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Dear Ms Barker,

Ref: AWDM/0378/12

I am writing in reply to your letter of 21st March and have inspected the documents at the Civic Centre.

I have been resident at the above address since 1997 and have to agree that the applicant has been living on the boats named for over 10 years. However, the house boat 'Hannah Nui' has now been occupied since 2006 by another person and both 'Hannah Nui' and 'Renata' are deteriorating rapidly. When my husband (now deceased) and I bought this property it was on the understanding that there would be no permanent residents and no vehicles allowed to park on the jetty. The occupant of 'Renata' has had a car parked behind the fence of 33 Riverside Road permanently. Incidentally the present occupant of 'Hannah Nui' is causing a considerable nuisance to residents in Riverside Road by parking 2 large ex-removal vans which are being moved up and down the road causing a major traffic hazard to residents.

There are now 7 boats moored on the jetty instead of the 5 allowed and how long will it be before some more of these are occupied illegally. The whole site is a disgrace as none of the boats are ever moved and it appears to be a dumping ground for old boats.

I pay band F Council Tax for the privilege of overlooking this mess and both my neighbour at number 33 (now deceased) and myself have tried to get something done about this situation for 15 years. In fact number 33 has been empty for over a year now and prospective buyers are put off by the state of the jetty and the bungalow next door to this house. I am just waiting for squatters to move into number 33!

These comments may not directly concern the matter in hand but does have significant relevance to the above application.

I have always been under the impression that the driveway onto the jetty was to be left open at all times for emergency vehicles but recently iron gates, some 2 foot above the 6 foot high fence, were fitted. These are kept locked by the residents of the bungalow and the boats. This is the only access to both this jetty and the jetty the other side of my property if a fire was to break out or some other emergency occur.

I have copies of correspondence dating back to 2003 with Mr J Knight, Planning Enforcement Officer at the council. The owners of the bungalow and jetty have already been taken to Court and fined by the council for the state of the site, but nothing has been done to rectify this situation. I consider after 15 years something should have been done to alleviate this situation but the Council appears to choose to ignore this eyesore and the owners are allowed to do as they please.

I hope that you will take my comments into consideration when you are looking at this planning application.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs B J Goodwin