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To: [BYELAWS](#)  
Subject: Fwd: [REDACTED] "unlawfully" moored boats, Richmond [REDACTED]  
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re objection to richmond council proposed bylaws re mooring.

if you read below you will see that the EA considered that richmonds council bylaws would effect "so few" boaters that EA did not write to boaters in their regular newsletters to us.

this supports my assertion that there is not competition indeed there is a GLUT of mooring spaces and so until an oversupply of boats or under supply of moorings becomes an issue just leave boatewrs alone.

not also i object as richmond council have v few actual public moorings (if any!!?)

we mostly tie to trees or bang stakes in tow path. wilderness mooring if you like. so richmond are actually trying to control an alledged resource or service that richmond are not providing.

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From: [REDACTED]  
Date: Fri, May 2, 2014 at 12:22 PM  
Subject: [REDACTED] "unlawfully" moored boats, Richmond [REDACTED]  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: KSL Enquiries <[KSLE@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:KSLE@environment-agency.gov.uk)>

Dear [REDACTED]

I am sorry you are not happy with the response you have previously received from [REDACTED] in my team regarding this issue.

To clarify for you, our use of the words 'public consultation' just means that we are consulting with external customers outside of our organisation and not necessarily with the general public. We would tailor our consultation depending on the subject and the relevant customers.

However, we are only obliged to consult our customers when we are proposing to make our own changes that will affect our customers. As a statutory consultee in the planning process, we are consulted about many third party (someone else's) proposals which could affect the river. We do not have the resources to consult our customers on every one of these, and it would not be appropriate to spend public money in that way – in this case writing to around

15,000 Thames boating customers about something that would affect very few of them – this is just not realistic. As the competent Navigation Authority, it is our role to respond to these consultations taking into account the affect of any proposals on the river and our customers, and in this case we believe we did so – fairly and for the benefit of the majority of river users who wish to exercise their lawful right to moor in the ordinary course of pleasure navigation.

I am sorry that on this occasion you feel we have not represented your views. I suggested the best way for you to now express your views on this matter would be to contact the London Borough of Richmond directly. We have spoken with our contact there, [REDACTED] and he would be pleased to hear from you. You can contact him on [REDACTED]

I hope I have now been able to address your questions and concerns. However, if you are still not satisfied, I have attached a leaflet which explains our procedure and what further steps you can take.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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