



# B&NES WaterSpace Study - 2016 Boaters Questionnaire

## Welcome to the 2016 Boaters Questionnaire

Those who live on-board boats in the Bath & North East Somerset (B&NES) area are being asked how they use the River Avon and Kennet and Avon Canal and how their need for basic services can be better met as part of the WaterSpace Study. This survey follows a previous boater survey in 2013, which examined boater demographics.

The Boaters Survey 2016 will run for six weeks from 24th May to 4th July 2016, and will look at how far boaters travel, the type and size of crafts used, and the range of facilities they need whilst on the canal and river in the B&NES area. Results will be made available to the Bath WaterSpace project to enable facilities such as water points, sewage disposal and mooring areas to be planned and provided.

The survey will be carried out by Consultancy Atkins Plc on behalf of the newly formed Bath WaterSpace Partnership (made up of B&NES Council, Canal & River Trust, the Environment Agency and Wessex Water). The survey will help the partners better understand what the needs are for live-aboard boaters and how they can be better provided for.

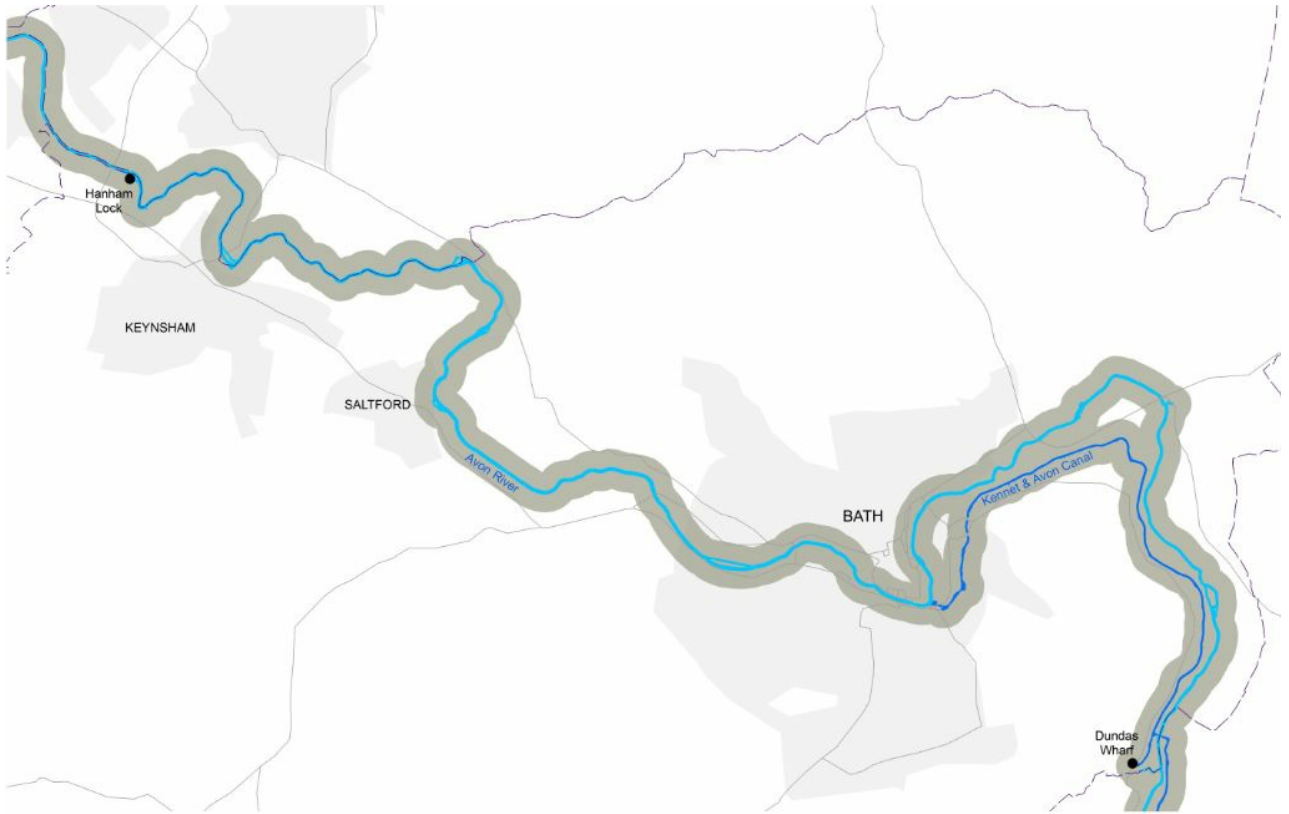
The survey is available here as an e-survey and as a downloadable pdf via our website [www.waterspacebath.org.uk](http://www.waterspacebath.org.uk)

In addition hard copies are available on request from Rachel Lambert at Atkins (Tel: 07789 876 715 or email [rachel.l.lambert@atkinsglobal.com](mailto:rachel.l.lambert@atkinsglobal.com)). Please return hard copies to: Rachel Lambert, Atkins Ltd, The Hub, 500 Park Avenue, Aztec West, Bristol BS32 4RZ.

Please do take part in this survey, and encourage your friends and neighbours to get involved!

Results of the survey will be made available in August- September 2016 on the following website [www.waterspacebath.org.uk](http://www.waterspacebath.org.uk)

## Study Area





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\* 1 What do you like about living on a boat?

- The peace and tranquillity
- The waterway community
- Being able to move to new places
- The scenery along the canal/river
- Artistic inspiration
- Other (please specify)

\* 2 What type of boat do you have?

