

Submission of Questions, Representation and Evidence Form

Questions, **representations and evidence** must be submitted in writing using the form provided **three working days before the meeting** either by email to enquiries@saltash.gov.uk or sent to The Guildhall, 12 Lower Fore Street, Saltash PL12 6JX.

Name: Ken Vangorph	Date of submission: 25/06/26
Are you attending the meeting in person to ask your question, please circle below: No	
If your question relates to a Planning or Licensing Application, please confirm the application number, name, address and whether you support or object. No member of the public may speak for longer than three minutes: N/A	
Question, Representations and Evidence: I am a resident of Saltash. I wish to ask a public question regarding the recent introduction of charges for access to the pontoon on the Saltash waterfront. For the past five years, I have regularly used the pontoon when launching and retrieving my boat from the adjacent slipway using a temporary code issued from STC. This arrangement worked well and provided a valuable service to local residents and boat users. The pontoon plays an important role in ensuring the safe launching and recovery of vessels. There is no suitable facility adjacent to the slipway where a boat can be secured safely while the trailer and vehicle are being parked. The pontoon provides that essential temporary holding point. In my case, I am typically on the pontoon for no more than three minutes while carrying out these manoeuvres. I now understand that access through the gate is subject to a charge. I find this decision disappointing and difficult to justify. representatives. Rather than improving access to a community facility, it places an additional financial burden on local residents who have responsibly used the pontoon for many years. In effect, it feels like yet another tax on the residents of Saltash for using a facility that was originally provided free of charge. More importantly, the pontoon contributes significantly to safety. By allowing boat owners to secure their vessels temporarily while attending to vehicles and trailers,	

it reduces the risk of accidents, personal injury, and damage to property. Introducing charges will discourage people from using the pontoon, potentially leading to unsafe practices at the slipway and increasing the likelihood of incidents occurring.

I respectfully ask the Council to reconsider the decision to charge for pontoon access, particularly for local residents using the facility solely for the safe launching and retrieval of boats. At the very least, I ask that the Council clearly explain

1. Who proposed this action?
2. What is the rationale behind the introduction of these charges?
3. In what way does this decision serves the interests of Saltash residents?

If its about generating money then it may help to turn off the Fore Street embarrassing Christmas lights especially as half of them don't work or health and safety then perhaps getting the police to do better patrols may help because kids after school are climbing over the gate to get access to the pontoon.