

Plaistow Pond (PP) Risk Assessment 2024 2025

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>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><u>No dredging of bank sides to maintain a natural incline out of the water.</u></p> <p><u>Monitor the amount of weed growth in deep water to avoid entrapment issue keep to moderate levels.</u></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 consider signage to be erected at each entrance to PP.</p> <p>Councillors to consider assessing/recording the depth of the pond and installing a depth gauge.</p> <p>Councillors to consider <u>carry out</u> monthly check of rescue aid / area, particularly outside of the season (November – February).</p>
<p>Unaccompanied children playing around PP and falling in.</p>	Low	<p>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>	<p>Path mowed monthly throughout the cutting season (March – October).</p> <p>Vegetation cut back/managed throughout the growing</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>

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<p>Person remains in the water unable to attract help.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>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>	<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 consider <u>continue</u> liaising with the School & Preschool to ensure children are aware of the requirement to</p>

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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>Councillors to consider signage to be erected at each entrance to PP.</p> <p>Councillors to consider assessing/recording the depth of the pond and installing a depth gauge.</p> <p>Councillors to consider <u>continue</u> 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><u>Councillors to carry out monthly check of rescue aid / area, particularly outside of the season (November – February).</u></p>
<u>Water freezes over allowing a platform to venture into deep water areas. Dogs</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Signage to avoid walking on ice and to keep dogs on leads.</u>	<u>Signs at both entrances to be updated to include dogs and ice.</u>	<u>Councillors to approve and Clerk to arrange.</u>

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