



Appendices

Consultation Report and Option Analysis

Mead Lane Moorings, Saltford

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APPENDIX 1 – Q1 - Age Groups

What is your age group?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Under 18	0.32%	4
18-24	1.77%	22
25-34	10.03%	125
35-44	19.50%	243
45-54	19.98%	249
55-64	21.03%	262
65+	24.40%	304
Prefer not to answer	2.97%	37
	Answered	1246
	Skipped	5

APPENDIX 2 – Q2 - Gender

Are you:

Answer Choices	Responses	
Male	49.92%	620
Female	46.86%	582
Prefer not to say	3.22%	40
	Answered	1242
	Skipped	9

APPENDIX 3 – Q3 - Postcodes

A3.1 Number of responses from each postcode

Postcode (whole postcodes listed)	Number of responses from postcode
BS31 3ep	33
BS31 3ez	24
BS31 3eg	21
BS31 3ej	20
BS31 3al	18
BS31 3ed	18
BS31 3ER	16
BS31 3AD	14
BS31 3HL	14
BS31 3dy	12
BS31 3bq	11
BS31 3dw	10
BS31 3hp	10
BS31 3lb	10
BS31 3jp	9
BS31 3jq	9
Bs31 3ab	8
BS31 3be	8
Bs31 3bw	8
BS31 3dx	8
BS31 3ef	8
BS31 3HR	8
Bs31 3ag	7
BS31 3AP	7
BS31 3bu	7
BS31 3DT	7
Bs31 1st	6
Bs31 3ah	6
BS31 3aq	6
BS31 3AW	6
BS31 3bh	6
Bs31 3BP	6
BS31 3dp	6
BS31 3la	6
BS31 3ls	6
Ba1 3JT	5
BS31 1GB	5
Bs31 2aj	5
BS31 3AU	5

Postcode (whole postcodes listed)	Number of responses from postcode
Bs31 3bg	5
BS31 3DN	5
BS31 3jh	5
BS31 3jj	5
Bs31 3jn	5
BS31 3jw	5
BS31 3lg	5
BS31 3ln	5
Bs31 3lw	5
Ba2 0lt	4
BS30 6EA	4
Bs31 3bj	4
BS31 3dh	4
BS31 3JG	4
BS31 3LE	4
BA1 1SU	3
BS30 6SW	3
BS31 3AS	3
BS31 3AY	3
BS31 3ba	3
BS31 3BD	3
BS31 3BN	3
Bs31 3bs	3
BS31 3bx	3
BS31 3DF	3
BS31 3dg	3
BS31 3DL	3
BS31 3du	3
BS31 3eh	3
BS31 3en	3
BS31 3eu	3
BS31 3ew	3
BS31 3EX	3
BS31 3hn	3
Bs31 3hx	3
BS31 3LF	3
BS31 3lj	3
BS31 3lq	3
Bs31 3tq	3
BA1 2PZ	2
Ba1 3rp	2
Ba1 5hh	2
Ba1 6tp	2
BA12 6DZ	2

Postcode (whole postcodes listed)	Number of responses from postcode
BA14 5RS	2
Ba2 6qp	2
BA2 7BJ	2
Ba2 8hn	2
BS1 6SR	2
BS30 9AD	2
BS31 1JN	2
Bs31 1td	2
Bs31 1tg	2
BS31 1XD	2
BS31 2DH	2
BS31 3AA	2
Bs31 3af	2
BS31 3AT	2
Bs31 3az	2
Bs31 3bt	2
BS31 3by	2
BS31 3BZ	2
BS31 3DJ	2
BS31 3DS	2
BS31 3ES	2
BS31 3ET	2
BS31 3ey	2
Bs31 3ht	2
BS31 3hw	2
BS31 3JL	2
BS31 3jr	2
BS31 3LD	2
Bs36 1hq	2
BS39 5AG	2
BS4 4EP	2
Bs5 6ja	2
SN10 1ss	2
AI5 1lz	1
B78 3SE	1
ba1 2bn	1
Ba1 2ne	1
BA1 2QA	1
Ba1 3es	1
BA1 3JQ	1
Ba1 3lh	1
BA1 4DX	1
BA1 4ee	1
BA1 4LH	1

Postcode (whole postcodes listed)	Number of responses from postcode
Ba1 5bw	1
Ba1 5hy	1
BA1 6BG	1
Ba1 6df	1
BA1 6DZ	1
BA1 7AW	1
BA1 7NJ	1
BA1 7QU	1
BA11 1NT	1
Ba11 5lf	1
BA12 9PU	1
BA14 6JT	1
Ba15 1EJ	1
BA15 1TY	1
Ba15 2ea	1
Ba2 0je	1
Ba2 0pr	1
BA2 1AZ	1
BA2 1SJ	1
Ba2 2bb	1
Ba2 2ee	1
Ba2 2hy	1
BA2 2PG	1
BA2 3DL	1
Ba2 3ge	1
BA2 3QZ	1
ba2 3ra	1
BA2 4SE	1
Ba2 5dw	1
Ba2 6sn	1
ba2 6sy	1
BA2 6TS	1
Ba2 6xd	1
BA2 7EE	1
BA2 7SU	1
BA2 7WW	1
BA2 8ST	1
ba2 9hp	1
BA3 2AX	1
Ba3 2tz	1
Ba3 2un	1
BA3 4JX	1
BA3 4NN	1
BA5 2FW	1

Postcode (whole postcodes listed)	Number of responses from postcode
BD16 3HP	1
Bh20 4HY	1
bs1 1ea	1
bs1 4rb	1
BS1 5jr	1
BS1 5sr	1
Bs1 6gw	1
Bs1 6jn	1
Bs1 6ju	1
BS1 8NQ	1
Bs11 9xx	1
BS13 0QL	1
bs14 8jt	1
bs14 9lu	1
BS15 1LP	1
BS15 3NU	1
BS15 3SL	1
BS15 4NH	1
BS15 4UQ	1
Bs15 9ng	1
BS15 9UN	1
bs16 1ql	1
BS16 2AB	1
Bs16 3pw	1
Bs16 3sl	1
BS16 4EW	1
Bs16 5ae	1
Bs16 5ju	1
Bs16 6wd	1
BS16 6XG	1
BS16 7BF	1
BS16 7ER	1
BS16 9DT	1
Bs16 9sw	1
bs2 8dt	1
BS2 8QW	1
Bs2 8ud	1
BS2 8YA	1
BS2 9XL	1
bs2 9yg	1
BS2 9YT	1
BS20 7LQ	1
BS30 5WA	1
bs30 8bq	1

Postcode (whole postcodes listed)	Number of responses from postcode
BS30 9DG	1
BS30 9QS	1
bs30 9ue	1
BS31 1AH	1
BS31 1bq	1
BS31 1DE	1
Bs31 1ez	1
BS31 1FQ	1
Bs31 1jd	1
BS31 1JJ	1
BS31 1JS	1
BS31 1LL	1
BS31 1NB	1
bs31 1nd	1
BS31 1PH	1
bs31 1pr	1
BS31 1PW	1
Bs31 1re	1
bs31 1rh	1
BS31 1SB	1
BS31 1SG	1
Bs31 1tp	1
BS31 1UJ	1
Bs31 1xg	1
BS31 2DD	1
Bs31 2dl	1
BS31 2EA	1
BS31 2EF	1
Bs31 2fh	1
BS31 2GG	1
Bs31 2lb	1
BS31 2RE	1
Bs31 2sb	1
Bs31 2ue	1
Bs31 2un	1
Bs31 2wb	1
BS31 3AE	1
BS31 3AJ	1
Bs31 3AM	1
Bs31 3an	1
BS31 3ar	1
BS31 3AX	1
BS31 3BF	1
BS31 3BL	1

Postcode (whole postcodes listed)	Number of responses from postcode
Bs31 3dq	1
BS31 3DR	1
BS31 3dr	1
BS31 3EL	1
BS31 3EQ	1
BS31 3HG	1
BS31 3HQ	1
BS31 3HY	1
Bs31 3jf	1
BS31 3JS	1
BS31 3LH	1
bs31 3ll	1
BS31 3SX	1
BS31 3TJ	1
BS32 0DU	1
BS35 3LR	1
bs37 4fr	1
Bs37 6ng	1
Bs39 5bu	1
BS39 5QE	1
BS4 2DX	1
bs4 2et	1
BS4 2PH	1
Bs4 4an	1
Bs4 4nu	1
Bs4 4ph	1
Bs4 5ae	1
BS40 8XW	1
BS48 2UL	1
BS5 0ar	1
Bs5 0hn	1
BS5 0LB	1
Bs5 1ud	1
Bs5 6bn	1
Bs5 6bz	1
Bs5 6eu	1
BS5 6EZ	1
Bs5 6hz	1
BS5 6JB	1
BS5 6JS	1
Bs5 6jt	1
BS5 6LB	1
bs5 6sb	1
Bs5 6uf	1

Postcode (whole postcodes listed)	Number of responses from postcode
Bs5 6xf	1
Bs5 7lz	1
BS5 7PA	1
bs5 7qx	1
BS5 8PW	1
BS5 9LQ	1
Bs5 9rn	1
BS6 8ED	1
Bs7 0tf	1
Bs7 8rd	1
Bs7 8uf	1
BS7 9AP	1
Bs7 9pb	1
Bs7 9qt	1
Bs7 9sy	1
Bs9 4dt	1
CF14 9JF	1
Cf35 5et	1
ct6 5pz	1
CW10 0NA	1
Cw9 6es	1
De65 6dw	1
Dn17 3ef	1
EH41 3QF	1
Gl12 8qe	1
Gl2 7la	1
Gl7 1ss	1
GL8 8TE	1
Gu51 1hl	1
HP1 2RX	1
le16 7rw	1
me17 1ex	1
NG25 0FX	1
NN4 0UH	1
NP11 5AL	1
np16 6qg	1
np25 4lu	1
OL15 9PS	1
Ox16 0bw	1
Po12 4jd	1
Rg14 5jh	1
RG14 7AW	1
RG6 7BP	1
sg14 2as	1

Postcode (whole postcodes listed)	Number of responses from postcode
SL6 8TW	1
SL6 9RQ	1
Sn10 1eb	1
sn10 1ey	1
SN10 2RH	1
Sn11 0ft	1
SN11 0RG	1
SN12 8LD	1
Sn12 8qp	1
SN13 9XW	1
SN14 8BS	1
Sn15 2na	1
SN6 6LU	1
SN8 2DT	1
SN9 5NT	1
SN9 6AJ	1
Sp11 7ns	1
SP2 0PJ	1
Sp2 9dg	1
SW9 6AU	1
SY18 6BA	1
Ta4 2qu	1
TA6 6DJ	1
TQ7 1AP	1
TR1 1AT	1
TR17 0DW	1
TW11 9QZ	1
Ub4 9ta	1
W4 3RL	1
Wd3 4ln	1
YO42 2TH	1

A3.2 Postcode responses written as narrative

Narrative answers

Bristol harbour winter mooring in winter, River Avon on CRT River-only licence in summer
 Currently moored at Mead lane Saltford
 Prefer not to say where my boat is moored thank you
 River Avon/ K&A Canal
 River Avon and Kennet and Avon Canal
 saltford
 Bristol
 SaltfordMarina

Narrative answers

None - currently with boat in transit
Bathampton
Darlington Warf
Bath
Milk island Saltford
Swineford
Dundas
Dundas aqueduct
mead lane
Horsenden Hill Farm, Perivale, London
Saul
Near Dundas aqueduct
Dundas
Devizes
Caen Hill marina Devizes
Cheshire
Bradford on Avon - boater without a home mooring
Kennet and Avon Canal
Saltford marina
Continually cruising
Boat moored at Semington
Bradford on Avon
Keynsham
Bradford
London
Bath
Continuous Cruiser
Bath
Continuous cruiser. Current location Hanham Mills
Bradford on Avon
Bristol
River lee
Bradford on Avon
Continuous cruising
Brentford
Continuous cruiser
Keynsham
kanda canal
Bradford on Avon
Keynsham
Bath
Bathampton moorings
Avoncliff
Nr Saltford
Brass mill moorings Saltford

Narrative answers

All Cannings, Wiltshire
Keynsham Marina
Sharpness
Continuous cruiser, Jenner and Avon
Bath
Bath
River Thames
Saul
Portavon marina
BA2 Bathampton
All Cannings
Bradford on avon
Saltford
Keynsham
Dundas Aqueduct
Kelson
Claverton
Pewsey
Newbury
Bath
Caen hill
Bathampton
Caen hill Marina
Pewsey
On the Thames at the moment
Mooring at Newbridge Bath
Bath
Salford Mead Lane
Sells green
Continuous cruiser
Keynsham lockkeeper pub
Bathampton
Great Bedwyn
bath
Saltford
Bathampton
Caen hill marina
Bristol Marina
OL15 9PS but I am out travelling the country
Widcombe on the K&A
bath
Bathampton.
Saltford
Continuous cruiser,currently in Nuneaton
bathampton

Narrative answers

Banbury
Bathampton
Bath
Wilcot, Wiltshire
Bath
14 day mooring in Mead Lane.
Bristol
Seend Cleeve West bound
Devizes (continuous cruising boat)
Frouds Bridge Marina
Continuous Cruiser / postal postcode ba2 6uz
Saltford marina
Cropredy
Mead lane saltford (private mooring)
Newbury Marina
Devizes Marina.
Continuous cruiser on K&A - currently near Bradford on Avon
Semington
Continuous cruiser
Bath
Keynsham
Ely
Great Ouse
Oxford canal
Bristol harbor
Continuous cruiser
Stourport on Severn
Bradford on avon
Braunston Marina
Long term cruising (not long term mooring!)
Bristol harbour
Gloucester
Nottingham
constant cruiser
Bath
Mead Lane
Continuous cruiser of UK canal system
Mooring at the end of Broadmead Lane, Keynsham on the river Avon.
Bishops Cannings n
Saltford Marina
Mead Lane, Saltford
Bath
Portavon
Lapworth
Continuous cruiser.

Narrative answers

Braunston, Northants.
Saltford
Bradford-on-Avon
Cruising on Kennet and Avon
Semington
Bristol Harbour
Saltford Marina
BS31 2DD Portavon Marina
Bath
BS31 the Shallows
East of Saltford Marina
River Avon / Kennet & Avon Constant Cruiser
Claverton
Bathampton
Claverton pumping Station. Kennet and Avon canal
Bradford on Avon
Hilperton - continuous cruiser
k&A
Bathampton
Bristol
Semington
Keynsham
Cropredy
Bathampton
Coventry
Continual cruiser
CORSTON
Devizes
Bradford on Avon
Honeystreet
Bath
Pewsey
Great Bedwyn
Hanham Mills
Keynsham BS312AJ
Saltford Marina
Kennet and Avon canal
Portavon marina keynsham
Chandos lodge moorings
Bitton
Bath

APPENDIX 4 – Q4 - Interests

Are you:

Answer Choices	Responses	
A boat resident	22.99%	266
A permanent Saltford resident	50.48%	584
A representative of an organisation	3.37%	39
Other	23.77%	275
Other (please state)		270
Answered		1157
Skipped		94

Narrative Answers – Other (please state)

use to fish

Saltford Marina

A local visitor to the area

Ex boater

Resident of Bath and North East Somerset

SCA

Boat opener

Chair, Avon & Wilts Inland Waterways Association

Visitor

A walker

Commodore of Bristol Avon Sailing Club

Land owner

Saltford Marina

Local resident

Walk around the area

My family home is in Saltford

A local resident who is concerned about the detriment to our environment and the impact on its wildlife.

Kennet and Avon Boaters Action Group

Frequent visitor who previously was able to appreciate and enjoy this natural environment.

The Chequers Inn Hanham

A regular weekly walker in that area

Work in premises on Mead Lane

I own a boat at the Marina

Bristol leisure boat owner

K and A Trust

Cyclist and walker

Fisherman

Local resedent

Fisherman

Angler Wildlife photographer

Narrative Answers – Other (please state)

Keynsham resident

Bristol U3A

former Saltford resident now living nearby

Business in Saltford

River User

B&NES employee

Concerned public

Local resident

Student Social Worker

Sailor at Bristol Avon sailing club

Kayaking from Salford shallows

regular visitor to the area

Fisherman

Angler

Fisherman

I lived in Saltford for 20 years and moved to Keynsham 2000

Sailing club member

Regulat visit

River User

Use sailing club

Used to live by river and still love and visit the area regularly

Have a mooring at mill island Saltford

Visitor from Keynsham

I like fishing and go to pub sometimes

Angler

I used to live in Saltford and visit this area a lot.

Campaign to Protect Rural England CPRE

I live nearby and often walk in the area. I visit the pub.

President of Keynsham Angling Association

resident of keynsham

Ex boater, now settled resident of Bath

Honorary Secretary keynsham Angling association(450members)

VISITOR TO THE AREA

local who uses the river for fishing

A visitor

VISITOR

Resident in Willsbridge South Gloucestershire

Resident in Willsbridge South Gloucestershire

Resident in Willsbridge South Gloucestershire

Resident in Willsbridge South Gloucestershire

Bristol & West of England Federation of Anglers

a boat user

Visitors

Visitor

Narrative Answers – Other (please state)

Walker

casual boater

Stand up paddle board user

regular river user

Regular Visitor

Regular visitor to area

Visitor

A Bristolian who has always visited this area.

Local resident

Local

Bath Resident

fisherman

Narrowboat owner

Visitor.

Local person who appreciates the value of the boat community to the area.

Friend of somebody moored there

A cyclist who enjoys the area

I use the cycle path and enjoy visiting this area to relax

Bath resident

I have loved on board in the past and I currently live in a house in bristol

Ex boater

Frequent visitor to photograph wildlife

Previous boat owner, now resident of Keynsham

Professional inland waterways Skipper in Bristol & Bath area.

Bath resident

Visitor

Visitor to boating family

Local

Resident in Bristol but used to live on a boat near Bath

An ex boater

Visiting local

Ex live aboard, now recreational boater

Fellow boater

Person who enjoys visiting the area

Hiker

Friend

Friend

Stay 1 or 2 nights a week on boat

summer boater

Previous boat owner, live aboard.

Live close by and work close by

Live in Bath

A regular walker in the area

Boat owner

Narrative Answers – Other (please state)

A canal boat enthusiast
A friend of someone who lives on a boat
Bath resident
A regular river user
home owner who uses the river for walks
Saltford Marina
Friend of the residents
Boat owner
frequent visitor
Boat owner
Frequent Visitor
Professional
Angler
Saltford Resident
48 yrs in Saltford. Now just moved to Keynsham
Nature enthusiast
We stay at Mead Lane regularly
Saltford Environment Group
A Keynsham resident with an interest in local environmental issues
Resident in house
Recreational boat owner
former boat resident
High use leisure user 4 days per week average
Citizen
boat weekender
Walker
Occasional visitor
Live on a boat
Continuous cruisers
Fishing
Bristol Avon Sailing Club
Have been a boat resident
Bristol Avon Sailing Club
Member of Bristol Avon Sailing Club - I have been sailing on this stretch avon for 7 years+
Boat resident in Keynsham
Rambler
river leisure user
Dog walker
Not sure what boat resident means? I live on a boat
Keynsham resident
Boat owner
Walker swimmer and canoeist
BASC
Member of Bristol Avon Sailing Club

Narrative Answers – Other (please state)

Saltford Community Ass. Saltford Brassmill Project Saltford Wombles

Not relevant

house dweller next to the k&a canal

Friend

Regular visitor to boating families who moor at mead lane

Boat owner

Bath Boys' Brigade

Ex Saltford now Keynsham

Saltford WI

Visitor

Born in Saltford, I regularly visit my parents who live there

Saltford Primary School

Walker

Boys' Brigade

I am a course a angler who likes to fish at mead lane.

Boat owner

A walker

Frequent visitor to saltford

Boat owner who visits K&A canal occasionally

Keynsham resident

Part-time Saltford Resident

A regular river user at least twice weekly

Sailing Club member

SCA WI

boat owner (leisure)

Boater

Leisure Boat Owner

Leisure boater

Saltford business owner

Live locally and visit often

Canal boat user

Concerned boater upholding mooring facilities

Boat owner

Boat owner

A travelling boat owner

Narrowboat owner with permanent offline mooring

A permanent Saltford resident who lives on a boat

Boat owner and regular cruiser

Previously moored at Saltford Marina

frequent visitor to Mead Lane

Regular jogger and cyclist along the canal path

a Canal & River Trust boat licence holder

Boater

Holiday boater

Narrative Answers – Other (please state)

Visitor

A leisure boat owner

Leisure boater

Leisure boater

Saltford Parish Council

Dog walker and paddler with Bristol Empire Dragons

tourist

Keynsham resident

I am a leisure boater (ie: I don't live on the boat, but I do use it for several weeks each summer during which time I travel extensively - including visiting locations such as Saltford.

boat yard owner

Live locally

member of the narrowboat trust

Work close by.

Local business, Keynsham resident.

Avon and Somerset Police

Boat owner

Boat owner

Boat owner

Boat owner

Often walk along the river. Used to live in Saltford but now in Keynsham.

Recreational water user

Also we own the land in mead lane that is next to spion kop

Frequent visitor to the area (relatives in Saltford)

Constant cruiser on kennet and avon

Some

Resident of banes who uses the area

Leisure boater

Boat resident and also work in the area

Local resident

Local person who was born and grew up in Saltford

Regular visitor and ride leader who leads cycle rides in then area

Honourary Member of Bristol Avon Sailing Club

A local walker

Canal volunteer

Member of the sailing club

Live in Bath

walker

Regular visitor

Pleasure boat user

Bristol Avon sailing club

User of river for canoeing and walking

Visitor

Dog walker

Narrative Answers – Other (please state)

A local BANES council ward resident who regularly uses the riverbank as a local amenity

Regular visitor

Leisure boater

A regular sailor at Bristol Avon Sailing Club

A local business - iTeam Solutions Ltd

Visitor for recreation

I visit on a regular basis and was fromn the Bristol area

Member of Bristol Avon Sailing Club

Looking for a mooring

Visitor and member of BASC

Regular visitor

Recreational user

Member of Bristol Avon sailing club

Recreational boater

Committee member at Bristol Avon Sailing Club

Worker in Saltford

Saltford Community Association

friend of a boater

A regular visitor

Regular visitor

Bristol Avon Sailing Club



APPENDIX 5 – Q5 – How often do you Visit Mead Lane / The River Avon at Mead Lane, Saltford?

How often do you visit Mead Lane/the River Avon at Mead Lane, Saltford? (select the answer that most closely applies to you)

Answer Choices	Responses	
I live on Mead Lane	4.25%	49
Daily	5.46%	63
Twice a week	11.36%	131
Weekly	21.51%	248
Monthly	27.41%	316
Rarely	14.66%	169
If mooring please specify your approximate number of visits per season	15.35%	177
	Answered	1153
	Skipped	98

If mooring, please specify your approximate number of visits per season

6 to 8

2 visits per year

2

varies between 1 and 10

Hanham Weir - we are situated on it.

2

1 or 2

4

3

twice a year for two weeks at a time. In addition I will occasionally use the short stay mooring for an evening at one of the pubs

Once a year

1

X2 visits on way to and from Bristol winter mooring

4

1

it varies, between two and four times a year mostly in summer

probably 2 year

Once or twice per year

2

One two week visit per season

One two week visit

1

6

5

If mooring, please specify your approximate number of visits per season

2

2 x 14 days

Two to four

Average once or twice a year

2

3

1

6

2

2

5-6

5

i live near mead lane

2

2

2

2

1

2

1-2

once or twice a year

2

2

1

7

4-8

4/5

2 visits each summer

One or two

2 visits per year

Twice per annum

Yearly

Once or twice a year

2 - 3

2 or 3 times a year for one or two nights

2 - 3 times a year

2-3

2

2

2-3

5

2

one visit a year (for up to 14 days)

4

If mooring, please specify your approximate number of visits per season

Approx once every two years

V

2

Twice a year

1

Once every two years for 2 weeks

8

3

2

4 weeks a year

2

3

1 or 2 times, but stay 2 weeks

2

1

2

2

We come on to the river for about 2 months in the summer and visit Mead lane a couple of times in that period

6

5

1

4

2

1

Never found space but might like to stop there for a night.

1

0.4

1

1

4

2 x 2 weeks

I have visited three times this summer, twice for two days and once for two weeks.

1

1

2

2

Once or twice a year

1

3-4

2

1-2

4

3

If mooring, please specify your approximate number of visits per season

Once or at most twice a year, for up to two weeks at a time

Every 3 to 4 months

1

2

Three times in 5 years

Occasional visitor by river - every few years I'll be in the area for 2-3 weeks

3-6 from May to November

3

2

twice a year

once or twice during the summer months

2

When ever I visit that part of the K&A

2

Two or three

1

1

2

1-2

3

1

Once per year

2 visits per year

Stayed once last year for 2 nights

Once or twice per year

1

1

2

1 maybe 2 per year

Mooring occasionally in summer, visit monthly for recreation

2

2

Twice a year

I moor regularly on Mead Lane

1

4

2

Once this year. Lovely.

3

We visit and Moor at mead lane for 2 weeks about 3 to 4 times a year in the summer months. It is one of a few SAFE 2 WEEK! moorings we can go to on the river Avon With a baby. Getting rid of these 2week mooring would be horrendous

2-3 times per year (max 2 week stay)

2 visits per year

If mooring, please specify your approximate number of visits per season

Once per year

2

3/4

1

1

2

2

Once per 12 months (for two weeks)

2

2

2

Once

3-4

once/year for two weeks

2

1

1

once/twice per year

6

1

3

2 visits per season. Usually for 24/48 hours

4

4



APPENDIX 6 – Q6 – What do you do at Mead Lane / the River Avon at Mead lane

What do you do at Mead Lane/ the River Avon at Mead Lane? (Tick all the boxes that apply)

Answer Choices	Responses	
I live there	6.25%	72
Walking	69.70%	803
Fishing	5.90%	68
Mooring a boat	25.52%	294
Sailing / canoeing / rowing	12.24%	141
Day trips / picnic	20.75%	239
Cycling	28.21%	325
Other	15.80%	182
	Answered	1152
	Skipped	99

Narrative Responses – Other (please specify)

Visiting the local pubs
Bird watching
Day trip sometimes in our boat
Dog walk and pass to walk to local pub
Dog walking
Visiting the pub for lunch
Running
Visiting pubs
ORNITHOLOGY
Swimming
Visit Jolly Sailor pub
I leave it undisturbed so as to have no detrimental impact.
painting and drawing
Visiting friends who live in Mead Lane.
Dog walks, general relaxation as there's not many quite calm places left around!
Work in office/workshop in Mead Lane
taking photographs / visits to local pub / walking the dog
Visit friends go to the pub
Visit friends/go to the pub
Enjoying a nice day out! Or with friends when they visit
Running
Going to JollySailor pub
Try to photograph otters. impossible for the last two years
Visit pub
Sewage treatment works at strategic waste infrastructure

Narrative Responses – Other (please specify)

Pub

to enjoy the countryside and the quiet

Riding

Paddle boarding

Somewhere to walk and visit

sitting in car to look at view

My customers use Mead Lane

Visiting the Jolly Sailor pub

photography

Driving my disabled husband and sitting and enjoying the peace and the view

Visit friends

Visit pub

Wildlife watching

I used to love to walk and sit quietly in this restful location but no longer can with the number of boats/vehicles and clutter which obstructs and spoils the location

visit the Jolly Sailor pub.

I visit friend who lives at Mead Lane. Visit Pub

Visit the Jolly Sailor pub

Bird watching and natural history in general

Bird watching and natural history in general

Drawing Painting Photography Bird watching Relaxing

running

visit pub

We work at a office

Visiting The Jolly Sailor Pub at the end of Mead Lane

Go to local IT business, sometimes to Jolly Sailor pub

Visit Jolly Sailor

Walking/driving to the Jolly

Watching activities with grandchild

Walk to the pub.

Work at Wessex Water lab also

allotment area at friend's house

visit a friend

visiting friends; wildlife; to and from pub

Visit friends on boats

Generally enjoying the area

Generally enjoying the area

SEEING FRIENDS

Dog Walking

Visiting a resident

Just sitting quietly

Just sitting quietly

Just sitting quietly

Just sitting quietly

Narrative Responses – Other (please specify)

Inspection of fishing places and collating information regarding illegally moored boats who do not have permission from the Duchy of Cornwall to moor.

would have liked to moor there

occasionally swimming

paddle boarding

Visiting

Visiting

Visit friends

Visit friends

Visit friends.

Visiting

Visiting friends

photography

Take visitors to enjoy the beauty of the area

Visit friends

Skippering passenger boats

Wildlife watching

Visiting my nephew and sister

Visit friends on the river

Boating between keynsham and bath

WORK

Line of work

Running. Visiting the jolly sailor

Watching the family sail

Nature sightings

We housesit and pet sit family house and pets

Photography & observing wildlife. Visiting Jolly Sailor PH.

SEG's 550+ members engage in most of the activities (& others) in the list.

belong to the sailing club, pay to keep my sailing boat there

Visit friend and pub

Enjoy life, talk to people

A vital stop to moor on journey to Bath. The distance from marina in Bristol would be too far if

Visiting

Visit the pub

Visit local pub

Business owner

Business owner

work

Visit friend

Canoe

Bird and wildlife watching. Plus bat detection at dusk

Watching birds and other wildlife

Wombling (litter picking)

Visit pub

Narrative Responses – Other (please specify)

Swimming

Visiting the Jolly Sailor pub

Running

Swimming

visit the local pub

Go past on a boat and would like to stop

Bird and wildlife watching. Plus bat detection at dusk

Running

Educational re fieldwork activities

Visiting public house

Running

Visiting resident, pub, and sailing club.

Relax in beautiful surroundings

I used to be able to enjoy the view!

Pass through on the river

Restaurant/dining

paddle board and wild swimming

continuous monitoring of wild flowers on a personal basis but willing to contribute to a formal study

Visiting friends

Visit Jolly Sailor pub

It's our cruising itinerary for next year.

Work there

Visit jolly sailor

Running

Running

Birdwatching and wildlife photography

Concerned boater upholding mooring facilities

Running

Wombling with local group and visiting the Jolly Sailor

Horse riding

I am not a regular visitor but i am aware of the scarcity of visitor moorings on the River Avon

work

work

support local shops etc

moor overnight

Pubs

Watching the river and the banks for wildlife and the flowers.

Visiting Jolly Sailor

police reassurance activity

Would like to moor up to visit places but never can as full

Local pub, Jolly Sailor

Boat stay. 1 week at a time

Running

Narrative Responses – Other (please specify)

Ride horse

Hack(horse)

Enjoying the view looking at boats

Photography

Swimming

Overnight stop

Visit jolly sailor

Visit Family

Visit my parents

Wildlife and Birds

Visit friends who are moored there

Playing with my son by the river

Farming

Running

Pub jolly sailor for drink/ food

Visit other boats

Work

We enjoy the pubs when we are moored there

Gas engineer working on boats

Work

Viewing wildlife and Walking with Grandchildren on an educational and pleasure basis

Own agricultural land

visiting friend

Running

I moor a boat only about once a year. I visit regularly at other times to walk/run/cycle, visit the pub.

Swimming

I go to the pub.

Manage the club and its grounds



APPENDIX 7 – Q7 – What do you like best about the Mead Lane location?

Narrative - Responses

The scenery

The River

The Wildlife

fishing

Views,

The Wildlife

It's picturesque & it's good to see it used by lots of different people.

I used to like the peaceful, tranquillity of the area, however this has now changed.

Quiet mooring spot with great view.

Neighbours, outlook, wildlife, peace and quiet

Neighbours, peaceful location, outlook, spotting wildlife,

The views and tranquility

Birdlife with riverine views and traditional rural landscape beyond.

A safe walking track, with access to circular walks. Possibilities of good bird-watching.

The riverside venue and the views across country. Busy some days but very peaceful on others when you can also enjoy the wildlife

Nature, peacefulness

Beautiful setting, birds, views, peace and quiet

The ambiance

To be a place of peace and tranquility

Good vibe

River / river views

The scenic views. Good area to walk

The views, the river, the wildlife, the peace - tranquility

Easy access to the riverside

Beautiful views. The dog loves to swim in the river

Tranquility and the view over the fields

Being so close to a lovely natural feature with wildlife

The beauty and seeing the water and wildlife

beautiful area and one of the best things about living in Saltford

The open environment and the river with its multitude of wild life

it is very pleasant to walk along the lane by the river, one of the advantages of living in Saltford

TRAQUIL LOCATION

Beautiful views and nature

Its beauty - the stunning vista of the river, fields and Kelston Round Hill

It is an attractive and tranquil area

Peace and quiet

Tranquility

Narrative - Responses

Beautiful scenery and the ability to see the local wildlife (flora and fauna)

Access to road / beautiful view

The riverside stretch of Mead Lane which I pass every day, always was a beautiful sight, with its views up to Kelston Round Tump, wildfowl and birds. On sunny days there would be crowds of young people and families, picnicking, day fishermen, canoeists and kayakers, even river swimmers. Often there would be a leisure boats too. This stretch of the river has thousands of visits, every year, not just from Saltford but from all over the region and some from abroad. I glimpsed some of this beauty this week (21/10) when the likelihood of flooding, suddenly left just one boat, and the Mallards returned, and a Swan, even the one of the Herons was back. On one day I counted 11 fishermen along the riverside. But no Kingfisher.

What was its beauty

The View, Tranquility and access to the water

Location and opportunity to enjoy riverside setting

one of the only safe places to moor on the river for 14 days

Nothing in particular

Beauty of river and wildlife

Peaceful

A stretch of easy access river bank to enjoy the wild life for locals and visitors

Access along the river

Its easy access from the road,, its quiet waters and pretty views from my boat. I like the fact you get a lot of swimmers there

Peaceful clean and beautiful scenery lots of wild life.

Peaceful surroundings love the nature

The views over to Kelston

Nature on view in a peaceful setting

The peaceful and beautiful scenery

The importance it has to our environment, flora and fauna.

Views of river

I used to like the closeness to the river, which under the current arrangements isn't possible

I love seeing the variety of boats along the river, as well as the view across the river

It is the only safe 14 day mooring on the River Avon; it enables me to travel far enough on the River Avon to avoid having my home seized by CART

Only decent 14 day mooring space on the Avon outside Bath; peaceful location apart from the house residents; safety - there are so few places you can physically moor on the Avon it is a very important safe haven, it would cause a serious safety issue if the moorings were closed, boaters would end up mooring in unsafe places with possible loss of life, they would not avoid the Avon as they are forced to navigate on it due to Canal & River Trust enforcement policies.

Hitherto unspoiled natural habitats for a variety of wildlife and beautiful rural scenery.

The fantastic location and setting

The unique setting, flora and fauna, peacefulness, seeing young and old enjoying everything it has to offer

Quiet scenic area with wildlife

The view and peacefulness

The views, the peace, the greenery and the wildlife. Is one of the only places we have left around to quickly go and detach from the general noise of the normal world.

Being near to nature and the unspoilt views of the countryside

Narrative - Responses

There is no charge

The river and seeing young people boating

The river

Rural river environment

Rural river environment

Pleasant rural river environment

quiet

open and natural views of the river and countryside beyond

the peace and tranquility also the views over the river

The flowing water and views across to Kelston

It is beautiful

Peaceful, access to waterway

River

The spectacular view

Beautiful riverside location

Tranquility and wildlife

Proximity to the river, feeling in touch with the river bank with a good view of the wildlife on the water and in the margins

Wildlife

Its location, enabling me to cover the required distance to satisfy the Canal and River Trust.

Essential stop between Bath and Bristol.

Mead Lane a beautiful location, with abundance of wild life and plant life, a peaceful place to relax and watch the non destructive activity on the river such as sailing, swimming, fishing, rowing etc.. the views, peace and tranquility, river and bankside wildlife & flora and fauna

peace and quiet, river and nature

It's beauty. The wildlife. The peace.

Accessibility to countryside, views, walk

lovely views / countryside

The nature and views, it makes a lovely walk on a sunny day

The wild life and serenity and natural beauty

It is so picturesque, interesting and unspoilt

Friendly people, I like the boats / the river

Beautiful views of the river

Friendly people, I like the boats / the river

Pretty riverside location on the way to the pub

Views

Short term mooring

View

It's quiet rural scene and views beyond

Very pretty

The natural beauty and wildlife

The natural beauty and wildlife

The natural beauty and wildlife

Riparian view

Narrative - Responses

The chance to get away from the hustle and bustle, the views, and nature being allowed to live their normal way. When walking being able to stop with no obstruction to take in the wonderful views

The natural scenery and the environment. Away from it all.

its beauty

River walk, nature

Tranquility, scenery, and sailing boats on Sunday

Bird life

River Avon and its wildlife

Good for family walking birds and wildlife

The open country side and view towards Kelston.

Nature

Local and pleasant

Tranquility, and views across river to other bank

The scenic view

Usually Quiet

A very pleasant country walk by the river

It was quiet

Accessibility to lovely location which is perfect for dog walking

Beautiful countryside

The river and nice walks along there

Natural surroundings & Water.

The quiet countryside location with the attraction of many visitors to the area with families to also enjoy the relative peace. i often walk grandchildren in the lane and surrounding areas to enjoy the wildlife.

Tranquility

The river, the views and what there used to be water birds in a what used to be a very peaceful location

The river and views over to Kelston Round Hill. Feeding the ducks with the grandchildren

It's a beautiful spot that provides peace, tranquility and chance to see wildlife.

N/A

Open space

I like how is used to be before it became a transit camp, peaceful, feeding the ducks and watching the kingfishers, but that is sadly no longer possible.

It could provide a amenity for residents of Saltford and other residents to connect with nature, river, flora and fauna. We need these opportunities more and more given the disconnection with nature and the wild in our busy and stressful lives.

The view of the countryside towards Kelston Roundhill.

See wildfowl on the river and surrounding countryside

Views

usually peaceful, quiet and lovely views

the views across the river towards Kelston

Quiet and peaceful countryside

An opportunity to watch wildlife and photograph same, especially scarce insects

it's a calm and quiet place

Narrative - Responses

The river and views seeing people using the water
how close the river is to the road and the view up to Kelston round hill
Tranquil location and scenic views of the country side
It's beautiful, friendly boaters and community
Tranquility
The views
Calmness and the views of wildlife.
It is a beautiful and tranquil setting
peace and quiet
Countryside and riverside views
Peaceful ambience and splendid views
Beautiful scenery
Wildlife
Scenic riverside location
Rural setting and wildlife
You can enjoy a walk or canoe
The river and watching the herons
I love the view in spring,summer,autumn,winter in the sun in the rain it's always beautiful
Its peaceful & scenic
Open location with river side walks
The river
Quiet, the scenery,
Local and near to where I live
Natural landscape of fauna and bird habitat
The river and the peace
Quietness & wildlife
Peaceful and natural.
Beautiful view,peaceful. at one time ducks,swans gliding along the river
surrounding area
the local nature that one sees
It's peaceful naturalness
Being near the river
scenic area and quiet
opportunity in past for peace and beauty
I beautiful place to walk my dog
Amenity for all to enjoy
Beautiful View
Peace and tranquility couple with healthy exercise
Nothing at present
Scenery
The views and wildlife
It is peaceful and tranquil. It has beautiful views of Kelston
overall location and views along the Avon valley
peace and views

Narrative - Responses

The quiet, gentle natural surroundings.

