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6SUP (Additional information regarding the Mermaid Inn Floating Mooring)

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Dear Polly

Further to our meeting yesterday, and in particular the concerns raised by Mr and Sir John Hayes MP over the use of the floating mooring, I have spoken to my client and can confirm the following.

The landing stage was constructed using an EU grant as part of the joint partnership with the Environment agency and the previous owner in 2007/08.

It was part of an ambitious plan to open up all the waterways to boating tourism that would have rivalled the Norfolk broads meaning boaters could travel from Surfleet Seas End through to Rutland Water. Following changes in Government policies and funding, the ambitious plan never got off the ground and to this day boaters are unable to go much further than Pinchbeck bridge as the rivers haven't been dredged and because the weed is only cut back once a year, it gets wrapped around the boat's propellers making the river largely unnavigable. Ownership of the landing stage passed to GJR & KF Swindells in 2014 and they are liable for full maintenance of the mooring and there are no attached conditions regarding its use.

There are no rights of passage over the landing stage for the general public to use the mooring for boats, fishing or sunbathing without the owner's permission .

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Kind regards

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