Schedule 4 – Ecological and Fish Stocking Rules

1. Purpose

This Schedule sets out the ecological, environmental and fish stocking requirements applying to fishing activities at the lake at Lake View Bereavement Centre.

The Licensee shall manage fishing activities in a manner that protects the ecological condition of the lake, surrounding habitats, wildlife, water quality and landscape, and shall comply with all applicable environmental and fisheries legislation and Environment Agency requirements.

2. Catch and Release

All fishing shall operate on a strict catch-and-release basis unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Licensor.

No fish shall be removed from the lake without the Licensor's prior written consent.

3. Fish Stocking and Movement

The Licensee shall not introduce, stock, remove, relocate or otherwise move fish into, from or within the lake without the Licensor's prior written consent.

Any proposed change to the fish population shall be supported by such information as the Licensor may reasonably require and shall take account of the ecological condition and capacity of the lake.

The Licensee shall take reasonable and proportionate measures to prevent overstocking.

4. Monitoring of Fish Stocks

The Licensee shall:

- actively monitor fish populations and the general condition of fish within the lake;
- promptly report any evidence of fish distress, disease or unexplained fish deaths to the Licensor;
- cooperate with any fish stock survey commissioned or approved by the Licensor; and
- provide reasonable information concerning fish stocks and fishing activity when requested by the Licensor.

The Licensor may require further assessment or remedial measures where monitoring or survey information identifies concerns relating to fish stocks or the ecological condition of the lake.

5. Ecological and Environmental Protection

The Licensee and its members shall take reasonable care to protect:

- the lake and its water quality;
- lake banks and margins;
- trees and vegetation;
- aquatic vegetation;
- wildlife and habitats; and
- any protected species or nesting birds present on or around the site.

Fishing activities must not cause unnecessary disturbance, pollution or environmental damage.

6. Prohibited Activities

Unless expressly authorised in writing by the Licensor, the Licensee and its members must not:

- fell or materially prune trees;
- remove deadwood or habitat features;
- remove aquatic vegetation;
- dredge, excavate or reshape the lake or its banks;
- use pesticides, herbicides or other chemicals;
- disturb nesting birds or protected species;
- introduce or spread invasive species;
- undertake predator, vermin or wildlife control; or
- undertake any activity likely to damage wildlife, habitats or water quality.

7. Biosecurity

The Licensee shall ensure that its members comply with any biosecurity and equipment-cleaning requirements specified by the Licensor.

Reasonable precautions shall be taken to prevent the introduction or spread of invasive species, diseases or other environmental risks through fishing equipment, bait or other materials brought onto the site.

8. Pollution, Waste and Fishing Equipment

All fishing equipment, waste and materials shall be removed following use.

Fishing line, hooks, bait containers and other items capable of causing harm to wildlife, visitors or the environment must not be left on the Property.

Any pollution, suspected contamination or other environmental incident shall be reported promptly to the Licensor.

9. Surveys and Inspections

The Licensee shall cooperate with reasonable surveys, inspections and monitoring undertaken or commissioned by the Licensor, including:

- fish stock surveys;
- ecological assessments;
- water quality testing;
- tree inspections; and
- other environmental monitoring reasonably required in connection with management of the lake.

Where remedial action is identified following a survey or inspection, the responsible party shall undertake the required action within an agreed timescale.

10. Environmental Works

The Licensee may undertake minor pruning or cutting back immediately around an approved fishing position only where this has been agreed in writing with the Licensor.

No other ecological, landscaping, vegetation management, bank works or environmental improvements shall be carried out without the Licensor's prior written consent.

11. Reporting

The Licensee shall promptly notify the Licensor of:

- fish deaths, disease or distress;
- pollution or suspected pollution;
- significant deterioration in water quality;
- invasive species;
- damage to habitats, vegetation or lake banks;
- unsafe or damaged trees affecting fishing areas; and

- any other significant ecological or environmental concern identified through its use of the lake.

12. Review and Compliance

The requirements contained in this Schedule may be reviewed in light of fish stock surveys, ecological assessments, water quality monitoring or other relevant environmental information.

Nothing in this Schedule removes the Licensee's responsibility to comply with applicable legislation, Environment Agency requirements and the other provisions of these Heads of Terms and any subsequent formal Licence.