correct treatment/prevention.	Ongoing. Training needs are reviewed at regular team meetings, and proactively promoted via the Department Health & Safety Group and relevant corporate boards. Needs are also reviewed at six-monthly divisional Health and Safety meetings.	Allan Cameron	29-Aug-2023	31-Mar-2024
ENV-NE-COC 005b	Annual tree inspections undertaken by qualified personnel.	Ongoing. Inspections continue on a scheduled basis or if and when the need arises.	Allan Cameron	29-Aug-2023	31-Mar-2024
ENV-NE-COC 005c	Active involvement with leading partners such as Forestry Commission and Natural England	Ongoing. Inspections continue on a scheduled basis or if and when the need arises.	Allan Cameron	29-Aug-2023	31-Mar-2024
ENV-NE-COC 005d	Measures in place for staff, volunteers and contractors including public messages	This is ongoing	Allan Cameron	29-Aug-2023	31-Mar-2024
ENV-NE-COC 005e	Review The Commons' Tree Safety Policy tri-annually.	The Commons' Tree Safety Policy is reviewed every three years. It was last reviewed in July 2021 and will be reviewed again in July 2024.	Allan Cameron	29-Aug-2023	01-Aug-2024

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ENV-NE-COC 008 Pollution 15-Jun-2022 Allan Cameron	<p>Cause: Continual pollution of Coulsdon Common through defective drainage infrastructure owned by Surrey County Council and managed by Thames Water.</p> <p>Event: High rainfall leads to prolonged periods of pollution from two soakaways located on Stites Hill Road. Contamination of site with sanitary toxic and foul waste.</p> <p>Effect: Health and safety implications for visitors; reduction in quality of land within a National Nature Reserve (NNR); reputational damage and potential legal liability for the CoL.</p>		8	<p>The Head Ranger attends meetings of the local multi-agency Flood Action Group where this is a standing agenda item.</p> <p>The Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department is involved with partner organisations and liability for the pipe structures and water pipes in the area has been ascertained. The next step is for the legal teams of each party to discuss mitigation.</p> <p>We are unable to reduce the possibility of the risk occurring but report any issues to the Environment Agency and Thames Water.</p> <p>29 Aug 2023</p>		8	Accept	Constant


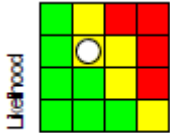
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ENV-NE-COC 008a	Attend meetings of the local Flood Action Group.	Head Ranger represents the CoL at meetings of the local Flood Action Group which are held periodically (every 2-3 months).	Allan Cameron	29-Aug-2023	31-Dec-2023
ENV-NE-COC 008b	Liaise with City Solicitors regarding liabilities.	<p>The Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department is involved with partner organisations and liability for the pipe structures and water pipes in the area has been ascertained. The next step is for the legal teams of each party to discuss mitigation.</p> <p>We have appointed a KC who has written to the authorities concerned.</p>	Allan Cameron	29-Aug-2023	31-Dec-2023

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ENV-NE-COC 001 Budget reduction and income loss 24-Feb-2022 Allan Cameron	Cause: Potential reduction in budget and income: reduction of income from car park charging; loss of income from rental properties. Event: Reduced budget and income. Effect: Potential staff reductions and inability to provide key services; financial failure; failure to achieve strategic objectives; significant reduction in service to users; reputational damage.	 Likelihood Impact	6	A Countryside Stewardship grant has been secured until 2026 and two vacant properties have been rented out, one with a long-term tenant until 2027, and the other on a rolling residential annual contract. These help to offset previous budget cuts. Car parking income was lower than estimated during 2022/23 (52% of estimated levels). The Assistant Director is currently reviewing income generation opportunities for the Commons. We will review the current and target risk scores again when the 2024/25 budgets are confirmed. 29 Aug 2023	 Likelihood Impact	6	Accept	Constant

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ENV-NE-COC 001a	Keep risk under regular review.	This risk is kept under regular review.	Allan Cameron	29-Aug-2023	31-Mar-2024

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ENV-NE-COC 006 Climate and Weather 24-Feb-2022 Allan Cameron	<p>Causes: Severe wind events, prolonged precipitation or restricted precipitation. May be climate change influenced</p> <p>Event: Severe weather/climate impacts; fire, flood and storm events (potentially increasing in frequency).</p> <p>Effect: Service capability disrupted; increased demand for staff resources to respond to incidents and maintain site safety; loss of species; temporary site closures and associated access; increased costs for reactive management; injury or death to staff, visitors, contractors and volunteers; damage/loss of rare/fragile habitats and species.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Likelihood</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Impact</p>	6	<p>We are unable to reduce this risk but work on site continues to mitigate the impact of extreme weather events should they happen.</p> <p>29 Aug 2023</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Likelihood</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Impact</p>	6		<div style="width: 10px; height: 10px; background-color: blue; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>Constant</p>
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ENV-NE-COC 006a	Review and update Fire Management plan bi-annually. Habitat fire management and monitoring policies and plans in place which link to staff training and local emergency services.	Detailed fire maps have been completed and shared with the fire services. The next review of the Fire Management Plan will be undertaken in 2024.	Allan Cameron	29-Aug-2023	30-Apr-2024
ENV-NE-COC 006b	Storm monitoring and management and closure policies are in place at the site and linked to high staff awareness and training.	The sites continue to monitor and respond to warnings of extreme weather.	Allan Cameron	29-Aug-2023	31-Mar-2024
ENV-NE-COC 006c	Understand the potential impacts of climate change on Coulsdon Common. Engage in climate change research and debate.	Ongoing research and dialogue	Allan Cameron	29-Aug-2023	31-Mar-2024