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From: Melanie

To: Graeme Watson

Cc: Michelle; Matthew; Steven ; Brigid ; Mick ; Jennifer

Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2013 3:56 PM

Subject: Tyne Gateway

To the Chair of Tyne Gateway

Dear Graeme,

Please convene an emergency general meeting of all members and or prospective members of the Tyne Gateway Association to discuss the development on River Drive of the new shipyard which commenced without notice either from the companies and construction firm involved or from the Local Authority.

Thank you,

Regards,

Melanie, Member of Tyne Gateway Association.

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Subject: Re: Tyne Gateway

Date: Thu, 5 Sep 2013 22:37:45 +0100

Hi Melanie.

It looks to me to be steelwork to make a cover over the existing slipway. However this may be far from the facts as this council are notorious for doing things through the back door.

A good example of this the public landings which you know quite a bit about:- The one at the Alum went a few years ago by an elegant sleight of hand and now the one at Redheads is about to go. It doesn't make much sense to me as this town exists because of the river and why are they, the council, now turning their back on it. Water fountains beside the Customs House just do not count.

One needs little creeks and backwaters for for children to grow up in and feel part of a place and also people like me in my old age to sit by and ponder about life's changes. I could go on a lot more but your councillor will say "get to the point" and I will have to shut up.

enough of my ramblings,  
cheers Mick

ps. it is a shame to have to say this but you are probably wasting your time, "pissing against the wind " in common sailors parlance, trying to involve Graeme.

New Cover For Slipway

Hi B,

This is weird. The drawings were done in 1996 for the Tyne and Wear Development. There was some council involvement in 2001 when something about the footings for the structure was agreed.

Out of the blue construction begins on the 5th and of course there are no plans to be seen because they were only handed into the planning office on the 6th.

I think Melanie is on a hiding to nothing as it looks like it's all been done by verbal agreement and a hand shake. She has been sent a link to "How to make a complaint". I'd like to see the replies to the various stages for this one.

All we can give her is our sympathies. Shall I ask her not to copy you until you are back from OZ

cheers Mick