The river and the views

The natural beauty of the fields, hills & river

its quiet scenery

peaceful location

Pleasant vista an unspoiled feeling of tranquility.

It's unspoiled beauty!

It's picturesque and quintessential views and countryside and it's natural habitat

Beautiful scenery and quite waterside tranquility

The beautiful view, mostly friendly neighborhood, nearby parking. In addition it is a key location for me to fulfill my responsibility to move every 14 days while at the same time getting to work

Lovely views, beautiful river, the opportunity to see wildlife.

Scenery

The view and quietness

the view is constantly changing as a result of different weather patterns. At it's best it is a calming refuge from the cares of the world.

Views of the river, wildlife ,landscape across the river

Nature

pleasant rural surroundings and views.

Scenery wildlife

Beautiful scenery

Peaceful, beautiful scenery, wildlife

The distance from local urbanisation. The amazing views and wildlife

Country and wildlife

Seeing the community of canal boats and people enjoying the river through all the different seasons.

I walk my dog along Mead Lane to the sailing club and sit on fine days to look at the wonderful views across to Kelston Round Top and the hills beyond. The view of the river from there is spectacular too in the arly morning and dusk with a variety of wild life to see including the otters that have recently come back to the Mead Lane bankside

It used be a tranquil beauty spot

Lovely views along and across the river

Picturesque by the river

peace and wildlife

It's beauty

Picturesque

A chance to sit in peace and quiet and enjoy the view

over the yrs. quiet outlook,swans&ducks, part of Saltford's riverside beauty, ! .

Tranquility

The River, Views and Wildlife

Quiet rural location

How close you are to the river, the wildlife you can view there.

River and quiet and space

Lovely view

The Nature

Narrative - Responses

beauty, tranquility

The pleasure of the river as a recreational medium, and the associated wildlife, currently under serious threat from the moorings

The water and bird life

Has pleasant views

Peaceful riverside setting

beautiful

Tranquility and wildlife

Access to riverside & wildlife as well as tranquility

nature, views,

Quiet and peaceful location for family walking

access to water and countryside wildlife for children

Picturesque location

Scenery, spotting otters and wildlife. It's a very pleasant walk

Pleasant riverside walk with interesting wildlife

RIVERSIDE , WILDLIFE

It provides a rural/river setting to enjoy a quiet walk

Riverbank and views of Kelston

The view across the river and meadows; opportunity to walk and sit

tranquility,rural setting'

tranquility / natural beauty

Natural beauty and peaceful surroundings

Location and views with the wild life

Views and wildlife

Good access to the river, parking, quiet river away fro the road

The tranquility and the various wildlife

The scenery

Peace and Quiet

its open to the public, for people to use for their given interests

the peace and tranquility of walking beside the river

The wildlife

Fantastic countryside views

tranquility

Wildlife, peaceful fishing

The fishing

The women

tranquility , views of the river and the hills, even saw a deer swim across the river once.

Fine view over the hills

The natural peaceful river loacation

Country side, views, nature

It is quiet and you can enjoy the country and river together

Scenery

area of beautiful countryside

Views of countryside

Narrative - Responses

Quiet and tranquil. Beautiful. The river and wildlife.

views

Beautiful views

Walking, views, natural wildlife

It is beautiful, stunning views, happy memories, as a child and with my children!

Peaceful surroundings

The wonderful view to Kelston Round Top and the peace of the river away from the village roads
open air

NATURAL PICTURESQUE LANDSCAPE

A pleasant walking and socialising area by the river

Peaceful, quiet, beautiful, great views, wildlife on and around river

The natural beauty and tranquility of the area

It is very picturesque

The beautiful river and kingfishers

Peaceful area

It was a beautiful relaxing place to walk through as well as being an important natural resource for
insects, birds and mammals

Beauty spot

It was a beautiful relaxing place to walk through as well as being an important natural resource for
insects, birds and mammals

Peaceful and next to the water

Beautiful area, relaxing for a nights stay

The silence and seeing the wildlife when I walk

River, lovely views

The views, changing river scenes, used to fish there as a lad

Peace, tranquility and nature

Beautiful scenery

Everything

The attractive location and fishing

Riverside location

The view

Nature

The wildlife and tranquility

Lovely views. Beautiful riverbank for walks

It has previously been a peaceful area of Outstanding Natural Beauty where we've spotted
Kingfishers and Herons

PEACEFUL WITH LOVELY VIEWS

Beautiful scenery, escape from the busy city

Restful, wonderful views, wildlife, can walk there from home

a local beauty spot and area for leisure

Views to the hills, water, wildlife

scenery and wildlife

It is a beautiful walk along the river

Peaceful location

Narrative - Responses

Beautiful stretch of river perfect for wildlife and people to enjoy

It used to be a quiet semi-rural lane

Proximity and views

The river and undisturbed views to the Cotswolds

Beautiful riverside location.

the riverbank

The wildlife, walking along and sitting by the riverbank

It's closeness to the River, it's wildlife eg Swans, cormorants, kingfishers, otter (once), ducks and the magnificent view up to Kelston Hill

The river and views opposite are beautiful. Wildlife on the river, I've always loved looking for kingfishers and otters.

The views

Formerly peaceful

The beauty of the river and being able to use it and get the most out of it. The nature and wildlife too is fantastic

Access to fields and river path beyond

Natural beauty

The ability to share a beautiful spot and use it for many different activities

It's a pleasant quiet walk along by the river to see wildlife

Seeing the boats and wildlife

Open feeling and view

It is a beautiful spot, ideal to break up the cruise to Bath

Scenery, wildlife and peace and quiet

Access, beauty, Local pubs, swimming

It's the only good mooring on the Avon

The views

Safe place to moor my boat-home

Peaceful River location.

It's close to public transport for me. For my partner is convenient because he can park the car close. Parking can be a nightmare in certain areas

Unspoiled beauty of the river and surrounding hills

its close to my house

The beauty and tranquility that it used to have

The views

It was a lovely spot for fishing and walking but has been ruined by sometimes 20 boats

Peaceful and fishing

The view across the valley

It's peaceful and picturesque

Picturesque outlook over the river to Kelston Round top, country walks and the wildlife.

Beautiful and unspoilt

It is the only place to moor on the river because inconsiderate boaters over stay constantly on the other moorings of which there are not enough anyway come on CRT and move on when you have been there a couple of weeks give everyone else a chance

The river

Beautiful views

Narrative - Responses

(previously) open river bank all year

Tranquility by the river - observing wildlife.

The views, the river and the character of the boats

It's the only 14 day spot on the river and with two young children this is really helpful

It's the only viable two week mooring cursing between bath and bristol

The beautiful views, the flora and fauna.

The view of the hill. I love looking at all the different boats and the life they represent.

Was once a peaceful place to enjoy fishing

It's alongside the river

A user friendly mooring spot for boaters who must use the river to satisfy their cruising requirements

The clear view of the river and fields to Kelston Round Hill

Nice area to have a picnic on the water bank, clean tidy location

The picturesque views and wildlife

The quiet natural environment

Attractive scenery

What was a quiet peaceful rural environment

The views and that is flat and easy for me to walk

The beautiful views over the AONB. Used to love seeing and hearing the wildlife

Fantastic view towards kelston

Its beauty and serenity

it is a beautiful river bank location

THE QUIETNESS AND THE FISHING

Peace and quiet being by water

Peace and quiet

Peace and quiet

Peace and quiet

It's a local calm beauty spot

The peace

Fishing the River

Wildlife and landscape.

The unspoilt view and the wildlife.

The view and tranquility

pleasant countryside, the pub

The views and tranquillity

It's rural setting and the view towards the Lansdown hills

The River views and views towards Kelston Roundhill

The natural location. This is one of the few areas I am able to fish without being a member of an angling club. This allows children to be introduced to fishing without having to join a club. This is a valuable facility provided by the council. I have fished this area for many years. This fishing can be outstanding. Whilst fishing or picnicking I often see many species of birds including beautiful kingfishers. I often see many species of dragonflies.

We used to like stopping there, as the children enjoyed sitting on the bank watching the boats.

The picturesque views of colourful boats on the river, rolling feilds & hills and the Jolly Sailor.

Narrative - Responses

Quiet and scenic

Nature

Looking at the canal boats and scenery

Peaceful spot by the river with the fields and hills in the background

a place to stop the boat

Pleasant

Beautiful

One of the very few safe moorings on the river.

Loved the area

It's one of the very few places on the River Avon where you can moor for 14 days and don't have to basically climb trees to get the boat tied up, not at all easy at my age

Eaze

Easy access to water

Its outstanding beauty & river accessibility

Tranquility and Scenic Views

Tranquility and scenic views

The wildlife

pRETTY

The countryside

I like to visit and sit and enjoy the peace and quiet. It was great as I have mobility issues and I could get near the river without walking far. It's beautiful there.

The view

It's natural beauty, cleanliness and peacefulness.

quiet and peaceful, easy access to river, parking

Don't like it

Pleasant views and nature.

Beautiful views, One of the only easy spots to moor with our children on this part of the river.

The scenery

That it is quiet.

Open space

quiet

safe ,good access for fishing

Beautiful and only mooring on the river

It's a beautiful stretch of river and I can see the hill where I scattered my mother's ashes.

Peacefulness

rural aspects, secure mooring

It was a great place to stop during a cycle ride.

It feels safe and quiet.

Peaceful

The natural scenery, the colourful boats moored along the river and the open fields.

The nature

Natural beauty

The relaxed and natural environment. the lovely boats on the river. the view of open fields

Natural beauty

Narrative - Responses

The (usual) tranquility and peacefulness of the river

It's green and a great place for all people to enjoy

Great pubs

Access to water.

Integration between moorers and holidaymakers/visitors/residents

QUIET RIVER AND COUNTRYSIDE VIEWS

Friends

Great for swimming, fantastic views

It has beautiful views, it's one of the few places you can moor on the river, it's one of the few places you can get your car near your boat

Flora and fauna

The natural beauty of the landscape, wildlife and the friendly boaters

It should be unspoiled

Calm and beautiful spot

The countryside

It is a wonderful place to be able to Moor - it is beautiful and access is not too difficult.

Connection to nature

It's a secret area that has a history. Lovely place to hang out on a sunny day.

The boat community

it's just a mooring spot, nothing special.

Green open space. Pub nearby

The tranquility

That it is quiet.

Green and beautiful

Inhabited landscape blending into open countryside, opportunities for walks, wildlife

The tranquility and quiet. Picturesque and unspoiled

access. the view. safety

Nature diversity of people

It is a beautiful and convenient spot

The canal and seeing the boats in such a beautiful setting.

It's a beautiful spot and easy to access the river

Views

It's a beautiful spot to visit and just off the cycle path.

Countryside. Local facilities (Jolly Sailor)

Beautiful countryside interesting

Perfect short term mooring spot, only stopped for one night every time, used local pubs/shops, walked & cycled

Pleasant apart from a few troublemakers

Beautiful view safe mooring close access to road

Accessibility and Beauty

Friendly people, beautiful scenery, lovely boats

Its tranquility and beauty

Nice walk to pub alongside river, dog walks

The natural beauty

Narrative - Responses

The beauty of the surroundings

Beautiful scenery

Views of the river and the round hill, quiet beauty

Stunning views, quiet.

it's a spot between bath and bristol and it's pretty

Great views

Scenery, including the boats.

Location and space

Beautiful setting

Everything nature and the boats

Peace and quiet and wildlife

The safe river mooring

Peaceful, quiet mooring.

The views, the peace, the countryside, the animals, some of the lovely people and their boats that are moored legally.

the safe mooring, beautiful area, really lovely for children

It's a safe place to moor

the boating community feeling, is a very warm place

Riverside walk, seeing a living river, with boats wildlife, the river being used

Beautiful location, great pubs, canal boats

I love how many different people can access and enjoy the water and the surrounding natural beauty

Mead lane is a beautiful location, and a excellent swimming spot and it is easy to Moore and board my boat which is important as I have a baby.

Safe mooring

Scenic, open views. 2 good pubs, cycle track.

Beautiful locationO

Its a calm beautiful location, that should allow inclusivity to the residents of canal boats. Housing is a problem in the city of Bristol, and canal boats offer an alternative low impact way of living that should not be curtailed

The views and the peaceful location

Its really pretty, and there's often freindly people there

Central and very few moorings for us so this is imperative for us 😊

Being so close to the river

Watching the Boat's

a very convenient and much needed pit stop between Bristol and Bath

Love the scenery, swans one other wildlife and tranquility of the general area

Safe place to stop on the River

Nature, community, alternative life style and opportunity for quieter living

The tranquility and nature.

liked it before it became a travellers transit site but now location is spoilt!

Views and peaceful location

Beautiful location, good bus service to Bath

It's one of the rare places to moor on the river. There's hardly anywhere to Moore. Most of it seems to be rented out to Bathampton Angkesa Association

Narrative - Responses

Quiteness, peace and the wild life

Feels like natural undeveloped location

The scenery. Safe mooring conditions. Road accessible mooring.

Countryside

Its a lovely location, enjoyed by many different river users

History of the working of the river

THE FACT IT WAS ONCE A NICE PLACE TO DRIVE / WALK / LIVE

Easy to meet my friends who live on boats

Easily accessible

Relaxing spot

the view opposite of kelston round hill. close to two good pubs and shops. usually moor there and walk across to the crown and then up the hill and visit the bath cheese place.

Close pubs, views and great moorings on the river

Beautiful spot, convenient location for mooring - without it there are very limited temporary moorings between Bath and Bristol

quiet, pleasant views,

It is within walking distance and offers public access to an AONB

Good bank. Lovely area. Nice views.

Beautiful location

Beautiful countryside, easily accessible by car, bike or boat!

Atmosphere, views, pub, the value of mooring as there is a lack of mooring in the area.

It's a beautiful location, I love seeing the busy river and enjoy meeting boaters & their traditional way of life- we often share a cup of tea and go onboard

Fantastic view and river

Wildlife

The safety of being able to get my child on and off the boat

The beauty of the river

Tranquility

The views, the peace and quiet of the river bank (when there are no boats as in winter) and the wild life on the water and banks. This is a rare spot in the Green Belt where there is easy access to the river bank Before the boats took over it was nice to see families picnic on the banks and it was also a popular fishing spot.

Great space for bats

It's outlook - river across to beautiful countryside and up to Lansdown and the roundhill

beauty of the river and countryside

The tranquility, the wildlife, and access to the river bank plus the formerly uninterrupted views across the river towards the Cotswolds AONB

It's closeness to the river so my grandchildren can feed ducks and enjoy the wildlife

Riverbank and lovely views across to Kelston Round Hill

Visual beauty of the area

It has been a beautiful walk along the river and there used to be all sorts of wildlife on display.

Views of kelston, access to countryside,

Views and relative tranquillity

Location, I have limited mobility and was able to enjoy a few hours fishing but since the boats have taken over all of that has gone. There should be no mooring at all.

Narrative - Responses

Quiet, Peaceful and allows good access for fishing.

Accessibility to community. A lot of the river moorings are remote and it's lovely to be able to be around people and park close to my boat for a couple of weeks.

Open to all

The nature and the boat people

Peaceful riverside

Quiet

Very pretty, nice mooring spot

The natural beauty, wildlife views and tranquility

How beautiful the location is and the wildlife that lives there.

The countryside

Natural tranquility and riverside views., watersports

Tranquil river location with really outstanding views of the Cotswold AONB and somewhere to view the River Avon's wildlife in its natural environment – but only in the winter months now. Great for landscape photography. An important part of Saltford's almost unique natural heritage and a major reason why many residents and visitors like and appreciate Saltford as a rural village close to Bath and Bristol.

It has always been an accessible and especially beautiful stretch of the river, featuring way back into the time when Avon publicity materials presented as one of the county's principle beauty spots.

A peaceful river's edge with stunning and iconic views of the Cotswold AONB countryside enjoyed by many generations of residents and visitors. Ideal for relaxation away from the hectic demands of everyday life that enables villagers, visitors from towns and cities and their families to appreciate nature and the North East Somerset countryside at its best. A jewel in Saltford's crown. Ducks and Mute Swans no longer nest on Mead Lane's riverbank (due to moored boats) which was previously something for young families to observe and enjoy along with the opportunity to observe otters, Kingfishers and many other species of wildlife.

Unspoiled beauty of the river and surrounding hills

It is a good location for older infirm anglers.

The views.

Views.

I like the nature and wildlife that live there. In the summer it's lovely for visitors to enjoy and picnic

It is a beautiful and peaceful area of the river bank and allows views across the local area which are unavailable elsewhere. It is a great asset to local people and the environment.

The view.

the fact there is safe access on/ off the boat for my children (unlike other river locations)

Peaceful and beautiful a convenient stop while cruising the Avon

A very pleasant mooring spot on a river with few places to stop

Peaceful natural space

Environment and beautiful views

The views when the driver is clear and watching the sailing boats.

The beauty of people and nature

It's the only 14 day mooring on the Avon that's near a road

River

Just the stunning location

Availability

Narrative - Responses

It isn't a relatively safe place to moor when the river is in flood.

It is one of only a limited amount of moorings on the journey to Bath and if not available would cause a real problem to move a boat between Bristol and Bath where so few moorings are available.

The view and the boats

Chance to moor there

Lovely part of the river Avon & we like to visit the local pubs.

The tranquility (see next comment).

n

seeing the views and wildlife

It's a beautiful aspect, it's peaceful and a rare mooring on the River Avon

As a continuous cruiser it gives me a safe mooring on the river while I am in the area.

Beautiful views and peaceful

This mooring is a special place that offers a beautiful recreational space for all - boaters and locals alike. It is a very important mooring location in the stretch of the River Avon between Bath & Bristol, which is already very sparse for moorings.

The environment

Pretty location, everyone seems friendly

You can moor there which for that stretch of river is rare

Good place to fish

It is a very nice restful area.

Tranquility

It used to be a great place to sail

The boats

The AONB opposite and the space on the river (that we used to experience for sailing)

Beautiful setting with easy access to cycle path

Nice country walk

Scenery

Beautiful location

Its so beautiful

Very peaceful

Pretty

It's a beautiful mooring and a very rare mooring on the River Avon.

Scenery, wildlife, being by the water

Otters

Views and river

Riverside walks and views

Beautiful views and landscape

Nature and wildlife

Outstanding nature and wildlife

Walking

The river

It's peaceful, beautiful and a lovely place to visit, plus easy access when I take my mum who has mobility problems

Narrative - Responses

Quiet peaceful unspoilt location with uninterrupted views of river and surrounding countryside. I worry that if perminate moorings are allowed that this unsoilt area will change for ever. I remember walking out along the canal in Bath to the pub at Bathampton years ago when the only disturbance to the peace was the occasional barge boat sailing past. Nowadays this towpath has moarings all along the waters edge with debris from the boats either side of the path.

Stunning location

View of Kelston, the river environment

Keep the status quo

Peace, wildlife

Views

It's beautiful! We can moor close to the bank.

Peaceful beautiful river

Riverside setting

View

Friendly boaters who will always help you out

Peaceful

Beauty

Wildlife

Tranquil [mostly] river setting; wildlife, and beautiful views. Also flora on Kelston side of river outstanding beauty and nature

Delightful riverbank, splendid views of Kelston Hill

The wide view, the water and the riverbank.

Nothing it is a terrible ill thought out option for moorings with no supporting infrastrucutre

Lovely peaceful part of the river. One of the few available moorings when cruising

Its peacefulness and riverside sneery across to Kelston Hill

Its riverside location

The splendid views across the river

wonderful environment

wonderful environment

Good environment until the boats arrived

It is a beautiful part of our village.

The baots

It's a decent mooring

There aren't many other places to moor on the river. I like Saltford.

It's natural beauty

The river & wildlife

Beauty, convenience

The peace and beauty of the uninterrupted views and wildlife.

public use of the river

Countryside views, river, and being so close to home

Easy access to the river

The beautiful view

It was peaceful and scenic

The beautiful view

Narrative - Responses

Accessibility, peace, outstanding view

Peace and quiet and prettyness

Enjoying the hitherto 'unspoilt' natural beauty of the location, particularly against the backdrop of the Cotswold Hills.

Views and the tranquillity of the location

One of the few non marina moorings on the Avon

It's beautiful and it's great to see people using the river

Peace and quiet

It is a beautiful scenic location. Furthermore the bank is low risk for mooring (not rocky etc.)

it's a lovely open stretch of canal/countryside view

Very pretty

River Avon is a lovely River and Mead Lane is a good bit

Peace, nature, road access for dropping heavy items from car

Low numbers of vehicle, access to cycle path, great views

Wildlife

Tourism, walking, swimming

Access to cycle path. Ease for loading supplies to my boat in prep for winter

The river, peace & tranquility

Environment

The river

The relaxing atmosphere

The green community space and the boat community

The rural outlook which hasn't changed until now

Outstanding beauty. Look out to countryside.

Views, safety

The open aspect across the river to the fields and beyond

Beautiful river bank location

The view is beautiful and the Bristol to Bath Railway Path is easily accessible. I have seen an otter this summer as well, which was a great moment.

The open countryside and being beside the river

The unspoilt countryside

peaceful location

the view of the river, its fauna and environment

Scenery , wildlife,access to river

Quite a good launch point for Kayaks

Peacefulness.

I is a good location for older infirm anglers.

I don't like it, but it's the only safe mooring on the Avon where you can moor for 14 days.

Potential access to nature and wildlife

The wonderful riverside views and wildlife

It's one of the few moorings close to bristol

Scenery, open spaces

The nature, beauty & tranquility of the area

Being on the water and the beautiful views to Kelston, the peace and quiet.

Narrative - Responses

Nature and the residential narrow boats who are looking after the area

River, countryside views, wildlife, peace.

Nice river mooring

Being near the river, seeing the wildlife on the river, looking across the fields opposite

Views of the unspoilt countryside

Peacefulness

The outstanding beauty, peacefulness and wildlife.

Countryside, nature, community access and leisure opportunities

The view. The cleanliness of the river

Beautiful scenery & views

It's open beauty

Views & Peaceful nature of location

It's open, peaceful lots of wildlife available for river users to use.

The Nature

It is a beautiful spot and it is nice for swimming and canoeing. Some of the very friendly residents.

The view and the local walks

Lovely location to walk

Its quiet location and stunning scenery and views

view / countryside

Calm and pleasant riverside location for a wide range of leisure users and wildlife

The view from the river to the hills beyond

peaceful location, good pub, access to cycle path

It's beauty, easy/safe mooring for my family

natural beauty and wildlife

The beautiful location. The river, the wildlife

Views and river access

an area once known for its tranquillity and focus on a natural environment with a harmony between people and nature. A place to stroll in the evening and to start a wonderful walk along the river footpath and out into the Saltford country side using the foot pathshse

A pleasant place to stop for lunch or for the night, bearing in mind such places are few and far between on this river

Peace and quiet

rural

Quiet countryside

It's a peaceful calm place to take a walk and enjoy the beauty of the area with fab views across to the Cotswolds

It's beautiful

Good pub. Access to the cycle path.

Beautiful views across the water

The peace and quiet and tranquility, the views and unspoilt rural area

I had my baby there in 2015

The absolutely stunning landscape that the surrounding hills provide, and the river as both a natural haven of tranquility and the boating community of which I am a part of.

Scenery tranquility

Nature and open space

Narrative - Responses

Variety and colour

It is one of the few safe, non-isolated (for a lone woman) and accessible places to moor on the river

Its proximity to the cycle track for commuting

Quiet location, wildlife and sailing club

It's quiet and pretty, it's close to the cycle path to commute to work and there is a place to park the car.

Tranquility

It's a beautiful and convenient place to moor

It's a lovely place to be

Natural beauty

Access to countryside

Peaceful, wildlife

An opportunity to watch wildlife and photograph same, especially rare insects such as the Scarce Chaser dragonfly which breeds along the riverbank. Kingfishers and Sand Martins also breed in the area.

It's attractive

Seeing the boats

Ease of access, safe spot on the river to moor, close to local amenities including doctors

It's beauty

The river frontage, boats and other users of the river

Quiet location

A reasonable mooring facility.

It's beautiful

Being able to moor

Being able to moor up and enjoy the location

The river

The beauty of the river and countryside

Easy access to transport

The stunning scenery and quiet spot for dog walking

It is a stunning location

The views, wildlife, walking and all on our doorstep.

It's close to the village & main road but feel like you are in the countryside! Peaceful. Calm. Tranquil.

Close to road. Easy access to water

Local countryside

The boats and the wildlife

Attractive countryside

I don't like anything about the Mead Lane moorings

It was a short trip from the marina.

Quiet

Lovely views

Was lovely

I have to go down the river to comply with distance i need to travel to get my license. Mead lane is a safe temporary place to moor on the river with my young children if it is taken away i would be

Narrative - Responses

risking their safety by trying to find wild moorings. I don't think anyone wants to put children lives at risk in this blatant greenwash attempt

The tranquility and the wildlife

the view and the boats

It was the peace and quiet with the views where you could go to fish

It's beauty, it's community vibe, pretty boats that home friendly canal families, pub near by, idea it is a common space for lots of different people

Accessibility

its rural tranquility

it has easy access to cars, and is a beautiful location and \ great place to swim, both Pubs do lovely food and are very friendly ,

the quietness and nature

Community, views

The views and wildlife

This is a stupid question

It is one of the few places to stop overnight between Bath and Bristol on the river, it has great views and local facilities.

Walking in a natural beauty location

It is one of teh fw K&A mmoorings that allow a narrowboat to get alongsode without use of the plank.

Peace and tranquility

Nice place that adds to the number of available moorings

The overall character of village and boating communities

Views and wildlife

The water

A lovely peaceful local amenity

West end of K&A

open air

beautiful environment; nature in and on the river

Peaceful beautiful rare river mooring.

peaceful

Peaceful back to nature feel between two big citiea

Riverside location overlooking the Cotswold AONB and the opportunity to observe wildlife with a relatively unspoilt countryside setting. A beauty spot where individuals and families alike can enjoy a peaceful riverside experience in stunning surroundings.

the scenary

Its beautiful

Countryside and convenience - moorings are not plentiful in the area.

open views

Remoteness

Natural beauty

nice place to stop overnight

The scenery

Somewhere to legally moor. Nice views and easy access to road. Sewhere

The access it gives to an AONB and the opportunity to enjoy the river and riverbank.

Narrative - Responses

near saltford

Close proximity to the town

Wildlife, tranquility

The peace that is there, and the beauty of the river, fields and hill ridge.

Access

Wildlife.

It's beauty

It was a very tranquil part of Saltford, very enjoyable walk

Peaceful location

Access to the boat and admiring the views and the wild life

Scenically delightful

The view over the fields opposite

Tranquility

The country side, fresh air. The view.

Tranquillity, scenery

It's serenity

The countryside location, local wildlife etc.

Peaceful spot with plenty of wild life

Tranquility and views

Look at life on the water

Picturesque veiws

nice walking location

Wonderful views, herons, watersports etc. on the river

The wildlife and trees.

Close to the cycle path/ bus route. affordable mooring.

Beautiful scenery. Access to a lovely area

Views of Kelston Round Hill, the variety of boats moored along the riverbank

a good area for nature and wildlife to thrive

Nature, the river, the views.

The views

It's a beautiful location, and provides much needed moorings on the Avon

Waterside community in a tranquill setting

Lovely location or was

The peace and quiet, the beauty and the wildlife

Open aspect. Views.

access

Peace and quiet. The mooring. They are rare on this river

Outstanding natural beauty

Somewhere to moor for a couple of days.

Peaceful natural wildlife habitat and birws

The beauty of the river and the landscape

Quiet, beautiful and wild life

Quiet

It is beautiful countryside an attractive part of the village

Narrative - Responses

It's beauty

The beauty of the location

The view

Views and boats

View of Kelston.

The colourful variety of boats

View across river, quiet location (as was)

Unspoilt natural beauty

The view of kelston, and seeing the river being enjoyed

It was a beautiful place to live before the boaters turned up

accessibility

Easy parking for fishing

the views

The open view across to Kelston round hill

Lots of boats, beautiful river, safe as its populated, the view, the river

The beautiful views and wildlife.

It used to have plenty of wildlife, not now the boats are there.

Beautiful views and previously uncluttered river bank

Lovely scenery. Convenient for brief stop on the way to and from Bristol

Peaceful

Beautiful area

Picturesque

It's convenient on a long trip back to the canal

It is peaceful and there was plenty of wildlife

Peace and quiet and beautiful scenery

Beautiful views and feeding the water birds

Lovely location

It's beautiful and peaceful

Beautiful surroundings, quiet people

The beauty

It was peaceful and quiet along the river

Views

Views, peace and quiet

Quiet, views, wildlife

It's a nice mix of locals and boaters. Beautiful spot

The views

Peacefulness

Walking either side of the river

Scenery

The Wildlife and views to Kelston

Great walk

The peace and quiet that is no longer 🙄

Beautiful location

Idyllic rural scenery

Narrative - Responses

Gorgeous views and peace and quiet

Nature, the characterful boats and range of activities people do there

The view

pretty area

The Tranquility and it's so picturesque

Pretty location, views and wildlife

Wildlife

Nature, peace and beauty of natural surroundings

It's peaceful, tidy and the views of the countryside

Used to be quiet and beautiful place to walk

It's beauty. Fishing. Watching wildlife

Beauty of the area.

It used to be quiet, peaceful and tranquil

It's a peaceful location with good access by road and the cycle path

There are always interesting boat community members passing through. Oh and the sunrise view.

It's beautiful

Beautiful views and calmness.

The view

It's a beautiful spot that lots of people enjoy

The countryside and beauty of the river and river wildlife

Convenience

The river, wildlife and views

Views and water

A nice setting

The views and the peace

Scenery peace

View

The scenery and openness of the fields opposite the river

It provides essential access to enable continuous cruisers to complete their minimum distance. It is the only 14 day mooring available on the river Avon and is essential to preserve the way of life

It's a pretty and aslo very relaxing location, it boosts my mental health

The beautiful scenery, river and Kelston

Access and rural environment

The Wildlife

The narrowboats ability to moor

The views and the wildlife

the river, swimming in the river, the peace, the views.

Safe, quiet location

Stunning views

The view from my duck hatch

Attractive and interesting place to walk

Easy acces to sitting on rivr bank, watching all activities on water

It's a beautiful place to moor there and as I Seidel earlier it's one of a few SAFE places to moor on the river with a baby on board.

Narrative - Responses

Quite area relaxing

The mix of things one can do there and the closeness to local pubs and public transport. Lovely place to moor our boat but also visit there even without boat.

Peaceful and picturesque

Location, access to Jolly Sailor

River and its wild life

Natural beauty and wildlife

Beautiful view handy for local facilities

The river wildlife

Scenery

The river

lovely spot

Picturesque setting. Friendly locals (both boaters and residents)

Stunning surroundings, close to cycle track

Its general environment

beautiful

Lovely location

Scenery and ease of getting to and from car

The views

Convenient sailing location.

Its peaceful

idyllic views

fishing

Halfway between Bath and Bristol. A vital mooring.

The boats, community, wildlife

One of the few mooring places on the river with vehicle access.

It's beautiful and the pubs are lovely

Ease of road access & river view

Beautiful

A rare mooring opportunity on the Avon

Very peaceful

Open countryside / river and the overall ambiance

Access to nature

It is very pretty and a safe harbour where there a very few moorings

Beautiful location, nice pubs and good access to our car when we are moored there

Pretty

River and views

bikable pace where you can sit by the river and relax

Picturesque location, the river, water sports and history of the area

It's a beautiful place in a good location

the natural beauty and views

Beautiful location.

Stunning scenery

The view and the tranquility of the lane and the wildlife

Narrative - Responses

Easy access

The mixed use of narrow boats cyclists wildlife always feels calm

Peace and high quality environment

Open Access to a small stretch of open water, used for fishing, sailing, canoeing and other sports

Peace and the views

Lovely rural location.nice man from bains collecting rubbish

quiet, pleasant views,

The views

Scenic

Beautiful views, lovely countryside, wildlife haven, community atmosphere

It is just a delightful spot

The view and it's safe

The natural beauty of the area including the nature and wildlife of the river and surrounding areas.

It's beautiful, it's on my cruising route, I can swim in the river there, the pub is nice, the fields are great to walk the dog in, it great for access as the car can be close and necessary things can be achieved like taking laundry/loading with wood to keep warm/carrying gas bottles to the boat to cook with.

Openness to the country side

Convenience and local facilities

so beautiful

The view

The view of Kelston round hill. The wildlife. The moored boats. The sailing boats.

Quiet

Beautiful views and quiet location

The beauty, the community

Beautiful views. One of the few places on the Avon to moor

It's location

its calm and pretty

Boats

Its a very beautiful spot,i enjoy mooring up for a weekend while on trips to bath.i also enjoy fishing from the safe and comfortable banks.

It's a beautiful spot. There's a couple of good pubs, and good road access. But mostly I moor there because it's the only place to moor between my permanent mooring and bath. It's too far to travel to bath in one day.

It's such a beautiful location. Handy pubs and always nice to see (and chat) with different boats and boaters there.

The view of the river with all it's wildlife

Until recently Mead lane provided a quiet road and stretch of river which was open to everyone to enjoy be it sailing, boarding, fishing, rowing or simply sitting.

River View. Wildlife sighting (diminished)

The beautiful riverside and views

Beautiful scenery and peaceful for walking my dog

The view is stunning

Views

Narrative - Responses

the view of the Cotswolds AONB is amazing, the access to the river and spots to sit and picnic with my family (before the mooring trial was initiated) and the wildlife...

The openness and views across to Kelston

open countryside



APPENDIX 8 – Q8 – What do you like least about the Mead Lane location

Narrative - Responses

The congestion and mess

Unable to see the River and Wildlife

The unsightly outlook of what was once a beautiful peaceful place, spoilt by some makeshift boats that appear to be unrivier worthy! And the rubbish strewn upon the riverbank spoiling a beautiful place.

now not able to fish

The inconsiderate boaters and people living in vans!

Pollution

The tension between residents & boaters since the mooring trial began.

The boats which moor up along the riverbank are scruffy and unkempt. They ruin the appearance of the local area. Some of the occupants of the boats can be intimidating, sat out during the summer drinking and making comments as you walk past. This past summer there was an obvious pungent smell of 'weed'. It's no longer a pleasant environment to walk with your family and I certainly wouldn't feel comfortable doing so at night. The boats double moor and they have no regard for the wildlife as demonstrated by them mooring over the otter sign at the end of Mead Lane. In terms of hygiene, for those that were moored two weeks plus during the summer without moving, where was their waste going??

Occasional aggravation from some local residents when moored there.

The current situation with live aboard boaters and van dwellers have monopoly of river and road, ruining area for residents and others

Any litter or damage

Solid Moorings blocking riverine views

It can be busy with quite a bit of traffic on the lane although we always either walk down or use a bike. The recent appearance of sundry boats has not helped.

Increase in rubbish, noisy anti social behaviour from boaters

parking on the verge, nose to tail moorings

Dogs

When all the quiet activities enjoyed over the years are threatened in any way

Nothing

Pedestrian safety -lack of lighting and pavement

Too many boats mooring there. The destruction of the riverbank

No access to river these days along quite a stretch as boats seem to be permanently moored there. We used to feed the ducks and see swans, haven't seen any along there for some time

Rubbish adjacent to moored boats

The canal boats lining up along the edge , even 2side to side .r

vehicles, parked or speeding by

The cars driving too fast with small children around

debris and rubbish accumulated around boats

The permanent house boat moorings alongside the road and the obstruction these cause.

TRAFFIC

Lots of cars parked along by river makes it difficult and dangerous for children to pass safely

Narrative - Responses

It can look a bit messy, with cars parked along the river's edge

It has become messy (the banks) and at times very congested.

The thought of more boats

Parking of cars

The lack of access to the river caused by the moored boats. The boats are often moored bow to stern which prevents access to the river. There are often boats 'rafted' two or three deep on the moorings so the river can hardly be seen let alone accessed.

Animosity

This is one of the regions beauty spots, the two pictures on Banes website show how picturesque the Saltford riverside is, without mooring boats Sadly in the last three years the riverbank has become at terrible mess, damage to the plant life along the banks, posts removed, trees used for mooring, parking on the banks. the road and riverbanks used as place of work, visitors encouraged to stay overnight in vans and campervans, dogs not on lead and wandering into the road and defecating on the river bank. Three times in one morning one dog was in the road, when asked the owner to put the dog on a lead for the dogs safety, was told to "f### off." I saw someone using arc welding without screens whilst pedestrians including children walking past just metres away. One boat owner thought it was fine to have his car on precariously propped up on bricks all day. There is no footpath along the Lane and when there is traffic, pedestrians are forced to walk along the river side of the road often adjacent to boats and associated Health and Safety issues or indiscreet behaviour and language. Living at the northern end of Mead Lane, I consider myself extremely fortunate that I do not live alongside the river, which has become a travellers camp marina, which Banes Council has created without any planning, facilities, monitoring, and without full consultation with residents, interested parties and organisations. The previous Banes Council undertook this "boating trial", to perhaps "pacify live aboard boaters, cleared from near Poultney Bridge and the site of the new Bath Quays". Now that the building works have been finished perhaps Banes might move them back to that area, if they feel they have a responsibility to them. I am certain that many of these people are responsible and not likely cause damage and anti-social behaviour. Sadly, from the evidence seen here, there seems to be an element who are unsuitable.

The damage that has been done by the very poor management and enforcement by BANES of the trial and the usage by boaters of this stretch of Mead Lane. This is damage to the nature, environment, riverbank, the local community and visitors to Mead Lane. Also highly important and again through the lack of management and enforcement by BANES are the many Health and Safety hazard created by some of the boaters. These are hazards to all the users of the Lane. I understand that the riverbank was repaired to prevent erosion of the river bank to protect from collapse the roadway of Mead Lane and I am therefore concerned that use of the river bank for mooring could increase damage to the river bank. I fully support both Saltford Parish Council's and The Saltford Environment Group's policy on the mooring trial and the future use of Mead Lane.

Moored boats blocking all the above

Unauthorised moorings and resulting litter and debris

attitude of local residents in the houses

Nothing in particular

Traffic and too many boats

The present situation

All the boats moored up

No bins service at all and no water point.. local residents can be very abusive and demeaning.

Cluttered, ropes all over bank, dogs off leads junk, noise and smoke from generators ruined river bank and verges.

Too many boats and mess

Narrative - Responses

Cars - parked cars

Traffic, long term visitor parking and the current mooring situation

Parking

The propensity for it to be damaged at a time when we're already fighting hard to preserve our environment.

Current situation with live aboard boats and overnight sleeping in vans outside our house

The parked cars making it almost impossible to walk safely along Avon Lane

Some of the ugly houses

If it was not for CART enforcement I would not navigate on the Avon at all because of the harassment of boaters by local residents in Mead Lane, taking photos, noting boat names and numbers, being abusive and trying to manufacture accusations that boaters leave rubbish etc when these are deliberately left by the residents to discredit the boaters

hostility of local house residents, parking difficulties

Mooring infringement, the eyesore caused by boats in inappropriate condition, antisocial behaviour of those whose boats they are and damage caused to the environment.

The lack of policing for 48 mooring

The loss of the serenity of the area, the amount of vehicles that are now parking along the river and further up the road making access even more difficult, the increased effluent into the water and on the banks especially as this is a health hazard for the young people who enjoy their watersports, the reduction of the fisherman along the river banks, the mess along the verges created by some of the boating community

Parked cars

How busy it can get with cars in the hot weather, but is good revenue for the locals.

