

Guidance to users and risk assessment of Bartholomew Close open space

- Area** An area of grassed open land adjacent to the Bartholomew Close housing development and the river Windrush. There are trees and shrubs. Dogs are not excluded from this area.
- Date** Reviewed and accepted on 02/02/2011 by Ducklington Parish Council



Hazards identified and their risk

- (1) [low] Drowning by falling into river
- (2) [low] Harm from tripping on uneven ground
- (3) [low] Disease or illness from water or wildlife
- (5) [low] Head or eye injury from impact with low branches
- (6) [low] Disease or illness from dog faeces
- (7) [low] Collision with vehicles when entering or exiting site

Mitigations in place by the council

- (1) The normal range of the river is such that rescue by wading should be possible with care and discretion except in flood conditions
- (2) Grass is managed to improve visibility
- (5) Trees are regularly inspected for damage and risk to users
- (6) A dog bin is provided and regularly emptied
- (7) A gate has been installed to protect entry and exit to the site

Mitigations not yet in place by the council

none

Guidance to users

- (1) Children should be supervised when near the river to minimise the risk of drowning
- (1) Users are advised not to wade into or enter the river
- (1) Users should avoid the river completely when in flood
- (3) Hands should be washed after coming into contact with the water
- (6) Dog owners should ensure that they always scoop and dispose of their dogs faeces