



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

Ely Riverside Mooring Management Scheme

East Cambridgeshire District Council is introducing a new mooring management scheme at its moorings on 7th September 2015. This flyer contains information about how the scheme will work and a map illustrating the extent of the Council's moorings at Ely and to which the scheme will apply.

From 7th September mooring will be free for 48 hours stay, no return for 48 hours. From this date people who do not comply with these mooring contract terms will be issued with a Mooring Charge Notice of £100 per 24 hour stay.

Please read this flyer in full as mooring charges will apply to any boater breaching the scheme's mooring conditions.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why does the Council need to manage its moorings?

East Cambridgeshire District Council owns land and moorings along the River Great Ouse in Ely. These visitor moorings have been very popular for many of years and a recent survey carried out by the Council suggests there are boaters who are unable to visit Ely as the moorings are frequently full – particularly during the boating season.

The Council would like to encourage more boaters to visit Ely and ensure that moorings are available when boaters arrive. The consultation results suggested that visitor moorings which were free of charge for 48 hours, and specified a 'no-return' period for 48 hours would be the most appropriate duration. This balances the need for a regular turnover of boaters, while allowing an adequate length of stay for boaters to enjoy the facilities and visitor attractions Ely has to offer.

How is the Council going to manage its moorings?

Some boaters may remember the Council used to enforce its 48 hour (no return for 48 hour) visitor moorings through a Mooring Bye-law. Regrettably the Council was unable to continue with this approach and after a great deal of consultation and exploration of other potential mooring management solutions, the District Council concluded that the most effective method of managing the moorings would be to enforce them using contract law.

The terms of the contract to moor will be set out on signs along the length of the Council's moorings. Any boater choosing to moor, anchor or remain stationary at the moorings in effect agrees to the contractual terms set out on the sign. If any of the terms are breached, a charge of £100 is payable (a further £100 charge is payable for every 24 hour period that the charge is breached). This is reduced to £70 if the charge is paid within 14 days of the Mooring Charge Notice being issued. If the mooring charge is not paid within 28 days, the Council will commence debt recovery action (including court action) which will incur further costs.

We are sure the vast majority of boaters will continue to moor responsibly considering the needs of other river users, and the new scheme will encourage boaters to plan their stay along the river network in advance.

What are the contractual terms that I am agreeing to if I moor my vessel at the Councils moorings?

The contractual terms will be set out on signage along the length of the Council's moorings between Annesdale and Willow Walk, Ely.

The contractual terms you are agreeing to are:

- you will pay a mooring charge if your vessel remains at the moorings for longer than 48 hours
- you will pay a mooring charge where the vessel returns to the Councils moorings within 48 hours of leaving irrespective of the length of the original stay.

You are also accepting that camera equipment is in use on this site to record activity and that in the event of a chargeable incident being recorded the Council may request the registered owner's details from the relevant Navigation Authority.

What part of the River Great Ouse does the Council's Mooring Management scheme cover?

The Council's moorings start at Annesdale and finish at Willow Walk, Ely. A map can be found on the back of this flyer illustrating the precise location of the District Council's moorings. Signage will be set out along the length of the Councils moorings which in addition to setting out the contractual terms you are agreeing to, also indicate where you are, should you need to call the emergency services for assistance.

You will note from the map that visitor mooring is not permitted in the area allocated to commercial mooring and the mooring immediately outside the Environment Agency's pump out is limited to a maximum of 1 hour in duration to ensure the facility can be used effectively.

How will the mooring contract between the Council and the person/s in control of the vessel be enforced?

The Council has recruited two Riverside Officers who will be responsible for recording the details of all vessels moored at the Council's moorings. A Riverside Officer will visit the moorings every day and if their records show that one of the mooring conditions has been breached then a Mooring Charge Notice (MCN) will be issued. They may hand this to the master of the vessel if they are available or they may secure the MCN to a window.

The Riverside Officer will also take photographs showing the MCN attached to the vessel (if the MCN was not handed to the master of the vessel) and its proximity to the closest sign setting out the contractual terms.

The Mooring Charge Notice will set out what contractual term was breached and how to pay the charge due. The MCN also sets out how the charge can be appealed.

If the MCN is not paid within 28 days the Council will commence debt recovery action that will incur further costs.

How can I pay to moor?

You do not need to pay to moor at the Council's moorings for the first 48 hours of your stay.

If the length of your stay exceeds 48 hours you will be issued with a Mooring Charge Notice (MCN). Details about how to pay a Mooring Charge Notice are on the MCN itself.

When will the new mooring management scheme start?

We will launch the scheme on Monday 7 September 2015. Please check www.visitely.org.uk/riverside/moorings-and-marinas regularly to ensure that this remains the case, should you be considering using the Council's moorings in the near future.

Where can I get more information about mooring in Ely?

You can get information about the Council's moorings and moorings more widely on www.visitely.org.uk/riverside/moorings-and-marinas. It will be updated during the run up to the scheme being launched and during the first few months of the scheme being implemented.

