

Dear Christina

Thank you for your email dated 12 September.

The red area that is outlined is for the whole of the quayside. We have asked for the whole area as we do not want to restrict our boundaries. It will be our responsibility to police the area. Any stall holder wanting to sell alcohol will have to obtain their own TENS, and we have decided after liaising with PC Ian Pickett that we will be the sole operators of providing alcohol. Our staff are regularly trained and are very aware of their responsibilities as they are staff that work in our pubs. We provide suitable seating areas for customers to eat and drink at. If another stall holder selling food has tables and chairs outside their pitch, they can purchase alcohol from us and be seated on their benches.

We have run with TENS with no problems. There has been no anti social behaviour at all in all the weeks we have been running, anyone who has used our premises have loved coming to sit in a quiet relaxed environment. We feel the area has been enhanced.

None of our our customers have been urinating in the creek, we have toilets available in our pub, The Flying Dutchman which are readily available and a short 1-2 minute walk. There are also public toilets located in elephant park, which again is a 1-2 min walk. After listening to the concerns and having spoken to The Harbour Trust they have agreed to allow us a portaloo in the compound along the quayside. The official letter stating this has been forwarded to yourselves and will be available to read at the hearing.

We provide our own bins which we take back to The Flying Dutchman during the day and at the end of the day. We provide plastic recyclable glasses.

The bins that are overflowing are nothing to do us, they contain none of our rubbish.

The hut has been in its position for over a year, the position would have been agreed with the relevant authorities. The edge of the harbour have chains along the whole length.

We are responsible operators with responsible employees. We don't intend running the little blue hut as a public house, it is intended to enhance the area and offer something different.

Feedback from local people and visitors that have taken the time to come and see us is all positive..The little blue hut is intended to be used as a lovely place to relax by the water whilst enjoying some local seafood with a drink, alcoholic or not.

Queenborough Harbour Trust have given permission for us to trade and are happy with our application. We will control things as we have done over the past weekends, we have competent staff who understand the requirements of their roles. We will not be having any drunken behaviour tolerated but again I need you to understand that this business is an attraction by the water as you see operating in every other harbour up and down the country. We can control our area by running our business responsibly, it is set out as a lunch and early evening business. Our licence application is for an 8pm finish.

Marine safety equipment is as follows.

The area is defined as having chain fencing all the way along. There are 2 lifebuoys situated either side of the entrance to the quayside and a further one on the compound fencing where the harbour office is situated. All within roughly 15-20m of each other.

I hope this is enough to satisfy your questions.

Kind regards
Caroline Kennedy