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Property	The Avenue	**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 The Avenue 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 and contractors. Any specific activities carried out on the site are covered through other risk assessments. The Avenue is used daily by dog walkers, cyclists and people using the footpath to Avenue Field, Cliff field, Exe Estuary Trail, access to and from the centre of the village. It is a shared space with a line of Lime trees along each side of the boundary. The path is easily accessible by vehicle, the vehicle access gate is unlocked for EDDC refuse collectors to empty waste bins at each end. The path also has a pedestrian gate to access the footpath. Avenue field runs adjacent to the footpath. DCC owned Exe Estuary Trail is at the end of the footpath. DCC has a marked footpath along it. The Avenue is owned by the National Trust but managed by the Parish Council.

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 along the path	Visitors and contractors.	The entrances to the Avenue is kept clear and free of vegetation. The vehicular access gate is unlocked.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	
Vehicles entering and exiting the highway coming into contact with pedestrians.	Visitors and contractors.	The entrance to the Avenue is immediately off the Highway. A no parking sign is erected to prevent other vehicles blocking the access. Vegetation is cut back as part of regular cutting schedule to ensure visibility remains clear along the length of the path.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	
Potholes along path	Visitors and contractors.	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 and contractors.	The path surface is a rural with hardstanding underneath the natural finish. A mixture of bare eath and chippings. The path surface can get 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	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : moderate Adequacy of controls : good	

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		repaired as required.		
Trees	Visitors and contractors.	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	First phase of pollarding of necessary trees (Feb 23). Second phase (Feb 24).
Overgrown vegetation	Visitors and contractors.	All path surfaces and vegetation will be inspected in quarterly checks and repaired as required.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : possible Adequacy of controls : good	
Seats bench	Visitors and contractors.	There is one seat to the entrance of the Avenue. Quarterly checks, LPC to repair and replace as necessary.	Severity of hazard : low Likelihood of event : low Adequacy of controls : good	
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	Two dog bin bins and two general waste bins located at each end of the path.

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