

New Mooring at Ramsey

Accent Housing Ltd, Ramsey Town Council and the Middle Level Commissioners are pleased to announce that they have concluded an agreement to deliver 120m of new moorings on the High Lode at the northern edge of the town centre of Ramsey and that a contractor has also been appointed to undertake the works.

Accent Housing has made the financial contribution to provide the mooring as part of the Byelaw agreement relating to the new homes the Association is building on Stocking Fen Road.

Users of the Middle Level Waterways have been calling for such moorings to be constructed in this location for many years and there have been at least three previous failed attempts to obtain funding to implement them.

The aim of this scheme (which will be delivered early next year) is to encourage and welcome boating visitors to the Town of Ramsey, injecting money into the local economy and enhancing the local environment. It is also worth noting that in the autumn of 2020 the Middle Level Commissioners introduced, for the first-time, the licencing of pleasure craft, with the stated aim of improving the navigation for all users and the delivery of these moorings is closely aligned with their commitment in this respect.

David Thomas, Chief Executive of the Middle Level Commissioners said:

"I cannot be more pleased that this positive partnership has led to a result which will be excellent for boaters, for the town of Ramsey and for those who will be occupying houses close to the water. I recall efforts being made to do something in this location at least 16 years ago when ambitious plans were put forward, but at that time money could not be found to progress them. It has always saddened me to see this head of the navigation not achieving its full potential and it is so rewarding to have helped play a part with the other team members to rectify this"

Councillor Steve Corney, Mayor of Ramsey said:

" This is a great addition to Ramsey and something that the Town Council has wanted to achieve for some time, but several issues have prevented it from happening. It is a credit to The Middle Level, Ramsey Town Council and especially Accent Housing Ltd for coming together and working through the issues presented to make this project happen. Ramsey Town Council will continue to work with The Middle Level to enhance the basin area in an effort to promote tourism, linking with their overall plans for the waterways. I would like to thank everyone involved in this project for their efforts in bringing it to fruition."

Chris Smith, Senior Development Project Manager for Accent said:

"Accent are not only committed to building high quality affordable new homes in Ramsey, for rent and shared ownership, but also in meeting its obligation to support the embankment. We are delighted to be able to enhance this area and to provide this support to the local economy and community. I have no doubt that the new moorings will encourage tourism and boost the economy of the town."

Delivery of the works is being project managed by the Middle Level Commissioners who will take ownership of them once completed. Ramsey Town Council will then take ownership of the land above the moorings to provide amenity space and will be responsible for the supply of potable water for use by boaters as well as waste and recycling facility provision.