The racing cars to and from the pub and the litter created by those staying along the river banks

Nothing

The traffic and riverbank being destroyed

How busy it is becoming

Rubbish left on bank site by boaters

Rubbish left by boaters on riverside

Rubbish left by boats

moored up and cluttered up boats and river banks etc

moored boats

the odd ignorant driver that comes along

Seeing all lived in boats moored up

Driving down the roads leading to it

Access difficult on occasions

Bust traffic at times

There's nothing not to like

Some scruffy public and private areas

Moored boats, often with generators/engines running, and generally untidy

The moorings, clutter & domestic paraphernalia which obscures the view and access to the water's edge and the bank

Houseboat mess

The uncertainty surrounding its current mooring status.

Too many moored boats, causing pollution, damage to public and private property, almost 44% now overstay stated mooring times, many boat owners use the lane as a workshop to repair their boat, or weld/repair their vehicles as the public walk by and without regard to safety of others,

Narrative - Responses

use the river bank as their toilet, abuse residents, some even drag smaller cruising boats out directly over the river bank without regard for the damage they cause the structure of the bank. the increase in boats tying up along the riverbank, including tying around trees as well as bikes .chairs and other items on the bankside and the trampling down of the area !

disapproving residents

Rubbish. Too much on road parking.

Occasionally feels unsafe when walk with the traffic

mooring of untidy boats

Traffic - too many of both cars and pedestrians

The old vans and old boats and extra rubbish

The rubbish and rickety old boats that have accumulated

only one bench if you want to sit and take in the view

Traffic / stuck residents in posh houses who think they own the river

Traffic

Excessive numbers of less than attractive boats

Can't ever get in as people outstay there time. No effective policing

Traffic and poor public house

Too many boats mooring and car parking on verge

Rubbish present from the moorings

Rubbish present from the moorings

the tattier boats

The possibility that what has been for as long as I have lived in "Saltford" 41 years, a peaceful place could change and become congested.

Currently too many moored boats, the traffic and difficulty with access to the area.

residents complaining unnecessarily

Scruffy boats, cars and vans parked carelessly on grass verge, and rubbish / debris/ pollution from above.

Boats mooring

Moored boats and barges

Boat moorings and poor road surface

The untidy boats mooring on the river bank. They are an eye sore.

Nothing

Rubbish

vans/cars parked up, occasionally rubbish strewn,

The obstruction of the river-bank with moorings

Boats mooring casually

Traffic

Boats

Eyesore of moorings

The narrow boats

nothing I do not like about it.

Shabby & decrepid boats moored along the roadside and debris dumped on the riverbank by the boat owners

The result of the over mooring of houseboats which are moored nose to tail during the spring and summer months some moving on regularly only to be replaced as they swap positions denying access for other river users such as family picknickers, fisher people, canoeists, artists and others.

Narrative - Responses

The associated parking of the boat dwellers vehicles and live aboard vehicles of various types in the lane causing congestion and forcing visitors including disabled to park elsewhere families with children and walkers to walk in the narrow roadway with its obvious dangers. Pollution caused by the overuse of the river/riverbank as a permanent boat dwellers location including; NOISE The regular running of boat engines and/or generators to recharge batteries for hours on end (its like the constant drone of having a large truck outside the house running its engine for hours on end). The use of electric tools to complete repairs and refits of boats and/or vehicles such as electric saws, drills, grinders and welders for excessive periods (THIS IS NOT A BOATYARD). Late night parties on boats with music together with early morning disturbances, (I have witnessed drunken brawling as early as 7am with drunks sleeping it off on the bank during the day!). WATER Leakage of fuel oil into the river and general discharge of "waste" water. AIR As a result of the long running engines as mentioned the air fills with diesel fumes which hang around the valley, so much so that you not only smell it but at times can taste it in the air. with tyge house windows open it gets into the house and lingers. We worry about air quality around roads but appear to take no account of the air/fumes coming from boats and affecting the dwellings and people using the river/riverbank. RIVERBANK Disturbance and damage to the plant and animal life along this stretch of water, the obvious signs include the reduction in the appearance of waterfowl (Ducks, swans, moorhens, herons who now rarely now nest or visit the area. I'm told that the affect on the invertebrates is catastrophic! Instances of Boat/VAN dwellers using the Riverbank (and domestic gardens) as toilet facilities. It is now winter and most of the boats have moved on as the river flooding season is here except we now have; One large boat moored while being refitted (THIS IS NOT A BOATYARD) One used regularly as a "Rental" boat moored/stored with no one in attendance. One which was towed here so I assume has no operational engine or power just "dumped and One narrow boat stored and unattended most tied to trees which is likely to cause additional damage particularly with the faster flowing water in the rainy season.

Unofficial boatyard

The overstaying visiting boats and the way they abuse the area and the overnight sleeper vans.

The number of boats moored preventing us getting near the rivers edge to feed the ducks and look for wildlife in the water . Bicycles etc on the verge the amount of traffic and the speed they drive.

Disruption to the above caused by moorings

N/A

Lane is too narrow for large lorries and parked cars

Little, waste, noise, stray dogs, loud music

It has become run down, littered, and looks an eyesore. It discourages me and my family from using the area.

The poor condition of the river banks, litter and rubbish.

Seeing some boats illegally tied to trees etc

Untidy boats and unwelcoming residents

being used as a rubbish dump lately

litter left by visitors and the mess from some boat owners

Nothing

Boat traffic damaging the precious habitat

all the litter

Traffic

the boats mooring and disturbing the local wildlife .

Cars park on River bank causing traffic and danger. Boaters leaving their belongings and rubbish along the bank.

Narrative - Responses

Abuse received by residents, litter left by picnickers, noisy groups, Dogs fouling the area.

Traffic

The number of boats that are now moored there

the number of long term moorings there.

The old and dilapidated boats that are now moored there along with many cars and vans and the noise associated with them.

litter

traffic

Motor traffic and moored boats

Traffic

House boats spoiling the beauty and no doubt polluting the river

Busy road

all the boats

Moored boats and the impact they have on the river bank including litter

The unsightly mess that has recently appeared along the river in the form of shabby boats & vehicles parking on the white lines & just about everywhere, taking away ALL that is lovely along the river

Too many people in the summer!

Not as nice as it could be. Need to make more of this local asset

Traffic

The parking during summer periods

Nothing

River congestion and pollution. Air noise from low flying commercial planes.

The dirt there from the residents of the boats

Rubbish being dumped there

Cars driving and too many boats moored along the river bank

At the moment the disruption of a once peaceful and pleasant river walk

nothing

the untidy areas of the area

Litter, damage to the banks

untidiness

traffic, scruffiness, loss of peace

The mess from the boats left on the side of the riverbank

Abuse by a small group of people

Traffic congestion and undesirable moorers and their dogs and untidiness

Large vessel moored for short and long periods damaging the riverbank and polluting the environment

It is now a scruffy unpleasant area full of rubbish and you can no longer walk on the grass verges as they are too overgrown.

Untidy boats, mess on the river bank.

The rubbish

The difficulties with traffic coming along and not being able to drive through smoothly, because of vehicles parked on the side of the road

over development and access issues

NA

There is nothing I dislike about Mead Lane.

Narrative - Responses

Amount of traffic

The number of boats moored there & parked cars
cars on side of the road, boats taking up all the bank space
buildup of river traffic seemingly permanently on river bank

Traffic

Cars travelling too fast.

Traffic levels from waterworks and cars parked on the road alongside boats
Ruined by a shanty town of travellers in boats who pay nothing and over stay their

Occasional pockets of hostility/photographs taken without permission

It should be a nice spot to enjoy the views or scenery, but too often there are cars parks all the way along it spoiling the view and making it too busy and also unsafe to walk along with young children.

Litter

The cars parked on river bank.

I dislike the fact that nobody seems to look after the area. We regularly remove rubbish as we walk but some is too large and heavy to carry. The boats moored to the bank ignore restrictions, which are not enforced apparently. Some boats are in a state of disrepair and quite neglected. Ducks and swans which were quite a normal sight when we moved here 4 years ago are no longer in evidence and it has been a long time since we have seen a fishes jumping in the river. It is becoming neglected and depressing.

General feeling of neglect- derelict buildings and boats in a poor state of repair

Pollution

nothing

Mess

the residents

Nowhere to park by the river when there are cars alongside the boats, I've noticed a decline in the wildlife on the river since the moorings have been there, not so peaceful anymore

The smell of boat exhaust fumes and campervans parked along the river

Traffic

The narrow boats and various craft of indeterminate origin, some in poor condition. People manning these craft have been seen by me "skinny dipping" which is not acceptable behaviour in my view.

The effect on the environment of the recently moored barges/boats

Nothing in particular

Aquatic tramps (the behaviour of people moored on poorly maintained boats)

noisy residents and unsocial behaviour

Scruffy

Prone to flooding

over the last few yrs. moored upboats, under repair etc. noise, mess, litter on the bank. also, floats, some, scum, fuel. etc @ the waters edge, parked, vans, pickups, small trucks. all reducing the road to single track, which means the BANES. Water Board & pub lorries, mount & damage the grass verge. Children have been hurt when walking on the grass bank, from the hidden (grass) mooring staks & lines. It appears fewer holiday boats (one nighters) are able to moor ! .

The mess and unsightly 'scrap' boats left on the river there

Litter

The rubbish and unsociable behaviour that you see there occasionally

Narrative - Responses

Buildings and cars

Tyre marks on the grass verge

The Rubbish. Lack of suitable walk ways and the human impact

The riverbank is now ugly and unusable.

The mooring of the boats and barges there has led to problems with rubbish, occasional antisocial behaviour from certain parties, and a bespoiling of the river bank habitat. This should without doubt be an area prohibited for moorings and, instead, encouraged into a Natural wildlife reserve. Currently, the unsightly vessels moored there and the damage to the bank caused by vehicles.

Moorings

Rather untidy

traffic

Boat clutter and litter

Riverbank being spoilt by rubbish associated with boats

mess caused by boat berths

Not suitable for long term moorings

long stay parking of cars and canal boats

Can be busy with cars and barges particularly in the summer

Old wreck boats, using bank as builders yard

Traffic on narrow road.

RUBBISH

The mess from moored boats and spoiled views

The river bank crowded with boats, vehicles, clutter and sometimes rubbish.

litter

numerous boats 'claiming' bank as their garden

Nothing

The mess

Poor footpaths

Litter, would be good to add screens to allow changing

The area becoming like a trash yard

The rubbish and spoilt river banks

Long stay moorings / Heavy traffic

snobby residents, who want to keep it all for themselves,.. very selfish.

too busy in the summer and the fact that the riverbank is showing signs of deterioration

Any attempt to spoil the view as God created it.

Boats moored up making a mess

litter and too many houseboats

Lots of moored boats

Boats

The otters

cars, house boats parking, and using the verge for BBQs, and their possessions

Untidy boats and parked vehicles creating a hazard to invalid walkers such as myself

River gipsies mooring along the almost entire length

cars, house boats

The mess and human waste left by moored boats

Busy traffic

Narrative - Responses

pollution and environmental risk to the river and bankside. location.

When it gets busy - boats and day trippers.

Intimidating boaters plus their boat moorings mean you can't walk along the bank

N/A

I rarely see the wildlife,inc the swans,that have always been present in the past

Too many cars parked.also boats moored for too long.

Heavy traffic at times through to the Pub at weekends and parking on the river bank also now moorings which look out of place.

litter

UNSIGHTLY RUBBISH

Next to the river - watching the boats

Cars

Nothing it's beautiful

The traffic occasionally

The rubbish that has appeared on the banks

Lots of boats

It has become tip, associated with the mooring of boats, the parking of the owners vehicals and their extended presence has undermined the viability of the area as an accessible window for all to enjoy into the natutal history of Salltford

Random boats and vans

The damage to and obstruction of the habitat caused by the mooring of boats and the constant presence of their human occupants and their pets ugh the (especially to the mature trees and the trampling ling down of plant life) caused by the mooring on the riverside with its attendant dangerous congestion alongside what is already a busy and narrow lane. There is also the impact of human pollution both on the bank and the in river itself.

Rubbish on the banks and visitors sitting on the bank smoking pot openly with families around on warm sunny days.

Overstaying moored boats

seeing litter on the riverbank and bottles,car wheels, etc in the river

Pub traffic

Nothing

dangerous walking sometimes

Road

The untidy boats limiting access

Beautiful views of river, meadows Kelston and Lansdown

The boats with permanent cars parked next to them

Pollution and disturbance of wildlife by boats and associated vans and cars parked next to them

I'm concerned that the current moorings there are physically affecting the river bank itself as well as any wildlife that inhabits or feeds from the bank there. I'm not sure whether they were from temporary moorings but I've also seen really antisocial behaviour this summer - groups of loud young males, more than must live on a boat, drinking and smoking, standing on the bank and road - and have felt for the people living in Mead Lane. My 12-yr old nephew was also bitten by a barge dog as he walked past a few months ago.

CAN BE QUITE BUSY WITH WESSEX WATER AND OTHER VEHICLES

How cluttered it has become

narrow road, worst when vans are parked along there

is unsuitable and impracticable for moorings which require continual management

Narrative - Responses

Parked vehicles, traffic, crowded bank

invasion of boats, van and cars

At present the boats and rubbish at the edge of river, also the cars travel too fast

Long term car and van parking and mooring

Moored canal boats restricting use of river and polluting the area

It has become a threatening enclosed area

Current car parking / increase in rubbish / increase in mooring boats

Fast Traffic

At present the overbearing presence of boats and barges

The mooring of the boats

All the boats which have recently appeared, spoiling the riverbank, with their rubbish and unsightly boats. It is totally unacceptable that people have misused the area in recent months!!

Litter left after BBQs and noisy music from boats

Overused and busy road and waterway. I live and work down Mead Lane. The Wessex water traffic is inevitable, however sometimes the parking along the road and overstaying house boaters are an issue

The boats moored along the river bank and the heavy vehicles driving to and from Wessex Water

The mess and lack of consideration for others

The location gets extremely busy and sometimes over run with boats moored. I know they often overstay and are very loud. Sometimes nowhere to get in and out of the river when swimming or kayaking

parked vehicles

How busy the small road gets sometimes...and litter

People not respecting the place and leaving litter in the summer months and driving too fast under the bridge at the bird in hand

Nothing really, water works and pub makes traffic inevitable

The local teenagers who leave rubbish

The sailing club

The residents there is a tension, they do not engage or say morning/evening etc

The permanent moored boats and restricted access to the river bank

local residents antisocial behaviour, the feeling of being unwelcome

Nothing

Boats blocking said views & litter

Viciousness of abuse by local residents, it's really not called for, they are all rich and educated so they should know better to pick on people who are poorer than they are.

Traffic, unauthorised parking and residential mooring.

just the feeling that the neighbours don't want me there

additional boats and disruption from more people, general litter

the number of moored boats

The cars parked along the road and not being able to see the river due to all of the boats

Traffic and parking makes it unsafe to walk

They have damaged the banks, the trees and plants. We can't get there to fish after being fishing since I was six. Dog mess everywhere with rubbish and other stuff on the banks. If you complain they tell you f off.

To many cars

n/a

Nothing

Narrative - Responses

The unregulated parking, the traffic jams which we get during the summer months and the unrestricted parking on the river bank by transit/traveller vans and their associated boats which monopolise the river bank all year long.

Boats in the way of river access

Nothing it is great nice view, quiet road a pub and the people are friendly good walks for the dog and adjacent to the cycle path...oh and a post office up the way, and the book stall and the other pub

Litter

Congestion on the riverbank

(currently) boats moored eternally in summer along much of bank, obscuring view, degrading wildlife habitat, associated road vehicles cluttering up the road, etc.

Current despoilation of the river bank and surrounding area.

If cars drive too fast along the road

It seems locals would prefer boats not to moor there

Hard to say. It's a great mooring

Boats moored there are spoiling the views and causing considerable damage to the environment.

People from the boats are behaving in an antisocial manner and engaging in criminal activity.

Nothing, it is fine just as it is.

Full of river craft, parked cars, litter, noise no where to fish

cars going by

Pressure on space

The sight of some of the less well maintained boats

Boats mooring/ leaving a mess

Boats moored and litter

The area has been occupied by people living on boats moored along this length

Scenery ruined by ugly boats

The area has been occupied by people living on boats moored along this length

I used to go there every day but it has been taken over by boats. Some are pleasant but there are some very rude and abusive people who don't have their dogs on leads and let them foul the banks and go for dogs on leads. I only go at weekends when someone can take me.

Camper vans etc. associated with the boats. seeing the destruction of the river bank and wildlife.

Vehicles associated with boats clogging up the narrow road and posing a danger to others. Health and safety and environmental issues though mainly!!

all the boats moored there in the summer months

Boats mooring without respect for the environment or the residents

being spoiled by refuse /pollution from boats

THE BOATS MOORED ALONG THE BANKS.

Racing along Mead Lane by some morons

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The ugly unkept boats moored there for weeks on end.

Being confronted by residents that feel boaters are getting what they have cheaper, and think the mooring enforcement is under their authority.

Illegally moored vessels that are interfering with the fishing, the rights of which are leased to the Bathampton Angling Association by the Duchy Of Cornwall

Moored boats

Narrative - Responses

Abundance of parked vehicles and moored boats.

The cars & traffic - my children are still young enough for this to be stressful.

Peoples lack of care for the area.

long term mooring

Not enough places to stop and enjoy the view

Destruction of the riverbank

The traffic to the pub

The moorings

In recent years the area has become occupied by many boats. Many seem to be more or less permanent. These boats seriously restruct areas available for fishing or picnicking. The area has become too used and 'scruffy' that conflicts with the natural environment. The area is no longer relaxed and a threatening feel pervades. In simple terms the presence of the boats has ruined this, what was a very valuable area.

The unsavoury types that seem to moor there lately.

The more jarring of the modern buildings, incongruous with the quaint landscape.

Too busy in summer

Boaters

Nothing. Great location for all in my opinion.

Too many boats now moored here

moorers that over stay

Intimidation

Harassment and abuse from residents when walking my dog.

Locals being aggressive

the attitude of some of the people who live in the houses, they are REALLY nasty towards boaters and do all sorts of things that they themselves weould not tolerate for a minute if it was done to them, harassment.

Busy

Boats moored on access points

boat moorings blocking access

Rubbish from boats, foul language, dogs off leads recently

Rubbish from boats, foul language,dogs off lead recently

The pompous nature of the residents!

LACK OF PARKING

Tbe overstaying by some boaters who hog the moorings

I can't get near the river anymore as all the banks are full of boats. Also the bank has been ruined by the over use , dumping of rubbish and boat owners belongings. I don't go often now due to the boats, but I used to go there a lot

Speeding cars, no pavement and large lorries going to the sewage works

At present boats with people living on them.

Far too congested due to too many boats. Many outstay their allotted time. Waste and human excrement.

Have not attended frequently enough to notice.

Some of the residents are very unfriendly which is a shame because this attitude is rare on the waterways.

The residents

That the residents have been hostile to us in the past.

Cars nearby

Narrative - Responses

nothing

unable to fish due to too many boats parked up

Residents. Harassment and intimidation

My brother who I visit on the mooring occasionally has told me there has been a longstanding snottiness from residents of Mead Lane as they don't want boats mooring and spoiling their view.

Interference by residents

distance to supermarket

The traveller type boat people that seem to frequent there.

There is an increasing feeling of harassment by some locals.

The access used to be easier

couldnt say

Parking

Lack of / availability of mooring spots due to overstayers

couldnt say

Nothing

Aggression from residents who verbally attack all boaters

Nothing it is a lovely spot to moor and to walk to and enjoy via foot

Pot holes

no public slipway not being able to put boats in after bath side lock boats in water

Traffic

TRAFFIC

Attitude

there are some ignorant, rude and aggressive residents, who look down their noses and judge all boaters, based on their choice of lifestyle.

The rude, prejudice, narrow minded residents who spy on us and harass us

Too many boats

The attitude & hostility of some of the residents

Traffic jams on a narrow road

Residents of near houses

I like all of it!

Hostile residents

People who dont pick up their dogs shit

The fact that the boatyard is falling into disuse.

The weather

The social cleansing intentions of the brick and mortar local residents.

The houses are a shame. It needs more boating facilities.

Hostility towards marginalised groups

That the residents are sometimes hostile to boaters for 'spoiling' their view

N/a

Overzealous mowing regime. Litter.

The residents who have harassed my sister and her newborn baby, taken photos of their boat and called them 'scum' and 'you people' - completely uncalled for and abusive restrictive parking.

Weather the petty mindedness I've witnessed on occasion

Attitude of local residents

Narrative - Responses

Knowing that there is a clear conflict of interests between residents and the people who live, work, or enjoy canal life.

The behaviour of some residents towards boaters

Traffic

There are some boaters who i Am fearful of running in to now so I wouldn't visit. I experienced sexual and domestic violence during my time as a boater and the perpetrator is being protected by the people here trying to downplay the behaviour. Not all boaters are scum. But some people really are. I've experienced it first hand and I feel sorry for these residents being intimidated outside their homes. It's unfortunate this small but prominent group of disrespectful, alcoholic and crack smoking boaters cause so much damage its made people feel intimidated. The problem is with certain people though. Not all boaters. Unfortunately these certain people never move as dont respect any rules.

Long term moored boats

I've never experienced any issues

The very few troublemakers

Negative attitude of some local residents

The conflict

It feels "edgy"

Heavy traffic in summer months

The bigoted attitude of the local residents

Nothing

Nothing

Boats moored with rubbish and old cars and Vans parked on the verges making even walking dangerous

Nothing

nothing

One or two very rude locals

Attitude from local residents.

Prejudice

The houses nearby

Overstaying boats, boaters rubbish, badly parked cars, noise from boats

Uncertainty about future mooring spaces.

The parking on the verge, the cars parking on the dangerous corners. The rubbish left on the river bank, the problem with accessing the river due to parked cars and too many moored boats. The muck thrown into the river. The verbal abuse from some of the people on the boats.

feeling spied on, lack of privacy and some levels of abuse by residents

I rarely moor there as I have a cat and worry about the proximity of the road

needs more moorings would love to be here a lot more

Nothing!

It was just small bungalows, now mostly repacked by luxury houses, the owners appear to want a theme river for themselves not a working river for all

The people that unfortunately drop litter and disrespect the natural area and blame this on the boat dwellers that (mostly) work hard to care for and protect the area they adore inhabiting

The abuse boaters suffer from residents

Prejudice from local housed residents

Hill back up to Saltford. A lot of boats moored with little amenities.

Nothing

Narrative - Responses

n/a

The bank is no longer accessible due to the number of boats moored right along the length of Mead Lane

The residents hounding us!!

Nothing it always seems lovely

When end to end boats it feels like a canal, not a river.

Boats and the wildlife

Some occasional rudeness from local residents

Scruffy boats and vehicles belonging to boat owners spoiling the views

Busy

Passers by leaving rubbish

The boats

The travellers transit site it has become.

Traffic

The antagonistic, entitled aggressive residents that harass as soon as you moor.

Nothing it's really nice.

Nervous when cars travelling along as there is o where to protect myself with my dog

Cars/Vans and too many moored boats

It can be busy. The anti-boater sentiment from some of the residents who live there.

The tension that has appeared between boaters and residents

Conservative approach to closing off the waterways

ALL THE BOATS THAT ARE THERE AND HAVE NO CONCERN

Rude arrogant boat hating residents

Nothing

nothing really , guess somtimes its hard to find a spot but thats all part of it.

The rude residents that think they own the river

I have come across some rude homeowners on Mead Lane (and some friendly) who disrespect boat dwellers. I have done a litter pick on Mead Lane left by some people picnicking (please note not boat dwellers), there must be a better solution to this than closing the mooring, I feel that boat dwellers are the scape goats (unfairly) for any public wrongdoing.

harassment from one or two local residents

Obstructive car parking and double/triple mooring of boats along the riverbank denying anyone else access

Biggoted residents. The abuse and hostility boaters receive from them.

Very little. I was once subject to some minor road rage due to parking.

The residents of the houses and the fishermen - I ahve been subject to verbal abuse from both - we never moor there for more than 48 hours as we have a nearby home mooring but we still get treated like we are second class citizens for no reason

House Residents' delusions of grandeur regarding the fact that because they may have spent ridiculous amounts of money on a house they therefore own the river too.

The drunken teenagers, and the aggressive cyclists on mountain bikes. I have witnessed aggressive behaviour towards boater from residents, even towards mums holding babies! Shocking

The current mess left by boaters

Nimbyism in residents we have to visir

The residents who verbally abuse us

The residents who seem to have nothing better to do with their lives than complain at every tiny opportunity

litter from uncaring mooring visitors.

After a quiet winter the boats start arriving in the spring. There is nose- to-tail mooring, overnight parking and sleeping in vans, dogs barking and often running loose, loud music, generators and machinery repairing boats. Because many of the boats tie up on the traffic bollards many have been pulled out. Because of the mooring ropes, the council can't maintain the banks and it is difficult to walk on the grass. There has been unsociable and aggressive behaviour. Fishermen have been moved on because boats wanted to moor. Boats are often moored double or triple. They are a law unto themselves. Mead Lane is a beautiful spot which has been turned into a slum during the summer.

It floods

The mess made by those mooring their boats and parking vehicles which make the road narrow in many places. You have to dodge in and out of these when walking.

boats moored and traffic

For much of the year, especially in summer, we are unable to access the river bank as it has become very crowded. There has been a lot of antisocial behaviour including verbal and physical abuse, pollution by boats and human waste, drug taking and selling, late night noise, littering and fly tipping. There has also been considerable damage to flora and fauna and to public and private property. Access to the river is limited because boats are often moored end to end and two abreast. Mead Lane is a narrow road which is used by heavy vehicles visiting Wessex Water's treatment plant at the far end of the lane. Parked vans, mooring ropes and gang planks are often positioned next to and across the riverbank. These obstructions force pedestrians to walk in the middle of the road. We have no pavements here, so this can be dangerous.

The continuous monopoly of the boat owners that has had a disastrous impact on wildlife and holiday boaters who cannot ever find a mooring to use for example the jolly sailor

The old vans/small trucks and general mess around run-down boats moored for long periods of time whose occupants appear to treat the area as a traveller site.

Scruffy canal boats

It has now become a parking place for all manner of boats, which bring with them their cars and their animals, thus driving away the wild life. In addition each mooring damages the river bank, quite apart from their associated detritus.

Access can be difficult as narrow road with various users (car, pedestrian, cyclist) these problems are exacerbated by vehicles parked along the roads, particularly on the verges

Pollution and litter

The boats, further up river there is a marina and more facilities for boats. Apart from fishing it is a lovely place to sit but now loads of rubbish and dogs barking at you.

Traffic and Noise to the Jolly Sailor

People are trying to stop the 2 week moorings

Rubbish left, thoughtless and uncivil users

The behaviour of residents

Bad road surfaces

Nothing

The boaters that clearly avoid genuine costs like genuine boaters

The fast erosion of the natural fauna & flora.

Congestion and litter

The number of barges blocking the bank.

It used to be a welcome and pleasant sight to see the occasional boat on the river here but since about 2013/4 onwards the gradual take-over of the riverbank and associated damage by moored boats, often incorrectly moored to trees and parking bollards, in the warmer months has taken away access for members of the general public and scared away much of the wildlife. The junk

Narrative - Responses

and large amount of litter left on the riverbank during moorings or when boats leave together with tree and plant damage. Use of the riverbank and lane as a boat and van or car repair yard. Watercourse pollution due to lack of suitable facilities for long term (over 48 hours) moorings. Those problems together with congestion caused by parked vehicles associated with the boats and vans used for overnight sleeping has increasingly ruined the character and peacefulness of this previously idyllic rural riverside lane. The lack of any monitoring, management or enforcement of moorings practices by B&NES Council or the Canal and River Trust. I am now much less likely to take visitors for a walk along the river here. The anti-social behaviour of a hard core minority of boaters has been shocking.

I has been reduced to an often forbidding and dirty place, where a few are exploiting and damaging the sensitive environment

The monopolisation of the riverbank by boats excluding others from access. Heavy littering by a minority of boat users who leave their rubbish behind on the riverbank when they leave but also spread their personal possessions over the grassed areas of the riverbank which is supposed to be a public space. Numerous and constant mooring infringements such as tying boats to trees, double or even triple mooring that places further strain and thus damage to the riverbank and trees, and damage to parking bollards by their incorrect use as mooring posts. Damage to flora and fauna generally as the riverbank is not designed for boat mooring due to its lack of the necessary infrastructure such as purpose built embankments and pontoons appropriate for constant mooring, but that would be inappropriate at this location anyway. Noise and diesel fumes associated with the use of generators, power tools etc. Use of the narrow lane as a maintenance and repair yard for boat and associated vehicle repairs (including arc welding in a public space). Nose to tail parking of vehicles associated with boats in peak season, overnight sleeping in vehicles. Residents who are also SEG's members have observed and reported to the police or B&NES Council numerous incidents of anti-social behaviour including threatening behaviour towards residents, dog fouling, use of the riverbank and lane as a toilet (including a member's front garden), and long extended mooring periods vastly exceeding the 48 hour and 14 day limits to the exclusion of other users. The restricted and sometimes complete loss of riverbank access for members of the general public has become a major cause of concern to our members. PLEASE NOTE. SEG wishes to stress that it does not wish to be seen to be stigmatising all boaters, the majority do of course operate and moor their boats within the law, but we have serious concerns about the abuse by a persistent minority before, during and since the mooring trial. SEG's response is about rescuing Saltford's riverbank at Mead Lane and protecting the wildlife and this iconic location for the benefit of the vast majority of users.

additional boats and disruption from more people

The cars parked along the bank.

Vehicles parked 'off road'.

its become ,an eyesore now with people mooring all along that stretch. its such a shame ,as its so natural and a beautiful place to sit and reflect .

Access can occasionally be difficult because of other local traffic, but the area lends itself to considerable abuse if additional traffic, including river traffic and additional and/or permanent moorings are allowed.

Nothing.

Neighbours who can be hostile

lack of properly scheduled moorings

Nothing I can think of

Harrasment from house owners

The number of moored boats and resulting impact on the location

Narrative - Responses

Now spoilt with wall to wall boats and dodging between all the parked vehicles belonging to the boat people . This becomes dangerous on what is a busy lane with all the traffic going to the various businesses at the end.

Snotty behaviour

there is never much space to moor

Not sure

The beauty of the countryside

That local residents don't appear to want boaters there

There have been some upsetting incidents of antisocial behaviour towards boaters from local residents

Nothing it is perfect

The unfriendliness of some of the residents

Can be busy

The increased noise pollution from excess cars, trucks and boats.

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that you can't see the river as there are so many boats

The occasional aggressive resident

Due to all the animosity from local residents, I am made to feel unwelcome

It's very busy and on sunny weekends the road is like a super highway

The way this has become politicised by two entrenched groups that are now brining third parties under a pretence to enable them to tip the balance in the favour. Very sad state of affairs.

Conflict

Not much to complain about really.

Mooring is busy because there isn't many other mooring locations

Boats parking where they are not allowed blocking access

Untidy boats with lots of rubbish on them

Intolerance

The water quality due to sewage being discharged from boats

That it is cluttered with floating junkyards and live aboard boats in various states of disrepair that do not seem to respect the space or other river users

Nothing

Traffic

Nothing

Inconsiderate residents who make mooring difficult. If they don't like boats then why buy a house by a river?

The residents who show extreme prejudice against the boating community.

Boats overstaying the mooring restrictions and related vans

Houseboats

Cars parked on the road

increased traffic

The tatty boats moored on the river and associated parking

Moorings, swimming, weed smoking by young crowd

Moorings

Boats every where .river going through saltford being distorted from boaters.

increased amount of parked vehicles in many cases belonging to the moored boats.

Narrative - Responses

The amount of narrow boats stopping you from getting to the bank, the rubbish, the amount of seemingly permanent cars blocking the road and the smell sometimes which I can only assume is from the boats discharging their wastes into the river.

Cars driving by too fast

Can be quite intimidating with people's stuff all over the bank, slightly lairy boaters, bbqs and beer bottle were all over the bank and into the road one time

Massive houses. Speeding drivers that go to Jolly Sailor.

No problem foreseen apart from Traffic

Pollution rubbish

Cars parked on bank side and too many boats moored

The road is so busy, people drive too fast along, there are a lot of visitors and they leave rubbish and make noise. The residents are very unfriendly and very afraid of their house prices being affected by anti social behaviour. It's a shame but boaters are being asked to do more mileage by CRT and so people are moving in to the river to get their distance in. I feel really unwelcome when we moor there but that's what the residents want .

Now spoilt with wall to wall boats

Boats moored without consideration, vehicles obstructing road and damaging the verge, litter from boat owners.

Sailing club members are very rude sometimes

Annoying snotty local Residents

Anti-social behaviour

Boats

Intrusive noise by some moored boat users and screaming and splashing of paddle-board users.

rubbish and belongings of boats on riverside

Boats moored alongside road, cars parked on verge spoil this beautiful area.

The traffic

Nothing it is a terrible ill thought out option for moorings with no supporting infrastructure

Some of the locals seem a little off about boaters but others are great

Intrusive noise, whether from moored boats, watersporters or others

Traffic, especially vans etc also badly lit at night

Litter

boats everywhere

boats blocking the river

The crowds of visitors who block the raids with their cars, noise and litter. People picnicking in the bank can be really antisocial too. I'm afraid that some of the riverboats really spoil the feeling down there too.

The limited number of abusive local residents. The local residents who moor boats at mead lane unlicensed

That I might not be able to moor

Unfriendly residents. Considering it's a village. The residents on mead lane don't even make eye contact with you. It feels like they think you are beneath them. Although the local pubs and shops people are really nice. It just seems to be the mead lane residents that are unfriendly.

The boats that are ruining the environment down there.

Too many boats that shouldn't be there permanently

Noise / ASB from minority of overstaying boaters

Messy boats and untidy stuff on the river banks.

Litter and damage

Narrative - Responses

It's very crowded in the summer

Very untidy with riverbank disfigured. Some very unsightly boats moored.

The mean residents

Boats and vans. Loose dogs

Traffic in the summer

The volume of traffic and difficulty of walking safely with dogs, when there are lots of parked vehicles.

cars parked along side the road on the river bank, the mess and litter produced by some of the irresponsible boat owners moored up.

Overstaying boats and antisocial behaviour by boaters

Difficulty negotiating the road on busy weekends

Rubbish

The awareness of being to some extent unwelcome

Nothing

Possible trouble with locals

No complaints

Rude and aggressive residents

Boaters vehicles and rubbish

Not enough places to moor

Not a lot to dislike

traffic in summer and too many boats and noise

Local NIMBIES

Tragic going to the water works driving too fast.

The cars speeding down it

Chaotic scene and litter

Increase in car parking. Boats disturbing view. We have a marina further up the river.

None

The way this has been ruined by boat moorings, including all the mess that some of these people make

Litter

The residents complaining about completely 'legal' behaviour.

The rubbish and how busy it has become

Unregulated moorings which sprawl along the verges

noisy residents and unsocial behaviour

the boats that ruin the environment

Boats moored up so you can't get to the water and cars / rubbish belonging to the boats all along the banks

Traffic and untidy boats.

moored boats it is almost impossible to fish there.

Harassment by the local residents of the houses in Mead Lane - that's why I don't like it. I'd moor somewhere else if I could but there's almost nowhere.

Rubbish left by picnickers and people fishing.

It has become full of moored boats lately. Few sign of the ducks and swans for a while

People overstay

Started to look messy as more boats moored up

Narrative - Responses

The damage of flora & fauna & the unmanaged moored boats overstaying & the anti social behaviour being the outcome of this.

Some negativity from a small minority of residents.

Canoeists parking everywhere and rubbish left by people visiting the area with no regards to the wildlife or others wishing to use the area.

Overcrowded with boats, their belongings incl. vehicles, and their noise. The boats prevent me from walking safely on the river bank. Damage to trees and riverbank by boat mooring ropes. I visit less often now because the area has been spoilt.

NIMBYs

The boats which spoil the above

The current boat moorings which significantly detract from the scene.

The mess and how busy it is getting.

The intimidating atmosphere created by some residents

Wildlife disappearing, crowded river banks, lots of congestion on the road which makes it difficult to take the kids down for a cycle along the river.

cars

Tension between boat owners and residents due to lack of clarity on stay times etc

The amount of moored boats restricting the size of the river causing obstructions and turning it into a floating shanty town

Nothing

The aggressive residents and prejudiced residents.

Too many boats moored

Being harassed, having residents coming out of their houses, peering in my van and boat

Wall to wall boats, parking of large vans (some now being parked in Avon Lane), rubbish left on banks. No space for people to sit or fish and enjoy the river

"permanent" moored boats and their associated cars, bikes, mess on the river bank.

Serious deterioration in ability to use the riverbank since primarily occupied by boat users vehicles etc. Deterioration in wildlife seen in this area

The permanent boats creating rubbish and pollution to the area

residents seem anti-boat and are quite rude

Residents antisocial behaviour to compliant boaters

overstaying boats and car parking

The congestion due to parking, the litter both on the road and in the river

Anti-social behaviour of some moored boat owners

The change of atmosphere - the damage to the environment - the lack of respect for the once interrupted view across the river

Nothing

Canoes everywhere blocking the path and being ignorant towards other users. Cars full of youths playing loud music. Not being able to get near the river for anglers

Once the boats arrived they made lots of mess and wrecked the river bank. Now there is nowhere to picnic or for fishing. Totally spoilt the once delightful amenity for Saltford residents and visitors to our riverside pubs.

Too many boats moored and all the cars and vans parked on the river Bank just making everything look ugly and no. Clear access to the water. Several years ago I could watch otters in the water if I was going to the pub. Now I can barely see the water anymore

Mess on the river bank

Fast traffic, when there are parked cars on bank verges when I see litter and river pollution

The abuse I have had from residents

Narrative - Responses

What is there to dislike!

Nothing

The travellers moorings

Officious council types trying to stop people from living their lives

The abusive and prejudiced behaviour of the local house-dwelling residents and the failure of the council to address this properly

Other boaters have described experiencing “difficulties” with select residents

NA

Boat moorings

Banks fully parked and moored

The attitude of the residents

The grumpy residents and noisy cars partying in the road

Spray painted old boats and vehicles

Noisy / antisocial boat residence in the summer (drinking and smoking cannabis)

Mess left

Boat traffic damaging the precious habitat

The residents who are in the houses are abusive, spy on boaters, take photos and treat me like a homeless vagrant thief.

Roads are a bit narrow

Continuous cruisers and rubbish

Too many static boats

The fact that that the mooring rules are not enforced.

Proximity to the cycle path, the two pubs

Semi permanent moorers spoiling it for everyone

Residents complaining

Rubbish left by boats

The erosion of the riverbank by vehicles parking on the grass verge of the riverbank. Boats tying ropes round trees and the litter.

Inconsiderate boat owners

The traffic that has recently grown there often leading to uncomfortable situations.

The anti social behaviour of a small number of residents (who make boaters unwelcome) and a small number of other moorers (who overstay and/or do not respect other users and residents)

The wildlife that no longer as banks no longer usable. The swans used to nest on the bank. The pollution when Ch was never there.

Noise. Rubbish. Could be some benches?

Permanent boats. Not easy to park or get on water.

