



# CONSERVATORS OF THE RIVER CAM

*Navigation authority for the River Cam, between Cambridge and Bottisham Lock*

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### MOTORISED PUNTS ON UPPER RIVER CAM TO BE BANNED

The Conservators of the River Cam have decided to refuse an application for the use of motorised punts on the 'upper' River Cam (Granta), the section of river running from Grantchester to King's Mill Weir in Cambridge.

The Conservators' decision also establishes a clear policy for this section of the river, restricting navigation to manually propelled craft only. Motorised craft will only be allowed access for essential maintenance and emergency response.

Members of the public had expressed concerns about the proposed scheme to operate a 'water bus' shuttle service between the City Centre and Grantchester.

This stretch of the river Cam is a unique recreational amenity for Cambridge residents and visitors. The decision taken by the Conservators will ensure that the river's traditional charm and ecology will be preserved.

The 'upper' River Cam is currently used by members of the public for punting, swimming, canoeing, fishing and walking. The decision taken by the Conservators will ensure that these activities may continue in the future.

The new Policy for motorised vessels will be published on the Conservators' website.

The Conservators meet every quarter at the Guildhall in Cambridge.

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