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Appendix 3

Risk Management of Inland Sites



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Inland Water - Baffins Pond

Zone Area

Baffins Pond is a shallow water body in a community park.



Map of Baffins Pond

Demographic and Activities

This pond is well used by local residents for dog walking. This park space has ramped access and access to fishing pegs designed for fishing or bird feeding. This is a well managed community park space and pond. The area is used for short walks, the kids play area and feeding the ducks. This not a swimming pond and the general public do not regularly enter the water.

Significant Hazards

The pond is shallow, approximately 0.5ms at all points across the pond. It can dry out in years where the summer season experiences spells of prolonged hot weather. There are no significant hazards.

History of incidents

History of incidents unknown.

Management

Edge Protection

There is good, delineated edge protection with no hidden drops into the water, Photographic Plate 1 and there is also natural edge protection, Photographic Plate 2.

PRE

Frequent life ring presence, Photographic Plate 2, on 3x fishing platforms and 2x duck feeding area.

Signage

No noted water safety signs.

Recommendation

Consider removing the PRE life rings because it is shallow. Continually monitor for changes to the environment with at least quarterly visits.



Photograph 1. Clear : Edge Protection



Photograph 2 : Liferings around the Pond

Canoe Lake

Zone Area

Canoe Lake is in Southsea and very close to Southsea Beach.



Map of Canoe Lake

Demographic and Activities

Popular lake in park setting and receives high footfall. Visited all year round by residents and local tourists. Well lit space and visited at night. All manner of leisure activities from dog walking, bird feeding, coffees & ice creams, mother and child, picnics, BBQ's etc. Not a swimming site and the general public do not regularly enter the water.

Significant Hazards

There are no significant hazards at Canoe lake. The depth is approximately 0.5m at all points meaning that adults can stand in the lake and support a child that were to fall in.

History of incidents

Numerous unlogged children falling in incidents but no known serious incidents or fatalities

Management

Edge and Footpath

There is a clearly delineated edge to the lake and in a good state of repair, Photographic Plate 1.

PRE

There are 5x life rings.

Signage

No H&S signage noted

Recommendation

Remove the 5 PRE life rings. Continually monitor for changes to the environment with at least logged quarterly visits.



Photograph 1 : Canoe Lake with Good Edge Protection

Great Salterns Pond

Zone Area

Great Salterns Lake is approximately 400m in length by 200m in width on the Eastern side of Portsmouth. The lake is close to the sea and adjacent to Great Salterns Recreation Ground.



Map of Great Salterns Lake

Demographic

Hidden pond in wooded area north of Great Salterns open recreational field.
Local use only.

Activities in the area

Nearby open recreation ground used by local dog walkers and weekend youth sports.
Dog walking takes place largely on open space and more obvious paths.

Significant Hazards

Remote pond and shallow depth circa 0.5m.

History of incidents

No known incidents

Management

Edge Protection

Half of the pond has natural edge protection. There are no hidden drops into the water. The water margin is clear, Photographic Plate 1.

PRE

1 PRE lifebuoy on post but inaccessible and not usable, Photographic Plate 1.

Signage

No noted water safety signage.

Recommendation

Remove PRE life buoy and do not replace. Continually monitor for changes to the environment with at least quarterly visits.



Photograph 1 : Shallow Pond with Natural Edge Protection and PRE

Hilsea Lines

Zone Area

Series of 3 long narrow lakes within wooded green space bordering Portsbridge Creek.



Map of Hilsea Lines

Demographic and Activities

Local recreation space, dog walking, and general walking round area of natural interest. Due to its proximity to urban areas to the north and south the location is popular for school visits for Key Stage 1 & 2 age groups, both independent and ranger supervised. Woods known to be frequented by vagrants and drug users from time to time.

Significant Hazards

Shallow depth - knee to waist deep. No significant water hazards.

History of incidents

No known incidents but suspect numerous un-recorded incidents of people falling in at points where path borders water through play rather than misdemeanour.

Management

Edge Protection

There are access points which are clearly marked, Photographic Plate 1. The lake has natural edge protection along a wide length of the lake, Photographic Plates 1 and 2.

Ranger supervised school visits

Where a school visit has ranger engagement water safety advice is verbally delivered including advice not to panic if you fall in but to carefully stand up and make your way back to the edge by foot.

PRE

Life rings present at certain points, but often missing or in pond through vandalism, Photographic Plate 3.

Signage

No signage observed in relation to water safety.

Recommendation

Create working group and consider removing PRE due to location, vandalism and no history of water activity. Continually monitor through the year with quarterly audits.



Photograph 1 : Clearly Defined Access to Water



Photograph 2 : Natural Edge Protection and Fishing Peg



Photograph 3 : Life Ring

Hilsea Watersports Lake

Zone Area

The lake is at the north edge of the city - west side of northern edge of island.



Map of Hilsea Water Sports Lake

Demographic and Activities

This is not surrounded by house and does not receive high footfall but is a popular destination for walking. There is a path around perimeter and picnic benches on sections of the perimeter path and a kids play area and splash pool adjacent. Two thirds of the lake is occupied by a wakeboarding facility. This is not a swimming area and generally not used apart from the wakeboard park. Hilsea lido adjacent is under refurbishment as part of project to develop the whole area.

Significant Hazards

Shallow depth measured circa 0.5m. No hidden drops.

History of incidents

No known incidents but suspect numerous un-recorded incidents of persons entering the water either by accident or jumping from decorative bridge.