Nothing

Local residents with notebooks looking for reasons to complain

Nimbys

The fact that the moored boats pay no council tax, do not move at all except to swap place with another boat

It can be hard to find a mooring

Nothing

Nothing

Local

Narrative - Responses

The local residents are horrific, they have had my partner in tears with their vile behaviour towards boaters

The debris left by moored boats

the unwelcoming suspicious residents

Its now a mess. Scruffy boats and too many vehicles and is untidy

Dog mess

n/a

the moorings are not fully supported by the local authority

the attitude of local residence, very off putting when they are taking photos of you first thing in the morning and making sdude cometns about boaters not working when i work full time all year

the visiting boaters

Home owners

Rubbish, when it's too busy with boats and visitors!

Ditto

Often busy with boats that seem to be there a long time.

Too many boats along the river making it look a mess

Long term mickty taking mooring

Constant music and drug smell from boats

The few people that abuse the area and upset the vast majority of caring boaters and residents who respect the environment of this amenity area

The friction from resident who think all boaters are gypsies, tramps and thieves.

the fact that it has changed to a litter ridden ugly area

Nothing

parking on narrow verge and endless boats moored

mess

The residents constantly trying to get boaters not to moor there.

continuous moorers

Rubbish left by kids

The heavy littering, noise, damage done to parking bollards, riverbank, trees, flora and fauna and the congestion of the lane exacerbated by moored boats and their attendant vehicles. Numerous incidents of anti-social behaviour by a minority of boaters as reported to B&NES and the police by local residents. Overnight sleeping in vehicles in the lane. Ill-advised winter moorings causing damage to the riverbank etc. and posing safety risks to others and the boat owners who seek to use this as a free winter-mooring despite its unsuitability due to seasonal rapid currents and flood risks. Loss of access for all. The health and safety risks for the general public associated with moorings ropes, boat and vehicle repairs on the riverbank and in the lane itself.

constant anti boating groups

Nothing

Too many boats stay for too long, making the moorings difficult or impossible for leisure boaters.

domestic housing

Too many residential boats

Interfering locals, yobs.

the moorers who abuse the mooring conditions

The Nimby's

Rude residents. Many louts. Lots of rubbish. People climbing on boats. Theft.

The mooring of boats all along the riverbank preventing others from accessing the riverbank and blocking the view. The double mooring of boats that restrict the passage of other craft on the

Narrative - Responses

river. Illegal car parking in Mead Lane that makes it dangerous for walkers who are forced into the road as they cannot walk along the grass verge due to mooring lines and boatowners' belongings.

The smell of the smoke from the chimneys of the moored boats and the vehicle exhausts.

Nothing

Lack of Wildlife, over crowding.

Rough people and my dog was attacked

It no longer feels safe, and is very dirty.

The number of boats who overstay the mooring restrictions, which should be tightly enforced

The tension created by the local residents in regard to the right of mooring boat for a period of 14 days

Boats moored and obstructing view and making mess

Nothing really but the stand-offish behaviour of the house owners is unpleasant.

No access to water

Fast traffic usually delivery vans, cars parked awkwardly, rubbish and some dogs on the boats are aggressive and not controlled.

Speed of traffic

Too many moorings

The rubbish created by boats etc.

Now resembles a boat park

Wessex water vans and rubbish/untidiness of moorings

Nothing

Unpleasant views brought by the "continuous cruisers "

sometimes littered

Litter, disrepair & emissions from some boats, traffic and parked vehicles

The rubbish and damage to trees by the boats.

Harassment from land dwellers

N/a

Speeding cars

Untidiness and disrespect of environment by some moorings.

Can't think of anything in particular.... Revellers from the pubs occasionally being a bit boisterous.

But I would say that as a teetotaler...

Not feeling at ease around people with moored boats

It's a shame there is animosity towards boaters from just one or two residents, it would be nice to heal any divides

Lorries going to sewage works

Not being able to use it unsavoury characters

The state of the boats and moorings

NIMBY residents (why live there if you don't like river boats?). They used to put up no mooring signs of their own at one time.

Residents whinging about boats.

Ugly modern houses that haven't even tried to blend in with their surroundings or style of local houses

The mess since the moorings have been there

Moorers that overstay.

You can't walk along the river bank or avoid cars

Moorings, rude adults, litter, noise

Narrative - Responses

People

The residential boats are now causing issues

The mess and antisocial behaviour

The boats the dogs and all the rubbish

all the cars parked with all the boats

Parking

The rude people that are mooring and unruly dogs, somebody I know dog was attacked .

Occasional litter from walkers and residents not just boaters

Noise, mess from moored boats.

Attracts noisy visitors

The mess and litter from the boats

The ugly live aboard boats

angry homeowners

Wessex water traffic

the attitude and perceived entitlement of house residents

The attitude of the residents who appear to believe the road, riverbank, river and view belong solely to them

I don't like knowing the residential neighbours don't want me there. I don't like to run off into the river.

The residents who live in the houses and the harassment and their antisocial behaviour towards boaters.

The mess and traffic problems caused by the non tax/ rate paying boaters.

Nothing but the shabby boats and ripped out posts are a nuisance. Some vehicles parked in such a way that the road is less safe for walking with children and dogs.

Very limited mooring.

The mess

Moorings taking up too much space

Too many boats and some are very uncared for

The current mess

Lack of understanding by local residents

Rubbish

The current state of it after allowing moorings

Nothing much really. Some moany residents now and again

Nothing

Sometimes there can be several passing cars and there is no pavement

Nothing

All the boats

Traffic, litter

Nothing

Damage to riverbank

The antisocial behaviour around it

Looking very scruffy these days

Currently too many boats moored

Too busy

The cars and boats parked along the river edge

All good without moorings

Narrative - Responses

The tatty boats & mess on the banks cars parked everywhere

Feels trashy now with all the boats

Traffic congestion especially in summer

All the boats

Picnics/bbqs leave rubbish

The rubbish from the boats moored in the banks

not enough mooring places

The latest arrival of shabby boats that people are clearly living on! The river bank now looks messy and uncared for! It looks like travellers have arrived ! Junk scattered around, cars parked on grass verges, churning it all up! Nothing pretty there to see anymore! They have spoilt a real little beauty spot! It's such a shame to see it like this!

Pub traffic

The canal boats leaving the area messy, traffic on the road from parked cars etc from the boats.

Impact of boats on nature

The boats all along the banks

Untidy boats

Pollution, litter and human feces

Nothing

I have witnessed some of the residents being unreasonable, even aggressive about other people on the lane, that was a while ago, I hope this has stopped by now.

I worry about tension from local people

Speed of cars and rubbish on the floor

It's getting busy

There should be more rubbish and toilet provision.

Weekend visitors who have no regard for the environment and crowding of the river bank by long term boaters.

Abuse from house residents

No apparent regulations on boats that are moored there.

Traffic

Difficult to get to my fields because to many cars parking along the road and blocking my entrance
Cars

All the narrow boats mooring there that obstruct the views and their associated cars that reduced the width of the road making it dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and other cars

It is surrounded by residents who continue to harass boaters

To many boats and cars by river

Lack of kayak launching

The inconsiderate boaters and people living in vans!

Traffic

The boy racers on the water and the road!

car drivers who throw litter out of their cars, boaters who run generators

Litter and badly moored boats

Hard to park sometimes

Youths in speedboats. Cars racing up and down the lane

The houses are so expensive I can't afford to buy one

Dog poo, larger groups thst leave rubbish

Narrative - Responses

The unfriendly people that live in the houses and we get all the blame for the cars rubbish that accumulates over the summer from people that come to visit for the day.. I have had to clear up rubbish from loud youths that come and have party's on the side of the river . Plus the speed that people drive down the road to the pub.

The smell of weed being smoked

A bit busy on a hot summer day maybe.

The smell of sewage coming off the water

All moorings taken by liveaboards. No room for visitors.

Cars

Moorings old scrap heaps moored throughout summer, noise pollution, water pollution and rubbish since moorings began

Neighbours policing as per their rules

Rude boaters, they're crappy cars and cabs and all the associated rubbish and drug paraphernalia

Boats

The horrible boats and rude boaters and rubbish!

No complaints

Minority of antagonistic locals misrepresenting boating community as messy and inconsiderate

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Cars accessing the end at speed

The congestion

Boats parked on the riverbank restricting the width.

One or two residents seem distinctly unfriendly to boaters passing through that moor up for a night or two.

poor first impression

the boats

Nothing. Everything about it is fantastic.

Angry and aggressive residents targeting boaters

Moaning residents.

The distance from the bus stop, but that can't be helped!

Been photographed by residence

Neighbours with attitude

Current bad feelings

People coming out of their houses and telling me that I can only more there for a few few days

Vandalism, fouling, and abuse (verbal / physical) from some of the canal boat community temporally moored along the riverbank. Cars and vans parked on the riverbank in the lane causing huge restrictions to the traffic visiting / going to and from businesses at the far end of the lane and restricting access to residents driveways.

Some unfriendly local residents and fast cars

Not enough spots to moor always

The tension

Barges on the side looking a state

The use by "travellers" and people living seemingly under the "radar / off grid", in scruffy, polluting old boats (GR and old narrow boats). They contribute nothing to the area in fact they are living for free and are intimidating.

Nothing

heavy traffic during summer months due to vehicles parked up on Mead Lane. Some of the boats are unsightly. Litter being left by moored boats

Narrative - Responses

Other river users who are rude & disrespectful. Drunk members of public. Naked swimmers. Being sworn at by some other river users. 'Boy Racers' driving too fast up & down Mead Lane. The litter
Excessive parking in summer months

The people that moor up and stay longer than needed. Some of them are rude and offensive when you ask them to move when parked in front of the houses on the white lines. When they park on the white lines outside the houses it makes it difficult to get in and out of the driveways.
Curtain twitchers

Nothing it's a wonderful mixed community.

Intrusive behaviour by visitors

The abuse of that Open Access, by those individuals who do not care about the impact their selfish actions have upon others

Paranoid locals video boats and cars, most don't like boats and are very unwelcoming

Noise from people on boats (e.g. playing music), also in the summer the congestion from cars parked all along the road

harassment from one or two local residents

The awful look of the boats!

The utter domination of the public riverbank by the boating/traveller community.

Nothing

The litter

Parking

The people who own the houses next to the river harass the boaters everyday. I have moored there for 2 weeks this season and not one day went by with someone complaining about something or other. Something we do not experience anywhere else on the river/canal between Bristol and Great Bedwyn. They seem to be policing the area, monitoring your movements by boat and car and sticking notices on the boats even though they have no idea of the situations or of any invisible disabilities. It becomes quite stressful getting home from work to be faced with someone complaining about your lifestyle. The residents have built their own moorings without planning permission and put rowing boats there that they do not use in order to reduce mooring spots for liveaboards. Making it very hard to use the river in the way that we are allowed and pay to do.

People living on boat and in vehicles

Moaning residents

houses over looking idyllic river scene

Nothing

The rudeness of a minority of residents. The belief that the area is only for a few people. Some parts of the summer has more antisocial visitors that play music, leave litter and drive fast along the lane.

Can get a little busy (pub traffic) at weekends.

None.

The busy road

Narrow lanes. Fear of aggressive residents

Nothing

Moany house dwellers

Dog mess left on the bank. speeding cars along the road with loud music and bunches of loud mouth teenagers going to the pub

Its often busy and can be hard to find a space to moor. The residents have put in their own moorings on the 48 hour moorings that can make it tricky and sometimes dangerous to moor.

It can get quite congested with cars

Too many vans parked along the road, mainly belonging to the boat owners

Narrative - Responses

since the riverbank was discovered by the live aboard community the road and river bank has become used for the storage of bikes, cars, vans, garden furniture. It has also been used repeatedly as a workshop for people working on their cars and boats. We are also seeing oil spills in the water which is contaminating the river banks and soiling the hulls of the boats on the water. Vehicles overnight parking. Parking on verges. Other peoples litter. Dog fouling and dogs not on leads. Seeing the damage done to river bank

The moored boats, untidiness, cars parked obstructing pedestrians and traffic

The boats moored everywhere I feel quite intimidated

The residents are very rude

Big lorries

the damage caused to the river bank and trees by poorly moored boats (sometimes moored three deep), the construction activities (arc welding and generators running for long periods) pollution (oil and human waste from boats) and recent lack of wildlife...

People driving too fast and vans parked along the bank.

the boats, some make it look messy

APPENDIX 9 – Q9 - Options

Bath and North East Somerset Council are reviewing the Mead Lane Moorings following a trial period. Please give your views on the following options:

	Strongly Support		Support		Neutral		Do not support		Not sure		Total
Split of 48 hour and 14 day moorings (to remain the same as currently)	18.53%	171	11.27%	104	11.38%	105	55.15%	509	3.68%	34	923
More 14 day moorings and fewer 48 hour moorings	18.71%	171	6.56%	60	12.91%	118	59.63%	545	2.19%	20	914
More 48 hour moorings and fewer 14 day moorings	8.94%	81	9.27%	84	15.67%	142	63.02%	571	3.09%	28	906
Fewer moorings and riverbank managed as open space	27.83%	256	11.09%	102	5.65%	52	53.26%	490	2.17%	20	920
Remove the option to moor and riverbank managed as open space	44.21%	416	7.76%	73	4.99%	47	41.55%	391	1.49%	14	941
Closure of all moorings at Mead Lane	40.09%	376	7.68%	72	7.25%	68	42.86%	402	2.13%	20	938
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Answered											1025
Skipped											226

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loss of wildlife, loss of views, stagnant water between the boats, rubbish

yes that over the past 2 years I've been unable to fish, I used to enjoy fishing at Mead Lane, it was relaxing but now boats are moored end to end. My family have been fishing there for over 50 years and it's sad that this area is now dominated by boats, which most of the time are boats that are not lived in or are undergoing improvements.

The dogs that wander freely! The drugs and abuse of residents.

Stabilisation of Mead Lane riverbank back in 2005. Women have gone topless on the boats whilst sunbathing and this is not fair for families that are walking by.

The riverbank is not strong enough to support permanent use of moorings and large vehicles belonging to the boat people. It was reinforced back in 2005 at great expense and is deteriorating due to constant moorings and vehicles parking on the entire riverbank.

If moorings are to remain it would be a good idea to install mooring bollards. The most sturdy thing to tie to are the trees which is not ideal.

I do not support any moorings for the reasons given previously, in addition to the fact the local council have not policed or enforced the mooring restrictions so far, so I have no faith in this happening moving forward.

I do not want moorings to switch to The Shallows or other local areas

Create a Local Nature Reserve in the area.

Conversion to nature reserve sounds like an excellent proposal

I would like to add my support to the wonderful proposal for a Local Nature Reserve at Mead lane, Saltford.

As a local teacher I believe such a project would be of huge value to the education of the children of Saltford or nearby villages. Due to the accessibility of Mead Lane for pedestrians it would be of exceptional benefit to Saltford Primary School in particular, as well as to groups such as the Saltford Brownies, Cubs and church youth groups who could easily walk there. I understand that there is the possibility of The Bristol Avon Sailing Club (BASC) in Mead Lane providing a classroom for school visits. This would directly overlook the riverbank from a raised position: what a fantastic opportunity for our children for real interactive, experiential learning!

For families from further afield, the proximity of cycle track would make it an interesting cycling destination for a day out, bringing extra custom to The Jolly Sailor and The Bird in Hand, where there are obviously toilet facilities for visitors. And what a wonderful opportunity it would be for disabled visitors. Vehicle access on Mead Lane could provide the disabled with a rare opportunity observe the plants, animals and bird species of this beautiful and somewhat unique environment due to the unusual factors of its location. For these visitors as well as school parties with vehicles, the carparks at the Jolly Sailor and the Bird in Hand could be used for parking if required. As someone with a disabled mother, I know how much she appreciates opportunities like these (Slimbridge is a case in point) I am delighted to learn that B&NES Council considers the River Avon a Site of Nature Conservation Interest.

Unfortunately, the implications of creating a Local Nature Reserve would be that, in order to protect the site, it would be necessary to ban any unauthorised mooring from this particular area. I understand, however, that out of 22 miles of the River Avon bank located within Bath and NE Somerset the area located at Mead Lane is unique: it is the only natural stretch where there are very few trees casting shade on one or both banks. Due to its south-easterly orientation, the shallow water is warmer than what is typical along the Avon increasing the range of local habitat and therefore diversity of animal and plant species it will sustain. Accordingly, the Mead Lane riverbank and adjoining river incorporate a combination of habitats recognised nationally as important for its ability to sustain specialist wildlife. For this reason, it would be an ideal location for a Local Nature Reserve and an area well worth protecting for the sake of the local environment, educational value and for the enjoyment of B&NES communities now and in the future.

Work done in 2005 is not compatible with mooring of boats

Seems counter productive to spend thousands on flood defences at Mead Lane to then agree to moorings which then undermine all that investment. Please stop wasting money. If you are serious about Climate emergency then ensuring that the flood defences are not undermined should be paramount.

The river bank and road are not designed for permanent house boat moorings and reportedly will fail over a short period of time.

The extent of the Moorings at the University Rowing Club. The public footpath/ towpath is now in the middle of the field whereas 30 yrs ago it ran along the riverbank. There were no static moorings and yet now they have hedges, chickens

In my opinion the moorings have not been managed during the 2018 trial or post trial in 2019 i.e. overstay, waste and litter from the moorings, traffic management and car parking on Mead Lane. As stated in my previous answers the mooring of boats bow to stern and 'rafted' two or three deep prevents access to the river for other users (canoeists, paddle boarders, swimmers, fishers

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etc.) who then cannot physically access the river along the majority of Mead Lane, and if you are walking past you can hardly see the river. The bank cannot be accessed for sitting or having a picnic as it is blocked by mooring lines and parked vehicles for the moored boats. There have also been reports of antisocial behaviour by some individuals who have moored boats on Mead Lane.

There is also the issue of potential damage to the river bank from the moorings, which could lead to erosion and damage to the road. Mead Lane is the only access for the Residents, Bristol Avon Sailing Club, local businesses and the sewage treatment plant. The main sewer line for Saltford also runs along the road, if this is damaged this could cause serious pollution to the river and considerable inconvenience to the Saltford residents.

The area of Mead Lane would be very suitable as a nature reserve due to the access to the river for residents and visitors.

There are large number of moorings available in marinas along the river and local canal network, so there is no excuse shutting Mead Lane trial down immediately and allow the flora and fauna to recover this devastation reeked on it by the previous Banes administration. The previous administration allowed the mooring trial to take place, without due diligence, which included (conveniently?) ignoring the advice given by its own highways department, and expert reports during the major riverbank repairs which took place in 2005 at a substantial cost. These works were designed to protect the riverbank erosion which could during flood, result in serious damage, including the loss of the bank and the road. Mead Lane is a cul de sac, and is our only access, along with the hundreds of vehicles which every day travel to and from businesses, Wessex Water Treatment works and Laboratories at the Northern end of the lane. The removal of posts along the riverside to allow boat owners to park their vans and sometimes large trucks, which must have caused further damage to the banks.

Residents near river bank have been subjected to abuse and anti social behaviour from people on unauthorised moorings

We pay via our boat licence to moor for 14 days in any one place, or such longer period as is reasonable. It would need a change in the law to stop this. A river-only boat licence is mandatory if the boat meets the criteria, it is not a permit, it is a recognition of the Public Right to Navigate which includes the right to moor temporarily and in this case that means 14 days or longer. The Public Right to navigate has existed for many centuries and I expect it predates the houses being built along the lane or even the lane being built. You can't just remove that right, there would need to be a change in the law at Act of Parliament level.

The moving on of boats from Mead Lane has created an horrendous situation further down the river. The pontoon just past the cycle track is continuously full of wrecks and hills of boats lived on by river gypsies. It is a constant junkyard and people who pay for their license have no chance of staying on the pontoon. We negotiated with BWB for a pontoon for river users years ago and now it's purely used by those in junkyard vessels who contribute NOTHING.

Due to the amount of current moorings the area has become very untidy and I have noticed a lot of the birds have disappeared .

The failings within BANES are detailed in our official complaint (presently on hold) together with additional information provided. The recent planning inquiry shows a compliant in 2016 before the trial started , but no other planning structure in place ,and no answers to our questions . This together with failings of the Water Space Study to identify the stabilisation works , and the dangers resulting from moored boats , just adds to the whole sorry story. On reviewing what has happened in Mead Lane it has been explained to me , if a panel of reasonable people viewed the evidence would they find it acceptable or fair .Uncontrolled , unplanned scheme to provide mooring in a green belt residential lane 8 meters from housing (FOI request shows 2016 housing act was taken into consideration) is bound to fail .

As with corporate organisations who make bad decisions , its not the decision but the cover up that catches them out, BANES has consistently suppressed any adverse news , we are still trying to find what happened to our 200 plus petition for example .

I tried going fishing there last month with my son. Having found the only available fishing swim due to boats within an hour of starting and baiting my swim a female with poor manners announced from her narrow boat sorry mate there's no where else for me to Moor and steamrollered her way in to Moor where we were trying to fish.

A local resident remonstrated with her and pointed out she was a frequent overstayer. He was met with a torrent of abuse.

Rather than have my son involved in this I simply packed up and left.

I found it very disappointing and the situation appears currently very poorly managed.

I think I fairness most boaters shouldn't be feathered with the same brush as those who choose not to use it In a socially acceptable way.there are fewer and fewer of nice safe places to moor, so please give us more bi services so those who leave their rubbish maybe inclined not to do so.

Parking nose to tail most of the year, and over night sleepers in vans usually that accompany a moored boat , this makes it very difficult for services ambulances fire engines ect to get down the lane . This is a problem in school holidays when teenagers swim in the river and get in to difficulties, had a few drown , the road needs to be clear for obvious reasons.

I am very concerned on hearing that any mooring at all has been allowed following the riverbank stabilisation scheme in 2005. The river level is often very high and any mooring would lead to scouring of the riverbank. Pontoons to help avoid fishermen damaging the riverbank have been mistaken for mooring aids. The Waterside project is flawed in it's consideration of the river as opposed to the Canal stretch as potential mooring sites. The Technical, preservation of Natural Habitat concerns and Social impact of mooring in the Greenbelt aspects were obviously overlooked.

I think there are so few moorings for continuous cruisers along the River Avon, that these moorings are a vital pit-stop for liveaboard boaters, who bring income to the pubs and shops in the village.

I am concerned that bargee travellers are potentially being subjected to hate crimes by some of the villagers who live in Mead Lane, and if so, I think that that would be a matter for the police.

I am concerned that Mead Lane residents are using so-called environmental concerns as another reason to oppose the moorings. The recent appearance of 'no mooring' signs for both deer crossing and otter haul out are laughable, as the majority of deer in the area live in the fields behind the Mead Lane houses. As a keen otter watcher (and lifelong environmental campaigner), I can attest that they are easily able to access the river around boats - for example I regularly see otters further up the river where there are residential moorings and have even seen them scampering along the gunwales of moored boats! I think it is a shame that Saltford Environment Group and Mead Lane residents, are trying to imply that boating is anti-wildlife, when actually it seems they are trying to 'greenwash' NIMBY-ism.

It should also be noted that house residents have opposed boat moorings before they even existed, and have tried a number of tactics to have them removed.

Avon Lane has to be reinforced due to erosion, boat moorings increases erosion at the banks. Moorings therefore increases the annual maintenance burden for the council

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We need many more safe places to moor for 14 days on the Avon. For example the new moorings at the old bus station site in Bath used to be 14 days and now they are only 1 or 2 days. These moorings MUST be re-instated to 14 days.

The prejudice from the local house residents towards boat dwellers is appalling and there is a need for education. Some of the conflict and prejudice is driven by poor vehicle parking arrangements, but boaters are a small proportion of the people who visit the river in vehicles and park at Mead Lane. Increased parking provision would help. There is a Public Right of Navigation (PRN) on all navigable rivers that dates back to Time Immemorial, this was first codified in the Magna Carta of 1215. The PRN includes the right to anchor or moor on river banks for a reasonable time without payment to the landowner. 'Reasonable' cannot be defined in advance but must be assessed according to the circumstances such as weather, water flow, fitness of crew, medical needs and needs of crew for rest and recuperation (see Moore v British Waterways [2013] EWCA Civ 73). In the context of the British Waterways Act 1995, a reasonable time is defined as 14 days or such longer period as is reasonable in the circumstances. Plenty of nature reserves have vehicle parking and boat mooring, for example both Poole Harbour and the Jurassic Coast (which is a World Heritage Site) have many places to park vehicles and boats are moored or anchored throughout these coastlines.

Why are 48 hour mooring on hanham weir not being controlled - the illegal boating community have been here for 2 months now and nothing has been done - NOTHING!!!

Moorings of boats in this location is not suitable due to additional erosion of the river banks and that it is not possible to leave the boats during periods of flood.

as an area of ONB and SSI it seems logical to turn the area into a nature reserve for the enjoyment of everybody instead

of a cluttered, littered up area for just a few

The fumes and smoke from these moored boats is polluting the air and can only be detrimental to the water life and other wildlife and humans.

The river should be available for ALL to see and enjoy. If somebody chooses to own a boat they should be responsible enough to have arranged a permanent mooring for it - preferably in a marina off the route of navigation. If they are cruising they should look ahead and arrange/book moorings in the way that people on touring holidays book in at hotels or B&B. If people choose to live on a boat then they should have first secured a permanent berth in a marina and pay rates like everyone else.

Introduce and develop the area as a local nature reserve to preserve the wild life, vegetation, invertebrates and river bank structure for generations to come to enjoy this unique location. Ensure BANES acts responsibly and fairly as a Council and follows its own procedures and guidelines which it has duty to do and avoided during the trial.

Please take account of the fact we (as boaters) have to cover a significant distance in the course of our cruising, to satisfy our license requirements. Ending the right to moor will make life considerably more difficult. Potentially rendering a number of boaters homeless, when their cruising license is revoked. :(

Why has this situation arisen, why were n't local residents and the local community consulted before the " mooring changes " were introduced ?

A discreet waste/fresh water-point and chemical waste disposal.

There are not enough moorings on the River Avon for visiting boats, so more short stay visitor moorings are required.

A few are ruining the enjoyment of the many! And we pay!

I just find that all these surveys are well-meant but what do they lead to?

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Spot Fines for people who litter, and damage no parking posts, verges, etc. Why is it always the law abiding council / tax payers that pick up the bill. Enforce what powers you have occasionally.

This area is free fishing - one of the few sites in the Bath area that you can drive to and fish without dragging your fishing tackle long distances before being able to fish. Years ago it was fairly easy to find a fishing spot but this is no longer the case because of all the boat moorings.

All boats should moor in a marina and not on the river. Due to a lack of parking availability the number of places available for anglers to fish the river has declined drastically so it is important that Mead Lane is kept accessible to anglers.

There are no proper facilities in place along that stretch of riverbank to ensure orderly mooring, The local parish council suggestion of a nature reserve would seem to offer the best way to ensure this space is kept safe for pedestrians and other (local and visitors) enjoying the riverside. There are plenty of more suitable places for mooring which have wider nearby roads. Greater freedom for boats to moor will also impact negatively on the sailing club, and potentially disrupt access to the businesses at the end of the lane. If mooring is made permanent the area will eventually be surrendered to boating, making local access along the river more hazardous and less pleasant. It would undoubtedly also take a heavy long term toll on local bird and animal life.

The mooring trial was the result of a **FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED** process not because of the decision but because at that stage **NO OTHER USE OF THE MEAD LANE RIVER-BANK WAS CONSIDERED AND EVALUATED**. Relevant law was not considered nor any of the scrutiny that would have followed a planning application for change of use. Such a process would have brought to light the significance of the major engineering works in 2005 to stabilise the Mead Lane river-bank with its implications for moorings. This oversight was a major failure by B&NES Council at that time.

Some of the only "free" fishing in the Bath area.

n/a

Fully support Parish Council proposal to create Local Nature Reserve

Allow the Riverbank to recover and return to a safe haven for the plant, animal life and the enjoyment of all residents and visitors.

When we first moved into the lane 22 years ago it was extremely quiet and peaceful during the week and very, very busy at weekends as the area was enjoyed by so many different people. They came to fish, to picnic, to cycle, to walk with their children on foot and in prams, some in wheelchairs and some just sat in their cars and watched the world go by, an oasis of calm.

As I came home from work, I would turn into the lane and whatever the day had held there was peace and I know I am extremely lucky to live where I did.

Now there is no calm oasis for anyone, during the height of the boating season, we are a boatyard, they fill the river with their boats and the lane and river-bank with their cars, frequently blocking the driveways of the houses.

The boaters see us as wealthy people with a NIMBY attitude. Nothing could be further from the truth; we are like any other section of the community and living with the constant abuse of the area has put a such strain on us and affected our well-being, the fumes from their diesel engines wafting into our gardens and worst still our homes. One neighbour living with early onset dementia should still be in her home, but an unprovoked verbal attack from a boater frightened her so much she was afraid to go into her home as she didn't want him to know where she lived. Sadly, the constant worry took its toll and she moved away only a few weeks ago.

I for one when returning home can feel myself getting anxious as I approach the lane, will I be able to get in my drive, what DIY will be going on my doorstep, will it be a nice boater or will it be

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the one that called me an f.....g c..t when I ask him if he would move his vehicle so I could get to my home, he was parked in the middle of the lane with no way past and there was no reason for him to be parked where he was.

I can best describe it as having someone parking their caravan on your doorstep and setting up camp on the pavement complete with washing line, BBQ, table and chairs, wheelbarrows, plants, firewood, boat engines, petrol cans and any rubbish they don't want on their boats, we are just 8 meters away from this.

I've seen boaters hack down the reeds so that they can access the bank, they've sawn branches of the trees where they want to moor, they tie up to the street furniture, and we are gradually losing more and more verge post which are there to warn motorists of the closeness of the verge and river beyond and not mooring posts.

Some boaters have absolutely no respect for the area, but I wouldn't put every boater in the same category. Unfortunately, the boaters that respect the area and stick to the mooring time limits and keep the river-bank uncluttered have become less and less and the overstayers have taken over, some boaters have commented that they will not be back.

We have become a dumping ground which sadly BANES has refused to control or monitor. At present we have four boats moored here, two are just parked with nobody on them, convenient and cheap mooring! One small cabin cruiser arrived on the 22nd, this boat was towed up the river and helped to moor against the river bank, he has no working engine. This river is now in flood and it is extremely foolhardy to moor here at all, but particularly with no power to keep yourself safe if needed, his boat could quite easily be washed onto the road, only last week the water was just 4cm away from bursting its banks.

The river is about everything that happens on it, only one thing happens here now and that's wall to wall boats, no ducks, no moorhens, no coots, no swans all of which nested and bred their young here for the public to enjoy.

A Local Nature Reserve will bring back the wildlife and the public that once enjoyed being here, it will preserve the structure of the river-bank and road. Continued mooring will undermine the river-bank lead to the erosion and collapse of the road. The discovery of the Environmental Study undertaken before the river-bank was reinforced in 2005/6 confirms that unless action is taken now there will be untold expense for both the Council and the businesses that operate here including Wessex Water (which handles all the sewage for Bath) and those businesses would have every right to sue B&NES as they have a duty of care to protect the highway and they have failed.

Intimidation of Mead Lane residents from some boaters. Human effluent dropped in river, area totally unsuited as a boatyard

It has been suggested by Saltford Parish Council that this area be treated as a Local Nature Reserve. I wholeheartedly support this proposal.

Wessex Water are aware of, and share, concerns that the stabilisation works to the river bank along Mead Lane consisted of bio-engineering defences and they may not have been designed to accommodate mooring. Such use may have caused damage to both the rock armour, backfill and binding vegetation leading to a compromise in bank stability and an increased risk of failure. Mead Lane accommodates a strategic pumped 750mm sewer and is currently our principle access to the sewage treatment works serving Bath and Saltford. Wessex therefore urges BaNES to carefully review the bank stabilisation works undertaken in 2005 and their suitability for

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continued mooring by river craft. We would support suggestions or other beneficial uses such as the proposals submitted by Saltford Environment Group.

The motoring trial has been a disaster with clearly documented degradation of wildlife and habitat. Opening moorings even as a trial requires management and controlling. It's like removing speed limits on a road and then asking locals to enforce them. It is in short, negligent and planning to fail.

Asking the local residents to have any involvement in the trial is ridiculous. It is of course the root cause of the now unavoidable conflicts - what were they thinking? One cannot introduce a new scene of this type and fail to invest in the management.

Management of the trial requires 24hour staffing which would mean three full time staff and the facilities to support them in eluding transport and accommodation. This needs to be funded. It is ridiculous and negligent to more that responsibility to residents.

Moorings require the facilities to safely and ethically dispose of waste both in terms of effluence and boat waste. It has been proved that this was not duly considered at the trial. This is again neglectful and therefore negligent. Boats have been recorded as overstaying their mooring limits by months. What happened to the human waste during this time? The boat hasn't moved. It is obvious that irresponsible boat owners have frequently discharged their human waste in to the River.

There was inadequate consultation with the local community regarding the trial. There has been no enforcement action take by BaNES. They started it and then walked away.

BaNES failed to do an environmental assessment of the impact of the trial.

BaNES failed their own Planning regulations in implementing the trial. Can you imagine building 14 houses in a place of natural beauty and not following any building regulations, planning and failing to plan for sewage and waste processing? That is what BaNES have done.

Importantly BaNES has demonstrated that they are incapable of managing the land that they own. They should immediately sell the land to a "Community Land Trust" to be set up by the community who will take responsibility for the wildlife and preservation of the land. If not BaNES needs to fund in excess of four hundred thousand pounds for the development of sustainable moorings for the boating community.

The study should note that BaNES has actively resisted and rejected provisions for Moorings closer to home. Specifically they rejected plans for a Marina close to Newbridge and they have restricted moorings elsewhere. They have simply moved the problem elsewhere and then systematically failed to actively management it.

This issue is of BaNES making and they must return this to the condition it was including remedial work to repair the damage done by the trial.

There is a VERY significant safety risk to be considered too. This part of the river takes a life on average once every other year. This has been documented. The river forms part of the Bath flood defences and floods most years sometimes to very dangerous levels. It's only a matter of time before lives are lost and I'd like to put this on record. I have evidence of this life lost going back 100 years. Please do not ignore this statement and warning. The river looks placid but is far from

it.

Lastly; the behaviour of a minority of boat owners has been a disgrace. The boating community has failed to be good neighbours and must accept and take responsibility for that. Parties, music, drug taking and trading in a quiet country location is bound to cause issues.

Our parish council has submitted a proposal that the Mead Lane riverbank becomes a nature reserve. I fully support their submission to the council. B&NES declared a Climate Emergency earlier this year and we know that re-wilding areas and supporting flora and fauna and nature to thrive has a role to play in tackling climate and ecosystem collapse. A nature reserve allows us to re-connect with nature. And when we reconnect we realise we have a part to play in preserving nature. It raises our awareness about the fragility of nature and our eco-systems. Nature reserves require volunteers to manage and support the amenity. There can be nature education and outreach opportunities. There can be monitoring of the flora and fauna which can involve the entire community and can introduce nature to our children and young people. Saltford School and other Saltford associations can support and link with the amenities of the reserve. Never has there been a more urgent time to re-wild and the in nature. We know the proven benefits for our physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing. In the next decades we will all be severely challenged by the impacts of climate change. Building resilience in communities will be key to our survival. A nature reserve in Saltford that embraces river, river bank can become a resource in building resilience.

Such a shame that moorings, residents and wildlife can't all share the space happily

No

Any future moorings will bring more damage and erosion to the riverbank which will inevitably reduce the number and possibly eradicate the many species of birds, mammals and insects which inhabit this very special location.

no

Yes if managed as natural open space for nature will the sailing club be stop and youths out on the powerboats in the summer?

I am definitely in favour of the proposal to create a Local Nature Reserve.

If there was a possible means of reducing road traffic that would be a positive move

There should be more areas available for entry or exit from the river for those wanted to use the river on a canoe

The vehicles illegally parked never get tickets on them

Over the last couple of years boats and litter have detracted from the appearance of the area. Whilst most boat owners are very responsible, unfortunately not all of them are. There are no facilities as far as I am aware to make this a suitable mooring location (waste disposal) leading to a cluttered appearance. Also I gather from the Saltford Environment Group that the riverside condition makes it unstable and unsuitable for mooring.

I'd prefer the moorings to be for a fewer number of craft transmitting along the river rather than more long term parking of many craft as it seems to be now.

Nice to have a balance between nature and managed space

No

Access only for residents. No barbecues, especially dry conditions.

We need to increase wildlife

Moorings are available a little further upstream. We must allow wildlife to have a space of its own.

There are no facilities for boats to moor for longer than 48 hours

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Unless BaNES have the resources to provide policing of any restrictions of the moorings, then it is not practical to allow moorings in this area.

It is a health hazard when moorers empty their toilets into the river, clog up litter bins provided for day trippers and park on the verges.

Therefore, resources are needed for providing services for the boaters such as parking away from Mead Lane, water, waste/rubbish/Elsan disposable close to the mooring.

I frequently push a wheelchair along Mead Lane and feel in danger when negotiating the vehicles, rubbish, dogs and parked cars

A recently discovered letter regarding design and environmental reports for the 2005 stabilisation of the riverbank at Mead Lane. that stabilised the road, stated that the repaired road was not suitable for moorings and that subsequent damage may already be occurring.

Plans for a new bridge over the River Avon linking its sewage treatment plant at Saltford with the A431 on the edge of Swineford have been rejected on "environmental grounds", but a "Nature Reserve" does not warrant protection from encroachment by moored dwellings, dumped refuse and untreated sewage

I understand large Government Grants were obtained to stabilise the road and also to enhance its status as a nature reserve. If mooring is permitted then this will remove protecting a nature reserve as grounds for any Grant to be made to repair the road possibly caused by the continued mooring of large vessels. Leaving the full bill to be paid by the local authority.

This was, until recently a very pleasant and peaceful place to walk. I was shocked on my last visit to see how it had deteriorated. The verges had not been cut, there was rubbish everywhere and there were numerous scruffy narrow boats moored along the whole river. These were not the normal holiday boats that used to moor there occasionally. I have not visited since as the whole place felt very unwelcoming.

I have not witnessed any of the anti social behaviour incidents by some of the people who have moored their boats on the riverbank but have been told about them by those who have. This behaviour may be exhibited by a few people and leads to disruption in the village community. A fair solution needs to be found so that the frequency of incidents is reduced or they cease. I am very concerned that people mooring boats also own or rent additional vehicles which they are parking on Mead Lane. Additional vehicles parked on Mead Lane causes disruption to traffic flow.

It's clear that any options for mooring will be abused and therefore the only sensible option is to remove them entirely so any policing is straightforward.

shorter moorings are disruptive to family life

Yes .I am concerned as to how waste etc. is removed by boat dwellers as the suspicion is that this is simply dumped into the river thereby causing pollution and potential health problems.

Proposed bridge to provide alternative access to Jolly Sailor Pub and Wessex Water.

Consider alternative access to Jolly Sailor Pub and Wessex Water Depot.

With the popularity of wild swimming on the increase, the removal of boats from mead lane could leave the location open to a huge swathe of swimmers and revellers much like what has happened to warleigh weir. I believe this would be detrimental to wildlife, generate huge amounts of litter and the associated cost. Not to mention noise and the potential for antisocial behaviour from people with nothing to lose. Mead Lane is a very important spot to many boaters who for the most part are very respectful and really do look after the location.

