

# Proposed River Thames Marina Development, near Wallingford

## PLANNING POLICY & THE NEED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT

The proposal is for a new marina adjacent to the River Thames. It is therefore necessary to consider planning policies and any related guidance concerning recreational use and the environment of the River Thames and the surrounding area.

Government planning policy (within the NPPF) confirms support for sustainable tourism and leisure that benefit visitors in rural areas, communities and visitors, and which respect the character of the countryside.

**Proposed Marina Layout**



These proposals for the provision of a new marina facility, providing sustainable tourism and additional leisure based activities in a rural environment, are considered to be in line with local and government planning policy.

There are known to be a limited number of moorings surrounding Wallingford, with the closest existing facility for river bank moorings located at Benson, some 4km to the north. The nearest major marina facility to the proposed site is located at Abingdon, about 10km to the northwest.



**Location of River Thames Marina Facilities**

### Development Plan Policies:

The South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011, states “The River Thames is an important recreational resource and is used extensively for pleasure boating and for rowing, as well as a range of other recreational pursuits.”

The Core Strategy Policy CSWAL1 (The Strategy for Wallingford) states that proposals for development in Wallingford should be consistent with the strategy which includes to “(iv) support measures which improve the attraction of Wallingford for visitors with particular emphasis on the River Thames”, as well as identify land for employment growth.



**Proposed marina entrance**