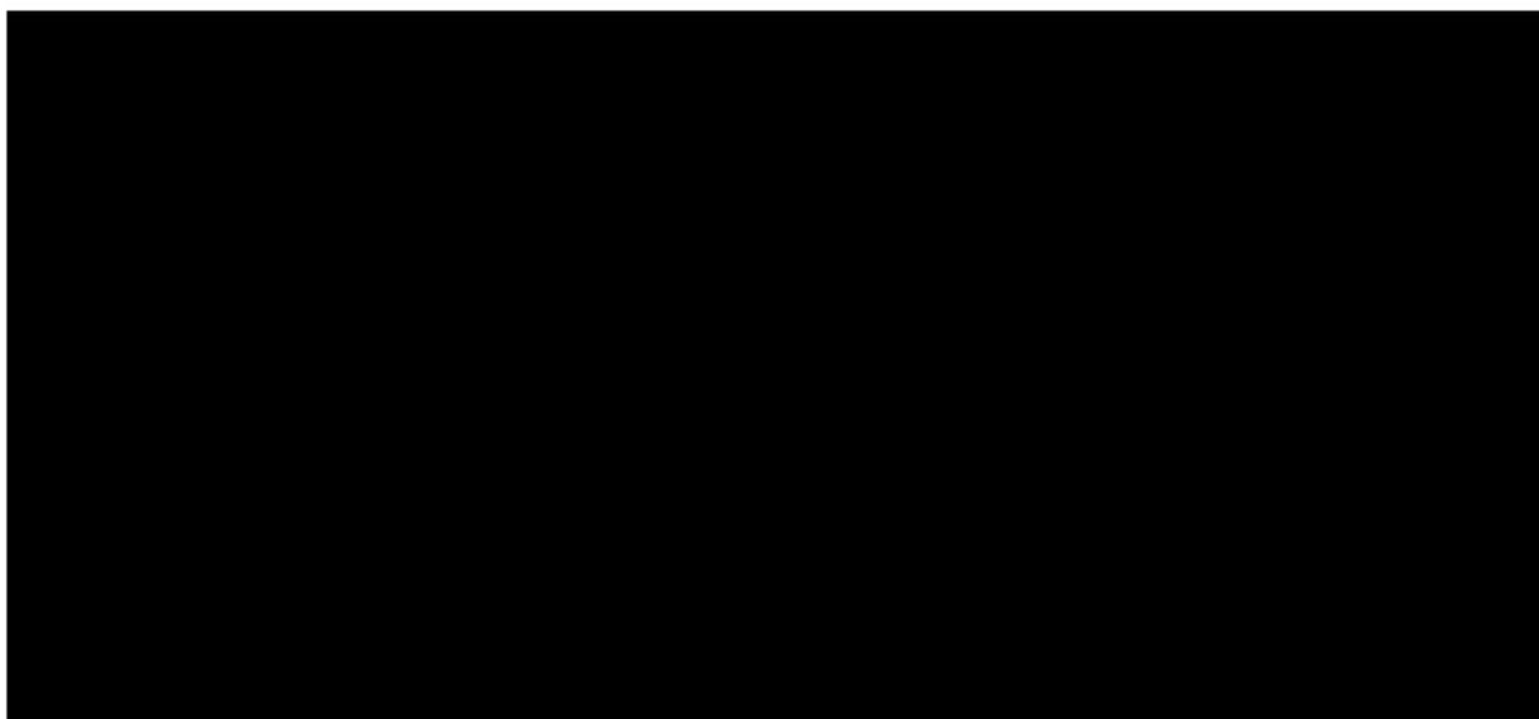




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To whom it may concern:

I am [REDACTED]; I am the secretary of this Society and I have personal knowledge of the site dating back over 60 years.

I have been asked to write to you with any evidence of continued occupation by a houseboat of the berth at the Kench currently occupied by houseboat Tina.

The Society's records show that the berth concerned was previously licensed to and occupied by a [REDACTED] since 7th December 1983. Before that the position was:

from	person	of	to
1981	[REDACTED]		1983
1974			1881
1966			1974
1959			1966
1956			1959
1952			1956

Prior to 1952 the member was a [REDACTED] who acquired his membership in 1940, at a time when houseboats were being cleared from the Kench because of the war. He started to pay rental in 1947, which implies that this is when the berth was re-occupied after the war, which also agrees with other evidence (including evidence taken at the planning enquiry into Houseboat Ellen) that many houseboats returned to the Kench in 1947. Our records are supportive of continuing usage of this site as a residential houseboat berth from 1947 to the present day.

You may be aware that there were a much larger number of houseboats berthed in the Kench until the early 70's when their number reduced such that eight remained in the early 80's. I am happy to confirm that this berth is one of the eight mentioned in the Langstone Harbour Revision Order 1985.

I can also confirm that this berth is one of the berths included in an agreement with Natural England which, inter alia, gave their assent to the berth receiving a replacement houseboat of up to 18.3m by 6.1m in size. The Society gave up some mooring space as mitigation to achieve this agreement.

In summary, I am happy to attest both from my personal knowledge and my interrogation of the Society's records that the residential berth at plot 6 the Kench has been occupied with the same houseboat for a continuous period of more than 10 years and used for residential purposes only.

I understand that you are also concerned to know how long the existing anchorages have been in place for berth 6 at The Kench, Hayling Island. From my own knowledge I am sure that they have been in place for well in excess of ten years. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

