

**Application no. 21/00288/F Site address: Ferro Wapping Wharf Bristol BS1 6GW**

**Written Public Forum Statement of: Molly Petts, resident of Ferro.**

Serious concerns have been raised by officers about the visual impact the new accommodation will have on the City docks listed views as per the Character Appraisal, however this, amongst other points, are not supported by the overwhelming comments of support from the public, which collectively state any impact that the houseboat will make in its proposed form and location would be positive, be it visually or otherwise.

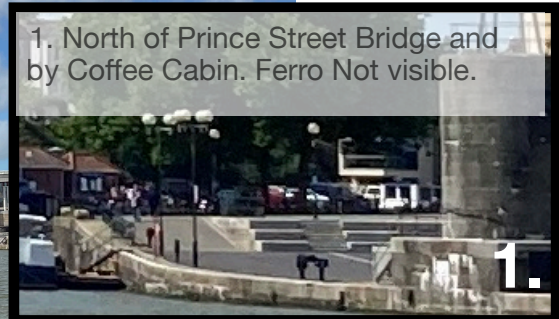
I have provided visuals to accompany my statement and included some of the public comments not mentioned within the officer's report. This is to provide a fair representation of the impact the proposal has on the heritage asset along with the public benefit, to assist members of the committee who will not have seen the site.

**Panoramic View 11 from Prince Street Bridge**



The committee report fails to mention the CLEUD issued in 2003 for residential moorings along Wapping Wharf, making this area of the conservation area predominately residential.

In accordance with Historic England's Conservation Principles, the proposal would continue and reinforce the communal value of the floating harbour as a heritage asset and longstanding residential resource, inhabited by a boat dwelling community since the 1970s. We have lived within the floating harbour since 2011 and as such form an important part of this community which illustrates the evolving use of the harbour and its more recent historic significance.



1. North of Prince Street Bridge and by Coffee Cabin. Ferro Not visible.



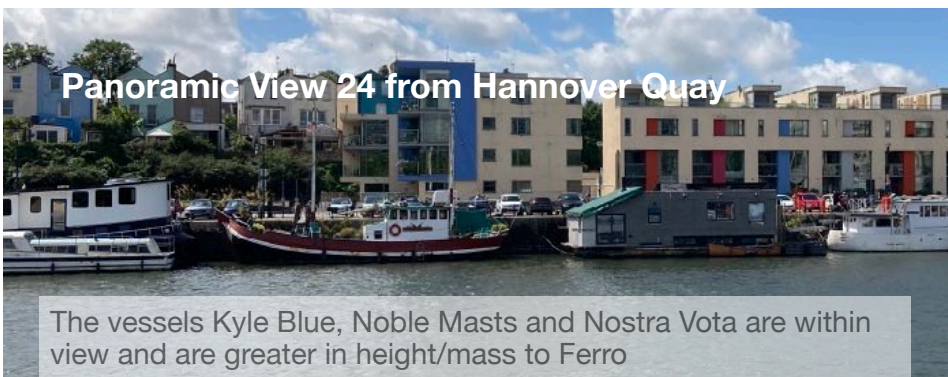
2. On Prince Street Bridge. Ferro roof pitch marked with red arrow.



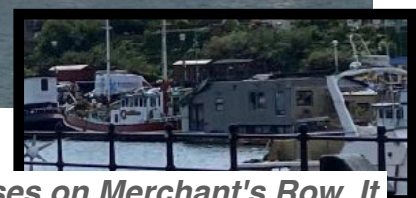
3. South of Prince Street Bridge. Pitched roof partially visible, once covered in cladding impact would be minimal.

***“It is in keeping with the surrounding area, and only adds to the attraction and diversity of this central city area.” Flat 4 Landmark Court Caledonian Road***

**Panoramic View 24 from Hannover Quay**

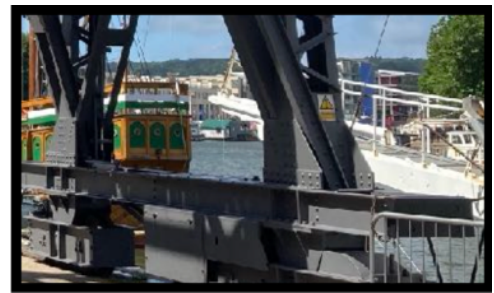


The vessels Kyle Blue, Noble Masts and Nostra Vota are within view and are greater in height/mass to Ferro



