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Dear Julia

## Planning Application 2022/1280 Extension to Putney Pier

The Putney Society wishes to comment on this application. Whilst we support the ambition for a better river bus service and for cargo uses, we believe this particular proposal is too big and in the wrong location. The proposal is a fourfold increase in the length of the pontoon. How much of this is really for extra freight traffic or river buses?

Policy LP 60 A in the Emerging Local Plan, with which we agree, says

A. River-related development which enhances the river infrastructure and increases access to the Thames including short-stay visitor moorings and piers and jetties for river-based recreation, passenger or goods transport will be permitted in appropriate locations where:

- 3. the navigation of the channel is not adversely affected;
- 4. views of the river are not harmed;
- 5. the development does not form a barrier which would impede views of the river from the riverside or prevent physical access to it;
- 3 & 5. A 74 m extension downstream gets too close to Putney Bridge and will inhibit access to the second arch on the Putney side, as well as to the original Putney draw dock slipway now re-emerging from under the Tideway Tunnel works. Note that Tideway are due to remove the 'temporary' slipway to the west.
- 4 & 5. The new visitor moorings will be directly in front of the new viewing platform. Any vessels moored here will obstruct the Boat Race start line. See the block plan.

We suggest the extension would be better located upstream and half the size. Any consent must contain strict limits, we suggest one week, as to how long any visiting vessel can stay. Strictly no houseboats.

**Yours Sincerely** 

## Andrew Catto

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For and on behalf of the Putney Society.