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CANAL & RIVER TRUST PROVIDES UPDATE ON BOAT LICENSING CONSULTATION

The Canal & River Trust is letting boaters know that the second stage of its boat licensing consultation has finished. The next and final stage will see the charity asking all its boat licence holders to get involved.

For stage two of the consultation nine workshops were held across the country. 988 boaters expressed interest in the 135 places available, representing a wide variety of licence holders. A report on the topics and views that came up in the workshops will be available in late July and will be published on the Trust's website.

The consultation is likely to be launched in mid-August. All the Trust's current boat licence holders will be contacted to take part in this final stage of the consultation. Boaters will be able to respond by email, post or telephone.

Ian Rogers, customer service and operations director at Canal & River Trust, said: "We've had a fantastic response to the consultation so far and it's great to see so much interest in a topic that is fundamentally important for our boaters. It's vital that the financial contribution made by boaters is spread fairly across the boating community – both now and for the future.

"I'd encourage all our boating customers to respond to the consultation when it goes live in August so that we have a full view of boaters' thoughts and feelings to help us shape the future of boat licensing."

More information about the boat licensing consultation can be found here:

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/national-consultations>

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