

STATEMENT NUMBER C5

I am writing in support of this application.

This has been a rather sorry tale for some time. It is clear that the applicant undertook works to his houseboat in good faith, having obtained what he believed to be approval from the Harbour Master. It also appears to be the case that guidelines around building works to vessels on the river are at best obscure, and I therefore believe that the local authority must bear some responsibility for the ensuing confusion and significant distress that this has caused to the applicant and his family

As I understand it, the main area of contention for the application is its visual amenity. Members will be aware that there is a fair degree of discretion around this issue. I personally do not feel that the appearance of the development is unacceptable - I would even suggest that it is a rather striking and attractive design. I would therefore ask members to exercise their own judgement regarding this aspect of the application.

with best wishes

Cllr Fi Hance

Green Party Councillor for Redland Ward