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Property	Candy's Field	**Location**	Lympstone	**Ref No.**	
Council	Lympstone Parish	**Chairman**	Cllr Lisa Staddon	**Date**	03/03/2025
Activity	Visitor and Groups Site Risk Assessment				

Description:

This is a risk assessment of the visitor routes at Candy's Field split in to high, medium and low-level use.
The use of the field takes account of different levels of use and types of activity, reflecting the numbers of people that use the area and the time that they spend in that area. The risk assessment follows the guiding principles of the 'managing visitor safety in the countryside; principles & practice' guidance produced by the Visitor Safety in the Countryside Group and is relevant for visitors to site, contractors, Lympstone Primary School, Youth Club, Pre-school and Lympstone Football Club (LFC). Any specific activities carried out on the site are covered through other risk assessments. Candy's Field is used daily by dog walkers and people using the footpaths to, from and around the field, the field includes a MUGA, toddler play area, activity trail, tree trunk scrambler and two training football pitches. There are the Youth Club and Pre-school buildings on site. The local primary school access and regularly use the field for educational purposes. The field is used occasionally for community events. The Primary school, pre-school, youth club and football club have their own risk assessments written and insurance. All groups have provided LPC with copies of these. The field is easily accessible by vehicle, but the vehicular gate is permanently locked unless permission is granted. The field has three pedestrian gates to access the field.

Severity of the hazard:
How serious are the consequences likely to be? Extreme (fatality) / Serious (major injury or serious ill health / Moderate (minor injury)
Likelihood of the event:
How likely is it that the event will occur? Remote / Possible / Likely
Adequacy of controls:
Are existing precautions adequate? Good (most precautions in place) / Fair (some deficiencies) / Weak (serious deficiencies)

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Entrance and footpath – low risk				
Nature of hazard	**Groups at risk**	**Current precautions**	**Estimation of risk**	**Potential additional precautions**
Vehicles in field	Visitors, contractors, primary school, youth club, preschool and football club.	The entrances to Candy's are kept clear and free of vegetation. The vehicular access gate is locked unless permission is sought. The field does not have any vehicular movement during wet weather. No vehicles allowed in field except emergency and contractors.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	Supervision of vehicles involved in future community events
Vehicles entering and exiting the highway coming into contact with pedestrians.	Visitors, contractors, primary school, youth club, preschool and football club.	A well-maintained private car park leads to the main entrance of the field with a fenced off pedestrian pathway which runs alongside the access road to Candy's field ensuring visitors and vehicles can remain separate. Clear allocated parking bays are marked. Vegetation is cut back as part of regular cutting schedule to ensure visibility remains clear along the length of the path and around the car park.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	VHMC monitors the car park and informs LPC of any necessary repairs to car park, metal post and rail fence and posts and loose paving on pedestrian walkway.
Potholes in field	Visitors, contractors, primary school, youth club, preschool and football club.	Monitor – Any uneven or damaged surfaces must be appropriately highlighted usually by means of a physical barrier or hazard tape to warn others of the risks until it can be suitably repaired or replaced.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : moderate Adequacy of controls : good	
Trip/slips due to uneven surfaces.	Visitors, contractors, primary school, youth club, preschool and football club.	The path surface around the field is level and tarmacked. The path surface around the field is a grassy track but due to large numbers of visitors this is now bare earth in several places. The path surface can get	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : moderate Adequacy of controls : good	

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Nature of hazard	**Groups at risk**	**Current precautions**	**Estimation of risk**	**Potential additional precautions**
		muddy and as a result slippery in times of persistently wet weather. During such periods of wet weather, the path surface will be checked and if necessary, temporary signage will be erected and a path diversion to an alternative route considered. All path surfaces and vegetation will be inspected in quarterly checks and repaired as required.		

Field amenities – low risk				
Nature of hazard	**Groups at risk**	**Current precautions**	**Estimation of risk**	**Potential additional precautions**
Trees	Visitors, contractors, primary school, youth club, preschool and football club.	Tree warden to quarterly visually check and inform LPC on condition of trees.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	Devon County Council also produce independent inspection of trees and inform LPC of any necessary work.
Children's play area and activity trail New play area and activity trail installed August 2022.	Visitors, contractors, primary school, youth club, preschool and football club.	Annual safety check by RoSPA Playsafety Ltd. Monthly checks by a competent person to monitor and inform PC Clerk of any repairs. Eibe (installers) to continue to support the PC with new play equipment.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	Independent annual safety check to inform LPC of any repairs/damage (due March 2025)

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Nature of hazard	**Groups at risk**	**Current precautions**	**Estimation of risk**	**Potential additional precautions**
MUGA	Visitors, contractors, primary school, youth club, preschool and football club.	Quarterly check to monitor the condition of MUGA surface and fence. (New MUGA installed Aug 2019)	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : low Adequacy of controls : good	
Football pitches	Visitors, contractors, primary school, youth club, preschool and football club.	Not to be played on during wet weather. LFC to inform LPC for any potholes/damage to field surface.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	LFC maintain own pitches and rectify own damage caused by club and inform LPC of work.
Natural amenity of the Oak tree scrambler/climber	Visitors, contractors, primary school, youth club, preschool and football club.	Quarterly check to monitor the natural condition of the fallen tree trunk.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	Any deterioration of trunk posing danger to be reported to Clerk to the PC.
Seats/picnic benches	Visitors, contractors, primary school, youth club, preschool and football club.	There are three seats – 3 reformed plastic. 2 picnic benches. Quarterly checks, LPC to repair and replace as necessary.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : low Adequacy of controls : good	Reformed bench installed (Mar 20) 2 more reformed benches installed and 2 new reformed plastic picnic benches installed (Jan 22).
Dog faeces	All users	Notices on all entrances to remind dog walkers to pick up after their dog.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	Waste bins available at entrance from Greenhill Avenue, Burgmanns Hill and Trafalgar Road.
Dogs on leads	All users	Notices on entrances to remind all dog walkers to keep dogs on leads.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	EDDC dog warden to patrol if asked NB EDDC have only one officer covering the entire East

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Nature of hazard	**Groups at risk**	**Current precautions**	**Estimation of risk**	**Potential additional precautions**
				Devon area.

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