

Responses to the Committee's report *Moor or Less* from the Mayor and Transport for London.

Transport for London (River Services) response to *Moor or Less* report:

TfL welcomes the report produced by the London Assembly on moorings on London's waterways. While we believe the Canal and River Trust and other parties would be best placed to work with the Waterways Commission to take forward the key recommendations in the report, we would be happy to work with the Commission on any actions directly impacting TfL.

London Plan Further Amendments, relating to *Moor or Less* report:

There is a new policy clause (2.4 C d) that each borough should:

ensure that development proposals in its area embody the highest achievable environmental standards and enhance open space provision and the waterways in the area for the full range of benefits they bring

7.71 The Blue Ribbon Network is multi-functional. It provides a transport corridor, drainage and flood management, a source of water, discharge of treated effluent, a series of diverse and important habitats, green infrastructure, heritage value, recreational opportunities and important landscapes and views. The starting point for consideration of development and use of the Blue Ribbon Network and land alongside it must be the water. The water is the unique aspect and consideration must initially be given as to how it can be used, maintained and improved.

POLICY 7.27 BLUE RIBBON NETWORK: SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND RECREATIONAL USE

Planning decisions

- A Development proposals should enhance the use of the Blue Ribbon Network, in particular proposals:
 - a that result in the loss of existing facilities for waterborne sport and leisure should be refused, unless suitable replacement facilities are provided
 - b should protect and improve existing access points to (including from land into water such as slipways and steps) or alongside the Blue Ribbon Network (including paths). New access infrastructure into and alongside the Blue Ribbon Network will be sought.

- c should protect **and enhance** waterway support infrastructure such as boatyards, moorings, jetties and safety equipment etc. New infrastructure to support water dependent uses will be sought. New mooring facilities should normally be off line from main navigation routes, ie in basins or docks.

LDF preparation

- B Within LDFs boroughs should identify the location of waterway facilities and any opportunities for enhancing or extending facilities, especially within opportunity areas **and other areas where a particular need has been identified.**

7.80 In order to make the maximum use of the Blue Ribbon Network, particularly for effective transport, a range of supporting infrastructure is required. The infrastructure includes, but is not limited to; boatyards, jetties, **moorings**, slipways, steps and water side paths/cycleways. Their need and provision should be assessed by local authorities.