

Planning Policy Team
London Borough of Hillingdon
3N/02
Civic Centre
High Street
Uxbridge
UB8 1UW

3 May 2019

Proposed Main Modifications to the Local Plan Part 2

Dear Planning Policy Team,

The Canal & River Trust (the Trust) is the guardian of 2,000 miles of historic waterways across England and Wales. We are among the largest charities in the UK. Our vision is that “living waterways transform places and enrich lives”.

We have reviewed the Proposed Main Modifications to the Local Plan Part 2 consultation documents and have the following comments.

Policy DMHB 20: Moorings

Whilst we support the need to balance the development of moorings with people’s ability to view and engage with the waterway (as evident in our London Mooring Strategy), we have some concerns that point (iii) may result in *any* moorings that ‘separate people from the waterway’ being viewed as unacceptable. We continue to believe that the wording suggested in our regulation 19 representations is more appropriate. In many cases, the mooring of boats in the canal will unavoidably act as a visual barrier to views of the water. We suggest, however, that the benefits of providing additional moorings in appropriate locations (improved natural surveillance, opportunities for greater housing choice etc) are such that these should be supported where ample opportunities to view and engage with the waterway still exist. We have found the council to be supportive of this position in development management decisions. We acknowledge that the first part of (iii) relates to the ‘number and density of moorings’ and this offers some comfort that the avoidance of separation of people from the waterway will be considered over a wider area than just the individual mooring proposal. We would, however, request that this is confirmed in the supporting text.

We continue to strongly disagree with the suggestion in point (i) that moorings on rural or open stretches of canal are incongruous, as explained in our regulation 19 stage representation.

We note and welcome the correction to the references to the name of our organisation in the minor modifications.

Yours faithfully,

London and South East

[Redacted signature block]

Tessa Craig

Area Planner

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/specialist-teams/planning-and-design>