



Cleveland Pools Trust

PLANNING ENQUIRY for the Attention of Mary Warner May 6th 2014

PROPERTY

Cleveland Pools (Grade II* listed) Hampton Row, Bathwick, Bath. BA2 6QS

ENQUIRY

To ascertain possible requirements for Planning Permission for the reinstatement of a pre-existing river landing stage.

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THE PROPOSAL

The Cleveland Pools Trustees are proposing to reinstate a small landing stage at the river entrance to the Pools. The purpose of this is to facilitate access by cruise boats from the Bath Boating Station, to increase interest in the site for existing supporters by demonstration of real progress, and to encourage new supporters. It is also an ideal specific project for locally focused fund-raising as the Heritage Lottery Fund decision on major funding support on July 22nd is awaited. Assuming the proposed conservation and restoration of the site for swimming and heritage visits is implemented, readily available river access will be very useful for works during the delivery process. Re-creating the river access also ties in with current local initiatives to make more economic and leisure use of the river, and with the Cleveland Pools Green Travel Plan.

Evidence for the pre-existence of a landing stage of similar size and construction method, and in the same position as the one proposed, has been received from John Dagger, the last Superintendent of the Cleveland Baths and occupier during the site's subsequent use as a trout farm and then as a private residence.

John Dagger was asked in March 1985 to construct a permanent mooring for the cruise boat the Pulteney Princess by Terry Maple, then Assistant Director of Bath Leisure Services. Planning permission was granted, and a mooring staging approximately 2m x 3m was constructed of scaffold poles and planking, with hand rails and non-slip matting to the mooring and entrance to the Pools. This remained in existence until June 2004. The steps down to river level are still in existence, see photographs.

The proposed new stage would be similar in design, construction and dimensions, approximately 4m x 1m. It is to be constructed by Simon Emery, who is experienced in this work, and recently built the working landing stage at the Bath Boating Station. Specification for landing stage attached.

Once the Pools are fully re-opened it is likely that a larger more formal landing stage will be required, for which planning permission and Listed Building Consent would no doubt be needed.

However, since the current proposal is simply a re-instatement of a previous structure known to have existed, with the steps down to the river still in place to be re-used, it is hoped that formal planning permission will not be required, and that since no alteration is to be made to the historic fabric or to the character of the site, LBC is also not required.