

# NESTON TOWN COUNCIL SITE RISK ASSESMENT: The Ropewalk

ASSESSMENT DATE: 24.03.2025

RISK CALCULATION				
LIKELIHOOD OF OCCURRENCE (L)		HAZARD SEVERITY (S)		RISK RATING (R)
1. Very unlikely 2. Unlikely 3. Possible 4. Likely 5. Very likely	X	1. Negligible 2. Slight 3. Moderate 4. High 5. Very high	=	1 to 5      LOW 6 to 10     MEDIUM 11+         HIGH

HAZARDS	WHO/WHAT WILL BE AFFECTED	RISK			CONTROL MEASURES	RESIDUAL RISK		
		L x	S =	R		L x	S =	R
Perimeter tress/hedges within the boundary of the allotment site causing excessive shade on plots and potential risk of injury.	Tenants, visitors, officers	4	4	16	Periodic site inspections undertaken by officers. Where required, pruning of mature trees to be undertaken by a qualified tree surgeon with appropriate insurance. All tenants to be given advance notice of perimeter pruning work and advised to avoid visiting the site for the duration. If considered necessary, a qualified tree surgeon will be engaged to assess safety of individual trees.	3	2	6
Central access path becoming uneven and/or slippery or obstructions being caused by debris (this path runs through the middle of, rather than adjacent to, the plots).	Tenants, visitors, officers	3	4	12	Periodic site inspections undertaken by officers and action to be taken where obstructions are found or dangerous paths need repair.	3	2	6
Main gate - loose hinges, unsafe structure, sharp metal/rust, difficulty in opening/closing. Padlock difficult to open/close either preventing access or preventing the securing of the site.	Tenants, visitors, officers	3	3	9	Periodic site inspections undertaken by officers and repairs arranged as necessary. Marine grade padlock fitted and padlock lubricated periodically.	2	2	4
Damaged perimeter fence might cause injury and allow unauthorised access leading to increased risk of theft, vandalism and damage.	Tenants, visitors, officers	3	4	12	Periodic site inspection undertaken by officers. Fences to be kept in good repair. Tenants are aware of how to report any damage as soon as it occurs.	3	2	6
Accumulation of rubbish causing risk to wildlife and/or people.	Tenants, visitors, officers, wildlife and wider environmental damage.	4	4	16	Periodic site inspections and consequent issuing of "notices to improve/quit" as required. Officers arrange swift removal of any rubbish left by previous tenants.	3	2	6
Vermin infestation risking public health and damage to crops and equipment.	Tenants, visitors, officers.	5	3	15	Periodic inspections and tenants to keep plots clear of rubbish. Pest control services provided where necessary.	4	2	8

[illegible]