

Dear Mr Taylor,

I enclose the information you have requested under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Also enclosed is some additional correspondence between the writer and the County Council over ownership of Garrett Hostel Bridge which is intended to be helpful. Could I point out that the map supplied by Mr Jon Finney of the County Highways Department showing Garrett Hostel Bridge and the slipway to the side is OS copyright supplied and for your information only. It must not be used for any other purpose.

If you are not happy with the way in which your request has been dealt with please contact Alan Carter the Head of Strategic Housing here at the City Council. You may also contact the Information Commissioner if you are still not happy with the way in which the City Council has dealt with your request. The Information Commissioner's address is:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Alastair Roberts

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Meeting to Discuss Forthcoming Punt Season

Agenda

Friday, January 16th 2009

Location: **The Hobson Room, Hobson House, Cambridge, CB2 3AS**

Start Time: 10.00am

Matters to Discuss:

Garret Hostel Lane – Strategy for Enforcement – Pip Noon

Update on Quayside – Phil Doggett

Licensing of punts without lawful spaces – Alastair Roberts

Enforcement Officer's role and links with Rive Bailiff

Any other business

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In attendance:

Cambridge City Council: Alastair Roberts, Debbie Kaye, Yvonne Mackender, Lisa Munro, Philip Doggett

Cam Conservators: John Adams, Philippa Noon, Adrian Hoyes

Action points:

1. Research ownership of Garret Hostel Lane slipway (CamCon/City)
2. Contact head of City Development Control regarding planning requirements for a punt station at Garret Hostel Lane change of use (public to commercial) (City/CamCon)
3. Conditions of commercial craft registration, interviewing of commercial punt operators at time of registration application or renewal, grounds for refusing/revoking registration (CamCon)
4. Suitability of landing places for passenger operations and application of byelaw 3 (CamCon)
5. Seek clarification from Cambs County Council as regards commercial use of the public highway (City)

Date of next meeting: Friday 27 February, 10am, Hobson House

Distribution: all above, Ian Nimmo-Smith

- Consett Hovel - Ownership of Land.
- Planning Control. C.A.C.A.
 - Consett Highway to art. 7 has would give control over the area.

To be a condition of licence.

Extent of Powers - legal advice

Engage with Members (Exec. Cllr) -

- Consett Hovel - Riparian Ownership - C.A.C.A.
- Planning Control - Control Head of Devt. controls - C.C.C.A. C.A.C.A.

- Licence Conditions - Grant C.A.C.A. Power to impose limit & cond to connect licences.
- set grounds to refuse licences.

- Use / Restrictions - Use of Byelaws - it has a use case

- Highway Authority - C.C.C. to take it what can a suit be done.

- Enforcement.

From: "Finney Jon" <Jon.Finney@cambridgeshire.gov.uk>
To: "Alastair Roberts" <Alastair.Roberts@cambridge.gov.uk>
Date: 02/02/2009 12:16
Subject: RE: Garrett Hostel Bridge
Attachments: Garret Hostel Bridge.bmp

Alastair,

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Jon

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From: Alastair Roberts [mailto:Alastair.Roberts@cambridge.gov.uk]
Sent: 30 January 2009 16:49
To: Finney Jon
Cc: Philip Doggett; Richard Castle
Subject: Garrett Hostel Bridge

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From: "Philippa Noon" <river.manager@camconservators.org.uk>
To: "Alastair Roberts" <Alastair.Roberts@cambridge.gov.uk>, "Debbie Kaye'...
CC: <lisa.munro@cambridge.gov.uk>, <ian@monksilver.com>, "Charlotte Sygrnuta...
Date: 29/01/2009 12:02
Subject: FW: Garret Hostel sign
Attachments: 290120091252.jpg

Well, I can't read the wording from this picture but I presume it is as quoted by Adrian. Someone somewhere in the City Council must recall when this sign was put up beside Garret Hostel Lane slipway, surely?
Cheers,
Pip

-----Original Message-----

From: Adrian [mailto:adrian.hoyes@o2.co.uk]
Sent: 29 January 2009 11:55
To: Pip
Subject: Garret Hostel sign

Hi Pip, wording reads "Plying or hire by chauffeur-punt operators and any other forms of trading from this slipway and quay are prohibited. Cambridge City Council".

