# Ashtead Common 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	Flight path
ENV-NE-AC 005 Negative impacts of pests and diseases	Effect: Staff and other individuals suffer severe long-term health effects; service capability disrupted; damage to corporate reputation.	Impact 12	Fewer tick bites recorded during the summer of 2024 than 2023. However, existing team members and volunteers have been adversely affected by Lyme disease in the past, with some individuals experiencing long-term issues. Therefore, it is unlikely that the target score will be achieved soon.  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.  03 Dec 2024	t Impact	Reduce	

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ENV-NE-AC 005f Risk review	Keep risk under regular review.	The tick and Lyme Disease si as and when they become nec	ituation is kept under review and further measures cessary.	will be implemented	Andy Thwaites	03-Dec-2024	31-May-2025

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ENV-NE-AC 009 Decline in condition of assets  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 12	Cyclical Works Programme (bow-wave) work has commenced, and some long-standing issues and maintenance lapses have been rectified.  The first of a new design of byelaw board has arrived and been installed. The remaining five boards are due to be delivered early in the new calendar year.  However, whilst there still are items waiting to be addressed, the score remains above target but has reduced from a 16 major/likely to 12 major/possible.	Impact 6	31-Mar-2025 Reduce	

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	and remove any which become unsound.	Byelaw boards are monitored on a regular basis. Any which become unsafe are removed. This is an ongoing action until the existing boards are replaced. The 'due date' for this action has been extended to the end of the financial year accordingly.	 03-Dec-2024	31-Mar-2025
		2024/25 financial year. The due date to this action has been extended to the end of the financial year.,	 03-Dec-2024	31-Mar-2025

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ENV-NE-AC 004 Negative impacts of development and encroachment  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	8	A planning application has been submitted to Mole Valley District Council for a battery energy storage system next to the Epsom and Ashtead Commons SSSI. The City has objected to this proposal. For this reason the risk score remains 8 (likely / serious).  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. This will be an extended consultation process; therefore the target date has been set to March 2025.  03 Dec 2024	Impact	6	31-Mar-2025	

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ENV-NE-AC 004c Ongoing Review	Keep situation under regular review.	This situation is kept under regular review.	Andy Thwaites	03-Dec-2024	31-Mar-2025

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extreme weather and climate change 24-Feb-2022	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 a significant 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.  The target date shown is the date of the next review.  03 Dec 2024	Impact	6	31-March 2025	

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ENV-NE-AC 006a Fire management	Review and update Fire Management Plan biannually. Habitat fire management and monitoring policies and plans are in place and link to staff training and local emergency services.	The Major Emergency Plan was shared with Surrey Fire and Rescue in May 2022. A revised map will be produced before the 2025 fire season.	Andy Thwaites	03-Dec-2024	31-Mar-2025
ENV-NE-AC 006b Storms	Storm monitoring & management and closure policies are in place and are linked to high staff awareness and training	Officers continue to monitor and respond to warnings of extreme weather.	Andy Thwaites	03-Dec-2024	31-Mar-2025
ENV-NE-AC 006c Climate change	Understand the potential impacts of climate change on Ashtead Common. Engage in climate change research and debate.	Officers continue to explore ways to maintain and improve the Reserve's resilience to climate change.	Andy Thwaites	03-Dec-2024	31-Mar-2025

ENV-NE-AC 008 Water pollution  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.  6 Work has commenced on designing a wetland filtration system to intercept polluted water before it enters the brook. This will be done to RIBA stage 4 – Technical Design – to create a schedule/specification to enable rapid tendering should funding become available to deliver the scheme.  The Rye Brook is regularly monitored, including kick sampling and measurement of phosphate levels.  27-May-2022  Andy Thwaites	Risk no, Title, Creation date, Owner	Risk Description (Cause, Event, Impact)	Current Risk Rating & Sco	ore	Risk Update and date of update	Target Risk Rating & S	Score	Target Date/Risk Approach	Flight path
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		A remote monitoring device has been installed. This long-term monitoring will determine if the apparent improvements in water quality seen in summer 2022 are genuine and sustained.	Andy Thwaites	03-Dec-2024	31-Mar-2025

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ENV-NE-AC 001 Budget pressures 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	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'.  The risk is accepted at its current level. The target date shown is the date of the next review.  03 Dec 2024	mpast	31 March 2025	

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ENV-NE-AC 001a Risk review	Keep risk under regular review.	 Andy Thwaites	03-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2025