

## OPEN MEETING

### UMBEG – Unlawfully Moored Boats Enforcement Group

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014

Town Hall, St. Aldate's Room

**Chair:** John Copley (JC)

**Attendees:** [REDACTED] (AJ); Chris Bell (CB); Cllr Colin Cook (CC); James Pownall (JP); Matthew Symonds (MSy); [REDACTED] (NO); [REDACTED] (NF); Simon Boden (SB); Simon Fisher (SF); [REDACTED] (TH); Russell Robson (RR); Rob Fowler (RF);

**Apologies:** Abby Abrahams (AA); Michael Crofton-Briggs (MCB); [REDACTED] (SR); Jeremy Franklin (JF); [REDACTED] (SH); Gary Lloyd (GL); Daniel Newton (DN); Robert Parker (RP); [REDACTED] (NMS); [REDACTED] (KS); [REDACTED] (MSt); Paul Townsend (PT); Ian Thompson (IT); Jan Warner (JW); Chris Wood (CW); Richard Wyatt (RW);

**Minutes:** Tamar Bowley (TB)

Minutes were reviewed.

JSC welcomed [REDACTED], who was the only attendee present with one notified item for discussion; this section of the meeting was then closed at 14:10. [REDACTED] then arrived at 14:13 when the open meeting had closed. Mr [REDACTED] was informed that the open meeting had closed and he expressed his dissatisfaction that business had concluded.

It was confirmed that no 'questions on notice' had been submitted before the UMBEG meeting.

**AJ shared the following information and question to the Panel:**

AJ has moored with alternative people and split from the previous boaters group. He is interested in gaining planning permission for new mooring locations around the City. AJ has sent an email to RW to request information on potential locations and would like the City Council to assist in developing sites, especially as he believes funding maybe available.

*UMBEG's response:*

*RW provided an update before the meeting regarding the UMBEG study he'd been involved in. To be considered suitable for planning permission, all sites would need to provide facilities and have the land owner's permission; this would be reviewed as residential moorings. RW is not aware of any funding for this type of housing and suggested contacting central government, but gaining the land owner's agreement beforehand; there could also be complications with various sections of the waterways.*

AJ is aware that the City Council own certain land surrounding the area of the river and that 3/4 of the planning works would be available with water accessible from the river. AJ confirmed that he would follow this up and suggested boaters may give up vehicle rights if they own a boat, if an obstruction to approvals for residential boats.

JSC confirmed that an earlier UMBEG study had identified locations that may be less problematic – though from memory, no one on site was without reservations or issues. He asked that the summary study be forwarded to AJ and any subsequent discussions had with RW.

**Date of Next Meeting**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 10:00 (Town Hall, Plowman's Room)**