



Surrey Docks Farm Risk Assessment Form

Risk Assessment for: Visitor access of Surrey Docks Farm	
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Risk matrix

Qualitative measures of likelihood

HOW LIKELY IS IT THAT A HAZARD WILL CAUSE AN ACCIDENT		
VALUE	LIKELIHOOD	SCALE
1	Very unlikely	The event may occur only in exceptional circumstance
2	Unlikely	The event could occur at some time
3	Likely	The event should occur at some time
4	Very likely	The event is expected to occur at some time
5	Certain	The event will occur in most circumstances

Qualitative measures of severity

WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL SEVERITY OF THE OUTCOME			
VALUE	HARM	DAMAGE	LOSS
1	Minor injury	Minor	Minor
2	First aid injury/illness	Moderate	Moderate
3	Reportable injury/illness	Serious	Serious
4	Major injury – long term absence	Major	Major
5	Extensive injury	Extensive	Extensive

Qualitative risk assessment matrix to determine the level of risk

RISK = LIKELIHOOD x SEVERITY

1 – 6	Low risk - Action discretionary
8 – 15	Medium risk – Action necessary
16 - 25	High risk – Immediate action required to eliminate or reduce risk

		SEVERITY				
		1	2	3	4	5
LIKELIHOOD	1	1	2	3	4	5
	2	2	4	6	8	10
	3	3	6	9	12	15
	4	4	8	12	16	20
	5	5	10	15	20	25

HAZARD	RISK	PERSON(S) AT RISK	RISK RATING (Value)	RISK RATING (Low, Med, High)	CONTROLS IN PLACE
Animals & Wildlife	Contraction of zoonotic diseases e.g. E.Coli	Visitors/ Users/Staff	5	Low	Paths are swept daily and kept clean of animal waste. Paths are washed routinely with Virkon disinfectant. Hand washing facilities and anti-bacterial soap are available in three sites on the Farm and in all the toilets. All hand washing stations include access to warm water, liquid soap, paper towels and pedal bin. Signage explains how to wash hands properly. Signage in place throughout the animal contact areas to direct to nearest hand washing station. Groups and school visits are booked in advance and given the DEFRA "Avoiding Infections on Farm Visits" leaflet Users and staff all complete full H&S induction and given the DEFRA "Avoiding Infections on Farm Visits" leaflet Pest control company attends on a monthly basis to advise and work with us to control pigeons, mice and rats. Animals fed in troughs to reduce feed spillage which encourages pests and signs asking visitors not to feed pigeons.
Animals	Biting, scratching or kicking	Visitors/ Users/Staff	4	Low	Suitably constructed safety fencing and mesh on all animal pens. Field fencing 5 foot high, with 4 foot mesh. No visitor access to animal pens. Signs stating 'No Entry' to animal fields on gates and padlocks in place. Only trained staff and volunteers/participants who have gone through a H&S induction are allowed to enter animal pens. Feeding of animals is only allowed after verbal instruction from the farm shop in designated feeding zones. Signage in place to show which animals can be fed and where.
Pigs	Biting	Visitors/ Users/Staff	4	Low	Warning signs on pig pens stating not to touch the pigs and the reason why. Visitors (children and adults) unable to physically touch pigs. Double fencing on pig pens with a gap wider than a child's hand. Double fencing on pig fields with double mesh approx. 1cm off set.
Glass	Injury from glass	Visitors/ Users/Staff	2	Low	Low windows in 'pig range' have bars on the insides to prevent damage from the animals. Glass installed from Superior Glass Ltd on animal pens. They advised on the strength and type of glass to use for this space.

Uneven paths	Tripping	Visitors/ Users/Staff	2	Low	Accessible concrete or paved path around site with no trip hazards. Daily checks by duty staff and livestock team. Any issues reported to Farm Manager to action. In cold weather staff will prevent icy patches by laying salt and putting up temporary signage to warn visitors.
Vegetation	Stinging nettles, allergies, sharp branches, thorns etc	Visitors/ Users/Staff	3	Low	No overhanging vegetation on paths – staff strim along field edges in Spring/Summer months and cut back trees/hedges. All delivery staff members First Aid trained, always at least 1 First Aider on site
Muck heap	Contraction of zoonotic diseases e.g. E.Coli	Visitors/ Users/Staff	5	Low	No access for visitors to the muck heap area, gates closed and no entry signage. Paths swept and disinfected routinely with Virkon. All staff, volunteers and participants complete full H&S induction and given the DEFRA “Avoiding Infections on Farm Visits” leaflet. Only trained staff, volunteers and participants who have gone through a specific muck heap H&S induction are allowed to enter the muck heap area.
Slurry pit	Falling in	Visitors/ Users/Staff	4	Low	No access for visitors to the slurry pit which is located in the muck heap area. Slurry pit covered by sturdy metal lid at all times. Warning signage in place.
Slurry pit	Contraction of zoonotic diseases e.g. E.Coli	Visitors/ Users/Staff	5	Low	No access for visitors to the slurry pit which is located in the muck heap area. Slurry pit covered by sturdy metal lid at all times. Warning signage in place. Users told the slurry pit is not to be touched. Access restricted to trained staff only.
Extreme weather	Heat stroke	Visitors/ Users/Staff	5	Low	Staff review forecast and receiving weather warnings from council and NHS. In extreme heat the projects are altered to minimise time working outside in full sunlight, additional breaks are given, fans put in all break rooms and access to drinking water at any time. Spare hats available to borrow. Projects may also be cancelled depending on heat.
Extreme weather	Wind causing tree/roof damage to blow onto people	Visitors/ Users/Staff	5	Low	Staff review forecast and receiving weather warnings from council. Staff carry out weekly checks of the site and carry out any preventative tree or building works to minimise risks. Additional checks prior to forecasted windy conditions – and following storms. Areas of Farm can be closed or whole site in extreme storms as required.