From: Alastair Roberts
To: river.manager@camconservators.org.uk; Yvonne Mackender
CC: Debbie Kaye; ian@monksilver.com; 'John Adams'; Lisa Munro; Philip Do...
Date: 27/01/2009 08:34
Subject: RE: Action points from punt meeting

Thanks Pip

Regards

Alastair

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>>> "Philippa Noon" <river.manager@camconservators.org.uk> 26/01/2009 15:34 >>>

Dear Yvonne, Lisa, Alastair etc.

Still picking up the ropes from my leave of absence last week. I see that there was an exchange of e-mails regarding the action points from the punt meeting between yourselves and Jonathan, my Deputy.

I'm content to add the note under point 3 regarding the interviewing of commercial punt operators. Please therefore, accept this attachment as the final draft (also noting the correct spelling of your surname, Yvonne!)

Best wishes,

Pip

River Manager
Conservators of the River Cam

-----Original Message-----

From: Yvonne Mackender [<mailto:Yvonne.Mackender@cambridge.gov.uk>]

Sent: 22 January 2009 11:25

To: river.manager@camconservators.org.uk

Cc: Alastair Roberts

Subject: Re: Action points from punt meeting

Hi Pip

Under action point 3 should we not mention the possibility of you interviewing applicants for commercial operators licences?

Yvonne

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From: Charlotte Sygmuta
To: Alastair Roberts; Dave Prinsep; Philip Doggett; river.manager@camcons...
Date: 13/01/2009 18:00
Subject: Agenda for Meeting Re: Punting 2009
Attachments: Agenda for meeting 16.01.2009.doc

Dear All

Please find attached a list of items for discussion for the forthcoming meeting.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Many thanks

Charlotte Sygmuta
Safer Communities
Section Co-Ordinator
01223 457950

Alastair Roberts - FW: Emailing: Prohibition notice Garret Hostel bridge.28 Jan 09.jpg

From: "Philippa Noon" <river.manager@camconservators.org.uk>
To: "Alastair Roberts" <Alastair.Roberts@cambridge.gov.uk>
Date: 28/01/2009 17:48
Subject: FW: Emailing: Prohibition notice Garret Hostel bridge.28 Jan 09.jpg
CC: "Charlotte Sygmuta" <Charlotte.Sygmuta@cambridge.gov.uk>
Attachments: Prohibition notice Garret Hostel bridge.28 Jan 09.jpg

FYI
Pip

From: Adrian Hoyes [mailto:adrian.hoyes@ntlworld.com]
Sent: 28 January 2009 17:39
To: river.manager@camconservators.org.uk
Subject: Emailing: Prohibition notice Garret Hostel bridge.28 Jan 09.jpg

Hi Pip

Last one today - this is the fabled sign at Garret Hostel bridge, now graffitied over, that used to read something to the effect "no commercial operations are permitted on this quay.....public access.....by order of... (forgotten that bit).

Will ask Alan W tomorrow if he has any records/photos.

