

7.12 THE RIVER THAMES (RL. 5A)

7.12.1 The River Thames is an asset of national significance in West Berkshire. Notwithstanding Policy EN10 in the BSP and ENV.14 in this plan, a specific policy on the future of recreation development on the Thames is needed;

POLICY RL.5A The Council recognise the recreational value of the Thames and the need to protect the particular environment and setting of the river within West Berkshire. It will permit proposals for recreational schemes only where it is not located in an area or proposed in a form which would:

- i. harm the character or landscape setting of the river
- ii. significantly increase use of the river by boats
- iii. harm the amenity and informal recreational value of the river, or
- iv. reduce or inhibit public access to the riverside or prejudice the Thames path

Permanent moorings will only be granted in appropriate off river locations specifically provided to replace existing permanent moorings in the main river channel.