You can also phone the Council on tel: 01353 665555 or e-mail: lewis.bage@eastcambs.gov.uk

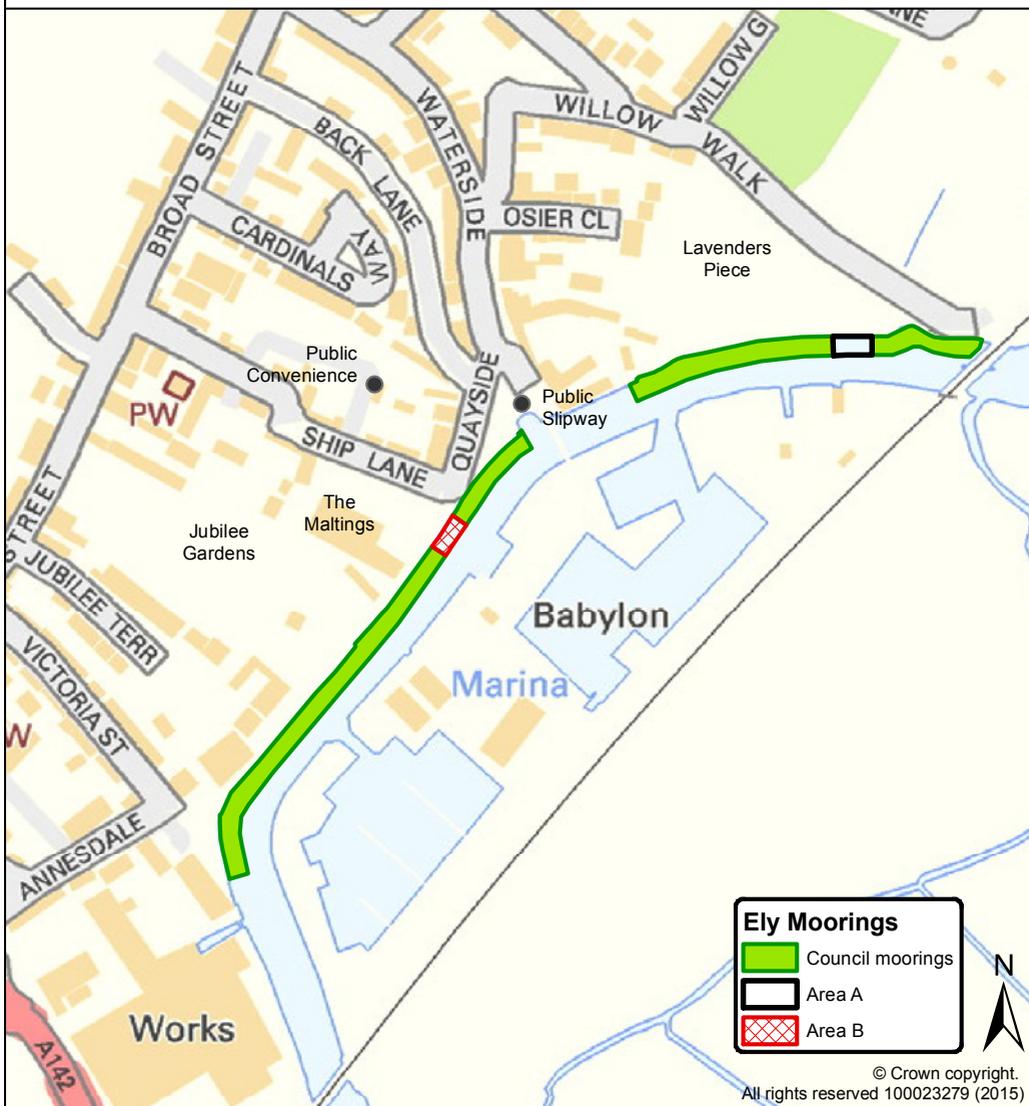
What else should I consider if I am going to use the Council's Moorings?

The Council expects all boaters using the Council's moorings to comply with the Environment Agency 'Recreational Byelaws' that apply to the Anglian Waterways and specifically the River Great Ouse. The safety and enjoyment of all river users is paramount to the Council and if a member of Council staff becomes aware that a Byelaw is being breached then the Environment Agency will be informed.

The Environment Agency Recreational Byelaws can be downloaded here:
www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/289820/gean0906b1fa-e-e.pdf

EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL MOORINGS AT ELY RIVERSIDE

Map showing the extent of the moorings along the River Great Ouse owned by East Cambridgeshire District Council and to which the Council's Mooring Enforcement Scheme applies.



Council Moorings: Mooring at this location is free for the first 48 hours and charged thereafter. No return for 48 hours

Area A: Environment Agency pump out, waterstation and Elsan disposal point. Mooring limited here to a maximum of 1 hour per 24 hour period.

Area B: Commercial Mooring. No visitor mooring is permitted at this location at any time.

If you have any queries regarding the moorings, contact East Cambridgeshire District Council on:
Tel 01353 665555