

Plaistow Pond (PP) Risk Assessment 2026_2027

Risk	Level of Risk	Considerations	Mitigation	Action required and by whom
<p>Footpath running alongside PP area. Risk of someone falling into the water.</p> <p>***</p> <p>Someone viewing the pond from the edge, overstepping and falling in.</p>	Low	<p>Attention must be given to ensure the edge of the path /pond is clearly visible to avoid anyone mistakenly walking too close to the edge and slipping/falling.</p> <p>Depth: The design of a pond should ensure the edges are shallow and any deeper area positioned either in the middle or to one end where access is limited.</p> <p>Attention must be given to ensure the edge of the pond is clearly visible to avoid anyone mistakenly overstepping the edge, and falling in.</p>	<p>Grass mown regularly throughout March to October</p> <p>Vegetation cut back March to October</p> <p>Signage to warn of danger of deep water.</p> <p>Buoyancy Aid on Jetty</p> <p>No dredging of bank sides to allow natural slope out of water.</p> <p>Monitor amount of weed growth in deep water to avoid entrapment issue in the event of an incident.</p>	<p>Council's land management contractor (Sussex Land Services Ltd).</p> <p>Councillors to review the scope /adequacy of the land management contract annually. Carried out Dec 25</p> <p>Councillors to monitor requirement for assessing/recording the depth of the pond and installing a depth gauge.</p> <p>Councillors to carry out monthly check of buoyancy aid.</p>
Unaccompanied children playing around PP and falling in.	Low	The path and pond edge should be free from potholes and other trip hazards. The edges of the pond must be clearly distinguishable and protected against any possible erosion to reduce the risks of unintentional falls.	<p>Path mowed monthly throughout the cutting season (March – October).</p> <p>Vegetation cut back/managed throughout the growing season (March – Oct).</p> <p>Signage to warn of dangers of water.</p> <p>Rescue aid situated at PP.</p>	<p>Council's land management contractor (Sussex Land Services Ltd).</p> <p>Councillors to review the scope /adequacy of the land management contract annually. Carried out Dec 25</p> <p>Councillors to monitor the need for assessing/recording the depth of the pond and installing a depth gauge.</p>

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Person remains in the water unable to attract help.	Low	The pond is visible from the public highway / all areas and surrounding buildings. Therefore, an incident is likely to be seen / heard by someone who can take the appropriate action.	<p>The area to be kept in full sight via management of vegetation.</p> <p>Rescue aid situated at PP.</p>	<p>Council's land management contractor (Sussex Land Services Ltd).</p> <p>Councillors to review the scope /adequacy of the land management contract annually.</p> <p>Councillors to continue liaising with the School & Preschool to ensure children are aware of the requirement to always be accompanied by a responsible adult around PP.</p> <p>Councillors to carry out monthly check of buoyancy aid</p>
New visitors to the area not realising the proximity of a pond	Low	Signage required to advise of the hazards of the area.	Sign(s) at both entrances to the area to warn of dangers.	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Councillors to monitor the need for assessing/recording the depth of the</p>

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Water freezes over allowing a platform to venture into deep water areas. Dogs venture onto ice and owners attempt a rescue.	Low	Signage to avoid walking on ice and to keep dogs on leads.	Signs at entrance to be updated to include dogs and ice.	Ongoing
Blue Green Algae presence in the water	Medium	Signage to alert those visiting the pond	Signage and monitor for chemical treatment each spring/summer	Ongoing

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