

National Trust Closing Statements

1. We acknowledge the importance of the ferry as an important local service and a key partner for the National Trust
2. Our charitable purposes do give a locus to this Inquiry, as this applies to the recruitment and retention of staff and also as managers of the adjoining SSSI. We are also the successor to the Bankes Estate whose land was originally used to establish the ferry company operation.
3. The 'model' we submitted was to show that there is further commercial opportunity to increase usage of the ferry and consequently generate more income through promotion of an affordable charging structure, which does not have a negative impact on those least available to afford it or need to use it most frequently.
4. We accept that during a twelve year period, prices will need to change to reflect increasing costs.
5. We accept that a detailed local survey would be most helpful to fully scope attitudes to cost and usage across the year.
6. We are in support of all the green proposals made during this Inquiry and look forward to working further on them with all partners, including any to improve the cycle infrastructure and its use.
7. We have concerns regarding attributing significant weight to the 2015 valuation due to its age, the assumptions within it regarding the legal aspects of the land interests and elements of the methodology used.
8. The National Trust looks after land around the Ferry in perpetuity and recognise the Ferry Company as a key local partner. It is important to us that an appropriate long-term approach to the future of the ferry and the beautiful natural environment in which it operates is achieved.

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