Management

Edge Protection

The path around the water body is away from the water margin and in general stable, Photographic Plates 1 and 2.

There is grass bank gradient down to narrow block ledge before water. There is natural edge protection on south side, Photographic Plate 3. There is limited risk that you could fall into the water. Any immersion would be through choice.

PRE

Life rings present at certain points, but often missing or in pond through vandalism.

Signage

Only one sign re-positioned and not secured.

Recommendation

Place a similar sign to the chalk pits on either side of the foot bridge and at seating positions, Photographic Plate 2.

Place one PRE at the bridge and one at the seating positions which covers access points and congregation point.



Photograph 1 : Wakeboard Park



Photograph 2 : Bridge Across Waterbody



Photograph 2 : Lake Banks

Paulsgrove Chalkpit

Zone Area

This is a hidden shallow pond at base of the chalk cliff to the north and off Portsea Island.



Map of Paulsgrove Chalkpit

Demographic and Activities.

This area is used mainly by locals. There is a nearby open recreation ground used by local dog walkers. Likely youth hang out area given proximity to local housing estate.

Significant Hazards

Remote pond. Very shallow depth circa 0.5m. Possible poor water quality.

History of incidents

No known incidents

Management

Edge Protection

The pond is shallow with no hidden drops into the water. The water margin is clear, Photographic Plate 1.

PRE

There are no PRE at this site.

Signage

PCC info sign advising site of natural interest and not to go in the water. 'These waters are not suitable for paddling or swimming. Do not enter the water', Photographic Plate 2.

History of incidents

No known incidents but suspect numerous un-recorded incidents of people falling in at points where path borders water through play rather than misdemeanour.

Recommendations

No changes. Continually monitor for changes to the environment with at least quarterly visits.



Photograph 1: Clear water edge



Photograph 2: Water Safety Sign

Tamworth Pond

Zone Area

This is a shallow pond with decking platform at the east end of Tamworth Park on the east side of the island of Portsea island



Map of Tamworth Pond

Demographic & Activities

This area of parkland is surrounded on all sides by housing in the Baffins area of Portsmouth. With a play park nearby the area is frequented by local residents with children as well as dog walkers.

Significant Hazards

The pond is shallow with approximate depth of 0.5m - 1m across. The pond dries out in summers with prolonged periods of heat and dry weather.

History of Incidents

No known incidents

Management

Edge Protection

The pond is shallow with a clear decked viewing platform on the east side. The entrance to the platform has railings either side to prevent wheelchairs or buggies falling off the edge. The rest of the pond boundary is surrounded by trees and vegetation protecting from accidental entry to the pond

PRE

No PRE present at this site

Signage

Yellow warning sign advising of danger of ice.

Recommendation

No changes required. Continue to monitor site for significant changes via quarterly visits.



Photograph 1 - Tamworth Pond

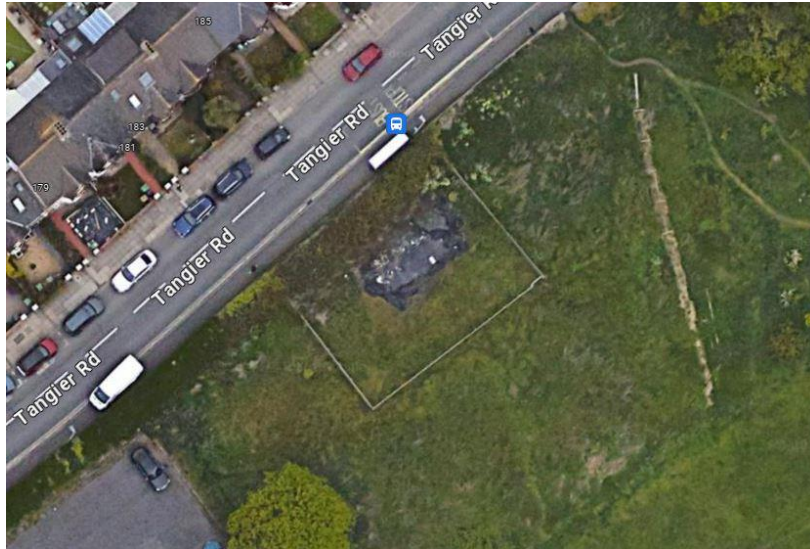


Photograph 2 - Danger of Ice sign

Baffins Dipping Pond

Zone Area

This is a shallow man made pond within a fenced area, accessed via a small gate. Situated on the north edge of Tangier Park in the east of the Island of Portsea



Map of Baffins Dipping Pond

Demographic & Activities

The pond was funded and installed in 2014 by the Baffins Pond Association for the purposes of such educational activities as pond dipping. Little activity has taken place since install as the area has yet to be completed as intended. The completion of the pond is taking place throughout 2024 under the guidance of the PCC Countryside Project Officer for the area.

Significant Hazards

The pond is shallow with approximate depth of 0.5m - 1m across. The pond dries out in summers with prolonged periods of heat and dry weather.

History of Incidents

No known incidents

Management

Edge Protection

The pond is situated in a fenced off area with gated access which prevents accidental egress to the pond by users of the adjacent open park space. Within the fenced area the pond has a decked platform to allow safe access to the pond without the need to negotiate the banked edge.

PRE

There is no PRE at this location

Signage

There is no signage at this location

Recommendation

No changes required. Continue to monitor site for significant changes via quarterly visits



Photograph 1 - Baffins Dipping Pond