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A couple of additional points are:

The risk of dispersal of inebriated people leaving the boat along the water.

The loss of the amenity of a quiet, peaceful area (Heron Island and View Island) to Reading residents who may not have access to quiet places where they live. We often see mothers pushing prams who stop at the planted boats outside Heron Island and enjoy the view and the tranquility.

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Subject: Objection to application by Richard Prunier, Charles Cooper Henderson Vessel, Mill Green, RG4 8EX
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We are writing to object formally to the above application, which involves using a boat on the Thames in a quiet, residential part of Caversham to:

- provide live music, indoors and outdoors, between 6pm and 9pm every Friday, and between midday and 9pm on Saturdays and Sundays;
- provide recorded music indoors and outdoors, between **9am and 11pm** every day of the week; and
- serve alcohol on the premises between 9am and 11pm every day of the week.

As the music will be played on a boat, the sound will travel over the water without interruption, affecting those in a wider area than would be the case in the middle of a fully built-up area.

We have ourselves lived in London where, for a period, we were badly affected by noise nuisance, and can assure you that people who have not had the experience cannot imagine the levels of distress, desperation, sleeplessness and anger that it can cause.

As residents of Heron Island, we have heard music from party boats cruising on the river from further away than where this vessel is to be based (in Mill Green).

The prospect of potentially hearing amplified music for 14 hours of the day, every day of every year, if this application goes ahead, is extremely upsetting for us. We therefore wish to object on the grounds of public nuisance.

The sale of alcohol risks the further nuisance of drunken behaviour (including - among other things - more noise) in the neighbourhood. Drunken driving is of course a risk to pedestrians, including children, as well as to property, cyclists and other drivers, particularly on the narrow roads in the vicinity. It may be worth mentioning that Mill Road itself - which leads to Heron Island and includes one of the access roads to Mill Green - is often walked along by families with pushchairs or toddlers because of the narrow pavements.

Visitors from outside the area will also increase the strain on parking. Although this is in theory restricted, in at least some of the roads nearby, visitors from outside the area are clearly often unaware of the restrictions (which are not very well signposted).

These additional factors raise the issue of public nuisance.

Julia and Jonathan Moody,

