

## ENV NE - Ashtead Common Risk Register

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<b>Risk Code</b>	ENV-NE-AC 005	<b>Risk Title</b>	<i>Negative impacts of pests and diseases</i>
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<b>Description</b>	<p><b>Cause:</b> 'Natural' spread of pests and diseases from neighbouring areas e.g. ticks and Lyme Disease and Oak Processionary Moth (OPM).</p> <p><b>Event:</b> Individuals are affected by Lyme Disease or suffer allergic reaction to OPM.</p> <p><b>Effect:</b> Staff and other individuals suffer severe long-term health effects; service capability disrupted; damage to corporate reputation.</p>
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<b>Current Risk</b>		
<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>
12	Possible	Major
Amber	<b>Trend</b>	Constant

<b>Target Risk</b>		
<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>
6	Possible	Serious
Amber	<b>Target Date</b>	31-Mar-2026

<b>Original Risk</b>		
<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>
12	Possible	Major
Amber	<b>Creation Date</b>	15-Jun-2022

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<b>Latest Note</b>	<p>Lyme disease remains a known hazard which can result in long-term health effects. Therefore, the current score remains the same and the target date has been extended.</p> <p>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. We aim to reduce the impact of the risk by raising awareness, encouraging people to recognise tick bites and seek treatment quickly to prevent Lyme Disease.</p> <p>OPM is endemic and widespread at Ashtead Common but appears to be subject to natural controls which have suppressed numbers.</p>	<b>23-Sep-2025</b>
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<b>Risk Level</b>	Service
<b>Department</b>	Environment

<b>Risk Approach</b>	Reduce
<b>Risk Owner</b>	Andy Thwaites

### Associated Actions

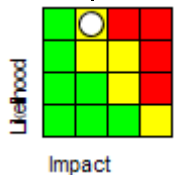
Ref No:	Description	Latest Note	Note Date	Owned By	Due Date
ENV-NE-AC 005f Risk review	Keep risk under regular review.	The tick and Lyme Disease situation is kept under review and further measures will be implemented as and when they become necessary.	23-Sep-2025	Andy Thwaites	31-Dec-2025
ENV-NE-AC 005g	Risk based approach to ticks and Lyme Disease	<p>Staff are made aware of the risk.</p> <p>Information cards are available for volunteers, contractors and visitors.</p> <p>Safety talks are given to volunteers who carry a card to present to medical professionals if needed.</p> <p>Warnings are given to people running activities on the Common.</p>	23-Sep-2025	Andy Thwaites	31-Mar-2026

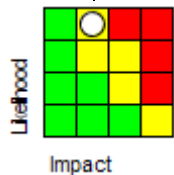
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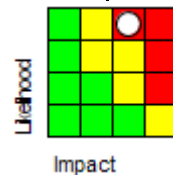
<b>Risk Code</b>	ENV-NE-AC 004
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<b>Risk Title</b>	<i>Negative impacts of development and encroachment</i>
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<b>Description</b>	<p><b>Cause:</b> Pressure on Planning Authorities to meet housing targets. 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><b>Event:</b> Increase in housing or other developments on land affecting Ashted Common.</p> <p><b>Effect:</b> 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.</p>
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<b>Current Risk</b>		
<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>
8	Likely	Serious
Amber	<b>Trend</b>	Constant

<b>Target Risk</b>		
<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>
8	Likely	Serious
Amber	<b>Target Date</b>	31-Dec-2025

<b>Original Risk</b>		
<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>
16	Likely	Major
Red	<b>Creation Date</b>	15-Jun-2022

<b>Latest Note</b>	<p>A planning application has been approved by Mole Valley District Council for a battery energy storage system next to the Epsom and Ashted Commons SSSI, despite the City's objections to the proposal.</p> <p>Epsom and Ewell Council has submitted a Local Plan that makes provision for nearly 5,000 new dwellings in the borough, of which 1,580 will be within walking distance of Ashted Common. Representation to Epsom and Ewell has been made to highlight the impact this will have on the Common, particularly in relation to additional recreational pressure.</p>	<b>23-Sep-2025</b>
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	<p>In view of the developments in the surrounding areas, the risk score remains 8 (likely / serious) and is accepted at this level. There are no actions we can take to reduce the risk any further at present, but the situation will continue to be monitored.</p> <p>The target date shown is the date of the next risk review.</p>	
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<b>Department</b>	Environment

<b>Risk Approach</b>	Accept
<b>Risk Owner</b>	Andy Thwaites

### Associated Actions

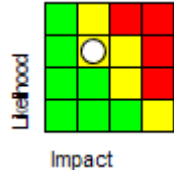
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ENV-NE-AC 004c Ongoing Review	Keep situation under regular review.	This situation is kept under regular review.	23-Sep-2025	Andy Thwaites	31-Dec-2025

