



RISK ASSESSMENT FOR GRANARY STAITHE HOVETON

Who is at risk?

Pedestrians and boaters using the land and possible loss of items from the land

Introduction

Granary Staithe is situated in the Parish of Hoveton and is owned by Hoveton Parish Council. The land is identified edged red on the attached plan. The land is boarded on the South West by the River Bure, on the South by a watered dyke, on the East by a close boarded fence, and on the north by part post and wire fence with open access onto the pavement bordering Norwich Road. The following features should be noted:

- The land is accessible to members of the public at all times as a recreational area/ to view the river and to access the Precinct (a shopping area) which lies to the South East of Granary Staithe.
- The land is not normally accessible to vehicles.
- There are seating benches and picnic tables on the land together with rubbish bins, a lifebelt and other items. Part of the area is populated by birds. The area populated by birds is separated by a bird fence separating the “bird area/ riverside area” from the main part of Granary Staithe
- The surface of the area to the East and North of the bird proof fence is gravelled, the area to the South and West of the bird proof fence is gravelled together with tarmac/concrete areas and wooden quay heading bordering the river with limited tripping hazards.
- In addition to pedestrians the land is permitted to be used by small unpowered craft (and their passengers) for mooring in the dyke on the South. One boatyard has sole mooring rights to that part of the quay heading fronting the river on the South West side

The quay heading on the South West is likely to be used by boats preparing to go through Wroxham Bridge and the quay heading is used by the boat pilot to board and alight from boats using the pilot’s services to navigate Wroxham Bridge and further this quay heading is used for the demasting and masting of sailing boats.



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Detailed Assessment

Hazard/s	Leading to a risk of	Existing measures to control risk	Risk rating			Action required
			Likelihood	Consequences	Risk Rating	
The River	Drowning/illness/Injury	The river's edge is clearly marked with quay heading. The quay heading is surfaced with a non-slip paint. There are 3 signs erected on the bird proof fence visible to all pedestrians approaching this area warning of "Deep Water" " Please take care with Children at all times" "Riverside and Bird Feeding Area" and "Please shut the gate" All signs are in yellow/black and accord with hazard warning format. There will be boaters and other people about should someone fall in. There is a lifebelt clearly displayed on the land. The land is situated in a busy part of Hoveton and open to public view.	M	H	M	Maintain safety equipment.
The property generally	Slips and Trips	Ground checked by HPC on a regular basis and a written record is made of such	L	L	L	No



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		inspections. All relevant trip hazards have been eliminated or mitigated as far as practicable . The quay heading bordering the main river on the South West and the dingy dyke on the South has been treated with non-slip paint.				
Vandalism	Loss	There are no buildings on the land. The only items being 2 litter bins, signage, self-closing gates to the “bird area /riverside area”, 7 benches, 3 picnic tables, life belt, planting area, information board. The land is situated in a busy part of Hoveton and open to public view.	L	L	L	No
Escape of birds onto surrounding areas	Risk of injury or death to birds and possibility of causing accidents to vehicles on the main road.	The “bird area /riverside area”, is fenced in with self- closing pedestrian gates	L	L	L	.
Possibility of members of the public coming into contact with birds and being injured or contracting diseases from birds whilst feeding them.	Injury to members of the public or diseases being contracted by members of the public.	The “bird area /riverside area” is clearly separated by a fence with self-closing gates from the rest of the area. The picnic tables and most of the benches are situated in the bird free area. There are notices clearly	L	L	L	.



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Signed: C.Gardner

Clerk Hoveton Parish Council

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The above risk assessment is prepared upon the assumption that the works recommended by the Saffron Housing Trust Report has been implemented in full