

ANNEX A.

TINTINHULL SWIMMING POOL POOL ACCESSIBILITY FOR DISABLED USERS

Persons in charge of disabled persons or groups wishing to use the pool should visit the pool/pool facilities and undertake their own risk assessment. Wherever possible, reasonable, minor, adaptations may be made, subject to the discretion of the Pool Openers, to assist disabled persons to use the pool.

The pool area and changing room can be accessed by wheelchairs, although some surfaces are uneven. The toilets do not contain disabled facilities and are not large enough to accommodate fully a wheelchair. In addition, there is a step up into the toilets that must be negotiated.

There are male and female communal changing rooms. Children over the age of 8 are usually expected to get changed in the appropriate changing room. Users over this age requiring changing room assistance from someone of the opposite sex are encouraged to speak to a Pool Opener.

For those with cognitive disabilities, users should be aware that the pool can be a busy and noisy environment. This is especially so at the weekends when the weather is fine. Some people with sensory difficulty may find this challenging. The pool is often quieter during the week.

The pool is accessed by a ladder, users should be aware that there is no ramp, steps or pool hoist. Weak swimmers must stay in the shallow end which is indicated on the sides of the pool by a painted yellow line.

Pool users requiring special support or supervision must be accompanied whilst in the pool enclosure by an appropriate person (family member or carer). The appropriate person must be suitably dressed at all times such that they can immediately enter the pool to provide support if asked to do so by the Pool Opener. Such action may be required to ensure the safety of the person requiring special support or to aid the safety of other pool users.

Assistance dogs only are allowed into the pool area; however, owners should ensure that they have been to the toilet before entering and that they remain on the grassy area. A dog will not be permitted to enter the water or remain on the poolside. If the person using the assistance dog plans to enter the water, then the dog must be cared for by another familiar person.

Persons suffering from epilepsy should be accompanied by a family member or carer who will have full responsibility for their charge in the event of an epileptic episode. Pool Openers will assist in summoning medical help as requested.

Any other advice regard to pool accessibility or the use of the pool by those requiring assistance should be addressed by e-mail to the Swimming Pool Committee Representative – Helen Manfield (h.r.manfield@gmail.com).