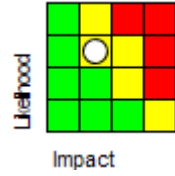
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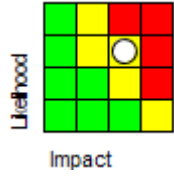
<b>Risk Code</b>	ENV-NE-AC 006
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<b>Risk Title</b>	<i>Adverse impacts of extreme weather and climate change</i>
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<b>Description</b>	<p><b>Causes:</b> Climate change causes severe wind, drought or floods to occur more frequently.</p> <p><b>Event:</b> More frequent and severe storms or fires at Ashted Common.</p> <p><b>Effect:</b> 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.</p>
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<b>Current Risk</b>		
<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>
<b>6</b>	Possible	Serious
Amber	<b>Trend</b>	Constant

<b>Target Risk</b>		
<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>
<b>6</b>	Possible	Serious
Amber	<b>Target Date</b>	31-Dec-2025

<b>Original Risk</b>		
<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>
<b>12</b>	Possible	Major
Amber	<b>Creation Date</b>	15-Jun-2022

<b>Latest Note</b>	<p>Fire is a significant risk to Ashted 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.</p> <p>The target date shown is the date of the next review.</p>	<b>23-Sep-2025</b>
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<b>Department</b>	Environment

<b>Risk Approach</b>	Accept
<b>Risk Owner</b>	Andy Thwaites

**Associated Actions**

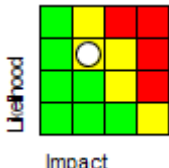
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ENV-NE-AC 006a Fire management	Review and update Fire Management Plan bi-annually. Habitat fire management and monitoring policies and plans are in place and link to staff training and local emergency services.	The updated Major Emergency Plan was shared with Surrey Fire and Rescue in August 2025.	23-Sep-2025	Andy Thwaites	31-Dec-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.	23-Sep-2025	Andy Thwaites	31-Dec-2025
ENV-NE-AC 006c Climate change	Understand the potential impacts of climate change on Ashted Common. Engage in climate change research and debate.	Officers continue to explore ways to maintain and improve the Reserve's resilience to climate change.	23-Sep-2025	Andy Thwaites	31-Dec-2025

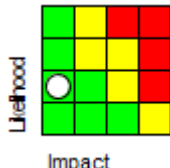
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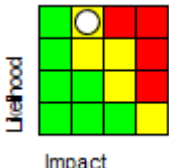
<b>Risk Code</b>	ENV-NE-AC 008
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<b>Risk Title</b>	<i>Water pollution</i>
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<b>Description</b>	<p><b>Cause:</b> Pollution of the Rye Brook.</p> <p><b>Event:</b> Polluted water poured into road drain; misconnection into the surface water system from other utilities.</p> <p><b>Effect:</b> 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.</p>
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<b>Current Risk</b>		
<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>
<b>6</b>	Possible	Serious
Amber	<b>Trend</b>	Constant

<b>Target Risk</b>		
<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>
<b>2</b>	Unlikely	Minor
Green	<b>Target Date</b>	30-Sep-2031

<b>Original Risk</b>		
<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>
<b>8</b>	Likely	Serious
Amber	<b>Creation Date</b>	27-May-2022

<b>Latest Note</b>	<p>A technical design for a wetland filtration system has been produced. If implemented, this system will intercept polluted water from a surface water outfall before it enters the Rye, thereby improving water quality for at least a 1km stretch of the brook. However, there is no clear funding source available for this project.</p> <p>The Rye Brook is regularly monitored, including kick sampling and measurement of phosphate levels.</p>	<b>23-Sep-2025</b>
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<b>Department</b>	Environment

<b>Risk Approach</b>	Reduce
<b>Risk Owner</b>	Andy Thwaites

**Associated Actions**

<b>Ref No:</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Latest Note</b>	<b>Note Date</b>	<b>Owned By</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
ENV-NE-AC 008b Data gathering exercise	Gather baseline data to determine whether a reedbed filtration system would be beneficial.	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.  The due date shown is the date this action will next be reviewed.	23-Sep-2025	Andy Thwaites	31-Dec-2025
ENV-NE-AC 008c	Wetland Filtration Scheme	Ashtead Commons' Wetland Filtration Scheme is being associated with work that Surrey Wildlife Trust is undertaking and seeking funding for – the Trust's proposal is being consulted on at Ashtead Common in October.	23-Sep-2025	Andy Thwaites	31-Dec-2025