Cheers, Adrian

The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:
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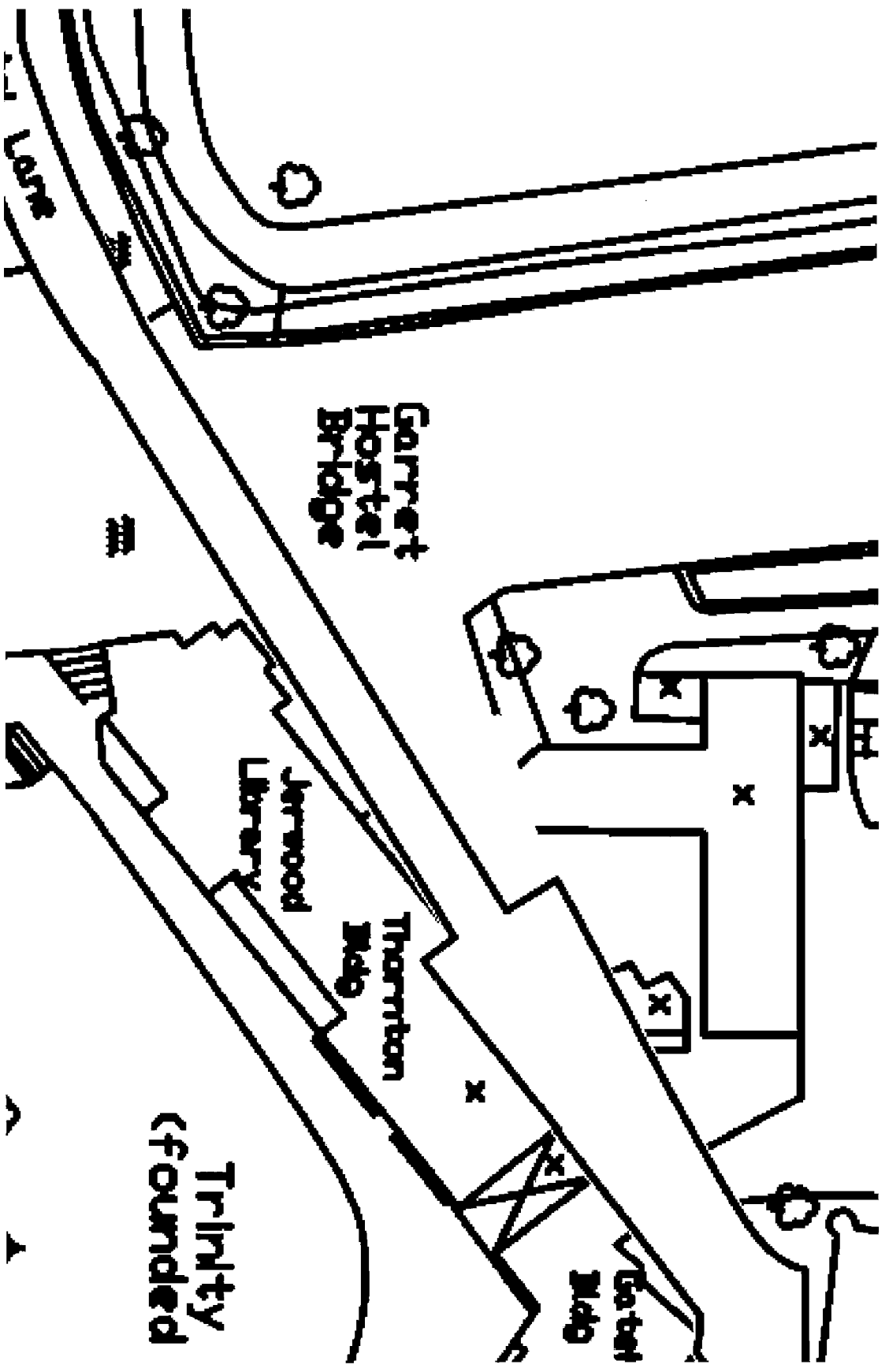
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From: "Finney Jon" <Jon.Finney@cambridgeshire.gov.uk>
To: "Alastair Roberts" <Alastair.Roberts@cambridge.gov.uk>
Date: 03/02/2009 16:27
Subject: RE: Garrett Hostel Bridge

Alastair,

Trading from the highway is an interesting situation. As Garrett Hostel Lane is within the controlled zone all trading would have to be done from a pitch measuring no more than 1m x 2m which rather excludes punts. In any case the Highway Authority does not consider this to be an acceptable location for a street trading pitch, as we must consider a range of potential users and not just one format, e.g. once a pitch is established it would be possible for an ice cream sales cart to trade and this isn't really a suitable position for such an activity.

However, what the Highway Authority would be unable to do would be to prevent people being picked up and dropped off by a punt at this location (as the river is technically a travel route like a road), and if the punts were to have all their wherewithal to trade on board or worked a pre-booked system elsewhere then the Highway Authority would not have any objections.

Yours

Jon

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From: Alastair Roberts [mailto:Alastair.Roberts@cambridge.gov.uk]
Sent: 02 February 2009 13:18
To: Finney Jon
Cc: Charlotte Sygmuta; Debbie Kaye; Philip Doggett; Richard Castle; river.manager@camconservators.org.uk
Subject: RE: Garrett Hostel Bridge

Jon,

Thanks again for your speedy response. Does the County have a view on the use of the slipway to the side of the bridge for commercial purposes? I understand that certain commercial punt operators intend to run their businesses from this piece of land during the coming season.

Thanks

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