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Dear Sirs

Planning Application Ref.00/01195/FUL

I am a Trustee of the River Thames Society and the Hon Secretary of the Upper Thames Branch of that Society and am writing in support of the application by the Consuta Trust to vary the conditions of the above approved application.

This application was discussed at a full Council meeting of the River Thames Society (RTS) before Christmas 2007. Details of the proposed 'boathouse/houseboat' for the steam launch 'Consuta' and the necessary unlimited access through the navigation cut from the river into Beale Park lake were examined and discussed thoroughly.

It was unanimously agreed that the RTS should whole-heartedly support this application. The Consuta is a uniquely valuable part of the heritage of the River Thames and a sympathetic and attractive solution to provide secure and accessible storage for this historic vessel is to be praised and given every

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encouragement. The Consuta Trust provides a means that all members of the public, young and old can appreciate, learn and even sail on an historic vessel that is as much part of the River Thames as is Windsor Castle.

The RTS as a society is committed to not only preserving the ethos and beauty of the river, but also promoting and enhancing the river as a very important part of the cultural heritage of the South East of England. This application will not only provide a secure home for Consuta but also enhance the attractiveness of Beale Park and the adjacent reach of the Thames itself.

The Society is therefore very happy to endorse this application to vary the original planning consent. It is to be hoped that a successful outcome will result in the Consuta having a secure and protected base from which she and the members of her Trust can continue to provide the general public with access to this important and unique part of our maritime heritage

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Colin Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "S" at the end.

Colin Reynolds
Trustee River Thames Society

c/c Brian Smith Esq