

Local Government  
**OMBUDSMAN**

9 March 2015

Mr Michael Dawson  
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Your ref:

Our ref: 14 015 052

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Dear Mr Dawson

**Complaint against South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council**

Based on the information I currently have, I have reached a draft decision about your complaint. I have considered the papers you sent me, information from the Council and information on the Harbour View website. The enclosed draft decision statement explains how and why I have reached this view. Before I make a final decision I want to give you and the Council an opportunity to comment.

I will take any comments you make into account and my view might change after I have considered what you or the Council say.

I believe you have seen all the written information I have considered. As well as your complaints to the Council and its responses, I have considered the Council's letters of 14 April and 2 May 2014. I have also considered the 1996 decision and the chronology on Harbour View. If you have not seen this information please let me know.

Please also take this opportunity to point out any factual errors in the draft decision.

If you do wish to comment on the draft decision, please ensure that I receive your response (in writing or by telephone) by 30 March 2015. If I have heard nothing by then, I will make a formal decision on your complaint for the reasons explained in the draft decision. If you need more time to comment, please explain why this is and I will consider your request.

You will see that I have referred to you as Mr X. This is because we have a commitment to publish all of our decisions on our website if possible. If you consider that publication of the decision will

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identify you, please explain why this is and we will consider whether to make an exception to our normal policy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adele Reynolds', with a stylized, cursive script.

Adele Reynolds  
Investigator

Enc: Draft decision statement