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Mr Ian Burrows  
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*Dear Ian,*

I am submitting to the Unauthorised Moorings Stakeholder consultation based on the numerous concerns raised by residents who live or frequent the areas along the River Thames where we have seen an increase in the illegal moorings of boats.

I have written to the Environment Agency twenty-four times over four years to raise the issue of unauthorised moorings and the blight caused to local residents and users of riverside areas in Elmbridge.

It is clear that the existing enforcement powers are inadequate for dealing with the level of anti-social behaviour and unlawful activity. Those flouting the rules are certainly careful to avoid existing enforcement operations.

Of the four possible solutions in your consultation document, only the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is likely to be an effective tool in addressing illegally moored boats in this area, given the limitations of the other options. In addition, the Conservative Elmbridge Borough Councillors, I strongly support the introduction of a PSPO for a period of three years, and I would urge the requisite consultation to pursue this as soon as practicable.

I would appreciate being informed of EBC's decision following its consultation.

*Yours sincerely,*  
*Dominic Raab*