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Ewan Wakefield
Camboaters Committee Member

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Dear Ewan,

Thank you for your letter of 29th January 2007- which was forwarded to me - regarding the City Council's mooring policy and the request for backdated mooring fees.

I am aware that there was a delay in setting up the direct debits and that this has meant some people have recently been asked to repay outstanding amounts.

The scheme itself began on the 1st April 2006. Applicants signed licence agreements for the period of 12 months and agreed to pay the associated fees. I am aware that the Council has offered flexibility in repayment terms and indeed, encouraged those facing difficulty in paying to contact our staff to discuss their circumstances and agree a way forward.

With regard to the other issues raised in your letter I am able to provide the following clarification:

- 1) The fee is on a par with the previous year's Council Tax Band A and is one that was determined through consultation with stakeholders.
- 2) The Council has not considered delaying the start of the policy and subsequently has not agreed rebates with licence holders.
- 3) Improvements have taken place and others are scheduled or in development.

I hope this clarifies the points you raised. The Council has recently written to licence holders explaining that all outstanding fees must be paid up to date or agreed a repayment schedule with the Council before applications for 2007-8 are considered.

Yours sincerely

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