

Breydon Water and Water Ski Zone Designation Update
Report by Head of Safety Management

Summary: This report sets out the current position of the trial of water skiing on Breydon Water.

Recommendations:

- (i) That the designated zone remains in force.
- (ii) That the review of water skiing on Breydon Water is deferred until spring 2015.

1 Background

- 1.1 At its meeting on 18 January 2013 the Authority designated a zone for water skiing and wakeboarding on Breydon water. The designation was for a period of “at least one year” to allow data to be gathered from a trial of water skiing to further inform the Authority on future management options.

2 Current Situation

- 2.1 The water ski zone was established on Breydon Water for 1 April 2014. Signs have been erected, water ski permits were amended to include Breydon as an available water space and communication channels were established to assist with the monitoring.
- 2.2 However to date no one has formally used the Breydon Water Ski zone for water skiing and therefore it has not been possible to collect any data or to make any formal observations of its use.

3 Consultation Findings

- 3.1 The Water Ski Review Panel, Boat Safety Management Group, Navigation Committee and Broads Forum were all consulted and it was felt that designation should continue in order to collect data from the trial.

4 Next Steps

- 4.1 Following the continued trial the Water Ski Review Panel are to be asked to review the outcomes in 2015 and prepare recommendations for the future management of water skiing on Breydon Water.

4.2 The Panel's findings will then be brought back to the Authority for consideration.

Background papers: Breydon Water and Water Ski Zone designation BA 18/1/2013

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Broads Plan Objectives: NA4.1, NA5

Appendices: None