

## ANNEX 1

### **PROPOSED POLICY FOR LOCATION OF RECREATIONAL MOORINGS ON THE GRAND UNION CANAL.**

Offline small scale, recreational mooring basins and lay- bys are preferred and will be permitted in urban areas and in the Green Belt, subject to the following criteria.

**Proposals must:**

- a) Integrate successfully with the surrounding landscape or townscape;
- b) be served by an adequate road access, not just for users of the facility but also for the removal of excavated material;
- c) cause no adverse effect on the nature conservation value of the canal and nearby land.
- d) Not cause:
  - i. the overloading of the local road system and consequent inconvenience and danger on it; or
  - ii. damage to the landscape and/or countryside; or
  - iii. loss of character of the Grand Union Canal as an important historic and visual feature and as a source of tranquillity in the urban and rural scene.
- e) Make a positive contribution to the canalside environment and not injuriously affect other non boating recreation uses of the canal such as walking, cycling or fishing.

**In addition, and where appropriate, proposals should:**

- i. offer advantages in canal management and use, such as relocation of boats from towpath moorings; and
- ii. incorporate low-key informal recreation facilities.

**Proposals in the Chiltern Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty will also be acceptable but must be judged according to the same criteria, and against the need to conserve the natural beauty of the landscape.**

**Details will be required of the volume of material to be excavated, the method of disposal, and the formation of the new canal bank.**

**Car parking requirements will be related to the number of boats and the accessibility of the site by passenger transport using one space per three boats as a guideline.**