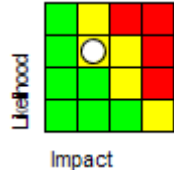


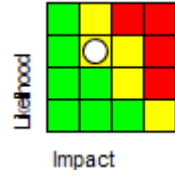
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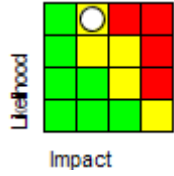
<b>Risk Code</b>	ENV-NE-AC 009
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<b>Risk Title</b>	<i>Decline in condition of assets</i>
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<b>Description</b>	<p><b>Cause:</b> Poor condition of buildings and other structures, combined with inadequate planned and/or reactive maintenance, reduced CWP budget and limited capital programme.</p> <p><b>Event:</b> Structures, specifically byelaw boards, deteriorate to an unsafe condition.</p> <p><b>Effect:</b> 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>
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<b>Current Risk</b>		
<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>
<b>6</b>	Possible	Serious
Amber	<b>Trend</b>	Constant

<b>Target Risk</b>		
<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>
<b>6</b>	Possible	Serious
Amber	<b>Target Date</b>	31-Dec-2025

<b>Original Risk</b>		
<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>
<b>8</b>	Likely	Serious
Amber	<b>Creation Date</b>	21-Jun-2022

<b>Latest Note</b>	<p>Chief Officers in occupation are typically accountable for asset condition within their functional area. They are responsible for commissioning required work, and ensuring an appropriate funding route is identified. This action is often delivered upon the professional advice of the City Surveyor's Department (CSD). Once a work package is commissioned, it is the responsibility of CSD to deliver those works as agreed and funded within the given cost/timeline/specifications. The Chief Officer in occupation is to be closely supported by the City Surveyor's Department and the Environment Department Head of Estates as subject matter experts.</p> <p>Cyclical Works Programme works have commenced, and some long-standing issues and maintenance lapses have been rectified. The risk is accepted at the score of Amber 6 (Serious/Possible) as there is nothing we can currently do to reduce it further. The target date shown is the next review date.</p>	<b>23-Sep-2025</b>
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<b>Risk Approach</b>	Accept
<b>Risk Owner</b>	Andy Thwaites

### Associated Actions

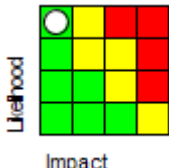
Ref No:	Description	Latest Note	Note Date	Owned By	Due Date
ENV-NE-AC 009a Regular monitoring	Monitor byelaw boards, report on condition and remove any which become unsound.	New byelaw boards have now replaced the defective signs. All remaining old style byelaw boards, although not defective, are due to be replaced in the next few weeks. Due date extended to cover full replacement.	23-Sep-2025	Andy Thwaites	31-Dec-2025
ENV-NE-AC 009b Alternative funding	Explore alternative funding sources to replace byelaw boards.	New byelaw boards are currently being installed. All defective and missing boards have now been replaced. Due date extended to cover full replacement.	23-Sep-2025	Andy Thwaites	31-Dec-2025
ENV-NE-AC 009c Delivery of Works	City Surveyor's Department to deliver works as agreed and funded either by CWP funds and/or directly by the Environment Department.	<p>The CSD's Operations Group deliver work packages as agreed with the Environment Department, within agreed allocated funds, timelines and specifications. This is delivered either via the Cyclical Works Programme (CWP), capital and/or local risk budget.</p> <p>Regular liaison meetings are held between Environment and CSD to manage the delivery programme, and to ensure any risks / issues / conflicts / etc are escalated and understood by all parties.</p>	23-Sep-2025	Peter Collinson	31-Dec-2025

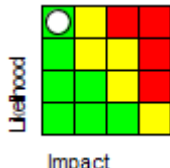
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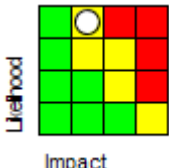
<b>Risk Code</b>	ENV-NE-AC 001
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<b>Risk Title</b>	<i>Budget pressures</i>
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<b>Description</b>	<p><b>Cause:</b> Potential reductions in budget and income.</p> <p><b>Event:</b> The City of London reduces its budget for Ashtead Common, or external funding is reduced.</p> <p><b>Effect:</b> 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.</p>
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<b>Current Risk</b>		
<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>
4	Likely	Minor
Green	<b>Trend</b>	Constant

<b>Target Risk</b>		
<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>
4	Likely	Minor
Green	<b>Target Date</b>	31-Dec-2025

<b>Original Risk</b>		
<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>
8	Likely	Serious
Amber	<b>Creation Date</b>	15-Jun-2022

<b>Latest Note</b>	<p>This risk remains low for Ashtead Common.</p> <p>Additional Countryside Stewardship funding has been secured up to 2031. Therefore, the current likelihood of this risk occurring is 'unlikely'.</p> <p>The risk is accepted at its current level. The target date shown is the date of the next review.</p>	<b>23-Sep-2025</b>
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<b>Department</b>	Environment

<b>Risk Approach</b>	Accept
<b>Risk Owner</b>	Andy Thwaites

**Associated Actions**

Ref No:	Description	Latest Note	Note Date	Owned By	Due Date
ENV-NE-AC 001a Risk review	Keep risk under regular review.	This risk is kept under regular review.	23-Sep-2025	Andy Thwaites	31-Dec-2025