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CITY COUNCIL REINSTATES 48-HOUR MOORINGS ON THE RIVER CAM

Cambridge City Council announces that 48-hour moorings are again available for boats visiting Cambridge and wishing to moor on riverbank owned by the Council from Friday, June 16, 2006.

In March 2006, during further consideration of the City Council's mooring policy, the Executive Councillor for Community Development and Leisure, Joye Rosenstiel, decided to delay the introduction of a formal visitor mooring scheme in order to provide temporary mooring spaces for a number of unsuccessful residential applicants.

Subsequently, the Executive Councillor requested that as enforcement of the Mooring Policy progressed, options for accommodating the extra boats within the original areas of the scheme should be investigated, in order that the 48-hour mooring spaces could be reinstated in as short a time as possible.

Enforcement has progressed well and that the anticipated space is now available. The City Council is continuing enforcement action for trespass against the few remaining illegally moored boats. As a result of this progress, the new Executive Councillor for Arts and Recreation, Julie Smith, has approved the reinstatement of visitor moorings.

However, as an additional six boats are to be accommodated in the areas of the riverbank covered by the policy, the City Council will, for a temporary period, only permit visitor mooring in the area alongside Jubilee Gardens, downstream of Jesus Green lock. This aspect will be reconsidered as part of a wider review of the Moorings Policy in November. The City Council may take enforcement action as required against boats that moor in this area for periods of longer than 48-hours, in order to ensure the moorings are used appropriately.

The Executive Councillor has also agreed that until the review is undertaken in November, the City Council will not place a restriction on the numbers of boats able to moor in this area and there will be no mooring fee.

The City Council will continue to develop the Mooring Policy in partnership with a number of stakeholders, and wishes to acknowledge the assistance and cooperation received from the boating community.

Notes for editors

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