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Dear Sir,

Waterman's Marina.

Members of the Brentford Community Council have seen your consultation papers and your exhibition and have asked me to write to you giving our views:

On your FAQ sheet (page 2) you set out "**the perceived benefits**" We would like to comment:

1. We do not agree that a benefit would be "to serve as a catalyst.." This part of Brentford is already over-developed to the prejudice of Kew Gardens, which is a World Heritage Site, which should be bounded by development below the height of mature trees.
2. We support your wish to clean up the area especially if it supported by a high quality of maintenance.
3. This proposal will not significantly contribute to housing supply. There are already residential moorings here and this proposal would only increase the capacity for additional boats slightly.
4. There is a limit to the amount boaters can afford. This is a very expensive scheme. There is a danger that it will be under-used because boaters would not be able to afford the charges. In this case the loss would fall on the rate fund.
5. We support measures to reduce pollution and increase wild life.

Car Parking and Infrastructure. The proposed refuse store with a roof strong enough To support vehicles will be a very obtrusive and costly structure which needs to Simplified.

A New Marina. The proposal to build 26 structures to support boats at 45 degrees from the bank so that they can remain high and horizontal at low tide is both expensive and unsightly. The appearance at low tide is quite unacceptable even when every birth is occupied.

Improvements to the Park. These do not show the proposed **cycle route** which will have to be located at road level on a structure or in the park. Either way it will need to be included in any new plans for the park.

Generally the **design** is too fussy. With so many flats nearby this will be the only recreation space for many children who need a flexible space.

Planting. No reference appears to be made to the offer by Kew Gardens some years ago to help design and maintain the planting. If this offer still stands it would benefit our park.

Reed Bed. No reference is made to the work of the Thames Landscape Strategy which is partly funded by our borough. They have already carried out extensive river-edge improvements along the Thames from Kew to Hampton Court and now to Weybridge.

We appreciate being invited to respond to your consultation but would urge you to fundamentally reconsider the scheme before proceeding.

Yours sincerely

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