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FAO Matthias Gentet

Thank you for allowing me to comment on planning application 2018/1968/P which relates to the permanent mooring of a barge on the canal towpath outside Primrose Hill Primary School, 36-40 Princess Road, NW1.

I have no objections to this application but have the following comments and recommendations to make for its safety and security if the application is successful.

Comments and Recommendations

- I have spoken to the applicant regarding this proposal and I am satisfied that this will not create any extra crime or the fear of crime to the location. It appears they have covered all potential uses within the 'Design and Access' statement though would not be in a position to actually carry out some of the suggestions... for example weekend hire, evenings and parties. Primarily this will be an educational facility for primarily Primrose Hill Primary and for any other schools in the local area.
- Car alarms are based on 12VDC operation and so are the majority of our boats. Therefore a good quality alarm system, appropriately advertised, can be a deterrent to a casual thief. Top units will message owners of security breach. If it can be linked to the current schools security system then this will be acceptable and probably will generate a call to police for attending. Important to inform police that the boat is part of the alarm system.
- GPS trackers are also a deterrent as the most sophisticated units can again, automatically inform you and the police if your boat moves for any reason.
- Disable your engine.
- Chaining the vessel to an appropriate mooring whilst it is in an urban areas. This will deter those who will try and cast boats off their moorings at night. If it's not possible to use chain or steel rope and a British Standard padlock, try heavy duty nylon cable ties around the loose ends of the rope to make it just that little bit harder to untie the mooring knot. Used close to bollards and T studs to clamp ropes together, these ties can be very effective at preventing casual casting off.
- Fit window guards or bars across entrance doors. The use of blinds which can be drawn will prevent people peering in and also prevents them from seeing what is inside and therefore increase the risk for the criminal. They are less likely to force entry if they are unsure what is inside.
- The fitting of security film on the interior of the windows will prevent smashing and will delay any attempt of forced entry... P1A is the minimum recommended.
- Upgrade all locks to the best quality available and secure hatches and doors with heavy duty internal hasps, any British Standard lock will be adequate. Most barge doors and hatches are outward opening... so consideration must be given to protect the exterior to prevent tools being inserted from the outside to prys them open.
- Use cylinder padlocks, British Standard, such as high security van types, which are harder to casually pick than conventional keyed padlocks if they are on the exterior of the vessel. Also consideration to what the clasp is secured to requires to be made to prevent this being attacked to negotiate the lock all together.
- Fit a locking fuel tap if fuel is to be left within the vessel.
- Don't leave valuable items or removable items on the roof. Thieves rarely break if items are easily "lifted" from the roof or deck as it the easiest opportunity.

- Low consumption LED lighting has made leaving a cabin light on a practical and cheap way to deter thieves. A 12v timer can also be used to make it look realistic with it being activated at certain times of the day/night.
- Mark your valuable items using indelible invisible marker - Selectamark DNA or Smartwater can be used as well showing clear signs on the outside of the boat warning people this has been carried out.
- If CCTV from the nearby school is to be considered then it should meet all the requirements which comply the information commissioners guidelines, www.ico.org.uk

If the applicant wishes any further help or has questions about my comments then I will be more than happy to be contacted.

Kind regards

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