

# River Safety Report



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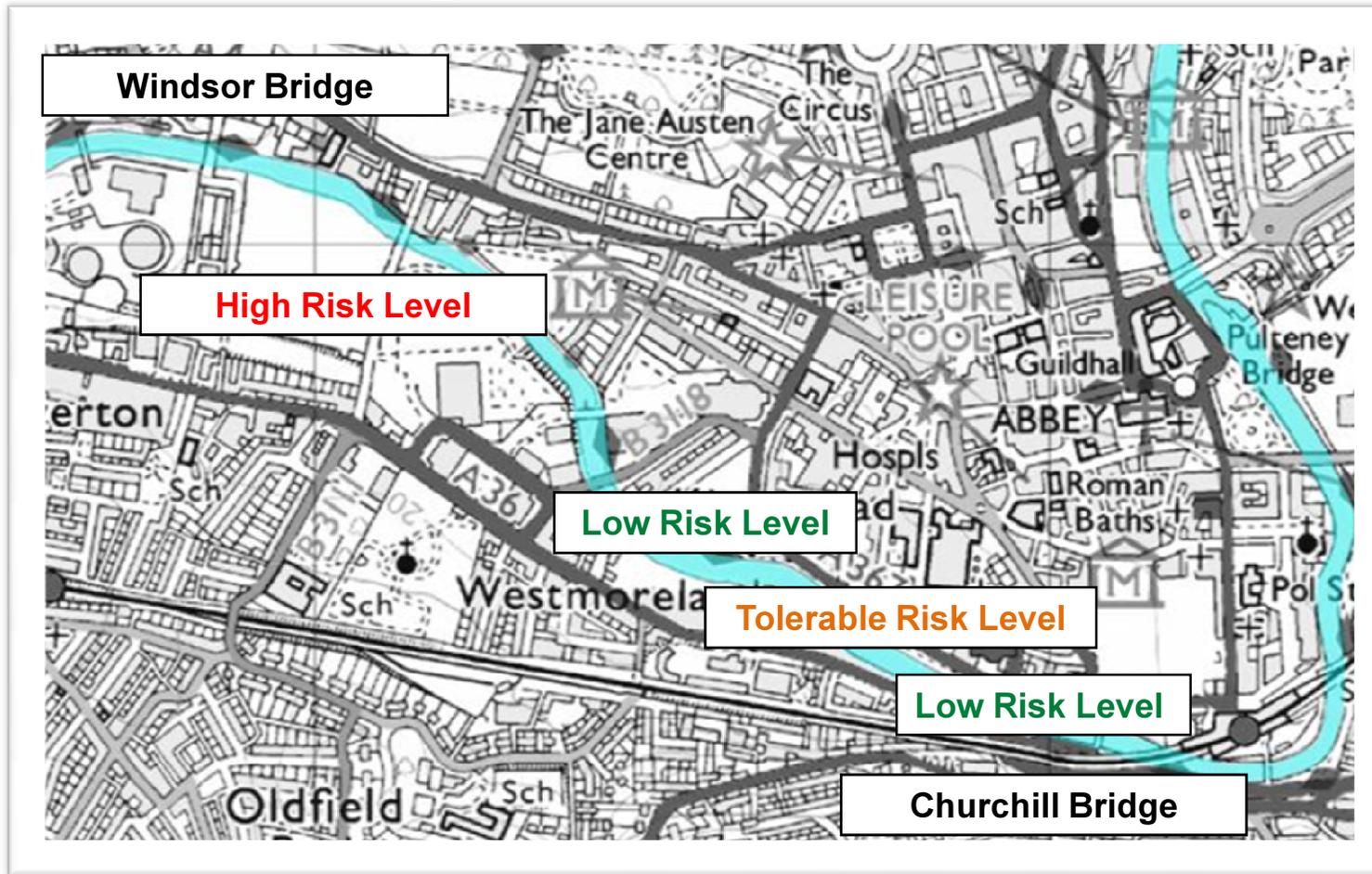
## **Why did we commission the work from RoSPA?**

- » Increased number of water related incidents on stretch of river between Churchill Bridge and Windsor Bridge
- » Many possible land ownership interests in this stretch of river with no clear lead organisation

## **Who did RoSPA consult with?**

- » B&NES Council; Avon Fire and Rescue; Avon and Somerset Police
- » Universities
- » Environment Agency; British Waterways
- » Victim's families
- » Other stakeholders e.g. Sainsbury's

# Main findings:



Making Bath & North East Somerset an even better place to live, work & visit

# Main recommendations (short-term):

- » Increase visibility of ladder 'cut outs'



## **Main recommendations (short-term)**

- » Vegetation management plan
- » Appropriate signage
- » Awareness raising campaign
- » Feedback to Bath Western Riverside development
- » Maintenance of 'grab lines'

## **Main recommendations (longer-term)**

- » Repair fences of areas adjacent to towpath
- » Consider edge protection in high risk area
- » Arrange for debris to be removed from the river regularly

## **Next steps....**

- » Agree action plan with partners
- » Continue to work with Universities to keep raising awareness
  
- » Any questions?