- Narrowboat
- Wide beam canal boat
- River cruiser
- Dutch barge
- Don't know
- Other (please specify)

\* 3 What is your boat mainly made of?

- Steel
- Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRP) / fibreglass
- Wood
- Don't know
- Other (please specify)

\* 4 What is size is your boat? (Length)

- Less than 30ft
- 30ft
- 30-50ft
- 50-70ft
- 70ft +

\* 5 What is the size of your boat? (Beam)

- 7ft or under
- Over 7ft

\* 6 Does your boat have a fully functioning engine that allows you to move it?

- Yes
- No

\* 7 How many people live in your boat?

- One
- Two
- Three
- Four
- Five
- Six
- Seven or more

\* 8 How many people who live in your boat are children (17 years or younger)?

- None
- One
- Two
- Three
- Four
- Five or more

\* 9 Do you have a home mooring?

- Yes
- No

10 If you answered YES to Q9: Is it a residential mooring (mooring with residential planning permission)?

- Yes
- No

11 If you answered YES to Q9: Is this mooring in Bath and north East Somerset (between Hanham and Dundas)?

- Yes
- No

\* 12 Which of the following options best describes how you use your boat most of the time?

- I use it to cruise the waterways in my leisure time
- As a holiday home
- As a temporary home
- As a temporary home where I live when at work
- As a second home where I live for extended periods / as an alternative to my main residence
- As a permanent home
- Other (please specify)

\* 13 What is your cruising area?

- Bath to Devizes
- Devizes to Newbury
- Kennet and Avon West of Devizes
- Canal and river in B&NES
- Whole length of Kennet and Avon
- River Avon
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)

\* 14 Do you regularly cruise on the River Avon?

- Yes
- No

15 If you answered NO to Q14: What would encourage you to cruise the river Avon more regularly?

16 If you answered NO to Q14: Is there anything that puts you off cruising the river Avon more regularly?

\* 17 If permanent serviced (water, electricity, sewerage etc. ) moorings were more readily available in B&NES, would you consider taking one?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

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If you answered YES to Q17: Which type of locations would you consider taking a permanent

serviced mooring?

- In a large marina
- In a small off line canal basin
- On the non-towpath side of the main canal

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If you answered YES to Q17: What do you consider to a reasonable price per month?

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Would you consider alternatives to living on a boat such as living in similar accommodation on land (e.g. Tiny Homes)? (Tiny Homes are homes of between 100 and 400 square feet (10-40m<sup>2</sup>) floor area either on wheels or on a foundation.)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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To what extent to you agree or disagree that a lower cost of living is your main reason for living on a boat?

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

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When cruising would you consider paying for short term serviced moorings where services were included (e.g. laundrette, showers, pump out, electricity hook up)?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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When choosing where to moor (whilst cruising) how important are the following factors?

	Very important	Fairly important	Neither important nor unimportant	Of little importance	Not important at all
Road access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local shops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attractive scenery/surroundings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Avoiding flood risk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Services (sewage and rubbish etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safety and security	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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What is your main mode of travel, aside from your boat?

- Car
- Other motorised vehicle (e.g. motorbike/van)
- Cycle
- Public Transport
- Walk
- Other (please specify)



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Is your boat...

- Owned outright
- Owned with a mortgage or loan
- Shared ownership
- Rented privately
- Other (please specify below)
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)

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What would be the top three improvements you would like to see to the Canal and River network, and where would these be located?

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Optional: How do you define your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Transgender
- Prefer not to say
- Something else (please specify)

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Optional: What was your age at your last birthday?

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Optional: How would you define your sexual orientation?

- Heterosexual
- Gay
- Lesbian
- Bisexual
- Prefer not to say
- Something else (please specify)

## Optional: How would you define your ethnic group?

- WHITE - English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- WHITE - Irish
- WHITE - Eastern European
- WHITE - Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- WHITE - Mixed European
- WHITE - Any other White background
- BLACK/AFRICAN/CARIBBEAN/BLACK BRITISH - Caribbean
- BLACK/AFRICAN/CARIBBEAN/BLACK BRITISH -African
- BLACK/AFRICAN/CARIBBEAN/BLACK BRITISH - Any other Black background
- ASIAN OR ASIAN BRITISH - Indian
- ASIAN OR ASIAN BRITISH - Pakistani
- ASIAN OR ASIAN BRITISH - Bangladeshi
- ASIAN OR ASIAN BRITISH - Chinese
- ASIAN OR ASIAN BRITISH - Any other Asian background
- OTHER ETHNIC GROUP - Arab
- OTHER ETHNIC GROUP - Any other ethnic group
- MIXED/MULTIPLE ETHNIC GROUPS - White and Black Caribbean
- MIXED/MULTIPLE ETHNIC GROUPS - White and Black African
- MIXED/MULTIPLE ETHNIC GROUPS - White and Asian
- MIXED/MULTIPLE ETHNIC GROUPS - Any other mixed background
- Prefer not to say

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Optional: Do you consider yourself to be any of the following?

- Romany Gypsy
- Gypsy
- Irish Traveller
- Traveller
- New Traveller
- Boater
- Boat Dweller
- Other (please specify below)
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)

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Optional: How would you define your religion/beliefs?

- Atheist
- No religion
- Christian
- Buddhist
- Muslim
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Sikh
- Other
- Prefer not to say

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Optional: Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

- Yes, limited a lot
- Yes, limited a little
- No

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If you would be happy for us to contact you please provide your contact details below...