

## **Policy for long term winter moorings**

### Background

1. The objective of this mooring policy is to provide suitable moorings for residents of Wallingford and South Oxfordshire to overwinter their boats
2. The moorings referred to in this policy are those belonging to Wallingford Town Council on the western side of the River Thames, adjacent to Wallingford Bridge, as well as to those on the eastern side that belong to South Oxfordshire District Council. Wallingford Town Council took on the management of Wallingford's moorings as of 1 April 2016
3. In addition to the points below, boat owners and users must comply with the 'General conditions applying to all mooring sites' as set out in the Wallingford Moorings Policy document

### Conditions for long term winter moorings

4. The boat owner or user will **not** occupy the mooring for residential purposes
5. Boat owners and users can apply to Wallingford Town Council to use the moorings on a long term basis between **1 November and 28<sup>th</sup> February** each year
6. The boat owner or user must apply in writing to use the council's long term winter moorings. The application must include:
  - ..the name and address of the owner and, if relevant the name and address of the user,
  - ..the name of the boat,
  - ..the Environment Agency registration number,
  - ..a copy of boat owner insurance policy,
  - .. the length of the boat (in metres),
  - ..the reason for needing a long term winter mooring at Wallingford
7. Applications should be made for winter moorings before 1 October. After this time, applications will only be considered if spaces are still available
8. Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified within two weeks of making an application
9. As mooring space is limited preference will be given to boat owners or users who are resident of Wallingford who have previously had a long term winter mooring

10. The boat owner or user allocated a long term winter mooring shall pay a mooring fee, set annually by the Council (as part of its budget making process), plus Value Added Tax
11. The fee must be paid within two weeks of receiving confirmation that a long term winter mooring is being allocated to the boat owner or user
12. The fee will not be refunded if the mooring is not used. Pro rata refunds will not be made if the mooring is not used for the period initially requested.
13. Boat owners or users allocated a long term winter mooring must only use the mooring space that is allocated to them by the councils
14. Boat owners or users allocated a long term winter mooring must remove the boat specified in the application if it is sold or hired to another person
15. Boat owners or users allocated a long term winter mooring are not permitted to allow any vessel other than the boat described in the application to have use of the mooring
16. Boat owners or users who do not remove the boat specified in the application from the allocated long term winter mooring by 1 March each year will incur a penalty charge of £100 a day, unless they have the prior written permission of the council to remain for a specified period
17. Boat owners or users must note that there is no security patrol at the moorings and that boats, equipment and possessions are left at the owners own risk.