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For people using the moorings it should be made clear that nothing should be stored/parked/dumped on the riverbank. This would keep the bank tidy and safe for wildlife and residents alike.

no

The Mead Lane floods when there's heavy rain and the river bursts its banks. Better drainage in the section would be appreciated. The area is a haven for wild life and the view should be protected for the benefit of the local residents like myself who visit the area through the whole year not just the summer months. It is an area of outstanding natural beauty and I hate to see this blighted by the craft mooring along the bank here. There is plenty of mooring space provided along the banks of the river prior to reaching the Mead Lane section.

The lack of affordable housing is an issue. Keeping opportunities for lower cost living is essential for all communities. Some permanent moorings should be made available.

Only, one or two night holiday moorings, as it appeared, used to be. years ago

The "New Age Travellers" who often wrecked our Green Lanes in the 1980s and 1990s have now largely moved onto our canal and river networks where enforcement of the relevant rules and regulations seems to be virtually non-existent.

Limit boat stays to say 4 boats at any one time between the Yacht Club and the Mead / Avon Lane junction.

The riverbank habitat is being bespoiled and will eventually be destroyed by the presence of the moorings, inevitably exacerbated by those users of the moorings who simply do not wish, or do not know how, to behave in an acceptable and non-intrusive and benign manner.

Designated parking

I truly believe that the river running through Saltford should be there for all to enjoy - 48hr moorings dotted along have never caused an issue but the river bank is becoming increasingly congested with boats & the people with 14 day moorings staying MUCH longer, who then are claiming the riverbank by their mooring as their own personal private garden, wanting to live on the water but not treating the river or the bank with respect.

People have a right to live wherever possible, however it's the mess that is created and left behind that's the issue

Would be good to have safe places to enter or exit the river... sometimes boats block these at Saltford shallows.

48 hour mooring only

Saltford Parish Council, trying to make it a nature reserve, which will greatly restrict activities in the area.

Restriction on speed of cars

Moorings for day trippers is fine if enforced

I am aware of the growing numbers of boats mooring and flouting regulations. Also there is an escalating risk of severe anti-social behaviour and someone or someone's property will be involved. Police, Courts, Insurers, Hospitals/Doctors, MP's the list is endless of knock-on effect of inadequate regulations.

Large number of day trippers in summer - lots of traffic, noise and rubbish.

I support Saltford Parish Council in their efforts to protect Saltford's wildlife and riverbank with their proposal for a local nature reserve

I would like the moorings to be more available to day trippers and 1/2 day stays, so more people can enjoy Saltford's facilities, activities and beauty.

These kind of what appears to be long-term residential moorings should be accommodated the other side of the Marina. The banks looked as if they were heavily trodden and there was no sign of the usual wild life, ducks and swans, we always look out for. A swan taking off in flight is a wonderful experience to witness.

NO THANK YOU

This is a residential area not suitable for house boats

Boaters need to be monitored to keep to the 48hr/14day period to minimise overstayers. This allows more people to enjoy the area and reduce issues with local residents

Riverbank should be made into a Local Nature Reserve

Who is accountable for the original decision to recommend allowing 48 hour and 14 day moorings at this location and what were the plans to monitor the situation? The answer, I imagine, is that they wish to remain anonymous and didn't think of that.

The result is there for all to see.

I strongly support Saltford Parish Council in their efforts to protect Saltford's wildlife and riverbank with their proposal for a Local Nature Reserve

It would be good if narrow boat holiday makers were able to moor for a day or two while travelling. At the moment they are turning away as there is no space because of permanently moored boats.

If there is a decision to allow 14 day (or longer) moorings then toilets and other facilities need to be provided. Not sure who would pay for those. At the moment some rubbish and human waste appear to be being put directly into the river.

I understand that some of the current boaters moor there for a long time as they cannot afford to stay in the local marinas and would otherwise be homeless. Could there be some 'affordable' or 'social' moorings provided by council subsidy in local marinas? These would be available e.g. to boaters with families so that their children can attend school regularly.

Keep some short term moorings but don't allow parking of vehicles on the road.

The trial has clearly demonstrated that Mead Lane, as a hitherto unspoilt beauty spot in the green belt and in close proximity to residential housing, is unsuitable and impracticable for moorings which require continual management. In order to protect the riverbank for the majority of visitors, most of whom would not be aware or in a position to respond to this consultation, and residents who all value this important and iconic location, a mooring ban should be implemented without delay, commencing with an immediate winter mooring ban.

Fishermen who can no longer fish on mead lane because of the moorings have now been forced to fish in the shallows. This is causing conflict between them and other visitors. Picnics canoes, swimmers etc.

Our trips to the Jolly sailor have reduced dramatically since the walk there is no longer as enjoyable.

Since the mead lane moorings we have seen an increase in boats mooring in other non allocated spots. Under the bridge, shallows.

Traffic calming

Whatever is put in place must be enforceable and enforced.

Is it not possible to have a "no mooring between 10am and 2pm"? It would allow touring boaters to stop for the night, visit the village, have a meal etc and encourage those who use their boat as a floating home to find a more permanent mooring.

Parking and increase of rubbish are issues.

Traffic is liable to go too fast down the lane

Narrative answers - Are there any other options or issues you'd like to bring to our attention?

Regarding option 4 above (fewer moorings and riverbank managed as open space), the answer can be misconstrued. My answer should not be taken as being that I support more moorings: I support no moorings, at all.

The number of moorings has grown and the river bank is being spoilt for the residents of Saltford and visitors who have enjoyed this pleasant view of the countryside for generations.

Anglers have been forced out of this location. Former bank access used and maintained by anglers has been completely overtaken

Having the area of natural beauty that is managed for wildlife would be great! Often rubbish left and busy moorings obviously hinder this and so less moorings and better management of the area would be great

If moorings are removed here there will be even more of a problem with illegal moorings in even more unsuitable locations, e.g. upstream of The Riverside pub where the river bank and path are destroyed, litter is left in the shrubbery, and the footpath is covered with clutter

There are some boaters who do not keep to the 14 day rule and this is frustrating for those who are genuinely navigating the river system by the continuously cruising code. There are problems there sometimes with rubbish being left and noise, in my experience this has been daytime people going there with inflatables and barbecues rather than those who live on the boats

Just allow a few 48 hour moorings for genuine boating holiday users

Much of the rubbish and traffic is caused by day trippers. When I have moored at this spot I have come back from a weekend away and collected beer bottles and rubbish to make sure it is disposed of properly. I have also confronted youth who have been treating the local area with disrespect and told them I would call the police. The boaters are mostly good, upstanding citizens and it feels as though we are being unfairly held responsible for the residence of Mead Lane not wanting any of the public to share this place of beauty with them.

It would be against the law to stop boats mooring anywhere on the river, we have a right of navigation which we pay for through boat licence and this includes mooring for 14 days in any one place or such longer period as is reasonable in circumstances. Also, it seems press coverage quotes local residents as saying that the problems at Mead Lane have arisen as the result of the mooring trial. This is categorically not true. The local residents were complaining about boaters overstaying, etc etc before the mooring trial started and were trying to get rid of us for many years before that date. If anything the mooring trial has improved matters and encouraged boaters not to overstay due to the area being signed as 14 days and word of enforcement and how careful we need to be to avoid upsetting the hair-trigger reactions of the residents. I believe overstaying at Mead Lane has greatly reduced since the trial started, with a small minority of boats overstaying with no good reason. Some of those that have overstayed have done because of good reasons such as flooding, river conditions, illness, injury, boat breakdown and other likewise emergencies. This is what boaters are able to do according to the 1995 waterways act.

Any rules re parking, mooring etc are being ignored. Who is responsible for enforcing these?

live and let live, not totally against the moorings its just the sheer number of them they take up the entire length, impossible to fish there recently

The general mess of extra vehicles, push bikes and other paraphernalia is an eyesore along the riverbank. The general disregard for the village and its way of life is also upsetting when in other areas of the village and this is always exacerbated in the summer months when moorings are worse. If they want to live in Saltford then respect our way of life and don't pick fights with us in local pubs and other amenities

Remove all parking (double yellow lines) and let families enjoy the space and open water as a shared space for limited fishing and paddleboarding. Some minor lighting might help make it safer or white line painted on the road so people can walk up and down without cars brushing past especially on a Sunday afternoon

Narrative answers - Are there any other options or issues you'd like to bring to our attention?

If you can stop this damage to the banks it would help.

Enforce the existing rules. You manage to do it with cars. What is the point of putting up signs if you don't enforce them

Could wildflowers be planted along Mead Lane

I think that the boats should only stay for at the most a couple of days and be charged. Also only let the tidy boats be able to moor as there are many tatty ones there at the moment and it is just spoiling the views for everyone.

I don't understand the difference between the last two

Better provision for rubbish collection, water points and chemical toilet emptying points for the people on the boats.

something needs to be done to bridge the gap between boaters and residents...seems like there is misunderstanding from both sides.

This part of the river in Saltford is one of the few owned by B&NES, most are privately owned and visiting boats are charged to use the site. If we have to suffer this effect on our environment at least make them pay a high cost for what we have lost. The current situation makes it an attractive mooring site. Free and with road access.

The boats occupying this area have completely changed this area. The area is now ruined.

I believe that the area should be managed as a natural area to be enjoyed by all.

The rubbish and mess on the banks and no more duck swans and moorhen since all these boats moved in

I was born on Mead Lane and have lived here all my life. I've watched the slow destruction of the riverbank. I now feel less safe along the area. Lots of the boats are very very shabby with no licences to be seen!! Most are not the pretty canal barges for holidays we used to see and enjoy!!

NO

I often go to Mead Lane several times a week and have always found the live aboard people friendly and quiet. All the music I have heard is from both pubs when they have live bands. The broken billiards are due to rot! As for rubbish it is caused by people who come to picnic and leave their rubbish behind. Emergency have plenty of room as I have seen a fire engine pass without problems also the water companies lorry and the bin lorry. I was also a Paramedic for 26 years and it's parking in residential areas that cause problems to the emergency services. I strongly believe the so called issue with the boats is due to the few people who live in £1,000,000 homes and hate to think someone can have the same view as them for free! It's all down to snobbery and I believe if moorings were band that this could be illegal as it is clearly aimed at a minority of law abiding people. This discrimination must be nipped in bud

None

I have heard that this river front could become a nature reserve. Closure of moorings would mean simple supervision to ensure compliance.

Explain to the residents that mooring arrangements are made between the individual and CaRT, depending on circumstance, and they have no right to involve themselves.

All boats that are illegally moored should have their licence revoked. Better signage to inform users that mooring is not permitted on the left hand bank going downstream from Newbridge to Saltford.

Need space to sit down for picnic. Currently, we sit on the road grass bank (more on the road than on the bank),

Let's be quite certain about this the moorings are people that have no regard for the area I have noted that they frequently overstay which begs the question of sanitary disposal and ordinary household waste which I notice local bins overflowing with waste, there is ample mooring but they wouldn't be interested, these people are one way there way, and ruin others enjoyment, fishing, walking, and sailing.

Narrative answers - Are there any other options or issues you'd like to bring to our attention?

The only viable option is to remove the existing boats and remove the option to moor in this area. To allow restricted mooring would be impossible to monitor and would be extremely expensive for the Council to attempt to achieve. There are other mooring options available for boaters along the length of the river. The motivation to moor in this area is that it is free and cars can be parked on the verge. This is to the detriment to the area and the facilities it provides for the general public.

We don't visit the area so often because of the unsavoury types that seem to be there. My children and I noticed dogs roaming on the river bank, where we used to sit and I could smell the distinctive aroma of drugs.

A disabled mooring

My wife was threatened and abused by several residents while she unloaded shopping from our car which is then parked elsewhere. Contacting the police non emergency number we were told they were unable to attend.

The public right of navigation applicable on all navigable rivers includes the right to moor for a reasonable time, as we are on Canal and River Trust waters this is 14 days and longer if this is reasonable in the circumstances. This is a historic right that pre-dates most of Saltford including the houses at Mead Lane by hundreds of years. So there is NO WAY that mooring can be banned, at Mead lane or anywhere else.

The river should be accessible to all users and this is not possible with long canal boats blocking access. I have also noticed a larger amount of debris and grease/oil floating whilst using the river. I have seen people damaging trees and river bank who belong to the long stay boats.

There could be more bins, including on the street recycling bins. The bins that exist need emptying more regularly, particularly on summer weekends.

Keeping a special beauty spot for everyone is essential for all our health and wellbeing.

If mooring is to continue, needs to be less turnover of boats and possibly some form of CCTV to monitor any potential anti social behaviour, littering and ensure general wellbeing of the environment as well as consideration for nearby residents.

These moorings are crucial to navigation of the river as there are very few places to moor. If these moorings were taken away it would leave boaters having to moor in dangerous places with little access to parking. If one purchases a property next to a waterway one should expect boats to be moored there. Harassment and aggression towards boaters from local house dwellers need to stop. When we moored there a lady came out of her house and shouted at us in front of our children, it was in relation to our car which was parked perfectly legally. We found the experience very upsetting.

My husband and I moor at Mead Lane occasionally, approximately once every three months throughout the summer aboard our boat and over winter not at all. The latest we have stayed in the year is one November around firework night for 14 days when the weather was bad and river was in flood on our way to Bristol.

It is an important stopping point when we travel as there are very few places to stop between Bath and Bristol for 14 days. When boats are homes on the move, places for longer stays are essential, to rest and recuperate. It is physically tiring to man a boat continuously and unavoidable that problems do occur from which one needs respite. This is especially true for those coming from farther afield. I'm deeply concerned that there are becoming fewer and fewer safe places to moor for more than 48 hours between Bristol and Bath generally and this is leading to dangerous and reckless behaviour I've witnessed by boaters on the water. Safe places to moor for more than a week in these areas have been greatly reduced in the past 10 years.

Some boaters make dangerous decisions out of desperation to stop moving and some do it because they feel forced to move on before they are ready.

Going by press photos I have seen, Mead lane would benefit from the following rules: No generators after 6pm and no project work to be carried out on boats *at all.* No belongings to be placed on the riverbank without exception at any time. This would keep the aesthetic of the area which is important.

When my husband and I have moored at mead lane in the past we observe these rules. We have however picked up on outright hostility from residents there. The last time we visited, we stayed for a week but the atmosphere was such that we felt so uncomfortable we didn't want to continue our stay. Residents parked their cars in an antisocial manner, unnecessarily close and parallel to our windows on the road. I think residents also parked in a way to attempt to stop boaters with vehicles bringing them into the lane which was unpleasant to witness. One resident made a point of making us aware they monitored our coming and going (on foot and bike) from our boat. This was not done verbally but by crossing arms and scowling at us when we walked the lane to the pub.

We acknowledged a resident in the lane by saying "hello!" while walking and they scowled, looked disgusted and tutted.

It became apparent one resident has a family member in the police force. While we stayed we got the distinct impression this person was coming around in a police car, with intent to intimidate boater owners using their presence as a deterrent. This family member would sit in the police car on the roadside visiting at intervals throughout the day and very rarely visiting the house of the family he was connected with.

I actually had a mind to report this to the police at the time when I witnessed it(!) as it was unmistakable what was happening and I considered it quite shockingly unprofessional.

In one day on more than three occasions when I was home I felt I was being watched along with other boaters by this policeman and family member from a police car. My husband and I were not targetted as individuals in anyway but I imagine considered lumped in as part of a wider problem seen as a whole, even though we had little to nothing to do with existing boaters who were also on mead lane at the time.

These incidents were two years ago.

My opinion is that occasional visitors like ourselves to the moorings are put off by resident behaviour and those that stay there harden to residents and so an anti social cycle exists at Mead lane. I do not think one party is to blame but it is a really very sad situation.

I also feel this is a relatively new development that has become a problem only within the last 10 years. Perhaps the residents on mead lane did not realise what buying a riverside property would mean or that a navigable waterway and public lane would be used by boats and walkers.

I would like to raise the question where is the support for the protection of moorings and an increase in pontoon moorings on the river so boaters can remain safe in the winter when the river rises and why are residents in houses allowed to feel that they own this stretch of river? The charity CRT holds in trust these valuable resources and needs to realise that continuous cruisers should be viewed with as much respect as the wildlife and the plants that the river supports. Some work needs to be done to bridge the gap between people who love this beautiful space in different ways. The ccers I know personally that moor at Mead Lane are extremely respectful and

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decent people. If a neighbour plays music too loud or some other issue, you would just knock on the door or mention next time. If it is more antisocial then the usual avenues are taken. None of those have been reported, I am concerned the residents at Mead Lane do not justify real complaints in the normal way. What complaints do they have? Surely a meeting where their concerns were met with some education about being a ccer would go some way to alleviate their complaints. I would also be very interested in hearing from their own mouths what is troubling them. It is not fair to not consider the limited amount of mooring options especially in the winter when the river is high when considering this case. It is not good enough to just say 'move on'. These people have chosen to live on a boat and do not move because its cheaper, they move and live on a boat because they adore being as close to the river and nature and being a close community. This brings with it some inconveniences and they still prefer it. People who live at Mead Lane do not get to choose who can moor on the river and CRT should be doing everything they can to protect the boater's way of life. When we've all been pushed off the last mooring, the canals will be dead, blindsided with towering apartments and pedestrian spaces. And then they'll start selling space off for the river side apartments, you have no right.

Because the grassed area along Mead Lane is quite narrow, It's not suitable when people moor up and have bikes, chairs, bbq's etc... strewn across the grass bank, dogs pooping and wandering freely, under no supervision and their owners smoking illegal substances.

What was once a place of tranquility, where we used to stop, sit on the bank and enjoy a sandwich, is being spoilt by a small minority, who seem to think they can do as they please.

If the stopping time was no more than 4-6 hours, I think this would encourage those that would like to enjoy the area and a meal at the local pub, but not those that just think it's ok to make a nuisance of themselves. The residents must be heartbroken to see how their beautiful riverside vista is being spoiled.

difficulty in finding moorings anywhere locally - we've been on the waiting list for Saltford marina for years

The nature of British rivers is that they are working environments, and those who choose to purchase property near a river would have been made aware of this in their survey. The rivers was there and working for a long time before any of these people moved to the area.

Get the crt to manage overstayers so that everyone who pays their licence get a fair usage.

Dong shut it down because the crt are not doing their job and managing overstayers in tatty dwellings who are annoying the house dwelling residents which is really the foundation of this exercise .

Also local businesses will possibly cease .

Also I pay my river liscence for not a lot apart from that stretch of water way at most twice a year I kayak and it would be great if the ramp was put in at the Shallows as shown in the Waterspace study. Also Shallows more suited to a nature reserve than mead lane

More easy usage of locks eg electronic locks or access to the water after the bath side lock so that part of the river can be more easily used

If moorings were removed partially or fully, the bank would not be managed, but would become overgrown and clogged with litter either brought in on the river water or by the wind. Boaters help control the banks and generally depart with rubbish that is in the vicinity.

It is unfair and out of order for the very people who detest boaters to be recording information and monitor moorings. All informations put forward should be NULL and VOID. There has been

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examples where residents have been abusive towards boaters, have over exaggerated claims as well as setting boaters up, (eg - placing their own rubbish outside boaters home and photographing it) by no means are some residents innocent in this situation, and have gone out of their way to intentionally exasperate things.

A major issue that has caused problems is that CRT, the environment agency or BANES do not monitor the moorings, this has left Mead lane open to abuse to a minority of boaters who think they are not on the radar anymore. (it should also be noted the CRT have contributed to this problem by constantly changing the rules and forcing people to move further or have their licences taken away) I am not saying there has been no issues, I agree that antisocial behaviour should be dealt with (same for residents antisocial behaviour)

This is deeply unfair to law abiding respectable boaters who operate within the rules (a vast majority) As a result of the lack of monitoring by an official party, a great deal of tension has built up between both parties.

The solution to this problem is to have an official authority to monitor the moorings like the canal is monitored.

Its important to remind anti boater home owners, that the river was here long before their homes were built. Perhaps they should move to a place that is more suited to their bigoted views. This includes not moving next to a pub if they do not like the noise from a pub and not near an airport if they do not like planes. Having an expensive home does not give people the right to dictate who does and does not lives near their homes.

Some Mead lane residents are people who have made a judgement on how boaters live their life. Stereotypes include boaters not having jobs, throwing human waste in the river and being thieves. The boating community include a diverse range of people from all backgrounds, rich and poor. Teachers, nurses, engineers, librarians, care workers, artists, craftspeople are just a few of the people who live on their boats.

Another issue that isnt taken into account, Saltford is commonly known as saltford beach and is a very popular spot for all, dog walkers, swimmers, kayakers and paddle boarders, fishermen, walkers, families, it is well known the summer is busy here. it always has been. People come from miles around to swim here, drink in the pubs, walk their dogs etc. Some of the issues encountered by locals are not boater related, but related to a whole selection of visitors, rubbish, cars, dog fouling etc

The solution to this is not to stop boaters mooring here. If legal mooring is stopped, law abiding boaters will not come and the problem will be made worse by the minority who dont give a damn and cause more problems.

It is noted that this survey sways in favour of residents, yet again another tactic to get rid of boaters.

If you remove moorings here, how will you police it and where will the increasing numbers of boaters go? We need more moorings, not less. The Canal and River Trust are forcing boaters to go further over the year, and rental properties are getting more expensive and competitive in Bath and Bristol.

Far more official visitor moorings need to be made available to boaters between Bristol and Bath.

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As boaters we face enough hurdles and persecution without having to be kicked off another mooring because people don't like us. Actually most boaters are just normal people trying to get on in life. We are a young couple who live on our boat both for life style and also financial reasons. We both run our own businesses and without financial support from others have not yet managed to make our way onto the property ladder. We are respectful of and love the waterways we live on. It feels a great shame to do away with these moorings purely based on the actions of such a small number of people - residents and boaters a like.

No

Removing moorings makes it increasingly more difficult for people to live a traditional and legitimate way of life that should be protected as a national heritage.

Please designate the banks as a Local Nature Reserve

The residents clearly need educating as to boaters way of life as I have witnessed the behaviour on more than one occasion. Abuse is abuse and a boating family with young children should not have to live in fear of being harassed and verbally abused.

How about pull down the houses. Boats have been mooring there longer than they've been built

A rather abrupt nimbby attitude much like people who buy a house next to a pub then protest for it to be closed down.

As a live aboard boater there are pressures from multiple directions that make life harder, I have suffered verbal abuse, logistics are complicated, parking can be very difficult, the Canal and River trust can be troublesome to deal with and so on. I feel that the council should be actively supporting the boating community rather than being another organisation making our lives more difficult.

This is a canal and its heritage should be supported. It's the boats and boaters that ensure its continuity - not housing developments. Canals are for boating!!!!

The issue of anti social behaviour is a real one. The boaters in question have also been seen on the bitton pontoons for up to 6 months. Meaning I can't visit there either for fear of abuse. These beautiful spots are being turned into no go areas for me, and anyone else who speaks up. It's bullying behaviour and needs to be stopped, not downplayed. I'd like to feel safe to visit these areas

Around 6 specific short-term moorings (24 or 48 hour) for visitors that are monitored and enforced. The rest to best nature reserve. No long-term (14 days)

General friendliness if boats.

It would be a shame to remove the moorings, it's a good temporary spot, there is good interaction between boaters, the public, paddleboarders, kayacks & sailing boats. It brings a nice atmosphere & everyone I've encountered has been pleasant. It should be monitored, not removed.

The community on the water is part of what makes the area special and safe, they are friendly kind people mostly who just want a quiet life.

I think the moorings are fine just needs to be better managed by the council and with better facilities. The failure comes from council mismanagement yet residents are blaming and stigmatising the boaters

Boat owners have no facilities and I have witnessed them going to toilet in the river, holding parties on the bank and parking vehicles so badly that the Wessex water lorries can not get though.

more action by CRT

There are very few places to moor on the River Avon. 48 hour moorings are no good to liveaboard boaters who work or who have other daily commitments. The majority of continuous cruisers adhere to the timescales on the moorings and do not litter, they take their refuse with them and dispose at relevant sites. The bad parking and litter that I have personally witnessed along that stretch has been due to daytrippers, painting clubs, fishermen etc, not the boaters who

respect the environment that they live in.

The local residents have harassed and intimidated me personally and made me feel very uncomfortable whilst moored there. They have been seen placing rubbish by the boats and taking photographs that imply it is caused by the boaters. Someone recently had their car (which was legally parked in the the layby) sabotaged. It is getting out of hand, how can they choose to live by the river and despise boaters and boats so much?!

The boating community provide a draw to the canal.

If this was properly monitored with 48 hour moorings and enforced this would solve many problems.

If people moor for periods longer than 48 hours, there are no facilities for them, water, sewage etc. If they are not just passing by and mooring for 48 hours they are in fact living there including parking their vehicles on the river bank, making Mead Lane a dangerous place for walkers, cyclists and fishermen, they are destroying the bank, damaging the trees and frightening away the wildlife.

The people on the river give so much to the community, one even dived in and rescued my dog who got caught in brambles, I love the diverse life they bring and enjoy meeting them

The boats add to the area and I've always found the boaters friendly.

Mead lane is a beautiful location that should be shared by everyone. I think it is extremely unfair for boaters to not be allowed to Moore there. We as boaters are very respectful to our surroundings and have a great caring and understanding to nature. If mead lane really was to become a nature reserve then surely there must be a ban for motorised verchiles and change only access to foot and bicycle. The residents would have to be relocated and trees replace their houses. I believe that fishermen are Moore of a threat to nature than boaters, their line snag and are left in the river , they hurt the fish , birds , water volws and otters.

Is it just a case of enforcing the rules to make sure that boaters don't outstay their welcome? Similar to the picnic spot by Bitton railway which used to be a lovely spot on a weekend. And now has had the same boats moored there for month stopping others in the community from enjoying it. Now they've been left for so long that there will be uproar which ever way it goes.

The problem is that we have had to put up with serious threats of violence from boaters, which have been reported to the Police but told they have not been able to trace them. This is very worrying and upsetting! Since the boaters have been mooring here there has been virtually no compliance with the mooring rules and vans with people sleeping in them either known to boaters or because word has got around that no one will stop them. The vans have no toilet facilities so they openly use the riverbank as their toilet. It is not nice for families with young children that like to sit on the riverbank to sit near or on where they have been defacating. Also the boaters have dogs which they allow to freely roam up and down the road and enter mine and other residents property to foul. The other issue is safety as there are no street lights and the boaters leave their chairs, tables, bbq's, bikes etc on the riverbank and the many people that walk up from the pub in the dark are in danger of falling over these things causing harm to themselves. The wildlife has virtually gone since the boaters have been here.

Some local residents have been rather unpleasant. Perhaps some kind of signage or local letter distribution to remind residents that while considerate, tidy and respectful use of the mooring facilities is obviously essential, the river there is a wonderful shared resource, they don't own it and that being unpleasant to river users isn't appropriate.

No

You can only have 48 hour moorings if it's enforced by daily visits.

I support the creation of a Local Nature Reserve at Mead Lane

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Boats moored further along river (stretch between the Globe and Saltford Marina) are causing bigger issue. Most stay months at a time and have dogs which are left unattended to roam the footpath. This has resulted in a dramatic rise in the amount of dog poo over the path. Now boats leaving it's already improving but we saw dogs from the boats pooing on path lots of times over the summer. Also we saw boat owners taking gate to Marina off it's hinges and leaving it so they could get their pram through, since left and not repaired gate. Also many boats have had fires on the riverbank leaving lots of burnt destroyed patches. I walk on the path every single day and can assure you it is the majority who do not respect others or the environment not the minority. One last thing there are two dumped boats moored here, one being there at least a year now, last week 3 drug addicts were using it to take Heroin on.

There is hardly any mooring on the river that is easily accessible and safe. Closing the main mooring spot is short sighted and will put boaters at risk.

Fly tipping by local residents

It would make Saltford and it's councillors a target for boaters and those living alternatively if you displace them from their homes, I would not recommend targetting boaters rather than the CRT who are chasing the boaters around in the first place.

SCRAP ALL MOORINGS FOR EVERYONE

My friend was verbally abused by a fisher man there for scaring the fish by mooring and called a c**t whilst she was with her youngchild

There are members of the public who visit Mead Lane and surrounding riverbanks to see the boats, however, this is rarely mentioned in comparison to complaints.

The trial has shown that the 48hr and 14 day mooring rules are mostly ignored. Those who do ignore them also create additional problems for Mead Lane users by parking vans and cars and reducing the usable width of the river.

I have seen used building materials, timber, etc, dumped by a resident

I am very concerned about the feeling of social cleansing going on here... what is wrong with the traditional narrow boats using the very waters they are meant for? I am shocked by what I have seen the residents do towards the boaters.

The issues caused on mead lane are generally not from residential boaters (i.e. rubbish and parking) but from day trippers. The boaters are blamed when not at fault.

Recently a fisherman used an incredibly strong swearword at me, unprovoked, in front of my 19 month old son, as he thought we had been there for 3 days, when we had been there for 16 hours, and politely told him as such. I was so shaken I considered calling the police.

Pretty sure boats have been coming here since before their were houses.

The Wealthy population is waging a campaign against the few users who cannot comply with normal rules and lifestyles

There are few safe spots to moor on the river and the Mead lane moorings are essential for safe navigation of the river. Taking away more mooring spots on the river will make it impossible to navigate safely.

It is the only 2 week space safe place to moor on the river with my child. Without it I wouldn't cover my Milage and Be of risk of loosing my home
no

I notice that the live aboard boating community can be much more respectful but there are boat owners who don't consider their impact on the bank and the trees. I also notice that boats moor for substantially longer periods and people do not get moved on. There seem to be more and more boats moored for seemingly long periods whilst the owners refurbish the boats. It restricts other river users gaining access to the river (canoes, dogs, swimmers, fishermen etc

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The damaged river bank and its flora need time to recover. The quieter winter months are not long enough for this to happen. The otter "haul out" and wildfowl nesting areas should be kept clear of moored boats and parked motor vehicles too. Overnight parking and sleeping in vehicles should be better controlled. I'm fed up with my land (two acres next to Mead Lane) being used as a public toilet. Some boat dwellers' keep their dogs off the leash (unlike most walkers) for much of the time. Sometimes they get onto my land and trouble the livestock.

This section of the River is particularly beautiful and should be enjoyed by all, particularly walkers, cyclists, canoeists and passing boats. Allowing what seems like totally uncontrolled mooring by run-down near-derelict boats whose owners often appear oblivious to the needs of others, particularly local residents, significantly detracts from the beauty of the location and stops the majority enjoying the space. There are plenty of areas further along the river, near the Water Works for example, that could be used for such mooring experiments that could be offered if needed. BUT NO MATTER WHAT IS DECIDED THE SCHEME HAS TO BE PROPERLY SUPERVISED AND CONTROLLED.

No

In the field above Swineford weir which belongs to Wessex Water there is a boat pontoon there, restrict the moorings to that area 48hr max.

A minority of boats moored on Mead Lane, and the associated road vehicles are an eyesore and an obstruction, and are antisocial to other visitors

The river bank allows residents to enjoy the open space and should give them priority on its recreational use

This survey seems biased. I thought there would be more general questions. Why is there no balancing strongly do not support?

There is a huge lack of moorings and marina space in the southwest which means prices are unfairly very high to boaters.

Yes the current people

That arrive stay longer than required and use the pace to moor whilst going to work is purely selfish with plenty of marinas in the south west, they use trees to attach mooring lines and they must disturb wildlife such as otters which I don't ever see here anymore and less nesting ducks.

Both myself and my 5 year old use the river daily for swimming, canoeing, paddle boarding, etc.. and we are continually fishing rubbish from the river. The increment in rubbish recently is more than ever before! Additionally there are many live on boats who do not move at all, which begs the question as to where all the "toilet" tanks are being emptied into!? And what happens when my 5 year old and I swallow that same water!? Also I have noted that the local wildlife is often forced onto the road and into some residents gardens as there is no where for them to set down on the embankment due to so many boats moored end to end and in some cases 3 wide!

A Local Nature Reserve (with a mooring ban) as proposed by Saltford Environment Group and Saltford Parish Council at Mead Lane seems the best and most positive solution. Measures should also be taken to keep vehicles off the riverbank's grass verge (but those measures need not wait for the LNR designation) and to stop obstructive parking from blocking access for residents, emergency vehicles etc.

Saltford Environment Group has produced a paper making the case for a Local Nature Reserve at Mead Lane with professional advice on the ecological aspects from our wildlife adviser. This has been emailed to Lemon Gazelle. SEG would see this as a positive outcome to rectify the damage done by moorings in recent years. This would take advantage of the riverbank's ecological advantages described in our paper and has easy visitor access including for cyclists as two access points for the Bristol to Bath Railway Path are close by.

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SEG's members in Mead Lane have expressed a willingness to assist with habitat management, and we would expect others from our 550+ membership to readily participate. SEG asks B&NES Council to work towards the creation of a Local Nature Reserve as a matter of priority in partnership with SEG, Mead Lane residents and the Parish Council. Using SEG's case paper as a starting point for the LNR, this will return Mead Lane to being a location enjoyed by the many stakeholders who have been restricted or have felt excluded by the mooring trial that simply exacerbated the negative situation experienced by the general public during the boating season. Physical measures should also be taken to prevent vehicles from mounting the riverbank's grass verge.

what benefits does moorings bring to Saltford environment?

due to moored boats who stay for much longer than the time allowed anglers find it very hard to find a place to fish and most times we cannot fish at all and alot of boaters do not have licences for their boats whereas us anglers have to pay to fish.

Remove all car parking.

litter, and overspill of the boats that are mooring onto the bank its a real eyesore. In places i cant use the bank at all for sighting birds and nature etc.

Only that the recent trial clearly demonstrated the problems that will arise, and probably increase, if such a policy is continued, not to mention the adverse effects on the local environment.

We are a family living on a boat. We need our children to attend school fully (in Bathampton) but also need to meet the distances as required for our licence as required by the Canal and River Trust. We therefore need to go on the river to do this and having moorings at Mead Lane is very important to us.

I cant beleive you are proposing to get rid of mooring here. By doing so you are killing a community. DONT DO IT.

give us a few more moorings between bath and Bristol we can stay for a week

I like the boats mooring. I like the residential boaters who respect the area, and would welcome action to tackle anti social behaviour by any boaters or homeowners.

Boaters are residents too. You the council are our councillors too. This river has been navigable for around 400 years. We often face prejudice from individual local residents who see their (comparatively) recent home as having sole right to be there. Most people aren't like this. But the ones that are allow their prejudice to disproportionately take up different councils time. Personally I would rather there were more boats and less houses. The landscape would be far more natural if this survey was angled in that direction. If this is truly about wildlife rather than bigotry perhaps it could be discussed. These boats are our homes as much as the houses that most people live in, and we impact the environment far far less. It's true that there are some antisocial people on boats. There are also antisocial people in houses. Please don't allow these people to control the agenda for the vast majority of us through another form of antisocial behaviour.

Parking! During peak mooring there's far too many vehicles on Mead Lane. The council isn't marking lines correctly therefore making me manage parking to gain access to our driveway.

I understand that mead lane is a legitimate mooring under the Public Right of

Navigation on rivers and the British Waterways Act 1995. To remove a safe mooring from the river can only put lives at risk

Embrace boaters & provide European standard mooring & infrastructure facilities.

If there were more mooring options on the river mead lane wouldn't be so congested and the local housing residents wouldn't be so aggrieved. This whole situation is purely down to lack of

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moorings and therefore removing one of the only sites available isn't going to alleviate the situation it will make it worse.

Condition of the road surface which is used by heavy vehicles going to and from the sewage farm
Over night sleeping in vans and cars. Lots of cars parked by boats which would hinder emergency services.

We have experienced many stropky (live aboard) boat owners in the last few years along the stretch we sail. We have suffered illegal moorers who refuse to move, even when the signage is pointed out to them. We have experienced many double parked or even triple parked boats that narrow the river space to almost unusable for sailing. As a club we have been sailing this stretch for some 50+ years and never before have we had so much infringement/imposition on the space we use. We are finding it very difficult to keep sailing safe for our members in the face of increasingly unruly other use of the water. Live aboard boaters taking up more and more space, paddle boarders with no ability or understanding of water rights tottering around amongst the sailing boats, will swimmers who do not seem to appreciate that they are not easily visible to an oncoming dinghy or even a riverboat under power. Nobody seems to legislate any usage at all and yet we have to have a river licence to use the water but it counts for nothing when paddle board companies (making money out of this area) are not paying any licence fees at all.

Seems crazy to consider the removal of well used mooring spaces.

Tidy the unsightly mess within the boat yard.

Mooring between bath and Bristol is very difficult so please retain these moorings but move overstayers on

Swimming, weed smoking, parking on mead Lane strictly should be stopped

No

I think to have a complete ban of moorings on 50% of that bank would restore some balance to the area.

A mooring ban is not necessary. Can the canal and rivers trust do more? Can Avon and Somerset police do more to deter the behaviour of people racing up and down to the Jolly Sailor.

This area is an intrinsic part of the village and needs to be kept as such.

Residents own the houses on one side of the road but they do not own the riverbank. It is not a site of special scientific interest neither does it have wildlife that is not prevalent in lots of other locations. The residents of mead lane do not have the right to harass boaters for mooring legally. I have witnessed this on several occasions and it is very upsetting

There should be parking restriction along the verge of the river. How can we value the presence of otters here at the same time as allowing the unregulated mooring of boats along Mead Lane? The use of fires and BBQs for cooking on the river verges should be banned. The whole stretch of the river bank in Saltford [Mead Lane and The Shallows] should be regularly policed as much anti-social behaviour is disruptive to the residents and others who appreciate the wildlife and tranquility. The Shallows car park is often littered with evidence of drug usage.

I have seen a huge decline in the amount of kingfishers than I used to see.

The location at Mead lane is a terrible ill thought out option for moorings there is no supporting infrastructure, Boaters are regularly overstaying the time limits and these are not enforced by anyone, there is regularly anti social behaviour, littering and human waste being released directly into the river making it unsafe for sailing and other water sports. Residents and members of the sailing club who have used the area for many years are subject to abuse in some cases resulting in the police attending. The area was a haven for wildlife but this is increasingly being scared away.

I see no practical difference between mooring for 2 or 14 days. If the spaces are filled all or most of the time, the ongoing disturbance for wildlife and for people living there or visiting the area is the same.

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I think we should respect the right of people to live on boats, encourage diversity, and instead offer better facilities (that people who choose to moor would need to pay for)

As a local womble I am well aware of the litter problems in this area, including significant amounts of plastic and glass bottles.

A friend who has a property on Mead Lane reports the difficulty turning into her own driveway because of vehicles parked opposite. These are often long stay vehicles , and sometimes campervans. Boat mooring seems to encourage other long- stay visitors, or are vehicles belonging to boat owners and/ or friends of boat owners.

We shouldn't be penalised for a few over stayers.

I think if some other parts of the river were made more accessible for boats to moor on there would be less desirable as boaters would have more choice. I like that there are 48hour mooring on mead lane as it gives more boats the chance to stay and enjoy Saltford.

48 hour moorings for holiday makers is fine, we need tourism for the local businesses but this is currently abused by people staying weeks at a time on a 48hr mooring!!

Increased enforcement by BANES/Police/wardens? for overstaying and ASB would help visitors /residents enjoy the location more.

This area is not suitable for moorings at all – there are plenty of other areas that have the necessary facilities for moorings. There have been many issues with antisocial behaviour and damage to the riverbank and this is not acceptable in this small peaceful village location.

