

# Mr Malcolm Fain comments

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I disagree with the recommendation that the River Thames no longer qualifies for designation as MOL (Metropolitan Open Land). On the contrary the river is under threat as never before largely from commercially oriented developers and users of whom the most persistent and dangerous are bargeowners using their boats as B and B establishments for commercial purposes and property developers who seek to endanger river users by the development of inappropriate houseboats thereby narrowing the channel. eg the Kingston Filter Beds development.

Signed Malcolm Fain - Rower, Sculler, Skiffer and Punter and regular river user.