

16, March 2020

To whom it may concern,

My husband Jon Darling and I would like to replace the existing residential houseboat Tina, which has resided continuously for more than 10 years on plot 6, a 68 ft. x 22 ft. residential mooring located at The Kench, on Ferry Road.

The footprint of our houseboat hull is 60 ft. x 18 ft. which is larger than the 16 ft. x 30 ft. dimensions of Tina. However, the plot size, evidenced by its anchor points which are located beyond the plot's dimensions, help demonstrate that the mooring at plot 6 can accommodate our larger replacement residential houseboat as those same anchor points have done in the years past when larger houseboats were moored there prior to Tina. In addition, our houseboat's size meets the guidelines of the Hayling Health Society, and it is within the size allowed by Natural England in an agreement they have made with HHS.

Our houseboat structure is timber framed and partially sits down in the hull, with approx. dimension of 15 ft. x 50 ft. The Hull is 4 feet deep. From the bottom of the hull to the roof top its 12 ft. The roof is flat. There are round windows, bi-fold doors, and natural wood siding. It will be ready made and towed onto the site. There will be no modifications or work done to our replacement boat once she's at plot 6. Neither will there be changes to the existing houseboat on the site. Tina will be towed to a boat yard when our houseboat arrives.

Along with the information provided, the outcome of the Kench Houseboat Ellen appeal, dated 2 September, 2013, whereby the inspector for communities and local government, Katie Peerless, found there was no change of use, even though the houseboat Ellen was much larger than the houseboat she had replaced, and that no permit was required regarding her size, as she fit into the given mooring evidenced by the plots existing anchor points; and as the final decision was in favor for the appellant, [REDACTED] Ellen's owner, and since Havant Borough Council found there to be no material change of use which would require the grant of planning permission in regards to a larger houseboat replacing a smaller one, we hope we have provided the information necessary for your approval to grant us a certificate of lawfulness. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Elliott and Jon Darling