A much more limited provision for 48 hour mooring, so people using boats for leisure only can still moor and a an on parking alongside the river bank. The parking of vehicles by people that live on the boats is as more of an problem that the boats themselves.

When there were fewer moorings it was nice to see the occasional craft moored up (without the associated motor car and or van) . The crafts were generally pleasant and added a little character to the riverbank. Now there are craft all along this stretch taking away the character of the location.

Robust enforcement of mooring stay times and CRT boat license T &C relating to antisocial behaviour would solve the problems identified by local residents and others.

Living in Bathampton i appreciate the colour & diversity that the boaters bring - both liveaboards & tourists.

there are not many locations where disabled boaters have good road access to the riverbank and Mead Lane is one of those.

Closing moorings will not improve the site in any way. This is nimbyism and local residents should be ashamed of themselves

Would love to see a natural wildlife sanctuary

Not all the residents are off with boaters. Surely visiting boats are bringing custom to the local pubs and businesses which can only be good

No

A few boaters spoil this wonderful ammenity for the prople of Saltford and surrounding villagers

I cannot understand why the enjoyment of many has been allowed to be spoilt by allowing a few people to moor along the bank. Who now enjoys an uninterrupted view? Not the residents of Saltford or their visitors!

Mead Lane is an important stopover and meeting point for the boater society. We cherish this unique spot and especially for 'newbies' it is a great place to connect and enjoy this important space. Most of us boaters do stick to the rules and understand the issues and interests of the residents.

An alcohol ban

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the moorings have led to excessive parking of cars on Mead Lane

Rubbish and cars on the verges belonging to the boats some of which even 'double park' .
Intimidating to walk there . Not able to get to the water - saw an old man trying to fish and he had to pack up and leave .

Leave enough free bank area to safely launch Kayaks.

The drive to close the moorings seems to have been manipulated by residents of Saltford (Mead Lane probably) claiming that boaters have left rubbish and done damage and left human faeces. They claim that the mooring area needs protecting by making it into a local nature reserve with a mooring ban. Every minority group in history just about gets accused of insanitary, dirty behaviour. Please don't fall for this, BaNES Council. We really need these moorings and we really need the Council to support our minority community against the might of wealthy, well connected powerful residents of Mead Lane who are motivated by hate towards us. It cannot be right to let them get their way and ban mooring here.

I used to walk in this area with small children to see friendly ducks. It was a place of quiet respite and beauty and a place to see nature around and beyond. A Hospice nurse told me she used to come to the river often to sit on the Sailing Club seat as a place to recharge herself from her onerous duties. It should be again a place of peace and tranquility as I knew it where we can bring children to see nature. It is the Arcadia of Saltford. Now we have a stretch with parked cars and Barges. From Paradise to a Parking Lot.

More moorings between bath and bristol

I think there should be a number of residential moorings created.

A Local Nature Reserve as proposed by SPC and SEG would be ideal.

The moorings are a terrible idea. Why should an amenity, which has been enjoyed for generations by villagers and visitors, be spoiled so that a few people can park boats there and make a mess of the riverbank?

The bank along Mead Lane should be a great area for wildlife to enjoy.

Do not remove moorings for compliant boaters who are often taking the lead in improving their surroundings (environmental and social awareness, litter picking, campaigning for eco project etc), but rather enforce existing rules to stamp out detrimental behaviour by a minority.

A lot of the large moored boats have no training or knowledge of the rules of the river or river etiquette , this should be a condition of being in charge of a large boat as they are unsafe

I think that to remove the right to moor at Mead Lane would only temporarily address any issues there. I think that if the residents of the houses are given more power, they will not stop at merely preventing the mooring of boats. The behaviour I have seen from them has been abusive and this behaviour should not be condoned.

If the moorings were to be taken away, for me personally, I wouldn't really lose out. I move my boat a great deal and don't like to stay in one place for too long. However, it would greatly effect my child. Mead Lane is a nice, safe environment for him to learn about nature and to swim in the river. If that were taken away, I feel it would be completely unjust and a great shame.

The 48 and 14 hour mooring seemed like a good solution but the Moorers do not adhere to this and overstay, as they know noone is Policing the riverbank. They quite often have large vehicles which are left parked for weeks, again they know they can do this without problem. We live by a 48 hour zone and have very politely advised people mooring of this. Most say they will move when a space is available in the 14 day but more often than not Boaters ignore us and some can be abusive. In the last few weeks I have seen oil seeping out of a boat into the river and I wonder what happens to the toilet waste of all these boats.

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I strongly support the Local Nature Reserve suggestion. We moved to Mead Lane primarily because of our love of spotting Otters, Kingfishers and Herons, Deer and we feel their habitat is being destroyed.

Boats often are undergoing maintenance create noise and other pollution. No room for day users such as paddle boarders, swimmers, kayakers, to access the water so they try and launch via the sailing club's private dock which causes damage and congestion.

There is a marina they can move up the river at The Riverside.

The Parish Council and the Environment Group have made a fantastic proposal and I would totally support the establishment of a Local Nature Reserve. This would be entirely suitable for the location and the limitations of the area. The trial has been an increasingly difficult process and delays following the trial has meant I have experienced total lack of amenity this year, due to a minority of boats who have dominated the riverbank by overstaying.

The rubbish I removed when moored there was left by day visitors. We didn't even run our engine while moored there out of respect for the neighbors (even though it's very quiet).

No

If the problem is overstaying and antisocial behaviour, the solution is better enforcement and to take action against the specific perpetrators. Please do not punish well behaved boaters who comply with the rules, because of a minority of badly behaved ones.

The riverbank has been badly treated and once the boats have been given notice to leave it should be given a clean up and repaired.

There are far too many boats moored along Mead Lane and they and their vehicles are an eyesore. There are unruly and aggressive dogs as well. The 14 day mooring doesn't work because all they seem to do is shuffle the boats around. They need to move from the area for a period before coming back again, just like a car park.

Residents abusing boaters. Foul language. Racist comments. I've had abuse on more than 3 occasions for simply mooring up. Even been followed in a car by a resident.

More 48 hour moorings means a higher turnover of boaters coming and going, which impacts the riverbank and local wildlife negatively. More 14 days means more opportunity to overstay but surely it is CRT's job to monitor this and, if boaters exploit the guidelines, can be advised to move on unless they have special requirements (health appointments in area, road access for mobility issues etc) which mean they can stay.

Private moorings acceptable

The local residents claim that the council encouraged residents to keep tabs on boaters and do the policing themselves - this must be unlawful and resulted in blatant harassment and invasion of boaters' privacy. I personally have never been confrontational with residents on Mead Lane but yet I have been on the receiving end of harassment and abusive behaviour more than once. The police were informed on these occasions and the residents were warned to stop the behaviour in question. They have not stopped. I feel compelled to add my two pence for balance. It is very worrying that the antisocial behaviours of residents has been repeatedly glossed over by every organisation who claims to be addressing the issue. The fact that boaters' behaviour is repeatedly cited and that of residents is not is a clear example of prejudice.

There are very few places to moor on the River already, it would be an incredible shame to prevent people mooring here.

Parking and busy banks forces pedestrians and cyclists onto road, can be busy traffic. Unsafe and unpleasant.

Every time I have visited this area it has been clean, tidy and well kept by the boaters staying there.

Narrative answers - Are there any other options or issues you'd like to bring to our attention?

The boats have been around longer than the houses and locals. They are the reason the water ways are kept moving and maintained. The people who live on the boats need places to stop and stay when passing through.

I feel sorry for the residence of Mead Lane as the noise from the boats in the summer distracts me as a runner, let alone as a neighbour! It is also not very nice running along there alone when it stinks of pot, I feel a bit intimidated.

Be more proactive in policing the mooring durations. A breach of mooring times is a breach of the license.

CRT to actually take these continuous cruisers to task they should move on after 48 hours

There are relatively few spots to moor on the river between Bath and Hanham, preventing mooring will reduce options further and prevent holiday makers like our family from visiting Saltford, fish and chips and the shops and the two pubs which we use when staying overnight. Like most other boat users we only ever stay for one night whilst on our journey to Bristol. CRT should enforce the restrictions in place. I hear some boaters see the river as a bit of unenforced stretch. Its totally unfair that the actions of a few boaters ruins it for everyone else.

It is my view that some of the people moored there and people picnicking do not care about damage to the riverbank and local wild life and are quite happy litter, including whole bags of rubbish I have seen during litter picks as a Saltford Womble.

Nobody patrols or enforces the area

Dogs not maintained on leashes from the boats that have scared pedestrians.

I can see the need for a couple of 48 hour moorings. But do not see the need for longer - some people seem to be permanent?

Let's all be more mindful and tolerant of each other and preserve the natural beauty of this spot for everyone to enjoy

No one has the right to foul up the countryside. Whatever the circumstances of the boat owners they cannot use any river spot to ruin it with no consequences. There are no facilities or space for facilities to cater for them. I live alongside my next door neighbours and we all respect each other and look after each other, but there is no respect for the home owners along Mead Lane

More boat launch spots. Allow more people to access the river in proper launch areas to reduce erosion of bank.

You may not have a legal right to close down the moorings. The right to navigate the rivers, and to moor for a reasonable length of time, is enshrined in Magna Carta, and has stood since that time, despite the efforts of various 'authorities' to over-ride it.

These areas thrive with boats there as it helps to manage the space and assists in keeping water moving.

Yes the permanently moored barges down by the rowing club and the Riverside restaurant.

The river and boats were here along time before the houses on that stretch, the new invented conservation angle is just a new tactic not backed up by any evidence to remove the majority of respectful, law abiding boaters the boaters who do not abide by the rules will do so even if you do ban them so you are effectively trying to tar all with the same brush. This is an act of prejudice towards all boaters.

I think this issue has been brought to a head by richer bullies who live near the canal and don't like sharing space with people who are different from them it's a disgrace.

The home owners need to be respectful of the boat owners. Some boat owners need to be respectful of mooring terms and conditions

What about the gardens they are making on the banks?

Can it be asked why people buy houses by a waterway and then do everything in their power to ensure that as few as possible other people are able to enjoy it? The river and the craft that float

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upon it were there long before the houses and given the way climate change is going, boats will be our last refuge.

Ensure mooring is enforced to enable visiting leisure boat which are passing through to moor and enjoy the place

I would have a mix of 24, 48 and 7 day moorings, with a max of 8 days in any 28 day period.

The boats which moor in Mead Lane disrupt the riverbank's natural functioning....birds and animals cannot get in and out of the river as they cannot reach the bank. Where does all the waste from the boats go? Into the river?!

This is blatant bias against travelling people. The residents have no right over the river. Problem boaters should be dealt with individually instead of spoiling the mooring situation for everyone. It is simply unfair and should not happen.

The moorings bring life to the river, together with a feeling of security having people there.

SPC welcomes and supports the case made by Saltford Environment Group for the creation of a Local Nature Reserve at Mead Lane in SEG's paper of 5th September 2019 (to be submitted separately). As described by SEG, the riverbank's south-easterly aspect means that it can support rich water-edge herbaceous vegetation and the shallows warm more than typical along this river, increasing local habitat variety. It benefits from easy access. These features combine to make it unique and thus an ideal location for a Local Nature Reserve. SPC considers this to be a very positive way forward to maximise the value, use and enjoyment of this location by the majority of stakeholders.

SPC therefore asks B&NES Council as the riparian owner to urgently pursue the creation of a Local Nature Reserve at Mead Lane and that SPC, SEG and Mead Lane residents are consulted and kept informed of progress, including design, for this project.

The riverbank requires better protection from vehicle damage; the existing bollards should be replaced by a more effective system for keeping vehicles off the grass verge.

ban cars etc from the area of the nature reserve

strongly police the existing rules.

The locals are the problem, not the boaters.

The majority of live aboard boaters will keep the area tidy and be respectful of the place. If they were reduced I believe the mostly city based people that will take the place over will leave moor rubbish, fires and anti social behavior. There is already a picnic area nearby and a real shortage of legal moorings on the river. As it is river with historical history of use by boats it would be fool hardy to pamper to the wimp of snobby residents.

There is a pollution risk to having these moorings as boats empty their brown water directly into the river.

Worked near the River for years 15+.

Recently due to overcrowding of boats and stationary Dogs, the wildlife has moved on. Used to see nesting ducks, herons, Comerants and the occasional Otter. It's been a while since the river has shown its full potential. Even the wildflowers and reeds that used to offer a habitat for Dragonflies, mayflies and butterflys have all but disappeared from the road side.

Why can't people just get along!

Overstays are a major issue. Too many moorings in a residential area.

7 day options would allow visitors to Moor rather than same old people hogging the space in relay

Narrative answers - Are there any other options or issues you'd like to bring to our attention?

There are no mooring facilities, so the boats are tying up on the old trees on the river bank, sometimes two/three at a time. If you want to preserve this area of natural beauty, stop any moorings (unless a resident).

B&NES should work with the canal and river trust to enforce mooring regulations that are already in place, rather than responding to complaints by jingoistic house dwellers who seem to have been given the power by the local authority to monitor the mooring situation there.

It'd be a mighty shame if such a beautiful spot was closed to boaters, the vast majority of which are wildlife loving, polite and considerate individuals

None

We noticed a few weeks ago whilst walking along Mead Lane a sign post warning of an Otter outlet and a long boat was moored directly in front of this outlet.

Greater availability of bins including for dog waste would be beneficial for boaters and others alike.

NIMBY residents of 10 houses shouldn't be dictating mooring policy

It needs to be properly controlled so all boaters can enjoy it needs tougher enforcement but such a shame for all and a bad reflection on the paying boaters that follow the rules

What about the sailing club? Surely no moorings bans them too?

What are the supposed 'health and safety' reasons for closing the moorings?

The impact on the river of boat residents acting without respect to the environment - throwing things into the river and their waste. It was right to do the trial, but it's too much cost to the many people who enjoy the area, and to the environment, and it doesn't actually benefit many boaters as there are so few moorings anyway.

The council and CRT already have the power to move overstaying boats. Better enforcement is required to deal with minority of troublesome boats. These troublesome boats will likely ignore a mooring ban anyway without the council gaining extra powers of enforcement, which they cannot. A blanket ban also prevents legitimate visiting boats benefiting local economy and providing attraction to visitors. CRT recently did a nationwide survey which found looking at moored boats the main reason for the public to visit waterways.

There should be a mooring ban and B&NES should create a Local Nature Reserve.

Historical residents moorings should be kept

The moorings there mean the area is safe at night, its a great way to use the area and brings diversity and different groups to the spot.

Just the fact that the we no longer feel comfortable moored in a spot where the bigotry is so overwhelming. The river bank should be enjoyed and shared by all not just a handful of people that live along there.

Remove the moorings at once.

And review you stupid decisions to slow this to happen in the first place. As these people do not contribute anything to the community or rates to BANES.

Bins and a water point please

Is just damaging the views and the environment because of this.

At present the mooring time limit is not enforced, resulting in long-term occupancy of moorings

Regular patrols to prevent overstaying and a code of conduct on the appearance of boats

Frequent drunk people wandering up the high street from the moorings - feels very unsafe

Their disposal of sewage concerns me! Is it straight into the river? I'm assuming it is!!!°

Horrendous on every level!

There has been a determination of nature and wildlife in the area. No longer a pleasant area to take my grandchildren who live in Saltford.

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Vehicles linked to the moorings cause disruption to traffic flow on the road due to being parked along side boats. It's been chaos on several occasions.

This is very clearly a completely inappropriate site for residential boat users. To make it appropriate BaNES need to spend over £300k in infrastructure to support Boating residence and a further £100k pa for the management of the facilities. It's stupid to just hope it sorts itself out.

Wildlife need to be protected. Boaters need facilities to drain their Bilge pumps rather than in to the River as they do now. They need connectivity to the public sewer system. At night they pump out their tanks so they don't lose their river position. Management would require authorised officers based at the site to report and control inappropriate behaviour.

I think boaters should be accommodated and welcomed along the Avon and have always felt that the boating community live alongside other residents respectfully in this area. The boats belong on the river and add a lot of character to the natural beauty.

I'm so sad that a noisy minority of localso and a noisy minority of boaters are going to ruin what is a happy situation for everyone. I'd been mooring there for 15 years without ever over staying or any complait's.

As there are so many boats on the river side, there is very little option to sit by the riverside and enjoy the river

I don't really understand where the thrust for this has come from. As far as I can tell actual relations are very harmonious in reality (although I have heard stories that some people in houses don't like the boaters being there). The boat's presence on the lane is long established, and taken as part of the provision along the Avon it is our home and dwelling.

The space should be managed for all stakeholders, excluding one group isnt the answer.

Great community, an asset to bath

The problem is that if we let mooring continue to be acceptable, this acceptance/ tolerance will be abused with few possibilities for control.

I like the boats they add character to the area

The problem with allowing moorings along the river is that people take up residency there and I have concerns about the dumping of sewage into the river along a stretch where people are fishing, canoeing, paddle boarding, sailing and swimming. I was appalled when sailing past to a moored narrow boat last summer a couple were lowering their young children into the water for a swim . Not only were they putting them into what I thought was literally a sewage bath, judging by the smell , we have had a number of drowning incidents .

This is ridiculous!!!! Getting rid of the moorings will affect so many boaters that respect it.. sadly you guys won't listen to us and I'm sure the moorings will go because of the residence there. Just because a small number of people abuse things then we all get tarnished with the same brush and it's not fair.

The council must consider all opinions of Bath residents with equal waiting. To do otherwise is undemocratic and contravenes council regulatory guidelines.

Ruining area, use to have dicks and swans along riverside, due to moorings this is no longer the case, ruining wildlife.

Every time I have been there I have always been respectful of neighbours and peace and quiet but seems to be a small

Minority who will not support this in anyway

At the moment the only place to legally moor on the river for 2 weeks is Mead Lane. If I'm coming from Bath I've just got to hope I can find space as there are no other options for someone who works full time.

Narrative answers - Are there any other options or issues you'd like to bring to our attention?

A couple of the residents are distinctly unfriendly to boaters and very vocal about it. I suspect that they don't want boats 'spoiling the view'. This feels unfair as boats have been mooring at this spot longer than these people have been residents!

The location is a rare one where people can access the river by car. I do not understand why there is a need for moorings on this section at all when there are marinas and miles & miles of other riverbank where boats could be moored that would not affect the view, traffic, residents etc.

There are hardly any moorings between Bath and Bristol and if this one is lost it would be a real tragedy for the boating community making it very difficult for continuous cruisers to comply with Canal & River Trust guidelines.

Getting rid of the moorings is in my mind unlawful and against culture of the river in this area. Boaters are part of your community.

C&RT to police the moorings on a frequent basis.

I feel the current situation seems fine although I know a lot of boaters say that moorings are limited and hard to come by there.

There is a lack of river moorings with road access & as I have a child to get to school this is important

The creation of other moorings in the general area could alleviate the pressure on Meade lane

Live and let live the river is for boats and wildlife, humans with issues need to put things in perspective

The use by "travellers" and people living seemingly under the "radar / off grid", in scruffy, polluting old boats (GR and old narrow boats). They contribute nothing to the area in fact they are living for free and are intimidating.

The rise of anti-social behaviour of other river users. Sometimes I don't feel safe for myself or for my children when sailing. Also there are times when I feel intimidated and worry about dinghy being left in the dinghy park at the sailing club

More communication

My choices above are based upon the responsible authority not enforcing their own rules.

If they did my views would be altered.

Residents unlicensed boats on the mooring and therefore uninsured

There are so many issues that we as residents have had to endure over the past 3 years, brought about by the Council's mooring trial and the subsequent abdication of any responsibility to act on the results by the council officials. The list of problems/issues would run to many pages and so we would welcome the chance to meet face to face to put our case and agree a solution. It has been an utter disgrace and we trust a solution will be found as a result of this investigation/survey.

The people who own the houses next to the river harass the boaters everyday. I have moored there for 2 weeks this season and not one day went by with someone complaining about something or other. Something we do not experience anywhere else on the river/canal between Bristol and Great Bedwyn. They seem to be policing the area, monitoring your movements by boat and car and sticking notices on the boats even though they have no idea of the situations or of any invisible disabilities. It becomes quite stressful getting home from work to be faced with someone complaining about your lifestyle. The residents have built their own moorings without planning permission and put rowing boats there that they do not use in order to reduce mooring spots for liveaboards. Making it very hard to use the river in the way that we are allowed and pay to do.

If the grass area was reduced slightly, the parking issue would dissolve away.

which came first - boats mooring here or the houses? I suspect it was the boats.

Narrative answers - Are there any other options or issues you'd like to bring to our attention?

This area is a resource use and by many more people than just boaters and residents. People come from Bath and Bristol to enjoy the area. Boats add to the charm that people come to see, and boaters are not the largest group of visitors by a long way

Would be amazing to see it turned into some residential moorings and visitor mornings. There's a great community down there and the river lacks residential spaces!

I'd like to see further moorings on the river to alleviate the pressure on Mead Lane.

May be make use of the bank from mead lane up to the shallows, past the private moorings. There's a lot of river bank that isn't used by anglers, it could be cut back to allow moorings. The car park and toilets should be made available too. Maybe mooring posts on the opposite bank, just to tie up to, no access to bank. Just if you need to moor up for a while. The river Avon needs a massive clean up, so many trees are hanging in the river, they need cutting back, for anglers and boaters to enjoy the river.

How is it that the most beautiful part of Saltford, which should be enjoyed by the many, has been taken over by the few!! Give the boating community a better and less intrusive site which is NOT in a residential area. A site that has proper amenities with pumping out/ water/power etc. Our riverbank is very precious to those of us who care. The abuse and degeneration of the bank is heartbreaking for those of us who have lived here for almost a lifetime. (46 years). Access is chaos whenever the sun shines. So it's only going to get worse with global warming. A sensible solution implemented now will save time and money in the future no doubt.

There's permissive walking access on the opposite side to Mead Lane. So I'd rather see less cars parked but really like the view of boats from the fields opposite.

The above options are worthless unless the authority manages the site. At the moment boats are moored anywhere on this stretch of water with nobody taking any notice of the mooring restrictions.

There are no facilities for the disposal of human and other waste on this reach of water. Without such a facility it is presumed the boats moored for long periods of time must be pumping their human waste overboard!

Let's try to not make it into a money making scheme.

The river Avon had a public right of navigation. As part of this right of way boats can stop and moor temporarily. It is not as simple as putting up no mooring signs.

This area is located on the edge of the Cotswolds AONB and should be afforded the same protection. The unique access to the River Avon needs to be protected, as does the recently impacted wildlife and associated habitat...

APPENDIX 10 – Q10- Future Management

Narrative Answers - If the moorings were to remain, please give your views on the future management of this area, including issues such as the enforcement of overstays, traffic management on Mead Lane or the introduction of a reservations/charging system to regulate mooring stays.

Mooring should not be allowed . Who would be available to monitor any abuse of the regulations ? The area which was once beautiful is now covered in mess with unkempt boats and the smell of fumes . Water pollution is a concern .

The road was so lovely with wildlife and wonderful views, everyone should enjoy it and putting traffic management and enforcement in will make the area less inviting.I think putting more lines on the road or signs up or more bins will have a detrimental effect on this once lovely tranquil lane

Moorings should not remain, it's dominated by the boating community, the public are unable to picnic on the verge, no one is fishing, people who are walking can't see the river due to the boats being in the way

I cannot see any enforceable action that would be abided by.

Pollution - the boats are lower down than our houses so the smoke from their woodburners comes into our houses. People continue to park so residents can't get out of their drives.

There is no enforceable management of the moorings that would work. The vehicles that belong to the boaters constantly obstruct the small road causing havoc for emergency services and Wessex water vehicles not able to get through causing them to have to abandon reaching Wessex water.

It would need to be managed better to tackle over staying and services provided ie rubbish disposal & water points.

Designated parking spots on Mead lane would be very useful. Being clear where you can and can't park. Not risking people damaging the grass verge. There is no other parking anywhere near by for river users (other than if you were to make an agreement with one of the pubs to use their car park.) I don't see that Mead Lane has any special status over other mooring spots on the river. I would expect the Canal and River Trust to deal with overstays the same as for other moorings. I think if anything might help deter boats overstaying it is to have more designated 14day moorings on the river as a whole between Bath & Bristol. I would imagine that people would be more likely to leave on time if they knew that another mooring spot was not too far away.

If the moorings do remain, the council have to take action to enforce the regulations. It's futile for residents to make suggestions if the council won't follow through with them.

The council haven't controlled Mead lane yet, so I don't believe they will in the future

I support the idea of designating the area as a nature reserve. Access and enjoyment of a natural river side is denied to residents and many visitors alike who enjoy sitting, picnicking, swimming, canoeists by the presence of these boats. by the

Restrictions on length of stay, and an annual maximum number of days / visits. Strong enforcement including penalties for breach of conditions

If any morrings remain they should be part of an overall plan for a Nature Reserve or similar with the moorings being limited witha maximum stay subject to charging and enforcement.

There would need to be a way of 'policing' this as previously this was not managed and the road was full of parked vans and vehicles, visiting those on the moorings. Some people were very noisy and disrespectful of the environment- littering etc. There was also damage caused to the bank. Long term erosion to the bank has implications for the road access to properties, Wessex Water

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and the Jolly Sailor. A strict charging system may modify this, but as previously stated, would have to be 'policed'.

The boats being moored should look as if they are well maintained and lived in - some look as if they are dumped there and rarely used. Loose dogs can be an issue when they persist in following my dog (on lead). Boat owners dogs should not be allowed to be loose - there is a road, no pavement.

Enforcement of charging system and regulation of mooring stay and some method of policing

There should be less boats and it should be patrolled. Fees should be collected and mooring times monitored. There is no adequate sanitation there. I don't think B&NES and the powers that be have the resources to monitor the riverbank, hence it has been left unchecked for so long.

Enforcement must be actively pursued

Take more control and far less doubling up.. Noise control too and rubbish!

Would definitely need reservations and charging, clearly publically displayed and only at specific moorings so as not to undermine the flood defences

I'd prefer to see an absence of moorings and for the area to be enjoyed by residents and visitors for its outstanding beauty and recreation

If the moorings were to stay I would like to see strong control of mooring stays, care of the riverbank good traffic management for the welfare of pedestrians

CHARGING SYSTEM

The whole area should be managed as a prized beauty spot - and available for ALL residents of BANES to enjoy. The wildlife and riverbank should be protected and not allowed to deteriorate. The current debate on climate change and other pressing environmental issues should be given full attention.

Parking should only be allowed for disabled. Double yellow lines.

Not sure how it can be resolved, but I think traffic (cars and other motor vehicles) is the issue. Specifically allocated parking areas?

Not up for discussion in my view they should not be there.

I have no faith that the moorings would be managed in the future as no resource has been allocated to the current moorings by BANES or the Canal Trust. No responsibilities appear to have been agreed for enforcement and management of the moorings. If the moorings are to remain the responsibilities and authorities for the management of the area must be clearly agreed, communicated, resourced and enforced. This is for both on the water e.g. overstays, and on the bank e.g. traffic management and car parking. If a reservations / charging system is introduced this must again be resourced, managed and enforced - if a reservations / charging system is to be used then the moorings should not be allowed until the system is put in place. Traffic management will be required for car parking to ensure that residents can access their properties, and that vehicles (cars, heavy goods and emergency services) can access the local businesses and sewage treatment plant.

The riverbank damage and an "unregulated, unmanaged and unofficial marina for live-aboard boat people", should be treated as two separate issues. If Banes feels it has a duty to provide mooring for the "boating community", it has to provide a managed and regulated marina with facilities for water, waste management and in an area where it is appropriate. The Mead Lane riverside is definitely not appropriate for this, its residential location, flora and fauna, the problems with the erosion of the banks and the likelihood of subsidence of the road, loss of amenity to thousands of visitors, fishermen, kayakers, picnickers, plus Health and Safety issues, re-enforce this. The shocking fact is how the previous Banes administration achieved so much

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chaos by "slight of hand". The present administration has the opportunity to put things right; stop all moorings immediately, support the Salford Environmental Groups work towards a Local Nature Reserve, prevent campervans or overnight sleeping in cars/vans and ensure all measures are put in place to prevent any further erosion of the riverbank and reduce the potential of risk to road subsidence.

Please see Note 8

No vehicles parking overnight, strict enforcement of any mooring by BANES

System to detect and prohibit unauthorised moorings and enforcement of penalties or removal for failure to comply. Complaints process to enforce acceptable behaviours by moorers

Keep the enforcement as it is by CRT, enforcement should be consistent across the entire waterways of CRT and not done piecemeal. What would be the audit trail of any other organisation's right to take enforcement action? What laws entitle them to enforce against boats? Most boats do not overstay except when they need to this includes flooding and there is a need to have a safe haven which Mead Lane is up to a point, otherwise boats will sink and boaters will be forced to moor or navigate in unsafe flood conditions leading to possible drownings. The council is very keen to stop people drowning in the Avon, why are they so keen to on the other hand put boaters at risk? Are our lives less worthy than drunk young men in the centre of town? I hope you will agree that they are not less worthy, otherwise I may just as well drown myself now.

The problem is more widespread than Mead Lane alone.

I am concerned about the condition of the river bank and the road being so close at parts. Access is obviously needed but either boats are causing too much congestion along some parts of the river bank.

Unsuitable in this location for infrastructure and environmental reasons

I'm sure if they were charged council tax they would soon move.

STRICT enforcement of the 14 day moorings..regular bin services like those of the local residents.. try to encourage a family friendly environment as many boaters are friendly and communal so its helping those have the access points to water services and water then perhaps you would have nicer kinds of boaters around

We've asked countless times for management, charges, and sleeping overnight but all feel in deaf ears and money issues. Conclusion has to go back to how it was as there's no facilities for all the extra people boats and cars van

It is unthinkable that they would remain in the Mead Lane river stabilisation area. Where are the Warning Signs?

Rules must be enforced by CRT

I think that CRT should be responsible for policing any overstaying, as there have been many reports of boaters being abused or threatened by some Mead Lane residents and it is not their job to police river craft. The complaints regarding over-staying sit with CRT, but actually this does not affect Mead Lane residents, as if boats moved on every 14 days, they would quickly be replaced by other boats. I recently spoke to a boater who was abused by a local resident for overstaying. The river was unsafe to navigate due to flood water and she had also suffered a bereavement. Often boaters are given permission to overstay with good reason and that has nothing to do with people who live near moorings. At a recent meeting I suggested that boaters could meet with local residents, to explain some of the misconceptions of boating life eg assumptions that boaters somehow don't pay their way, rules about continuous cruising etc but I was reliably informed by the Julian House boater liaison worker that several attempts had been made to meet with residents and all of these had been declined. I think this is a shame, as it could build bridges

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between the communities. . I assume traffic is the domain of B&NES council. As boaters pay a license fee already, I do not think they should pay extra for these moorings

NO charges, we already pay through our boat licence to moor for 14 days in any one place or longer periods etc, this would discourage boaters from staying and would put our community in danger, what would you say to the coroner if a death occurred in flood conditions? BaNES Council is very seriously concerned about students who fall into the Avon late at night after drinking, why are the council so unconcerned about the lives of boater families, adults, children, men, women, disabled boaters, older boaters? Are our lives worth less than 18-year old students? NO they are not!!! BaNES Council show that you care as much about the boating community as you do about the student community!

Enforcement should continue to be carried out by Canal & River Trust in the same way as it enforces time limits on other 14 day mooring space. There should be no charges, Canal & River Trust does not charge for any other 14 day moorings and payment of the boat licence fee already entitles boaters to moor free of charge for 14 days or longer if reasonable in any one place. In any case who would enforce or collect charges? The discredited, unaccountable and dodgy District Enforcement, who have been sacked by the Environment Agency and whose business model relies on bullying and intimidation, who do everything on the cheap to the extent that they have had cases dismissed by County Courts for failing to adhere to court procedure and directions? If enforcement is carried out by another public authority, please provide details of the empowerment trail up to primary legislation that entitles a public authority to collect such fees. Charging fees would be discriminatory, especially against disabled and older single women boaters who are typically on lower incomes and less able to pay and would thus breach the Equality Act. Charging would also create safety issues if boaters feared charges if they needed to overstay in a flood but set off due to the threat of excessive charges, resulting in potential loss of life, property and homes.

Allowing mooring to continue affords no consideration to local residents or those wishing to enjoy the amenity. The antisocial behaviour, damage to the environment and discharge of effluent into the river, not to mention the river bank, are health and safety issues which should be firmly addressed and enforced. Local residents who pay Council Tax deserve no less.

Any enforcements have to be managed including fines, any reservations should be charged and should be time limited including return visits, this is a leisure facility not a residential mooring, effluent should be managed elsewhere not into the river or onto the banks

Put in place regulations that allow overstayers to be fined. Use the council's civil enforcement team to enforce if overstaying becomes a problem.

The boats in general are good and bring a nice touch to the river bank, I can see why some of the older generation who have a property down there arnt so happy. But I'm sure they can afford to move house.

If rules are to be created they must be enforced. These should include preventing repeat offenders from mooring in this location

The whole enforcement process and traffic situation needs to be monitored constantly

Over the trial period B&NES has shown itself unwilling or incapable of managing this site in line with the trial period conditions. I have no confidence that B&NES members and officers will effectively manage any new system if boaters are allowed to moor at this site.

B&NES has shown itself as to be unwilling or incapable of actively managing this site. Despite being notified of boats exceeding their mooring period and depositing rubbish and other antisocial behaviour B&NES Council refused to take any action. I have no confidence that B&NES

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officers and Councillors will do any better in future. As a significant number of boaters have disabused the facility I feel that a total ban on moorings i

totally impractical to carry out the above as it would take 24/7 to monitor and enforce properly with prohibitive costs

poor management likely to remain

A 48 hour mooring for boats travelling through is acceptable

Should be enforcement, no point having rules if they aren't enforced.

I don't know enough about these issues to comment sensibly.

Of most concern is the stability of the river bank and hence the road itself

I cannot think of ANY justification for moorings to remain at Mead Lane. There is a marina just upstream at The Shallows, another one just downstream at Broadmead, another one at Newbridge and another one at Keynsham. There is surely a limit to the capacity for a river to accommodate more than a certain number of moorings before the setting is spoilt for the majority of locals who simply wish to enjoy it and the wildlife it supports as a natural feature - an important element in the framework of green infrastructure .

Moorings cannot remain at Mead Lane without major rebuilding of the river bank which is impractical. BANES should relocate the mooring elsewhere on the river away from housing and restrict daytime parking to clearly defined sections of sensible width to avoid causing obstruction and prevent parking on the river bank. Overnight parking of vehicles should be stopped as it encourages Camper Vans to live in Mead Lane. Problems of litter, defecating, noise, drug abuse and dealing all grow out of this as has been seen as well a regular sightings of people in various states of undress.

As a pensioner with low income, I am very much against charging for mooring.

I would not have any faith in an enforcement and management regime of the area , it would be just be a " lip service " !

Charged and reservable for mooring more than 48 hrs. For less than 48 hours, a mix of free moorings and a few charged+reservable.

48 hrs max. moorings. Designated parking away from the bank.

Traffic management

If the moorings were to remain then it would be a good idea to have a reservation and charging system

A pay and display system is used in some locations around the country, give it some consideration perhaps?

BW need to follow their values of peace and tranquility!

encourage cars off the road except for access. Upgrade the pub which could do with a deep clean and spruce up!

Reservation charging system and more policing of the area

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I have been an ex-councillor and find that there are too many committees etc. and very little action. Yet another survey. Please, please listen to the residents of Saltford, and especially Mead lane residents, who after all suffer! We know the river does not belong to them, everybody's rights have to be protected, but this issue has dragged on far too long - can there be a sensible solution.

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Not a leading question! A few holiday short term moorings would be appropriate. It is a beautiful area with pubs and businesses that need trade. Enforce damage, litter, overstay through CCTV.

No moorings

. The road would need better marking, and the river bank would need increased signage all of which will damage the amenity now provided by the riverside.

A couple of mooring points could be at the Spion Kop end. These let to known liveaboard boaters who work in Saltford area.

Introduce Reservation and Charges

Enforcement overstay and have charging system to regulate mooring stays

Two boats only £50 per day mooring charge.

regulate moorings and charged to more there

I do not support any future mooring as it has proven unmanageable quite apart from the apart from the damage caused there is a strong risk to the stability of the bank following the re-engineering of the Riverbank and roadway support in 2005 the associated long term risk to the roadway and access.

I don't believe that mooring in Mead Lane is an option in view of the need to protect the road from subsidence as is evident from the survey undertaken prior to the enforcement of the river bank and we have always been told by B&NES that they do not have the funds to provide 7 days a week 365 days a year to control and monitor the area and they have also advised us that they do not have the powers to enforce any controls.

Has to be strictly monitored, current free for all is not an option

The area would need to be closely policed to control number of boats and length of stay. Health and safety issues of management of human and animal waste. Noise.

N/A

To invest in full boating infrastructure, pontoons, waste disposal, water. No longer than 24 hour mooring and must be managed

This would be a huge mistake. I have covered the reasons above.

I'm not very familiar with such matters but it does seem to me that if there are restrictions to moorings then those rules need to be enforced actively. And if moorings are approved then there need to be adequate and safe facilities for the boat users.

If moorings remain, does that mean provision of toilet and waste facilities and water? Who would pay for this and monitor it?

Like to see the area kept tidy and safe for wildlife and people.

this stretch of the river is not suitable for moorings, no facilities.

Of course overstay and mess should be controlled but this seems beyond the capabilities of those responsible

more enforcement of keeping area around the boat being kept clean and tidy

Regulation should be required

If we cannot stop all moorings, then a charging system seems the best way forward

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charge for use and provide chargeable waste facility

If moorings were to remain a charge should be made. And the council tax band decreased for those living on the other side of the road. This would compensate partially for the eyesore that some of the craft present and the congestion due to parked vehicles.

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Mooring on the river should not be prohibited. However it needs to be controlled to prevent over stays and bad behaviour.

It would need "policing" which costs money

They shouldn't be able to overstay, they should respect the area and the neighbours and make use of the facilities at the marina

this would require an efficient but low cost "policing" system

Regular inspections should take place to ensure that mooring is not abused. There should also be guidelines regarding noise and parking restrictions should be enforced.

Introduce a charging system to regulate longer mooring stays and offer less of them. No 48 hour moorings. No parking on Mead Lane during the Summer months or introduce one sided parking only as flow of traffic through the Summer months is diabolical.

The moorings must not be allowed to remain, as they are a blot on the landscape of Mead Lane.

Moorings should be limited to 24 hours max ie allowing a visit to the Jolly Sailor only.

Boat owners are not keeping to the 48 hour or 14 day moorings because this is not enforced

Just do not allow moorings. You do not have sufficient enforcement people to manage and ensure moorings are sensible and not damaging the bank

Enforcement of littering laws, stop the cutting of trees for fire wood, fines for sewage pumping directly into river, enforcement of boat safety certificates & licences.

Def enforcement of overstay & possibly a charging system

Charging is essential so that people respect and value the moorings and do not overstay. I recognise that the practicalities of this could be difficult, so needs to be simple to operate perhaps with permits purchased at Post Office or a local pub.

If moorings have been seen as a problem, then just as for parking in a city centre, there needs to be a charging system. This should be enforced as for parking elsewhere. In addition, facilities such as waste disposal need to be provided to encourage keeping the banks uncluttered.

