

DIRECTLY MANAGED MOORINGS: PRICING AND VACANCY ALLOCATION PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

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The closing date for responses is **20 August 2008**.

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Q1 Options for allocating mooring vacancies (please read chapters 5 and 6 first)

IWAC understands that BW has a duty to set market prices and that all of the options listed in chapters 5 and 6 are essentially operational matters for BW. As such, IWAC offers no formal view or recommendations on the scores BW has arrived at.

However it is also UK Government policy, as detailed in its document 'Waterways for Tomorrow', to "encourage navigation authorities to increase access to the waterways for the young, disabled and disadvantaged".

Hence we believe the evaluation table from chapter 6.6 is missing a crucial column, "Enables Equal Access for All?", in addition to the original four - the scoring options should look like:

	How Transparent?	Operating costs	How acceptable?	How good a measure of market price?	Enables Equal Access for All?	Total score
	1= not transparent 10 = transparent	1 = high cost 10 = low cost;	1 = poor 10 = good	1 = poor 10 = good	1 = poor 10 = good	
1. Waiting lists						
2. Tender trial						
3. Modified tendering						
4. Open auction						
5. Fixed price with lottery						

IWAC's second proposal is that the factors should be weighted to give due importance to those issues which are most significant. In IWAC's view, and based on Government guidance, the two factors which are of particular significance are market price and equal access. IWAC considers that these two factors should be given a weighting of at least twice the weighting given to the other three factors.

Your name and contact details

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