

# **ST MARGARET'S WITH ST NICHOLAS WARD FORUM**

**A local amenity society working with the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk  
towards a better, safer King's Lynn**

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Borough Planning,  
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Dear Sirs,

Re: planning application no 18/00478/F, installation of 2 no. piles and change of use of Outer Purfleet for the mooring of a ship for restaurant/entertainment use with ancillary accommodation for 3 no. ships crew and use of the adjacent area as an outdoor serving and seating area

The St Margaret's with St Nicholas Ward Forum objects to this application.

While generally approving the siting of an 'entertainment ship' in the Outer Purfleet, it being one of the recommendations of the King's Lynn Riverfront Delivery Plan (March 2017), the planning application is so lacking in detail it is impossible to assess precisely what the effect will be upon the surrounding listed buildings and the Conservation Area in which the Outer Purfleet lies. This waterway is presently empty, as it has been since the enhancement of the area under the Millennium project. The ward forum believes that a vessel lying there would greatly enhance this rather barren stretch of water, but the application gives no details of the size of the vessel proposed. It must be of a size which will in no way obscure views of the Grade 1 listed Custom House – the very symbol of King's Lynn – or any part of it from any standpoint.

Noise and disruption must be a concern as is the lack of information of precisely what the 'entertainment' will be apart from the fact that it will include a restaurant and a bar. Until this is clearly stated the ward forum strongly urges that the application should not be considered and certainly not determined.

Everything hinges on the type of licence that the management will apply for and it appears this will only come once the planning application has been determined. If determination should go ahead strict caveats must be applied to ensure that all activity is seemly and fitting with the fine historic area that will be affected by it.

Queries that arise are:

- 1: If serving food, will it want to have a drinks licence extended to 2am?
- 2: At what hour will the serving of food/alcohol on the raised 'band stand' terminate?
- 3: Will there be times when live music will be involved?
- 4: At what hour of the night/morning will live music cease?
- 5: Will there be decibel strictures on the music's volume?

The forum realises that this planning application is not concerned with these elements, which is highly regrettable, but again strongly urges they are taken into account when the application is determined.

This a residential area – NOT a working dock - and residents have a right to the 'quiet enjoyment' of their homes. Evening and weekend leisure activity has increased substantially in recent years, which has already much affected residents, and the borough council has plans to make the area the focus of the night-time economy with yet more events.

We urge that at this juncture the determination of the application is put back to allow the applicant to supply more detail, especially of the kind of 'entertainment' that is proposed. It could be pole-dancing or a strip club – there is no way of knowing because of the paucity of detail before us.

Yours faithfully,

Sally Turff,  
Secretary,  
St Margaret's with St Nicholas Ward Forum

CC: Members of the Planning Committee, Cllr Lesley Bambridge.