Parking wardens

Broadly agree

I don't know if the residents of the boats pay a council charge. I think they should have to clear their dirt and pay have the area cleaned.

Charging and fines for overstay I support, as revenue would pay for rubbish to be removed that is left along the riverbank.

It would not be in Saltfords interest to have moorings remain, I think as time went by it could slip back to an eyesore

I strongly want to see the option to moor removed

Stronger enforcement of moorings with penalties

Management would be impossible.

Impossible to enforce - there will always be those who ignore laws. See comments above.

I am not in favour of charging to use short term moorings on the waterways. No long term moorings should be allowed as the facilities are non existent to support moorings.

I do not support mooring of any vessels on Mead Lane. If BANES were to overrule the views of those opposed, then it should enforce its own decisions and needlessly actually spend yet more of it's sparse funds on enforcement, rather than make a decision then walk away.

No parking on the roads, the verges should not be used to store bicycles and other equipment from the narrow boats. The grass verges should be well maintained

Stringent monitoring and fines for overstaying

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Management on a spot check or regular basis will have to be introduced and paid for somehow - human behaviour is such that if there are no checks the rules will not be followed. I have not studied what management measures are most effective and would hope that there are other successful implementations around the country that can be drawn upon for the best solution here.

I cannot see any practical way for BANES to manage this, it will be a very low priority and enforcement would be a joke

Limited stays of moorings with enforcement on over stays.

Enforcement should always be a last resort. The danger with charging is that you penalise the poor

no overnight moorings.

I sincerely hope the current level of moorings doesn't stay; it's spoiling a naturally beautiful location & causes problems such as anti-social behaviour. If some - limited - mooring has to stay, then it should be severely restricted, charged and overstay penalised financially

Were this to be the case then a system of permanent management officials would need to be employed to monitor stays. This could however be a system where local retired persons could be utilised on a rota basis.

Employment of Water Bailiff(s) to enforce any legislation in the area, this could include mooring, parking and behaviour.

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short stay moorings for passing holiday boats are fine but no long stay and mooring regulations must be enforced

I would suggest better liaison between BANES and CRT to ensure regular CRT enforcement checks to reduce overstay

It is the traffic on the road that I have more of an issue with. There should be one or two spaces to park on the road, but elsewhere double yellow giving people the opportunity to enjoy the river side.

I would support enforcement of overstay and traffic management on Mead Lane. If the only sure way of reducing moorings is a charging system I would support that too. Whatever it takes to improve the river for the majority

See above. In addition some charging system should be put in place so that people do not moor boats carelessly.

Not allowing cars/vans that are associated with the moorings to park alongside the boats as this prevents casual users of the river to park there - could some arrangement be made with the pubs to allow them to park in their car parks

I am wholly opposed to the idea. I saw no enforcement notices during the trial period or any authority monitoring behaviour of the people mooring along the bank at any time. The river is used by the sailing club and other sports groups for sailing and canoeing. Reducing the width of the river would not be appreciated by them I'm sure. There would need to be a facility for users to dispose of rubbish. Another eye sore.

Car speeds are often dangerous for walkers, particularly at the choke point where there is a single lane. 20mph would be good for walkers and boat residents.

Burning of rubbish in fire with boats heating

Restrict mooring to a small area and set maximum of 48 hours with strong enforcement of overstay. Charging for mooring is probably too complicated to manage.

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I do not support this as it would increase the pressures on the council regarding collection fees etc.

Charge proper money for mooring to deter the wrong kind of people.

no long term moorings.----- It ruins the Habitat, the Beauty & Atmosphere of the village

Regulate the area

I can not think of any reason to allow any moorings here, it should be left free space for everyone to enjoy

Local residents to monitor boat stays and make dated photographic records of overstays

THE MOORINGS SHOULD NOT REMAIN, which would remove the associated problems and restore the riverbank and area to a natural beauty that may then be enjoyed by residents and non-impactful visitors.

If there were no moorings, the council officers could spend their time doing more important things like stopping flytippers

Because of the narrow river bank, any moorings, especially the boards ropes etc, disfigure the landscape, whether they are permanent or holiday moorings

Short stay moorings would need to be managed, in particular overflow from boats to riverside should be eliminated

policing of mooring overstays is obviously difficult. Perhaps reservation and charging is the least worst option cars obviously need access to Jolly Sailor. short stay of cars to watch the boating club is perhaps to permissable.

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Traffic management and enforcement of moorings is key. If that can not be promised then no moorings please

Regular checks on mooring times

Strict enforcement necessary, introduction of a charge would help.

I do not support the moorings continuing but in an unfortunate remain situation I would require strong enforcement of the rules.

Should be mainly 48 hour moorings with few 14 days and strong enforcement and provision of accessible waste disposal

Charging system

Overstays must be enforced with large fines

i don't think that that stretch of riverbank is suitable for moorings and that part of the river should be left for the yacht club to use. I would support the Parish Council's proposal for a local nature reserve to be created to include the riverbank

There should be NO moorings leave nature as it was intended. Nature will make all the changes naturally.

3 day maximum moorings allowed

More 48 hour moorings would be easier to manage , A reservation system, perhaps with a charge, could be possible

No river bank parking of vehicles because of the hazard to pedestrians. Installation of seating/benches along the bank particularly for pedestrians with mobility problems. Vehicles have difficulty passing each other in the lane which can be dangerous for pedestrians

Prevention of mooring occupants possessions littering the river bank. Tight control over all types of waste from mooring vessels. Grey, litter and excrement.

Stronger management of Mead lane is required

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Enforcement would cost us money and how would any fines be collected ? river police!

No moorings to be permitted. My son's were members of the Scouts in the 90's and regularly had river kayak/raft activities on this part of the River Avon. It would not be a safe place for these activities now due to pollution risk.

Would need to be limited mooring. Reduced traffic - only for residents and businesses.

They must be monitored. No overstay, no double berthing, no ropes around trees, no litter etc

The rules should be followed and enforced!

Would like to see no cars or boats moored

The unspoiled views from Mead Lane to Kelston Round Top and the start of the Cotswold Way are one of the great sights of Saltford and a precious resource it should be a special place of peace and tranquility and nature not despoiled by mooring at this open spot of the river. Generations have taken their children here to a picture book river environment walk and I hate what it has become, a Boat Parking Lot.

KEEP THE AREA AS NATURAL AS POSSIBLE BY LIMITING THE MOORINGS

I have nil confidence that the area will be managed. Other mooring areas are not and many are eyesores

I think there should be limited moorings and they should not be informal and therefore pay which would reduce the amount of people using Mead Lane, this would allow for more wildlife to move in. I think a nominal fee to enter could be a consideration but for residents it should be free entry.

A warden

If the mooring are allowed to continue there will soon be an accident involving walkers or cyclists due to the congestion on an already crowded lane

All the vans parked up

Mooring should be limited to 4 as no facilities and some sort of charge introduced and be

See above

No longer than 24hour stays + some facilities for mooring

No moorings preferred

If moorings are to continue, a sewage disposal point and fresh water point should be installed, as its possible that currently waste water is discharged straight into the river, which is not acceptable. I think parking on the verge should be controlled, possibly banned.

I will wait and see but I look forward to the project

Ban cars parking on mead lane or limit to 2 hours

Parking restrictions to stop vans and cars parking next to boats further damaging the riverbank. Very Strict enforcement of overstay. Penalties for rubbish dumped on riverbank

They must not remain unless there is a wish for a normally peaceful residential location to become a battleground. Feelings are running high.

Reservations for narrow boat holiday makers. Parking restrictions along river side of road. Possibly have parking allowed at weekends. Unannounced checks on overstay. Joint Neighbourhood Watch type group involving e.g. boater organisations/residents/canal and waterways trust group if moorings of longer than 48 hours permitted.

Double yellow lines. Enforcement cameras

Mead Lane could very rapidly become a local nature reserve that provides the additional benefit of easy access for observing and learning about riverside wildlife habitat whilst remaining a local beauty spot and area for leisure. This is not about stigmatising boaters, the majority do of course operate and moor their boats within the law, but rescuing Saltford's riverbank at Mead Lane from

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abuse by a minority and protecting the wildlife and this iconic location for the benefit of the majority, a mooring ban should be implemented without delay, commencing with an immediate winter mooring ban.

The current rules are being abused because they are not policed. Any new system would need to include monitoring, either a patrolman or cctv could work.

lack of management has caused current issues so no confidence that any future management would work

I think boats should not be allowed to overstay and this should be enforced. There are rules and restrictions on life everywhere, we give out parking fines for parking too long in one place, why should it be different along a beautiful stretch of river which many people should have access to.

Any mooring policy needs to be overseen - and enforced!!!

I don't support moorings on Mead Lane. It is too restrictive generally to support any increase in usage. Car parking has become a significant issue. I can't imagine effective management of the situation being practically implemented

Don't support any moorings, if implemented there should be control of parking, strict enforcement of overstay and a charging system. I question how these aspects will be enforced and suspect that staff will have to be hired which, in turn, will not be welcomed as it will increase the costs to the ratepayer.

I'd like to see speed humps introduced, and a toll system put into a place on the way OUT of mead lane towards Saltford - where residents have a pass, and jolly sailor patrons given a pass at the pub, other people using the road should pay on the way out.

Enforcement of overstay; no parking on the grass verges; no belongings left on the grass verges

I do not wish the moorings to remain, as they would be abused. I would like a local nature reserve to be established, instead.

There appears to be no current management to enforce mooring regulations and unsociable Behaviour.

I'm personally worried about damage to the ecosystems along the riverbank, boat moorings often clear areas of bank and fragment the riverbank. If they were to remain enforcement would have to be implemented, at the moment nothing is done and people decide not to abide by the signs as there is no repercussions. Traffic management, possibly no overnight parking would be worth looking at. Only had issues since the signs went up as an invitation to Moor, with a charging system that too has the same affect, and without enforcement the issue of overstayers and non payers will occur.

In my view the moorings should never have been allowed, and if they continue further problems will occur.

I am not against barge mooring. I am against slum development on mead lane.

Higher management of overstay and litter, noise and parking which are the main issues

Sadly I don't know how enforcement of over stay and illegal mooring can be tackled unless there is a regular patrol system for the stretch of river, but who would control it and pay for it? Wish there was an answer as it is a huge problem.

There are very few places to moor on the river and reducing further would cause more issues. Maybe a better system could be implemented to reserve spots or monitor overstay but how it would be implemented fairly I don't know. I don't believe charging is the answer

knowing nothing about what system is already in place I would opt to leaving it as it already is as it appears to work.

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I am completely in favour of charging those who overstay with warning. But please do not take away these beautiful moorings.

Moorings periods must be enforced and charges made for 14day moorings

If charges were brought in, this would result in more boat sinkings as people who couldn't afford to pay would be forced to moor in more dangerous places, and those are often the people with the smaller boats with less powerful engines. Enforcement should be carried out by CaRT, according to the waterways acts as they do all over their waterways, no-one else should be taking enforcement action here.

Moorings and parking must be managed properly and on a daily basis. At present no one seems responsible for management and any rules there are are being blatantly ignored, including damage to the banks and posts put in to prevent this.

As a boater I would like to keep the moorings, I think if boaters are respectful the neighbours won't mind them to be there. Because of what happened before I would add some signs that says that is completely forbidden to leave any rubbish or items on the river bank and add a phone number to ring BANES if we see something inappropriate. I'm a boater but I don't approve other boaters behaviours, I'm a respectful person, with nature/environment and neighbours, and I don't think I have to loose the right to moore at mead lane because of other people previous behaviour... I think we should work all togheter to keep the boats there, we are part of the community and can't be just all refused because of some...

The overnight stays are not managed correctly and there is too much unsocial behaviour and litter spoiling the area

less moorings and double yellow lines for parking

Ensuring that people do not overstay their time on the river bank. A time limit for parking along mead lane would also assist

If the moorings are kept limit it 72 hours

You could give it to the Canals and River Trust and allow one space at the first bit (Bird In Hand) end. And make the rest a nature reserve except for a small number of fishing pegs.

Lots of people do manage to live aboard boats, without permanent Moorings's, without overstating on managed moorings. I don't see anything wrong in charging for overstay especially after bust owners have had some kind of warning.

If the moorings were to made permanent then the council would have to invest in the necessary infrastructure needed to ensure the Laneway is safe for pedestrians and residents. The council would have and to provide additional parking and the associated regulation, waste management sytems, water and sanitray considerations. The laneway may need to be widened to allow for the additional parking and to allow pedestrians safe access along the laneway.

Enforce the rules everyone happy except the selfish ones

More enforcement of over stays and charging system

A few moorings could be in this area with a reservation system

introduction of a reservation/charging system to regulate mooring stays. Only being allowed 2 nights at most

This needs to be looked at carefully as the residents should not be expected to manage the moorings

I don't ithnk it is viable to continue mooring. A 'softly softly' system has failed completely; there are not the resources for patrolling, enforcement and punishment sufficient to act as a deterrent to the breaking of mooring guidelines; thev presenence o so many boats (one user group) is completely at odds with the legitimite rights of most other user groups. Because of the raod this

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stretch of the river is (was) highly accessible to old, young, disabled etc. people. This is no longer so in the summer. If there is a need for mooring, then proper facilities should be constructed, away from Mead Lane, that do not impinge on other river-users' options

We hope that the opportunity will be taken to improve the current area as a Local Nature Reserve and think this is incompatible with moorings being provided.

There does need to be regular enforcement for those on the boats to move on after 14 days.

Traffic calming measures to ensure householders, people on the boats keep their speed down

A weekly check (like in the canals) might help with the overstaying...also if there were any other 14 day moorings on the river that would help too. Also some kind of mediation between boaters and residents if that's possible?

Mediation and education with regard to any conflict of interest over the moorings and the need for content cruising vessels to have an accessible place to moor in the rivet

Very strict enforcement of any rules needed, but the last couple of years has shown this is unlikely to happen.

a recycling bins collection area could be built to allow people to dispose of their waste ethically

less road traffic very much restricted mooring

No moorings

See above for charging. Employ a Mead Lane resident on a commission basis to collect rental charges, they could also report boats with out of date licences, of which there usually many. An on the spot fine for licenses and collection of mooring fees. This is my second report as a result of discussing the situation with others.

Wouldn't work system is already abused by boaters

I do not believe it would be possible to effectively manage this area fo boats to moor. Any mooring use would be abused and the Council would not be able to effectively control or move on boats overstaying. The boats are effectively people's homes. mooring use would be abused and it would not be possible for the Council to effectively enforce any rules

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One or two boats for one day only and the council parking wardens checkinget every day and fines for overstaying

Dont want the moorings to remain. Unless there are a couple for leisure boats with say 24 hour restriction which is properly enforced.

you will not enforce as you will not have the money/staff, so best not to have moorings, then you will not have to worry about it.

Enforcement of overstate is ok but where do the live aboard go as everywhere they go they seem to be moved on! Something must be done to reduce excessive speed by some vehicles who I estimate as driving up to 40mph! As for charges, charges, for what? It is the fishermen who damage the banks by digging platforms to sit nearer the water plus some boaters who exceed the 4mph limit. If the banks are kept in good repair with grass cut regularly it will generally stay that way. As for the billiards replace with metal one spaced closer together

Supervision and enforcement would be expensive and is untenable.

It ain't broke so no fixing necessary, but almost all altercations i've witnessed here or anywhere in the country have been when local residents get to telling boaters what they feel they can and can't do

The moorings from Newbridge lock to Saltford are illegal so this question is irrevelant.

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Live on boats regularly overstay the maximum permitted. Boat owners are not open to discussion about any issues concerning their length of stay and can be abusive if tackled.

Currently, traffic makes the lane dangerous for families with children and I'd really like to see the traffic carefully regulated or restricted.

Enforcement of overstays

should all be regulated visitor mooring to give more people the chance to see the local countryside

Ask Wessex water they had to wake them up to move cars and vans to get trucks in to Wessex water

Please see comments above. In addition currently there are no facilities such as water and sewage disposal points to serve the boats. There is little space for these facilities and it may prove difficult to provide such facilities.

If the moorings were to stay, there needs to be policing of the area and people that use them.

Drugs, dogs and mess isn't something visitors want to see. It's kept us away.

Moorings in this area will cause a negative affect to the quite, natural beauty that we all regularly enjoy.

Traffic management isn't a result of overstaying, reservation, charging just adds to the administrative burden and costs, the management is fine as is, the moorings should be managed with a soft touch, these are people's homes, the problem is people who feel entitled to influence land that isn't theirs, your house stops at your boundary!

It's a beautiful river with lots of boats to be intrigued by. Absolutely stunning place with the country side to walk and view at your finger tips.

The overstays must be strongly enforced, the car parks in B&NES are!

enforcement of overstays

Use the same system and management as applied to the rest of the UK network under CRT control

Install CCTV cameras to provide incontrovertible evidence,

The moorings should remain free of charge, consistently with the public right of navigation which includes stating that no payment is due to landowner. There's no need to revisit the biased proposals for vehicle parking restrictions which were proved to be contrary to the Equality Act. The management is fine at the moment, Canal and River Trust are the body that can lawfully enforce the British Waterways Act 1995 and no other body can do so; overstays are enforced the same as everywhere else on their waters. Charging for mooring would disadvantage an already disadvantaged group of people. This survey is biased towards increasing the 48 hour mooring section and reducing the 14 day, and similarly biased to removing mooring altogether with only 1 option to favour more 14 days space, 2 options to increase 48 hour space and 2 options to ban mooring. How will this be analysed? People have double the opportunities to favour reducing 14 days or banning mooring. This is highly questionable and some sort of weighting should be used to rectify this bias. Who designed this survey and who had input into it? The residents of Mead Lane? Saltford Parish Council? Saltford environment group? The local BANES councillor for Saltford? Its appalling. Please rectify this bias. Please record my answers twice to remedy this bias.

No long stays, allow spaces between boats to allow access to all from riverbank, stricter hygiene/litter/pollution policy

24 hour only on 1 or 2 spaces and area to be managed and enforced by the council

24 hours only for leisure and only 1 or 2 spaces at moorings to be properly managed and enforced

It's a CRT problem that overstayers need to be reported to them, also a rubbish area and chemical toilet block close by would help boaters not be so messy when a lot of them don't drive so need to put things on the bank whilst moored up!

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crt TO BE MORE ACTIVE

I firmly believe that the mooring rules should be enforced.

I think that the c current mooring arrangements are fine, but they need to be better enforced. Either by CRT or the council, or both. If enforcement is not possible, then changing the mooring restrictions will change nothing, and changing the restrictions might be unnecessary if the current restrictions are enforced and shown to work. A booking siren might work, but it would still require on the ground enforcement. There are very few visitor moorings on the river whereas there are plenty of other sections of river bank which could be improved for wildlife. The boats on mead Lane are a unique attraction for many walkers and visitors who bring money into local businesses as well as adding to the character and diversity of the village.

Enforcement would need to be rigorous, it would be expensive and rarely works.

I support the proposal of the creation of a local nature reserve in this zone

Definitely in favour of some form of charging system and reducing turnover of boats (Greater 14 day mooring, potentially eliminate 48 hour mooring). Installation of CCTV as suggested previously may be an option.

Overstaying boats should be reprimanded so the moorings are fairly accessible to all boats. Residents should have some official restrictions in interfering with/ harassing the boaters and causing upset. It is extremely anti-social. Boaters already pay a license so should not have to pay to moor.

Enforce the following rules. Maximum stay 14 days. No generayors after 6pm. Absolutely no project work to be carried out on boats at all. No personal belongings to be left on the riverbank. You could say no parking on the lane at all by either residents or boaters.

only short stay mooring allowed ,areas for fishing to be free from moorings with parking allowed for limited times

We pay a licence fee to CRT, it is up to them to enforce the moorings in the usual way. Not down to residents to report. That is bullying. . How about you install a charging system for the residents of Mead Lane for every time they want to look at the river? It amounts to the same thing. Both are using/living in the space.

I think an hours long system would be better, as I said previously, genuine boaters can have time to enjoy the area, have a walk, cycle or enjoy a meal in the local pub. It would deter those that didn't really have any interest in the area, but just use it because they think they can get away with outstaying their welcome.

charging won't help anything, regular checks & using CRT or local bye laws to enforce overstays would mitigate current problems

No experience of how moorings are managed but the access for traffic could be better. Perhaps a one way loop?

It is my belief that the area should be managed like any other public space. The needs of the people that use it should be taken into account with equal importance. It is essential that people that choose to live on the river should have no less importance than land owners. Littering and anti social behaviour should of course be discouraged and dealt with intelligently but under no circumstance should these unfortunate realities be used as an excuse to remove essential moorings that the river community depend on.

Perhaps the crt need to do some work . Also not many people mooring there are able to take their car as well sobperhps that a house residents issue .

I think it it well managed

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Once a week, the moorings should be walked by a mooring Officer (similar to CRT), who will note all of the boats registration numbers. If the boat is there on a third visit, it receives a fine unless it has registered a legitimate reason for staying. Clear rules should be posted about items being stored on board, with exception being made for tables/ chairs etc

In my experience boaters are respectful of the time limitations and enjoy a shared spot for all to enjoy and I believe many feel it is a quaint and heartfelt sight to see the boats moored there also works well as it is!

The current system is fine - just the odd instance of friction between house dwellers and boaters. More consultations and meetings between the two parties would assist.

It is unfair and out of order for the very people who detest boaters to be recording information and monitor moorings. All informations put forward should be NULL and VOID. There has been examples where residents have been abusive towards boaters, have over exaggerated claims as well as setting boaters up, (eg - placing their own rubbish outside boaters home and photographing it) by no means are some residents innocent in this situation, and have gone out of their way to intentionally exasperate things. A major issue that has caused problems is that CRT, the environment agency or BANES do not monitor the moorings, this has left Mead lane open to abuse to a minority of boaters who think they are not on the radar anymore. (it should also be noted the CRT have contributed to this problem by constantly changing the rules and forcing people to move further or have their licences taken away) I am not saying there has been no issues, I agree that antisocial behaviour should be dealt with (same for residents antisocial behaviour) This is deeply unfair to law abiding respectable boaters who operate within the rules (a vast majority) As a result of the lack of monitoring by an official party, a great deal of tension has built up between both parties. The solution to this problem is to have an official authority to monitor the moorings like the canal is monitored. Its important to remind anti boater home owners, that the river was here long before their homes were built. Perhaps they should move to a place that is more suited to their bigoted views. This includes not moving next to a pub if they do not like the noise from a pub and not near an airport if they do not like planes. Having an expensive home does not give people the right to dictate who does and does not lives near their homes. Some Mead lane residents are people who have made a judgement on how boaters live their life. Stereotypes include boaters not having jobs, throwing human waste in the river and being thieves. The boating community include a diverse range of people from all backgrounds, rich and poor. Teachers, nurses, engineers, librarians, care workers, artists, craftspeople are just a few of the people who live on their boats. Another issue that isnt taken into account, Saltford is commonly known as saltford beach and is a very popular spot for all, dog walkers, swimmers, kayakers and paddle boarders, fishermen, walkers, families, it is well known the summer is busy here. it always has been. People come from miles around to swim here, drink in the pubs, walk their dogs etc. Some of the issues encountered by locals are not boater related, but related to a whole selection of visitors, rubbish, cars, dog fouling etc The solution to this is not to stop boaters mooring here. If legal mooring is stopped, law abiding boaters will not come and the problem will be made worse by the minority who dont give a damn and cause more problems. It is noted that this survey sways in favour of residents, yet again another tactic to get rid of boaters.

BANES COUNCIL MUST MONITOR THE MOORINGS , AND NOT AGRUE THEY HAVE NO MONEY , OR NO MOORINGS AT ALL

Everyone come to a mutual agreement

The council would have to look into their own funds and the law to see what it's possible to enforce. Allowances would have to be made for when boats are broken down, it's unsafe to travel, someone is unwell etc. The council could seek advice off CRT. The residents must not be

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involved in the monitoring or policing as they are I'll informed, rude and prejudice and do not understand the law around the subject. Boaters are only a fraction of the cars parked there, I've seen 6 cars and lorries outside one resident's home who was getting work done. If boaters need to overstay on the canal they have to ring crt to explain why.

Boaters already pay an annual licence to be on the waterways so I don't think charging should be introduced. Reservations - maybe?

The moorings should NOT remain

Immediate fines on overstays and a charging system

Bins for boater use, and maybe someone looking after that stretch of river- peace keeper between both sides and making sure everyone do what they mean to

Why is it such a big deal if someone stays somewhere a bit longer? Who is it hurting? I don't know why the residents are so worried about what's happening in someone else's back garden.

CRT have an enforcement system on the canal, why not the river as well?

More facilities like refuse disposal & elsan/water points

More facilities for boaters and a bit of understanding from both side. there is no need to create antagonisms. the press and the politicians are already doing enough to their advantage.

Have CRT or similar do a simple check once a week and enforce as they do across the rest of the country. No reservations, no charging.

Moorings should be free as boat dwellers already pay licence fees to be in the waterways and welfare facilities should be introduced. There is potential to develop the local economy through provisions shops and a visitor education center. The banks and local ecology should be maintained with a view for conservation, both ecological and cultural. People should not overstay on moorings and this should be subject to regular checks by CRT as is the case throughout the country.

I do not have any prejudice to boating community; they are peaceful and lovely to chat to on walks. I understand that moving them along too regularly makes it difficult for getting their children to school/ work. Happy to share space.

Please designate the area as a local nature reserve, reduce the number of moorings and place the limited moorings under the control of those managing the nature reserve. Moorings would be subject to conditions to conserve wildlife on the banks (e.g designated mooring points at more widely spaced intervals, not cutting bankside vegetation, restrictions on use of generators etc, movement to avoid erosion). Mooring charges would be appropriate but could go to funding management of the LNR. These conditions should be monitored by wardens attached to the LNR and would help encourage a culture of community responsibility among the boaters as non compliance could lead to eviction. There are plenty of examples where Local Nature Reserves and moorings have been successfully integrated, from Camley Street in London to Pinkhill Meadows in Oxfordshire. The success has been in having the tenure of the mooring conditional on ecologically sensitive behaviour. If the moorings are to remain it would be sensible to establish an emptying point for compost toilets (if not chemical ones) as well as marked parking bays

If you overstay on the canal, CRT immediately send an email to inform you, does their sighting system not cover the river?

My understanding is that crt manage this more than adequately. The policing of moorings is religiously applied.

Just get rid of the moorings to make the place safe.

Very strong enforcement

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Those who do not want to abuse the system will be happy with any enforcement. I believe it should be enforced, there are not the facilities for long term moorings. Installing facilities would not be fair to residents so it should only be enforced short term moorings for leisure use

License fee should be all canal boaters pay. The right to moor for 14 days is enshrined in law

Most boaters do not overstay but we are unfortunately labelled with the minority that do on occasion. The residents are unreasonable about parking - I was recently moored there and a family with a baby moored in front of me were consistently harassed by local residents claiming they were blocking their driveway. They had adequate space to enter and exit their driveway but clearly thought they owned the road

Current mooring signage is clear and adequate. Possibly more information about local wildlife

Overstays should be allowed if there is good reason otherwise people should move on to allow others a chance to moor here. Traffic will always be an issue but perhaps a nominally increased parking charge would help fund any extra infrastructure needed.

It's simple. The council need to manage it, placing overstays, maintaining the riverbank and providing facilities that ensure the area is kept clean. The council mismanagement is responsible for this and the NIMBY residents should be ashamed of the way they have behaved.

I think boats mooring there should pay via meters or online for the duration of their stay a bit like car parks

No one is enforcing anything and I don't see this changing! When asked to move on boat owners claim that their engines are flooded and they can't move - most have absolutely no intention of obeying any rules and know nothing is ever done

Not sure

put bins and a water point

Over stays are managed by CRT not the council, as stated before most boater do not overstay, personal reasons or engine problems sometimes make this a necessity but communication with the boater and CRT occurs and it is nothing to do with anyone else, residents noting times and dates and wanting everyone to have big boat names displayed is nothing but prejudice and self-policing of an area that they view as their alone. Traffic management is the same as anywhere else and not up to the residents, swimmers in the summer and fishermen are the main culprits of parking along the riverbank, boaters know to use the laybys as we do everywhere else on the waterways. Reservations are a ridiculous idea as no one knows how long a cruising day will be or how far you can get due to weather, other boaters, broken locks etc. We choose to continuously cruise to avoid mooring fees, why should we have to pay for and reserve a spot here?

Sensible, progressive solution to everyday issues.

No charging, please! We do not own a car, so not involved in Mead Lane traffic. Enough mooring spaces will mean people won't overstay.

Daily checks and extra enforcement, double yellow lines the length of the lane

CRT should enforce overstays, and take action, and residents if need be can help monitor this

If moorings were to remain, this could not include parking their vehicles as there is no parking facility. There are no facilities at all for long-term mooring. So the time would have to be restricted and enforced to 48 hours except for those that own land and have riparian rights to the riverbank. Parking should be banned except for day visitors like fishermen who could be given a parking permit, this would need to be enforced.

You could introduce a "check in" system for each move with gps maybe? the rules are already quite difficult for families and others who maintain employment. The river is an invaluable

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resource for alternative living and people need to be supported not penalised when guidelines on distances are changed with little notice.

Monitor length of stay, but allow extra long stays for special unforeseen problems, these are real people

I would suggest pontoons for the boats. Also make the Shallows a local nature reserve, its more suitable than Mead Lane

I strongly agree for the free unreserved moorings to remain. I believe there should be recycling facilities for boats. I believe there should be a fishing ban in the area.

The problems with rubbish can be resolved by providing improved disposal facilities. Developing community events with boaters and housed residents to care for the land can be a really good way of breaking down prejudices whilst ensuring management of the land.

Enforce. For everyone's sake.

Needs to be regulated so the mooring is available for more visitors to enjoy

Unfortunately enforcement means charging. Victoria Park car parking can be done by text, surly morning can?

Definitely needs more enforcement for those who abuse and overstay with running for the rest of us who play by the rules.

The boaters have not complied with the mooring rules in the past 3 years so therefore will not in the future and a boater had been heard to say this openly in the local pub.

In my experience, river users have always been very respectful and generally considerate of timings and not overstay. I'd perhaps rather not see extra red tape or procedure, if it's necessary to reassure people of the moorings correct and respectful usage though that would be fine I suppose.

Have a word on

If sufficient services are provided for mooring then a small charge would be acceptable but ideally moorings should remain accessible to all regardless of financial status

I would want any vehicle access to be restricted (i.e. parking restrictions on river-side) e.g. no overnight parking.

If they stay then mooring should be charged at a rate to cover the cost of a team to visit site daily to check for dog fouling, litter dropping etc

I am nervous when walking past some of the boats as i feel a little exposed in this quiet location

I strongly disagree with mooring charges. We already pay a licence to use and moor on the river. Residents not taking it upon themselves to police the boaters. CRT or environment agency need to do that so perhaps they need to have more of a presence to ensure boaters don't over stay. Instead of doing away with the moorings all together, those that abuse them need to be dealt with by CRT. Traffic is fine. It's not just boaters who park along there.

Regular monitoring by canal river trust and enforcement as per canal

CRT should be entirely responsible for waste and services, alternatively you could install and charge for these. A 'pump out machine' can be run each time for £20 whilst costing a fraction of that

I THINK THE RESIDENTS WILL BE AT WAR WITH THE BOATERS

I feel the current system is working. I often walk the route in addition to our visits by boat and it seems present there is sometimes a little rubbish in the summer months so maybe some more bins or someone sent to litter pick I always collect what I can if its particularly bad. I doubt this has anything to do with the boaters though as a trip along the canal to a part thats popular with boaters but not fishmen or summer revellers will show that were not littering scum.

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Send the crt down more often to make sure everything is okay. The crt should be representing the boaters and making sure the residents are happy

I would suggest that the moorings are checked daily to ensure overstay are not an issue. I have never experienced a problem with parking at Mead Lane, however a designated turning spot may need to be introduced. The mooring should remain free - people pay for their river license. Information regarding boat dwellers, their rights and their contribution to the upkeep of the river and environment should be made clear to non-boat owners (maybe a sign could be erected about the CRT and make clear that all boat dwellers contribute to this)

Additional resources would be needed to patrol the area on a daily basis and fines for overstay would need costly administration so this is a strong reason to remove the moorings altogether as the council would not have the money to fund these measures.

Parking is always an issue, as, sadly, is boat overstay. I would support increased parking controls (boaters are happy to walk to reach their cars). Perhaps also a system of reporting boats arrival times, like the clock on dashboard system used in many foreign countries?

Have a rep from CRT come and check boats and regulate them in the normal way. The problem is not anything that is particularly happening there with boaters it feels, but with other residents and visitors and the impression they have

The residents over exaggerate the issues and this needs to stop. We are all just people trying to live our lives. Some compassion and empathy would be nice.

Send a crt member once a week. Not all boaters abuse the system, they are as much a thorn in our sides as those who live there.

Over night mooring limited to 8

Independent as parish council are bias against the people and there lifestyles

It is a natutal place that has already been distrurbed by houses built that are not environmentally friendly. It is not necessary to turn it into an unpleasant monitored urban area.

Don't ask residents to do it !!!!!!!

enforcement of overstay, reservations esential and limited to 24 hours

If the moorings were to remain, the situation would stay just as it is now, unacceptable. BNES Council has never enforced the mooring (lack of money) and the boats know it, so they overstay. The Canal & River Trust don't do anything either unless a boat has no licence. So discussing future enforcement issues or reservation / charging is a non-starter. The Council won't do it. It is better to have no mooring at all, re-wild the banks and have the Council maintain the banks for day trippers and fishermen. There should also be no overnight parking.

I don't think I know enough about the options to give an informed view. I think boat owners being respectful of the community and htherefore minimising their stay and their impact would be a good form of payment. I suspect if you lived in mead lane and were paying high levels of council tax you might feel differently.

needs to be managed daily

B&NES Council have never moniitored or enforced the current 14 day / 48 hours mooring scheme, presumably because of a lack of financial / personnel resources. It is therefore unlikely they will find the resources to make any future mooring scheme work. Traffic management might be improved by a judicious mix of white and yellow lines, maybe double lines in a few places. In a previous consultation about parking on Mead Lane it finally came down to a vote and residents were out-voted by non-resident boaters, so no parking scheme was introduced. If B&NES wanted to introduce a reservation or charging scheme, I feel that they would have to provide some basic

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facilities, toilets for example. Cash and staff would be required to build and support any such facilities, and there is very little space available here.

The fact is that resources are so tight that no enforcement would take place

1: Regulate and enforce regulations strictly. 2: Apply appropriate Charges 3: Deal with complaints swiftly 4: Ensure boats appropriately licenced

To ban moorings here altogether would save BANES considerably

They should not remain but if they do against the vast majority how likely is it they will be checked every day ? Yes I'm biased as an angler but when my disabled wife was alive we loved to sit there for for an hour or two as did many others just to pass the time of day, it is a beautiful area and with marinas at Keynsham, Saltford and Newbridge with facilities there is no need for boats to moor there and the proximity of 2 pubs is not a good situation.

In reality, given the lack of resources, we know there will be no effective management of this area. The only sustainable option is to ban all moorings AND divert the heavy traffic that uses Mead Lane. Currently the combination of river moorings and traffic is desecrating this stretch of the river.

Short term stays only (24hrs)

Possible option if it can be policed!

Why charge?

Réservation system

They shouldn't stay they should pay for a Mooring like other people do

Policing by a local body, maybe sailing club with link to the local police, introduction of more wooden posts to discourage parking on the grass verge and no more than 48 hours stay.

24 hour stay and regular enforcement

Active management and enforcement of mooring policy.

If moorings were to remain, against the wishes of the majority of residents in Saltford, moorings would require daily management, monitoring and enforcement of mooring practices but with a mooring duration limit of no longer than 24 hours (i.e. overnight for boats passing through) in a reduced length of the riverbank with proper yet inconspicuous embankments/pontoons installed to protect the riverbank's vegetation. Winter mooring should be banned (unsafe). After the first 24 hours is free, thereafter a high charge should be made for any further nights within the same week. Residents should not need or be asked again to monitor moorings as this has caused friction between boaters who object to residents protecting their local riverbank; this should be B&NES Council or a sub-contracted agency. However, Mead Lane is simply not suitable for the mooring of boats as the mooring trial has so clearly demonstrated.

I don't believe that it could/would be economically enforced. It might mitigate the long term damage to this sensitive habitat, but wouldn't protect or restore it.

Moorings on a riverbank alongside a narrow residential lane need to be properly planned through the planning process; there has been no formal planning application from B&NES Council to create moorings at such a sensitive location in the Green Belt as Mead Lane. The combined issue of availability and demand or need for free or chargeable moorings on the River Avon is a different issue to whether Mead Lane is suitable for moorings, which B&NES Council as the riparian owner has proved it is not and that it lacks the resources to properly manage and enforce any moorings there. As a result of the mooring trial, SEG reluctantly concludes that moorings should not be permitted in Mead Lane and should be stopped as soon as possible so that the environment of this rural lane can be returned to its more natural state of a healthy, unspoilt riverbank where wildlife can thrive and members of the general public can appreciate nature and enjoy again. For

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safety reasons a winter mooring ban should commence forthwith as the river here is dangerous at times from autumn through winter into spring due to the seasonal high level and strong river currents and also the associated flood risks that arise with increasing frequency. The mooring trial has been stressful for local residents and had a highly detrimental effect on the lane and the riverbank's flora and fauna whilst acting as a deterrent for members of the general public to visit the lane in the summer season. The absence of mooring enforcement and mooring management on a daily basis at such a sensitive location has resulted in an intolerable situation for our members, many of whom have reduced or stopped altogether their visits on foot or by bike to the lane in the spring and summer months. The mooring trial has proven that this residential lane at such an iconic and beautiful location that should be available for the general public to enjoy is not suitable for the mooring of boats; to suggest otherwise is to ignore the evidence collated by local residents and as witnessed by other lane and river users including many of SEG's membership. The white lining should be replaced and updated to protect and keep open access for residents, visitors, Wessex Water and emergency vehicles. Overnight sleeping in vehicles or caravans is not at all appropriate in this narrow residential public lane and should be banned. SEG therefore agrees and supports the policy response statement to this consultation agreed by Saltford Parish Council on 1 October 2019.

the area would need to be secured and policed as there's too much anti-social behaviour / litter

Strict enforcement of overstay is essential if the current moorings are to remain, but I do not believe this is necessary, given the number of marinas and other moorings in this area. I would much prefer to see it left as an area of natural beauty, allowing an increase in the local flora and fauna to be encouraged.

I would not be opposed to a reservation/charging system to regulate mooring stays if that is what it took to save this mooring spot.

The moorings should be managed by CRT and boat sightings logged by them, and enforcement procedures applied by them in line with the law. This is how they manage other areas of the canal. I strongly disagree with a charging system.

I would like to see expensive management kept to the minimum. Engaging more with boaters to encourage self regulation with increased moorings

I believe that Canal and River Trust are competent to manage mooring use.

Not necessary. This is already covered by EA and CRT rules. This is nonsense to placate wealthy house owners.

Vigorously against any move to reduce moorings and boat use on the waterway system. Also anything that reduces use such as charging. The character of the system is dependant on high boat use and mooring availability.

Put double yellow lines on road to prevent all parking and making it safer to walk along.

This all sounds very petty. Sounds like parking and mooring limitations are to make more money. Also by doing so you are excluding a minority

As above. Tackle anti social behaviour through existing legal framework and boat licence conditions.

