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To All Residents

**Marcus Court, Numa Court,
Nero Court (2a), Romulus Court (1e)**
(flats facing the Marina)

2nd December 2016

Dear Residents,

Fuel Spill in Marina

Some of you may be aware that, since Wednesday, we have been dealing with a fuel spill in the Marina. This note is to inform you of the actions which have been taken and, hopefully, provide reassurance on concerns which you may have.

The source of the diesel oil has today been identified as being a boat which entered the Marina on Monday, having just had work carried out at a boatyard elsewhere. The owner of this boat has been contacted and is aware of the issue and his liabilities in this regard;

Having first ensured that we had taken steps to minimise the escape of oil into the river (on Thursday a boom was constructed to prevent oil entering the lock) and to contain the worst area (under Marcus Court arches), we were able to monitor the situation to see if more oil appeared, or whether this was a 'one-off'.

On Friday morning it was established that further oil had entered the Marina and the Environment Agency were contacted to report this incident. We have been reassured that the action taken thus far has been appropriate and has not made matters worse; there is no sign of wildlife (fish or birds) in distress.

The Environment Agency has now advised us of the correct course of action, having consulted with their Fisheries section, and that is to open the lock and allow the fuel into the Thames; they have alerted the Port of London to this and no concerns have been raised by either party.

However, there remains a smell of diesel in the vicinity of the Marina and we understand that this is extremely unpleasant, though not harmful. Now that it is confirmed that we can release the existing oil, and have identified the source so that we can prevent further escape, the smell will reduce over the next couple of tides. This will be monitored during the course of the weekend.

Should you have any further concerns on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us via managementoffice@brentford-dock.co.uk or 020 8568 5096.

Yours,

John Antrobus

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