INLAND WATERWAYS MOVE TO CHARITY STATUS -

CONSULTATION BY DEFRA

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# The Consultation Questions:

## Chapter 2: A national ‘trust’ for the waterways

### Question 1: Do you agree that, over time, the charity should work towards including other navigations, including the EA Navigations in the next Spending Review?

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### Question 2: Do you think that the proposed requirements of the Trust Declaration are the right ones? Are they sufficient/are there others which should be considered?

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### Question 3: Do you agree that the suggested charitable purposes for the NWC are broadly the right ones? Can you think of other necessary requirements?

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###  Question 4: Do you agree with the proposed ‘mission statement’? How could it be improved?

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### Question 5: Do you agree with the proposed ‘belief’ statement? How could it be improved?

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### Question 6: Do you agree with the proposed ‘vision’ statement? How could it be improved?

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### Question 7: Do you agree that the New Waterways Charity should enjoy the same powers and be subject to similar legal duties to maintain the waterways as British Waterways currently is?

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### Chapter 3: Engaging people in the new charity

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### Question 8: Do you agree with the proposed governance model for the new charity? What

### improvements could be made?

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### Question 9: Should funds raised locally by the Local Partnership be spent on local priorities? Why?

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### Question 10: Who do you think should be encouraged to sit on Local Partnerships? How should the nominations panel be constituted; who are the essential parties?

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### Question 11: Is between 8 and 12 the right size for a Local Partnership?

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### Question 12: Which are the particular subjects or activities you think may require the attention of a specific sub-committee of a local partnership?

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### Question 13: How best can the New Waterways Charity strike the right balance between local needs and the needs of the waterways network as a whole?

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### Question 14: How could the charity encourage effective working between different communities and partnerships who share the same waterway?

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### Question 15: In what ways could people be helped to become more involved and take more responsibility for their local waterways? What might the barriers be, and how could they be overcome?

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### Question 16: In what ways could more people be encouraged to volunteer for the waterways? What might the barriers be, and how could they be overcome?

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### Question 17: What would a successful volunteer programme look like? What would it achieve?

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### Question 18: Do you agree that the new charity should initially focus on securing fair representation, and move towards a greater element of direct membership over time?

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### Question 19: Do you agree with the proposed make up of the Council? Which interests should be represented?

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### Question 20: Should a proportion of the Council be directly elected? If so, who should be entitled to vote?

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### Question 21: Should the independent chair of the Appointments Committee be chosen by Committee members or the Council? What skills would they need?

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### Question 22: Are there other topics that you consider would benefit from Council scrutiny committees?

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### Question 23: Are there any other activities of British Waterways that would be best placed in the CIC?

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## Chapter 4: Creating a sustainable future for our waterways

### Question 24: Government policy is to support the movement of freight on inland waterways, where it is economically sustainable. Do you agree that the status quo is no longer an option?

### Which of the 5 options do you prefer? What other options should we consider?

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### Question 25: What measures of the effectiveness of NWC’s use of public funds (through the Government Funding Contract) would be appropriate?

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### Question 26: Are there other areas where you think NWC could:

### • Increase its commercial income

### • Its voluntary income

### • Its third party income?

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### Question 27: Are there other areas where you think NWC could save more money/make greater efficiencies?

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### Question 28: We would welcome any views you have on the analysis in the Impact Assessment and relevant evidence that we could draw upon in finalising the assessment.

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## Chapter 5: The transition to civil society

### Question 29: New Waterways Charity (NWC) is just the working title for the new charity. Which of the following suggestions for the name of the new charity do you prefer, and why?

### a) National Waterways Trust

### b) Waterways Trust for England and Wales

### c) Waterways Trust

### d) National Canals and Rivers Trust

### e) Canals and Rivers Trust

### f) National Waterways Charity

### g) [your suggestion]?

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