



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

BROKEN FENCES AT LION GREEN AND TOWN MEADOW

BACKGROUND

- As advised in the August 2023 clerk's report two fences next to the streams at Lion Green and Town Meadow have rotted through and had to be removed.
- Lion Green – this small section of fencing was erected by Waverley B.C. following the installation of the concrete storm outlet. Since then, this specific area has become overgrown with vegetation. People can access the stream easily in other areas and, to our knowledge, there have never been any accidents.
- Town Meadow – for reasons unknown, only 10m of the 50m section next to the stream was ever fenced off. It is nonsensical to replace only part of the fencing, suggesting that one area is more dangerous than another.
- Risk assessments have been carried out and are appended.
- We have obtained quotes for replacement fencing and signage which are shown below.



- Given that Council CCTV signage is being routinely vandalised or removed, officers recommend that signage is not installed.

REPLACEMENT FENCE COSTS

Lion Green	Town Meadow (based on 10m)
£1,030	£356
£625	£675
£554	£551

SIGNAGE

Lion Green (one sign)	£69.12 + VAT
Town Meadow (two signs)	£138.24 + VAT

Recommendation: The Amenities committee, having read the risk assessments, either think that is enough or want replacement fencing



Risk assessment: Lion Green Stream – Storm Water Outlet.

Company name: Haslemere Town Council, Assessment carried out by: Martin Wellen 14/09/2023

Background.

The stream between Lion Green and Weysprings has always been open and access unfettered. The small area at the concreted outlet was fenced by Waverley Council when the storm water outlet was installed; however this was removed after it rotted through in early 2023. The Council's insurer was consulted on whether a replacement fence was necessary and the Council was advised to conduct a risk assessment.

RISK: The risk of anyone falling at this site is very minimal. However, the injury risk if a fall should occur is high.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	Needed by	Done
Unfenced access above the storm water outlet site currently not visible due to course undergrowth. Fall height 38 inches.	All users of Lion Green. Fall injuries including head injuries and possible drowning.	Leaving the course (bramble) undergrowth alongside the stream in place. This serves to reduce the risk of anyone straying to the top edge of the outlet and falling in.	Nothing at this time as existing control measures are working.	Haslemere Town Council	N/A	



Risk assessment – Town Meadow – stream

Company name: Haslemere Town Council, Assessment carried out by: Martin Wellen 14/09/2023

Background

A section of fencing alongside the stream at Town Meadow has had to be removed due to vandalism. The Council's insurer was consulted on whether a replacement barrier was necessary and the Council was advised to conduct a risk assessment.

RISK: The risk of an incident is **LOW** but the risk of serious injury in the event of someone falling into the gully is **HIGH**.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	Needed by	Done
Unfenced area of stream near pathway. Max fall height 48 inches.	All Town Meadow users. Fall injuries including head injuries and possible drowning.	Significant areas where the stream is close to the pathway or near the play area, are fenced with post and rail fencing.	Nothing; the area is open and fully visible where the fencing has been removed and is not immediately adjacent to the pathway	Haslemere Town Council	N/A	