

**From:** Michael Dawson  
**Sent:** 22 June 2017 16:31  
**To:** ATKINSON, Rebecca  
**Cc:** Emily J Knight  
**Subject:** Re: Boat Repair Shelter, Tyne Slipway (Uk Docks)  
Hi Rebecca,

I received an acknowledgement from Ms Hoy a couple of days ago, a .pdf copy is attached, and there are a few things rather disturbing about it.

The first is the discrepancy in the dates. As I said, I personally delivered the letter to the Town Hall on the 26th May. About half-three on a Friday afternoon so the CEO's office might have got away with saying, Monday 29th but not two weeks later.

Secondly, I think they have sat on it till they heard from the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO) and then decided not to respond to my letter but passed it to their Jarrow office, asked for it to be filed away and for Ms Hoy to send me an acknowledgement.

Strangely, Mr Lewis had trouble with the date of the final LGO draft but at least he did not say that they, the LGO, had not been misinformed, he just that I had been to late with my claim. I deliberately chose the misrepresentations by the Council in paragraph 34 of the findings: *"That a Senior Council Planner (# 31) thought that he could get away with passing off an unauthorised drawing from 1997 as a legal one from 1996 (#34) is shocking but sadly it appears to have worked, and it does not reflect very well on the office of the Local Government Ombudsman."* because it implies a high level of complicity and I guess Mr Lewis would have known this.

The complaint which I asked the Chief Executive to address was the conduct of the Corporate Lead and she manages the process and staff who support customer complaints. I also asked him to look at the conduct of the current case officer concerned with the expansion of the boat yard. What Ms Hoy has been told to say is that my letter raised my old complaint again which is a misrepresentation in its own right. I was advised that the Council would try and do this.

The Corporate Lead has already responded on behalf of a complaint to the Chief Executive about the conduct of his planning staff where most of the misinformation that was repeated to the LGO originated. She has written: "There is no evidence to suggest that there has been deliberate misinformation provided by Council officers to the Local Government Ombudsman." which puts her in an awkward place as the LGO's findings are riddled with them.

We had an issue with UK Docks working on Sundays just before Christmas and that has raised some new issues and I think Cllr Anglin has taken an interest in the goings on there. I still have an issue with him about the early days and a meeting held at his request in November 2013. I was put in a bad place, that is, I had to be party to those saying that the cover was 'legal' when I knew to be untrue. My word against their's and I think it is time to ask him to take sides.

I've been writing and rewriting this one, to him and the other ward councillors but got interrupted by the elections. I have a special piece of misinformation for him to deal with.

I'll keep you informed though I won't bother MP Trevelyan's office again unless the CEO is involved.

Kind regards,

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