***“The new design is in keeping with the adjacent modern houses on Merchant's Row. It also resembles house-boats in the Floating Harbour, particularly on Welsh Back, and those popular in London and in Amsterdam.” Nostra Vota Wapping Wharf***

*“As a local business we fully support this application. The refurbishment of this derelict barge adds to the diversity of the harbour and in our view increases the eclectic nature of the city which draws visitors into the area. The scale and design are in keeping with the surrounding architecture in the conservation area where the barge is moored.” The Art Warehouse Ltd Wapping Wharf*



(LV12) Long Views from Millennium Square

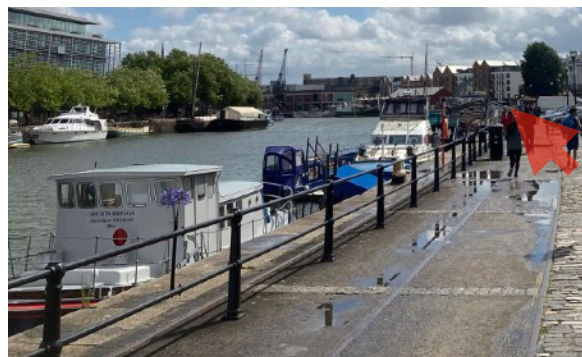
Walking from Prince street bridge to Millennium Square Ferro is first visible at a distance between the historic boats moored outside the MShed. Currently the temporary green tarpaulin on the roof is prominent. If consent is given to complete the cladding (RAL 7016 standing seam) the impact would be minimal.

From the Fairbairn Steam Crane and walking along Wapping Railway Wharf, Ferro remains tucked neatly behind Kyle Blue.

### Views From SS Great Britain

Walking from SS GB towards Mshed the wharf displays an eclectic mix of residential boats, Ferro remains comparable in scale to the adjacent boats.

The pitched roof becomes visible as approached, sitting comfortably against the backdrop, respecting the Cargo Wapping Wharf development in both material pallet and utilitarian form.



*“Living on The Harbourside I want to be amongst a community of people who live on and around the water. As the build is largely complete I am completely reassured that the design enhances this part of the Harbourside”. 31 Steamship House Gas Ferry Road*

***“This proposal shall improve the local area, which both residents & visitors can benefit from & enjoy.” 40 Westgate Caledonian Road***



In keeping with neighbouring vessels on Wapping Wharf: Nostra Vota- metal roof and Pharaoh-timber cladding and joinery.



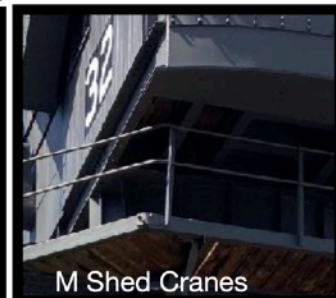
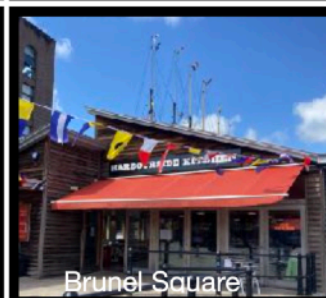
***“It is in keeping with the surrounding area, and only adds to the attraction and diversity of this central city area.” Flat 4 Landmark Court Caledonian Road***

Ferro contributes to the Mooring Policy (2008) aims of the Harbour being ‘a place of quality and distinction of variety and vitality and a place which all visitors can enjoy and be proud of and will wish to visit again.’ Although the proposal does not reflect the character of a traditional boat it is recognised as per the Mooring Policy as being a “houseboat” is ‘merely a structure for living in, with no means of navigation’. Whilst this policy is not available, no other policy has been published to replace it.

Ferro also meets many of the planning policy requirements for developments within this heritage asset, is visually inline with the character appraisal for the area by using the predominant material pallet and meets the architectural treatment specifications (as described within the officer’s report) as being utilitarian in appearance, whilst providing a benefit to the public who live and visit the area as per the 50+ comments of support received.

I hope the committee agree that the suggested impact on the heritage asset has been exaggerated within the officer’s report. As the proposal remains comparable in scale to the adjacent boats and due to the suitable material pallet any impact on views within this heritage asset remains positive especially in comparison to the previous run down appearance of Ferro.

***“this add to the vitality and interest of harbour. The redevelopment replaces an unsightly houseboat and will enhance the character of the Conservation Area.” 8 Merchants Row Caledonian Road***



***“The plans were sensitively designed and add to the harbour aesthetics.” 17 Westgate Caledonian Road***