West Wickham and Spring Park Risk Register

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ENV-NE- WWSP 009 Decline in condition of assets	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.	Impact 16	The key issue at West Wickham and Spring Park is the large, wooden corporate image (byelaw) boards located across the sites. The local team has updated the previous audit of byelaw boards which was carried out by the City Surveyor's Department (CSD) in 2019. Since the 2019 audit, further boards have been found defective and removed. In the last five years, there have been three near-misses where boards have collapsed. Funding has been approved to replace the byelaw boards in 2024 and 2025. 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). 08 Apr 2025	Impact 12	30-Sep-2025	

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ENV-NE- WWSP 009a Monitoring		8 7	Allan Cameron	08-Apr-2025	30-Sep-2025

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ENV-NE- WWSP 002 Negative impacts of visitor pressure 24-Feb-2022 Allan Cameron	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. 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. Effect: Ecological and environmental damage; reputational damage; loss of grants related to preservation; increased spend required to maintain sites/mitigate damage.	Impact	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. The target date shown is the date of the next review. 08 Apr 2025	Impact	31-Jul-2025 Accept	

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24-Feb-2022	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: Large housing or other developments on land affecting the sites. 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.	Impact	8	Local plans continue to be developed and are scrutinised and commented on by officers when required. Staffing capacity has been insufficient to manage the volume of work associated with commenting on local plans. We have recruited a Conservation Ranger who is now monitoring development applications. 08 Apr 2025	Impact	6	30-Sep-2025 Reduce	

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	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	08-Apr-2025	30-Sep-2025

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ENV-NE- WWSP 005 Negative impacts of pests and diseases 24-Feb-2022 Allan Cameron	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); Ash Dieback; foot and mouth disease; and neospora. Event: Sites become infected by animal, plant or tree diseases. 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.	Impact		Ash Dieback: The 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. 08 Apr 2025	Likehood part of the pool of t	6	30-Sep-2025 Reduce	

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ENV-NE- WWSP 005a Staff training	Ensure staff training is kept updated to enable timely identification of pests and knowledge of correct treatment/ prevention.	Ongoing. Training needs are reviewed at regular team meetings and proactively promoted via the Departmental Health & Safety Group and relevant corporate boards. Needs are also reviewed at six-monthly divisional Health and Safety meetings.	Allan Cameron	08-Apr-2025	31-Jul-2025
ENV-NE- WWSP 005b Inspections	Annual tree inspections undertaken by qualified personnel.	Ongoing. Inspections continue on a scheduled basis or if/when the need arises.	Allan Cameron	08-Apr-2025	31-Jul-2025
ENV-NE- WWSP 005c Partnerships	Active involvement with leading partners such as Forestry Commission and Natural England	This is an ongoing action.	Allan Cameron	08-Apr-2025	31-Jul-2025
ENV-NE- WWSP 005d Biosecurity	Measures in place for staff, volunteers and contractors including public messages	This is an ongoing action.	Allan Cameron	08-Apr-2025	31-Jul-2025
ENV-NE- WWSP 005e Tree Safety Policy	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 by the end of December 2025.	Allan Cameron	08-Apr-2025	31-Dec-2025

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ENV-NE- WWSP 001 Budget pressures	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.	Impact		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 2025/26 budgets are confirmed. In the meantime, we accept the risk at the current level. The target date shown is the date of the next review. 08 Apr 2025	Impact	6	30-Sep-2025 Accept	
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ENV-NE- WWSP 001a Risk review	2	Income targets are continually monitored and are reported monthly to the Chamberlain's Finance Business Partner. The due date of this action is the date when we will submit the revised budget estimates for 2025/26.	Allan Cameron	08-Apr-2025	30-Sep-2025

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24-Feb-2022	Cause: Severe wind events, prolonged precipitation or restricted precipitation. May be climate change influenced. Event: Severe weather/climate impacts; fire, flood and storm events (potentially increasing in frequency). 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.	Impact	6	We are unable to reduce this risk but work on site continues to mitigate the impact of extreme weather events should they happen. The target date shown is the date of the next review. 08 Apr 2025	€	6	31-Jul-2025 Accept	

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ENV-NE- WWSP 006a Fire management	Review and update Fire Management plan biannually. 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 by an external consultant appointed by the CoL's Fire Safety Advisor.	Cameron	08-Apr-2025	31-Jul-2025
ENV-NE- WWSP 006b Storms	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	08-Apr-2025	31-Jul-2025
	Understand the potential impacts of climate change on West Wickham and Spring Park. Engage in climate change research and debate.	Officers engage in ongoing research and dialogue.	Allan Cameron	08-Apr-2025	31-Jul-2025