Enforcement of over staying boats

I think my views above probably indicate my view so on enforcement of moorings. Making it impossible for people to park means that they can't work or take children to school and therefore, unless wealthy and retired can't live on a boat. The road here is not overcrowded and so I can't see any other reason to introduce traffic management. Overstay of moorings are dealt with by CRT already are they not? And should not therefore have two I

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To be honest although some boats have overstayed (some with good personal reason, some), this shouldn't matter to the residents who are campaigning so hard to get rid of the moorings, as there would be the same number of boats, just a higher turnover. There are few places for continuous cruisers to moor between Bath and Bristol and I fully support the continuation of these moorings. As a regular walker, I have not witnessed any traffic issues and residents driveways are protected by white lines & no parking signs. If there ever is a traffic issue, B&NES council should deal with it. Any issues of overstay should be addressed by the Canal Rivers Trust. A reservation system would be unworkable as you cannot always plan your stay on the river eg River level fluctuations, mechanical breakdown, sickness can prevent boats moving as planned. Boats should not be charged, they all pay a license fee to CRT already.

If moorings are to remain, rubbish bins provided and clear parking laws - 3 people on a boat means 3 cars. Mead Lane cannot cope with this.

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I think it would be a shame for mooring to remain, I have been walking by this river for a very long time and it is really bad now, there is no access to the river as boats are moored, sometimes doubled with no gaps. there is music and boats engines going I presume to charge their batteries, each year i see less and less Swans and Ducks, I feel sorry for the residents, some times I've see on a Sunday boaters repairing their boats by cutting and sanding wood all over the verge and road, this area is being abused. I used to fish with my dad but there is no place now as too many boats and cars parked on the verge.

Treat people as individuals, if a boater is causing a problem, address that specific issue don't penalise everybody.

I can't see how the introduction of reservations/charging will have any true effect, throughout the country there are individuals with little interest in observing any form of management on there chosen mooring place, so I feel this will only lead to lengthy and expensive actions to regulate. As to traffic management, very difficult with walkers, dog walkers, fishermen, sailing club members, some boaters, visitors to local residents and also local tradesmen working on residential properties, all looking for parking, it's not just boaters. Putting some sort of parking management in place will be costly and will impact on the local community, possibly more than boaters, as not all boaters have a car.

Make parking for residents only on the road

Facilitate active participation in the upkeep by local residents, boaters, liveaboards.

If more moorings were introduced say a Bitton railway down stream of mead lane no additional measures would be required

Someone needs to stop them talking over the area they do not respect the space always overstay and mess up river bank

Enforcement of stays and checking of river licences

Checks on river licences, enforcement of length of stay. Charging to moor but only over night.

Should not be allowed to continue. If they do then proper management and enforcement should be introduced immediately - with powers to move on unsightly wrecks both on the water and on the road. Several times this last few years it would have been impossible for a fire engine to get down Mead Lane due to all the vehicles parked badly at narrow stretches of the road.

Enforcement and or fines for overstay is expected on all CRT waterways anyway. Boaters are already charged for use via their boat licences. If extra facilities were in place and boats could moor permanently then boaters would expect to be charged.

CRT need to enforce the process they have already for dealing with boaters that overstay.

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Charging might be an option like the Thames but the main priority must be to move overstayers on

Would need to introduce reservations/charging to regulate and money raised go towards maintaining the area.

encourage non-polluting boat living and checks to move on overstays

The area is not suitable for moorings.

I don't think the council has the capacity or finance to monitor the area so it will be unregulated as it is now. No one will be checking.

Speed restriction for vehicles and speed restriction humps on road.

Volunteer wardens? Charging system could work. Could they get a refund if they ate/drank in the Bird or Jolly?

Stop all parking on the road- it is narrow. A mooring ban is not necessary. Can the canal and rivers trust do more? Can Avon and Somerset police do more to deter the behaviour of people racing up and down to the Jolly Sailor.

Increased mooring would possibly become a problem to the environment along the river bank

Traffic management is key and reassurances and obvious management of the area, to ensure litter control etc.

Should they remain, they must be checked in order boat owners to not take up semi permanent residence.

Overstays should be managed by CRT in the same way as the rest of the canal. It should not be up to the residents to monitor overstays as they have no idea what the situation is or whether the boater has requested an agreed overstay

People should be charged a substantial fee for mooring in such a beautiful area - after all, they would have to pay a large sum to rent a property nearby.

Make it all 48hr moorings

Bring in wardens

I strongly feel the moorings should be removed, however if they are to stay proper facilities need to be provided especially to dispose of human waste boaters are not using the toilets available further upriver as it's inconvenient, and are tipping waste into the river instead. Overstays should be rigidly enforced and fines issued for overstaying, reservations and charging may help to alleviate this. Traffic and parking needs to be patrolled as many of the boaters are actually not visiting and are living at the side of the river.

The moorings should not remain. If they do, management should repair the damage to habitat for wildlife, protect the views, and manage the associated traffic that seems always to be clogging the small amount of parking available next to the bridge by the Bird in Hand. There would have to be strict parking and mooring checks and enforcement of penalties.

Moorings need to be effectively policed.

I am not a boat user, but strict enforcement is required. The noise and antisocial behaviour, even if only from the few and not the majority, is no doubt the most difficult aspect to deal with.

Overstays are a problem for us leisure boaters

Need better facilities and enforcement of overstay. I think it's the lack of enforcement that has caused the issues

Mead Lane is very narrow and parking along that stretch is hazardous, as there is frequent traffic accessing The Jolly Sailor and the water works. It is an area for walkers, cyclists and families to enjoy in safety and tranquility. Who would be responsible for enforcing and policing a charging system?

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charge £100 per 24 hours and closely supervise

charging £100 for each 24 hour mooring

Anybody displaying antisocial behaviour should be asked to move on. Only 24 hour mooring and somebody who can actually oversee this.

Why has this suddenly become a mooring survey?

Enforce existing mooring times, it's fair to all.

Maybe you could register to reserve a spit for two weeks? That way a boat would have to move because the likelihood would be it would be fully booked and and on a rotation. Keep the 48hour free though for emergencies and holiday boaters.

It will obliterate what is left of the wildlife with the mess that is left behind by boats.

See previous plus it is a beautiful area bring lost under rubbish.. less birds on the river in recent months

As is often the case, the minority are spoiling this for the majority with decent boaters and residents being negatively impacted by a few. With increased management/enforcement of the waterways perhaps by a liveaboard warden as used to be the case with similar issues in London together with more rigorous enforcement by BANES/Police

seems to work ok as it is. a little bit more cooperation is all that's needed

As we know any effective enforcement of overstays and traffic management is unlikely please ban moorings and restore this lovely stretch of river for use by responsible people.

Charging for moorings should not be put in place as river licences are paid for. Disrespectful boaters should be moved on immediately.

There is no point in a system if it is not regulated or enforced

Better enforcement is essential - at the other end of Saltford, east of the marina, boats moor even though it is Duchy land and mooring is prohibited; all the signs have been removed. The prohibition of parking on the river bank is essential to improve amenity and safety and to deter long term mooring.

Limited number of moorings. Mead lane is not a car park so there has to be enforcement of this. If there was a charging system this may help but on the flip side there are mooring further round and i have seen cars parked on footpaths hundreds of yards from any road where they have been driven across fields to park up near their boat.

Robust enforcement of mooring stay times and CRT boat license T&C's relating to antisocial behaviour would solve the problems identified by local residents and others. Mooring should be free of charge as there are no facilities here, in line with other CRT waterways. Concerned local residents could be trained by CRT to be Volunteer Mooring Rangers and use the BSA Lite App to record boat index numbers to assist CRT Boat License Support staff in the enforcement of stay times and any antisocial behaviour. The BSALite App can be used to record a variety of mooring issues besides boat index numbers.

The mooring are one of very few legitimate places to moor on the river and form a natural point to break the journey from Bristol to Bath which is challenging to complete in a day.

i understand that there are a few that have overstayed or caused problems - this needs policing game and should not spoil it for the many. Please find a solution to this - a ban is not the answer. More enforcement would be good, but that does cost money

Overstays should be recorded and enforced by CRT in the same way they are managed on the canals. There is no real problem with either mooring or car parking. This has been fabricated by local residents as a way to try and get rid of boaters from the area.

Fines for not moving on

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I'm of the understanding visitor moorings are on a trust basis. CRT monitor and contact if there is an overstay, or speak directly with boat owners why would that need to change?

CRT management already in place to issue fines

No mooringd

Just don't let moorings happen there. There is a marina further up the river.

Ask the environment agency who may have some ideas

There should be no moorings

I think the spot should be checking as it is and should just be seen as another point on the river.

It seems the lack of management has lead to the current problems. So any form of management would be an improvement. If the moorings are to stay, some form of rubbish collection needs to be put in place.

The area needs to be monitored/regularly reviewed to ensure the river remains viable for the wildlife, swans, otters, fishing etc. Some moorings are a real eyesore and the occupants create a waste problem

would like to see some form of enforcement and regular 'policing'

Limit stays to a maximum of 24 hours with nominal charge of say £10 with addition of £100 per 24 hours for overstay. To be enforced by a commission based company as applies to many private car parks..m

If they stay someone had to move them on after an overnight stop and no returning to the area for a month - last few years 'engine broken down' signs on one boat and there all winter. No point having rules if there is no one to enforce them

It works fine the way it is. Canal & River Trust do enforce overstay, boaters get their licence renewals restricted or refused for overstaying (as well as for not moving "far enough"). There should not be a reservation or charges system, this would discriminate against poorer boaters (both leisure and liveaboard) and contribute to the excessive gentrification of the surrounding area. One way to reduce boat traffic on the river and reduce the number of boats mooring at Mead lane would be to persuade Canal & River Trust to drop the unlawful 20 mile travel range requirement. A lot of boaters only use the River Avon because of this, a lot don't want to be on the river at all.

Totally unsuitable as a Mooring.

Overstay should be regulated of course, presuming there are no reasons such as ill health, mechanical breakdown or dangerous navigation conditions. As there are no facilities, such as water points, elsan disposal or recycling, a charging system would be unfair.

There should be an annual residential moorings created, this would reduce enforcement costs, increase affordable housing and the residents should be responsible in keeping the area clean

I feel this would not be managed properly and it would soon revert to the problems that are there now.

The moorings must not remain.

Current enforcement by the authority is cost neutral

It won't get managed properly because resources are understandably tight.

Any overstaying issues should be dealt with through existing licensing/enforcement measures - ie. implement the rules which are already in place regarding 14 days/movement, and anti-social behaviour). Perhaps add a caretaker mooring (see example of the Noel Rd 7 day moorings in Islington, on which there is a caretaker boat - a volunteer from the boating community - who ensures compliance to mooring rules and moderates behaviour). Ecological and social concerns

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are valid, but should not be used to punish an already marginal group, most of whom are both compliant with existing rules, and part of a low-carbon, eco-conscious lifestyle. For one thing, you will not deter existing rule breakers merely by adding more rules! First enforce the rules that are already in place, and involve rule-abiding boaters in the solution, rather than casting them as the problem.

I am in support of all of the above suggestions. Whatever it takes to keep the moorings available for lawful users

Enforce overstays properly

There needs to be enforcement of both mooring times and vehicles belong to boat owners. This should help reduce friction between boat owners and residents of Mead Lane

Please enforce overstays. Give it a blitz every now and then and hopefully word will get round. The speed limit for cars is already 20 miles an hour and most people abide by this, it is just the number of cars and I don't see how that can alter while Wessex Water, the pub and the sailing club are using the road. These are all legitimate uses, so I can't see a way to change things. No pavements please as that would spoil the rural nature of the area.

It should be mandatory to have river safety trading and pass a test.

I do think that more effort should be made to punish or fine overstayers. In life people will always push the boundaries and try their luck if allowed to. It is one of the loveliest spots on the river, possibly in the country. This is why I suppose people overstay there but in doing so, this greatly effects the local residents but it also effects other boaters. We went through there this summer and we could not moor due to there being no space. I was told that some boats had been there for 6 or 7 weeks. The people that overstay are not being kind to their fellow boaters, just as much as to the local residents.

More meetings with the community

Who would manage this? We have been left for 3 years with no Policing and the situation has got more and more stressful for residents. Banes has a duty of care for residents and river users alike which has not be upheld.

Limit the number of boats and for visitors only, or just a couple of 14 day moorings. Control use of riverbank as cards, bbs, equipment often cause obstructions. Traffic is an issue so some proper passing spaces required.

No parking of vehicles alongside the riverbank. Consider providing a parking area associated with the moorings e.g. at 'The Jolly Sailor'. Strict enforcement of overstays. If a few 48h moorings remain, reasonable for these to be free, but if any more need to be booked and chargeable to support associated regulation and infrastructure costs

It will permanently ruin the river bank and wildlife if moorings are allowed to continue. Action now to stop further damage to the natural area.

There has been no visible management or enforcement of the overstaying and its subsequent impact on traffic management. BANES appear to have no process or experience in managing the situation. Looking at the wider issues that the CRT face with managing the Kennet and Avon as a whole and having experienced the belligerent behaviour of the minority of the boaters who have become the 'majority' in Mead Lane, then if there were enforceable solutions why have residents been subjected to what can only be described as a 'miserable' situation by BANES. A LNR would avoid the domination of this short stretch of the river by the few and return it to the huge array of other users who have been largely excluded during this trial.

Don't keep blaming issues in boaters. A lot of the problems I saw when I was there (rubbish, noise and bad parking were from day visitors due to the great weather.

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As there are no facilities in Mead Lane, moorings if they have to remain should be for a 24 hour/emergency period only. These should be available only to boat hire companies where no vehicle parking is required.

Unfortunately there can be abuse if the moorings are unsupervised. Therefore enforcement may be required. If parking of boater's vehicles is an issue, the area could be made a residents only parking zone. Although it is always preferable to be able to moor freely, if ultimately necessary a reservations system and a modest charge would be acceptable.

Some mooring bollards so the surrounding trees are not damaged

The moorings shouldn't remain. This is just not a suitable place for boats to stay.

No more than 2 days per boat per 28 day cycle

Haven't thought about it

You simply can not have the residents regulating these moorings.' CRT need to step up their-game

I don't think there should be a reservation or charging system. I think that repeat offenders should be spoken to and unless they have good reason to overstay should be advised to move elsewhere. Communications between these boaters and local house-dwellers should be mediated and supervised. From what I can tell behaviour from residents of Mead Lane has been equally as toxic as the behaviour of a minority of boaters and it should be taken into consideration that the anti-social image of boaters may be overexaggerated and based on assumption. The overwhelming majority of boat dwellers choose this lifestyle because of their love and respect for the waterways and wildlife and treat it with care.

Charging should apply. Based on band d council tax. Needs to enforced or it will end up like new illegal caravan site opposit lower Bristol,road caravan site.

I do not believe we have a enough river personnel to police the moorings, there are always loop holes with boats moving and exchanging per agreed locations to make it look like that have moved

Just treat them like 14 day moorings elsewhere, why make it hard...

It would need daily policing of some kind.

Boaters are a marginalised community and more needs to be done to police the abusive, intrusive, slanderous and harassing behaviour of residents.

Complaints towards boaters by residents regard those individuals and not the boating community as a whole, as such restrictions which would adversely affect rule abiding boaters as a whole have no basis

Maybe a charge per day say £5

Clearer signage to show where people can and can't moor and how long they can stay would help. More mooring available at other locations nearby on the river would relieve any capacity problems in the summer holidays.

Individuals that abuse the system should be noted, reported and fined. It is the same across the waterways, the minority of people ruin it for the rest of us who want to play by the rules and enjoy the waterways and lifestyle that comes with it.

The moorings need to be monitored professionally and maintained. The issue is not just with the boats it is also with people coming out of the local towns and city's and creating mess and noise. The boats will stay either way so having a system in place mean it can be followed and also implemented

Enforcement of overstays and charging

If we cannot stop all moorings, then a charging system seems the best way forward

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As above, take enforcement action against overstayers. It sounds like the selfish minority spoiling it for the majority

Enforcement of a 48 hour rule and penalties for uncivil behaviour ie threats rubbish etc to protect wildlife and reputation of responsible boaters

With proper enforcement of mooring times, the area could be a real benefit to visiting boaters - not those who want to stay for long periods of time particularly but those who just want to visit the area on a short stay basis. Proper enforcement works well in other areas - the best example that I can think of is Ely in Cambridgeshire.

I think there definitely needs to be enforcement of the existing rules about mooring but do not prevent boaters mooring or restrict the length of moorings. You will only get a stack of boats mooring up over shorter stretch

As I cannot see how there would be sufficient resources to enforce any new regulations, I would like the area to be a wildlife area.

CRT to monitor boats as they do today across all canals.

Suggest you look at the very successful,scheme in Ely.

Ask Canal and river trust to manage the moorings

These moorings need to be controlled by CRT and local council

I would like to see overstays being enforced or they are worthless as an idea.

No overnight parking on Mead Lane, pre book mooring via website in advance but do not introduce charging. Instead make it impossible to pre-book without a valid CRT license.

Traffic management. No boats. Restore the banks to encourage wildlife (the banks had to be disturbed to improve flood prevention) but they were growing back.

Provision of facilities to encourage good behaviour and charge a small fee

Manage parking. Say 2 hours. Change mooring fee.

Enforcement must be robust, particularly in the case of 48hr mooring.

Always a problem, but caused by a small minority of selfish people. Please don't penalise the rest of us.

Follow existing waterways regulations. They work as they understand waterways lifestyles and do not come from a place of prejudice.

Clamp down on noisy partying and parking along the banks. B&NES may be getting revenue from the barges but at the expense of the quiet enjoyment of their (council taxed) homes by local residents. Reduce council tax to local residents?

More patrols to police the use of the moorings

CRT should monitor and take action for overstays. I do not see that a reservation or charging system would be fair as boat licences should cover this

I am totally happy for mooring overstays and anti-social behaviour to be managed and policed for boaters and the residents alike

Needs some enforcement to be successful. People who are just passing through using 48 hours to visit are unlikely to bring vehicles with them, unlike those who want to stay two weeks, thus removing the problem of traffic management. Charging of overstays would be fine, as long as people genuinely wanting a <48hr stay aren't charged.

There are people in every walk of life who may live a bit differently to the way we do; who are we to judge? live and let live or move away if you cant hack it.

Cars to be parked else where. More police presence. Proper rubbish bins. Nothing to be let on the riverbank. Boats to be emptied in correct place (toilet/sink waste etc). Stricly no pollution.

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Mead lane provides a space for attractive and interesting boats which home families bringing a diverse and community atmosphere is a public space, I use this path all the time and have done for years, I really live that I can share it with the people that Moore up here, I have always found them friendly and respectful. We need more housing and more flexibility to provide welcoming spaces for all kinds of families. I would very sad, if not angry if these you g families were not allowed to continue living here. It's a place of real beauty and the pretty boats and their residents add yo that. I would feel we would be looking part of our culture if they were not there any more. I live in a house but every time I see these boats if makes me happy that there are people out there living a different wilder life than I. I trust this will continue.

There are sufficient existing powers available to the Local Council to restrain anti-social mooring practices

i think that a lot of the problems with parking is people coming to swim and do water sports not boat dwellers mooring there, also a charging system would be unfair as people already pay for a licence

Charge them rates.

Reservations and paying to stay

I think as a general point overstaying is not enforced enough hence becoming a problem for the authorities managing them and the boating community

There just needs to be a crt spotter there once or twice a week. Reservations won't work and boaters with a crt licence already pay to use the water.

Enforce overstayers. Am happy with having a booking system/small charge

Sadly, the current system clearly does not work, so think Mead Lane riverbank area should revert to a local beauty spot.

Overstaying without prior agreement (eg medical emergency) should have financial penalty

Maximum number of boats to moor. No return if you overstay. Pre-reserve to moor.

Proper enforcement of mooring times

Be better at nipping problems in the bud. Better patrols by CRT, more understanding from local residents with regards to boaters who are quiet and law abiding. Do not paint everyone with the same brush. More tolerance but fewer chances for things to escalate should there be issues with certain boaters. Swift action by police or authorities. Harmony between residents and boaters!! Live and let live attitude to those who respect the rules!

Saltford Parish Council refers to its 4 June 2019 resolution on Mead Lane* (to be submitted separately with policy statement response). SPC is concerned that the B&NES mooring trial has exacerbated the problems of non-compliance with mooring limits, anti-social behaviour and heavy littering from a minority of boaters as well as the disruption caused to residents, visitors and other river users and damage to the flora and fauna of the riverbank. Evidence submitted by local residents to B&NES Council shows that these issues have got considerably worse as the trial progressed from 2017 into 2018 and the situation has continued to worsen during 2019. The trial has clearly demonstrated that Mead Lane as a hitherto unspoilt beauty spot in the Green Belt and in close proximity to residential housing is unsuitable and impracticable for moorings which require continual management. It lacks the infrastructure (pontoons, purpose built embankments, water, waste and sewerage collection etc.) normally associated with moorings which are having a detrimental effect on the natural environment for one of Saltford's most important amenity locations for viewing and appreciating the local landscape, the Cotswold AONB. SPC concludes that, in order to protect the riverbank for the majority of visitors, most of whom would not be aware or in a position to respond to this consultation, and residents who all value this important

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and iconic location, a mooring ban should be implemented without delay commencing with, on health and safety grounds, an immediate winter mooring ban. An immediate mooring ban would allow a period of time for the riverbank habitat to recover. During and since the mooring trial B&NES Council has been unable to provide monitoring or enforcement of moorings at Mead Lane despite the many problems that have been encountered from a minority of boaters; the effect on the lane, residents and visitors has been considerable. Mead Lane should therefore be returned to its former more natural state of a healthy unspoilt riverbank where wildlife thrives through the designation of Mead Lane as a Local Nature Reserve where mooring is not permitted. The riverbank requires better protection from vehicle encroachment and damage whilst the white lining of the lane to protect access for residents, emergency vehicles, Wessex Water, etc. should be repaired or renewed as these are in a poor state.

Control the local kids using the footpaths !

a proactive CRT patrolman

Regulate the moorings. I like looking at the boats and dont want to see them go

A reservation or charging system would be good because it would deter those who flout the rules by staying too long. This area needs more leisure moorings for visiting boats - 48 hours or even 24 hours is ample.

anti-social overstaying boaters give us all a bad name. Enforce the rules and the problem will disappear.

CRT will have to control overstays better. Traffic is not a problem then.

Overstays are already penalized by CRT who are very strict on licence holders. Adding a reservation and charging system would ruin the place, besides boaters already have a hard enough life. Speed bumps would help slow the idiots who often drive down the road very fast. Moor moorings need to be made available along the river to reduce bottleneck mooring.

Enforcement of overstayers

I don't think having any type of mooring arrangement would work as any system would not be adhered to and BANES do not have any resources with which to enforce it.

It is not a suitable river bank for overnight stays as there are no water or waste facilities. On the River Thames these are well provided for at certain well advertised sites, so stops at these can be planned in advance..

Less of them and vet people

I disagree with charging, it would exclude access to a shared resource for people who can't afford it and would end up being a cynical money earner. CRT have been developing and implementing existing ways to enforce over-staying penalties.

Mooring restrictions should be strictly enforced to allow the maximum number of boaters to enjoy this beautiful location

Charge to deter moorings

If some moorings were allowed to remain these should be properly enforced to prevent overstayetc

Sufficient parkinh allocated , sufficient recycling and waste bins to support the residents,

Managed for overstays, litter, accessibility for other who want to use the space but feel intimidated or just can't find space between the moorings.

There isn't really room for traffic as well so I would prefer it as a cruiser mooring with 7 days so that genuine cruisers use it. I would be keen to enforce sn overstay past 24hr

Parking should be stopped on the road & more bins should be installed

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Mead Lane is not big enough to accommodate much traffic, so unless that area is going to be wholly demolished and a large road put there, it cannot sustain this level of moorings and we will lose valuable trees and wildlife.

B&NES should work with the canal and river trust to enforce mooring regulations that are already in place, rather than responding to complaints by jingoistic house dwellers who seem to have been given the power by the local authority to monitor the mooring situation there.

This simply requires more communication with the CRT & local neighbourhood policing team. It's a lovely area, I'm sure a representative would jump at the chance for passing patrols to ensure rules are being adhered to. If parking is truly an issue could there not just be residential only areas?

Canal and River Trust should be more involved in monitoring the moorings, making sure boats move once their 48h/14 day stay is over, unless they have a genuine excuse to overstay

Having a simple system in place to managing the moorings in a way that some boats don't overstay is a sensible idea

I think it would be a shame to ban all moorings because of the antisocial behaviours of a minority. Better enforcement of length of stay, noise controls with 'curfew' and enforcement, more bins including dog poo bins, designated mooring spots with space between. I quite like the boats and think they add to the aesthetic. Most boaters I have come across are friendly and courteous. As ever it's the minority spoiling things for the majority.

Just the normal crt enforcement should be sufficient & the process should already be in place

If you really need to manage it, why not use a pay-and-display ticket machine, same as in car parks? But does it actually need managing?

No need for all this at all. Overstays can be moved on by a local warden. Charging is just silly. Traffic, well, that's nothing to do with the moorings, parking is controlled in the usual way and it is access shared by homes, businesses, sailing club and walkers. The bank of a river is a restricted place and it's a shame it's planned to deface it even more with signs, road markings etc etc.

Local council should manage the moorings to ensure no overstaying. Moorings are few and far between on this stretch of river.

Provide mooring rings and electricity bollards and charge visiting boats £10 per night for moorings.

Policing of moorings regarding sewage litter and wildlife survey ensuring they are not negatively impacted

Stop them blocking the path next to the road. Proper enforcement of rules, and also environmental respect.

Hard to regulate,

Needs to be heavily regulated to return to being a pleasant location

They park on Avon lane on the cycle track entrance and up further opposite our field

Charge overstayers

The council and CRT could look at charging for stays of more than 48hs and a fine type charge for overstays longer than 14 days. This is used on the River Thames with some success. But current enforcement powers are sufficient and need to be used. "Problem" boats will likely ignore a mooring ban anyway. Road traffic is likely just residents and dog walkers.

The river was made navigable by the building of locks and weirs specifically to enable boats to be able to use a long time ago. Mooring spaces along our waterways are becoming ever more difficult to find. The removal of mooring and car parking restrictions seriously detract from people's right to live very a different lifestyle, something which is surely the mark of a free society. By attempting to restrict parking or impose penalties, it also creates difficulties for the children of

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boat dwellers being able to attend school and difficulties accessing health care, which is contrary to B&NES policy on travelling boat dwellers. The majority of parking on mead lane comes from visitors to the residential houses, imposing parking restrictions on Mead Lane would disproportionately negatively effect boat dwellers. All boaters have to pay their annual boat licence, this pays for upkeep of the waterways and essential services like water, elsan disposal and litter and recycling points, it is in effect the boaters equivalent of council tax. I there fore believe that they have the right to expect the same freedoms as house dwellers, like on street parking, by denying this it is effectively making boat dwellers second class citizens and unfairly and in my opinion illegally discriminates against them. Under CRT rules, continuous cruisers must move at least every 14 day, therefore powers already exist to deal with overstaying.

Reduce it to 48 maximum stay and only have a maximum of 2 moorings on this part of the river so it can enjoyed by all

Enforcement is not practical. The boaters would not abide

enforcement of overstays should be addressed by CRT. charging moorers for a river mooring is simply immoral, prejudice and an attempt to gentrify.

If necessary a reservation system could be implemented, however the towpath would need some work and more bins would need to be provided. I cannot support you charging money for this space. It is a recourse for all and the lack of boaters community there would leave it empty of life, unsafe at night and fractured.

Work together with the CRT to prevent overstays. As the boating community find it very frustrating that a very small minority abuse this spot and we all lose out. Maybe introduce a fine for overstaying rather than a charge.

Remove the mooring at once

No reservations or charging.

It is a narrow road, so double yellows and arrangements to park in the pub would help

Charging parking ticket style using MiPermit perhaps to allow for cost to be used to employ someone to keep the area nice

Strict regulation of very short term moorings

Too much traffic and rubbish ruining our environment

The moorings work well within the terms they are now. The enforcement committed by the CRT is adequate

Overstays have not been enforced and antisocial behaviour has spread up towards the High Street. Please let us have our quiet unspoilt riverside back please

Would need official mooring areas with jetties to stop damage to riverbank. Litter needs to be managed. Somewhere for cars to park rather than all along the riverside. If nobody can be employed to enforce charges, manage overstays etc, mooring shouldn't be allowed.

There MUST be more regulation including on parking

The authorities need to do regular check to ensure boats do not overstay. As a boater, I know that only a few individuals do this, and give the rest of us a bad name. Regular checks and penalties for overstaying need to be enforced. Allocate parking somewhere for the boaters, so they do not need to park on residential streets (although everyone has a right to park on any residential street if they wish, as long as they pay road tax)

Please get rid

Needs regulating if moorings are to stay

There could be a short section of the river allocated for mooring providing it was carefully managed

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Traffic congestion is a problem, especially in the summer when the river attracts recreational visitors. It would be good to have a "park and walk" car park, perhaps at the Avon Lane end or on part of the Wessex Water sewage treatment plant, as parking on Mead Lane is already restricted by white lines opposite residents' gateways.

You have to monitor boats on a daily basis, enforce fines for overstaying and maybe reservations would be a great way to monitor things, something must be done before it is a place that no one wants to go.

Needs higher charges for shorter periods and to be enforced daily

With the cuts in local government I am sure managing the mooring stays is not going to be a priority

Ask CRT

I don't want them to remain, they have so far shown no respect or regard to the place or residents that live here, it's a natural beauty spot not a travellers waterfront pitch!

Should not be moorings as it restricts use by all other people. Should be unenforced and no overnight

Keep the moorings and make them all two week stays

I do not believe enforcement is a sustainable option. The degradation of the river bank and wildlife habitat is happening on a daily basis. Action is needed to remove the moorings as soon as possible.

As above it would require full time shift employed staff to manage regardless of the quantity of boats and this management *needs* to be 24 hours, 365 days a year.

I don't see traffic management as an issue and have no specific comments on how CRT manage reservations.

Can CRT not police overstay? More 48 hour moorings would not create less traffic/parking issues, visitors would be less 'set-in'. Charging or pre-charging I am against, we all pay for waterway licenses (increasing dramatically), the need to pay at locations such as these does smack of gentrification. Anyway, 48 hour moorings likely to keep things manageable.

CRT should enforce overstay just like they do on the whole canal system.

I think maybe a time scale and a donor return within a certain amount of time would help

I don't think that any change from the current situation is necessary. There already is a CRT system for policing overstay, but it is a concern for the boating community, I don't really understand how it materially impacts upon other residents or visitors to the river.

There would need to be a significant change in the management of moorings to ensure compliance by all users.

It needs to be policed and I can't see this being able to happen 24hrs, 7 days a week, unless they are private moorings or owned by Bristol Boats.

CRT should be managing this anyway, does this situation need a special system to other waterways? As a regular cyclist visitor, it appears traffic is from other leisure users...swimming /visiting the pubs etc.

Moorings for holiday boats are fine, there's far too many residential boats that look a mess and cause traffic chaos blocking mead lane and my entrance and the sewage works.

More enforcement, less traffic

I believe the council has other more important ways on how to spend its money rather than on how to manage the mooring. A no mooring seems to be the best solution.

This is ludicrous! The 14 day moorings at Mead Lane are a lifeline to boaters without a home mooring and there should be no such thing as a charging system when there is nowhere else safe

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on the river to moor. Charging boaters to stay is gentrification and will mean boaters with limited income will have zero option but to moor in unsafe areas and potentially risk their home and life.

I am concerned that a lot of the barges do not have sewage holding tanks and discharge straight to the river. A token system at the pump out would prove that they did visit the pump out as long as it's enforced.

Regulation of mooring stays

It would be nice if people didn't take the Mick with mooring or parking but they do, so perhaps either CaRT or BaNES could patrol?

strongly against charging.

Just regulate the stays to avoid permanent residency and encroachment onto the river bank

Works well as is

No charging system as this is prejudicial against continuous cruisers and risks turning the moorings into a tourist only spot. Possible introduction of winter moorings to allow people to stay in one place over winter.

I have enjoyed narrow boating myself and found that in most areas we could only stay overnight. At Mead Lane at the bridge by the Bird in Hand pub, we have for the past few years, had a cold narrow boats moored there as permanent. Since then we see more and more people thinking of Mead Lane as a permanent place to live.

Dish out over staying penalties and CRT should manage it like they do the canal

The use of drugs on the boats and spreading out of junk on embankment from boats

A booking system for moorings would work for me plus it would make it easier to know if there is a spot available before setting out. For such a system to work enforcement would be difficult. Traffic is tricky. I personally don't mind parking a bit away sometimes but sometimes you also need to be closer. Maybe free parking in the evenings (e.g. 6-8) and permit only other times (this would also allow vulnerable boaters permits). Free on weekends..

Definitely need to enforce time limits and take action against overstays

Charging / reservation system would be unfair

You need a permanent enforcement officer on the bank who can call on support as I have felt threatened by the noise levels and some but not all of persons from the moorings

Daily checks and fines

I was under the impression CaRT had responsibility to enforce the area, and should up their checks to enforce overstaying.

Leave it as it is. Live and let live

If overstays are not for a genuine reason and the CRT have not been informed then measures should be taken to liaise with the boat concerned.

CCTV to be installed and managed by Banes

Remove them and enable sailors to use this very short section of river. There are miles of riverbank where no sailing takes place - let boats moor there instead!

Enforcement of overstays makes sense. If this was in place the other actions mentioned would be unnecessary.

If moorings remain there must be some formal way for the boaters to get water, use toilets and dispose of waste without either using our facilities or polluting the river. If this was done I would suggest that there are other/better locations than Mead Lane and this would be better managed as an open space to avoid the antisocial elements of boaters and generally spoiling a rare roadside river view. .

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overstays not possible to manage . the boats just shuffle up and down the river to comply

It works well as it is and I experience no problems there.

Better relationships between the boaters and local residents would be achieved through community meetings, talks and social events

Please do not charge, we pay our licence fee for the privilege of mooring there and we would park elsewhere if we were forced into paying for parking along mead lane.

Should be the same as the canal from Bath to Devizes

No Parking along the river bank (with the exception of resident visitors) street Lighting along the lane, regular patrols to enforce traffic and river bank abuse

I think that the traffic could be slowed down with speed bumps or something else. The traffic going to and from the pub is increased in the summer and that has nothing to do with boaters. Some boaters could be more respectful with regard to noise so maybe make it a quiet zone to regulate this. it needs to be made clear that if a boater is unable to carry on with their journey that they not receive harassment from local resident but that there is a contact at the trust to handle this more sensitively as someone could be ill and not able to move.

I would be in favour of enforcement of the 48hr/14day behaps this could be done in partnership with crt? But not charging or booking

Boater and non boaters need to respect each other

I think there should be policing and enforcement of the area to ensure compliance with local bylaws, charging system to regulate mooring of more than 48 hours and the money put back in to the area.

Double yellow lines all along Mead Lane. Allotted parking for moored boats only. Traffic calming for Mead Lane.

If mooring remain then it needs to be policed by BANES. Overstays need to be moved on in a timely manner, nuisance moorings need to be moved on in a timely manner. Parking situation needs addressing i.e Yellow lines outside residents driveways to keep access. More public bins to be placed along the bank

Closer dialogue with the local residents.

Vigorous enforcement of the rules

Options chosen at the last review are clearly not workable. Enforcement appears to be non-existent. Traffic Management - provision for river users to park during the day, but not overnight. Reservation/Charging - unfeasible and unworkable given the inability of the Authority to enforce existing arrangements

The Crt do a good job on policing the mooring

If the moorings were to remain, which we as residents would certainly not want, then the council are going to have to invest in the infrastructure on the lane. Water and sewerage facilities would need to be installed, there would need to be proper enforcement of any mooring restrictions, charging would need to be implemented to help pay for this public investment, proper parking facilities for the travellers and general public to use safely. We understand the sewerage treatment works at the end of Mead Lane is to greatly extended this will mean construction traffic for a number years, this will need clear access along the lane for the safety of pedestrians etc. This is just the start of the necessary council funding. But I will re iterate, the residents absolutely do not want the boaters to continue their take over of our lane!!!!

just enforce the existing regulations on both mooring and parking

Management of the moorings is needed to reduce overstays.

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The moorings are not an issue and do not need to be managed, 14 days should be ok, people stay longer on the 48hr waiting to get into the 14 day moorings because there are not enough 14 day mooring spots. People who buy a house by the river need to be more psychologically flexible and accept that boats mooring is a part of the river's life. Boaters don't try and manage the lives of the peoples houses and their movements so why should they feel entitled to do so with boaters? If you buy a house by a road you do not expect the road to stop being used as people pay road tax to use it. It's the same with the river.

Manage by CRT

A matter for CRT

Enforcement can be conducted every three to five days, boaters normally respect limits. I'd imagine the pub could be good to arrange reserved parking with to prevent road blockages.

I think motor enforcement and education of boaters overstaying on the moorings is necessary. But also to acknowledge that facilities are required for all boaters not just those on short holidays. more mooring need to be made around the area so people have the ability to move on easily

They must not remain!! Or the site should only be limited to a few moorings (2 or 3) 24 hour limit stay for leisure boats only. . Properly monitored and enforced!!

There seems to be a few boaters who think they can out stay their mooring times,crt need to make them move its not fair on people who want to use the moorings.mooring spaces are few and far there needs to be moor visitor mooring along the river and be treated right.

CaRT should manage overstays as they do with the rest of the canal network. I strongly object to a charging system. We pay an expensive licence fee to use the network and no where else in the entire country charges. I can't see any valid reason why mead lane is different to any other mooring spot.

I'm not sure that the moored boats are the main parking/driving culprits. In my experience it's visitors with their canoes, picnics etc. There generally seems plenty of space for moorings so administrating reservations would be an unnecessary cost. And it definitely shouldn't be chargeable.

Need to provide proper sewage outlets for the boats to empty their tanks. Must monitor it so people don't overstay the 14 day limit. Should manage the bank to stop it deteriorating with all the mooring

Should mooring remain, a charging system must be introduced to pay for the cost of supervision of parking and mooring. In addition a "pump out" facility must be installed near the toilet facilities at The Shallows. In addition restrictions must be imposed on the types of vehicles allowed to park in Mead Lane. There have been a number of occasions this year when the gap left by badly parked vans and lorries has precluded the passage of fire engines, ambulances and other large vehicles. It should be policed by wardens to enforce the requirements that are in place

Crt deals with overstays

To charge for moorings, mooring rings and infrastructure needs to be put in place. Again it not as simple as putting up a pay and display machine.

the access road is too small to accommodate the additional traffic movements and parking that the boaters bring, and they, in the main, have demonstrated a disregard to restrictions on parking (parking on white lines), activity (arc welding and other engineering activities), duration (over winter and beyond the limit set) and mooring (damage to the river bank and trees) since the trial was started.

Narrative Answers - If the moorings were to remain, please give your views on the future management of this area, including issues such as the enforcement of overstay, traffic management on Mead Lane or the introduction of a reservations/charging system to regulate mooring stays.

Would like to see more regulation on mooring system. Traffic management would be better if speed limit enforced. The only problem is that street furniture may impede the natural beauty of the area. Having walked down there yesterday there were too many boats moored.