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**Sent:** 11 October 2021 15:00

**To:** Mick Dawson <mick.dawson@theharbourview.co.uk>

**Subject:** Fw: 29-Apr-14 Breach of Grant of Planning Permission and Conditions, UK Docks, River Drive

**From:** Michael Dawson <[daw50nmdj@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:daw50nmdj@hotmail.co.uk)>

**Sent:** 30 April 2014 08:06

**To:** Melanie Todd; Michelle Martin-Robinson; Robert Ambrose; Linda Garbutt; Miriam Hussein; Sam Walls; Evelyn Trotter; Andrew Brown; david westring; Christina Archer; Michael Lister; SusanPatrick Lacey; Barbara Moffett; Tony Purvis; Paul Hepburn; Mick Manning; PETER QUINN; Anne Colclough; Wayne Lee; Christine Lee; brigiddawson@gmail.com; David & Julie Routledge; Marilyn Chapman; John Sutton; Louise Nicol

**Subject:** RE: Breach of Grant of Planning Permission and Conditions, UK Docks, River Drive

Just a quick note to let you all know that I've posted Melanie's email to Mr Atkinson on the website.

The timing of the slipping of the ferry couldn't be better with Mr Mansbridge having to respond to our petition on Friday.

cheers Mick

From: melanietodd@me.com

Subject: Fwd: Breach of Grant of Planning Permission and Conditions, UK Docks, River Drive

Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2014 20:28:34 +0100

To: mmrobinson62@gmail.com; roambrose14@yahoo.com; L.MBengi@gmail.com; miriam.hussein1@gmail.com; samanthafaywall@yahoo.co.uk; eetrotter@blueyonder.co.uk; andrew.brown43@tiscali.co.uk; davidwestring@msn.com; christinaarcher2@aol.com; daw50nmdj@hotmail.co.uk; zarlow@talktalk.net; laceyduds@sky.com; barbara\_moffett@yahoo.co.uk; tony@tonypurvis.com; hepburnsenp@btinternet.com; mjmanning08@yahoo.co.uk; skycopyltd@yahoo.co.uk; annecolclough@aol.com; waynenlee@gmail.com; christineannlee@gmail.com; brigiddawson@gmail.com; davidroutledge@btinternet.com; mazza2020@hotmail.com; johnsootys@aol.com; louisenicol06@aol.com

Dear all,

You will be aware that today saw the arrival of a Nexus ferry in the 'shed' which is in breach of the Planning Permission. Please see below the email I have sent to Mr Atkinson both in response to the arrival of the ferry and a lack of a reply from Mr Atkinson to my last email (please see the thread).

So as to ensure that STMBC realise that all residents are unhappy and that it not just a few people voicing isolated opinions we all need to be sending letters and emails to

STMBC regarding our concerns and the unresolved issues at UK Docks. And that we collectively monitor and record the work going on at UK Docks.

Melanie

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Melanie Todd <[melanietodd@me.com](mailto:melanietodd@me.com)>  
**Subject: Re: Breach of Grant of Planning Permission and Conditions, UK Docks, River Drive**  
**Date:** 29 April 2014 20:18:31 BST  
**To:** Gordon Atkinson <[Gordon.Atkinson@southtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:Gordon.Atkinson@southtyneside.gov.uk)>

**Re: Breach of Grant of Planning Permission and Conditions, UK Docks, River Drive**

Dear Mr Atkinson,

With regard to my last e-mail to you of the 7th April 2014, and your reply of the 9th April 2014, both of which are copied below, I am still awaiting answers to the questions I posed.

You stated you needed to talk to your Head of Service, Mr George Mansbridge, in order to reply. Have you had the opportunity to talk to Mr Mansbridge yet, and are you able to give replies to any of the questions I raised? I believe your unwillingness to answer questions and the continuous lack of clarity over the situation, despite eight months of correspondence, to be unacceptable. I and other residents have a right to ask questions; voice concerns; be heard; and to receive comprehensive replies from local authority officers to reasonable questions and concerns.

In shared correspondence received by a neighbour in Harbour View from Mr Mansbridge dated 04/04/14, Mr Mansbridge states that the the planning permission requires that "the ends of the structure are fully enclosed when works are being undertaken"; "the approved plans require that mono-flex end panels are attached to the structure"; "The structure is however being used operationally by the applicant and these end panels have not been attached"; and, further, Mr Mansbridge goes on to say that it is his intention "to write formally to the operator instructing them that all operational works within the shelter should cease with immediate effect until such a time that the endpanels are installed".

Today, 29th April 2014, we see another vessel being worked on inside the unfinished structure at the UK Docks, River Drive site. End panels to the structure have not been installed.

Strangely, you have stated that "The council in its role as planning authority cannot act to stop work which relates to the lawful use of

the site for general industrial purposes. The status of the structure can have no bearing on the continuing use of the site". I have asked you to explain this and you have not done so. Your statement appears to ignore your own admission that the structure is not built to plan and is in breach of a Grant of Planning Permission which you are charged with overseeing. Furthermore, your position of 18th March 2014 appears to be contradictory to the position of your Head of Service, George Mansbridge, as quoted above from 4/4/2014.

Could you please as a matter of urgency address this further breach of planning permission by UK Docks, and give some clarity to the position of STMBC with regard to the status of the development at UK Docks River Drive site and address the legitimate and serious concerns that have been raised by myself and fellow concerned residents over an 8 month period since the unannounced start of this development, and still not fully addressed.

Your sincerely,

Melanie Todd,

On 9 Apr 2014, at 17:22, Gordon Atkinson  
<[Gordon.Atkinson@southtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:Gordon.Atkinson@southtyneside.gov.uk)> wrote:

**This email has been classified as: NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED**

Dear Miss Todd

Thank you for your email, which I acknowledge receipt of. I need to speak with my Head of Service, George Mansbridge, about this case, but he is off this week.

Regards

Gordon Atkinson

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**From:** Melanie Todd [<mailto:melanietodd@me.com>]

**Sent:** 07 April 2014 10:50

**To:** Gordon Atkinson

**Subject:** Re: Breach of Planning Conditions, UK Docks, River Drive [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

**Re: Breach of Planning Conditions, UK Docks, River Drive**

Dear Mr Atkinson,

Could you please answer the following as a matter of urgency:

Please explain your justification for stating that "The council in its role as planning authority cannot act to stop work which relates to the lawful use of the site for general industrial purposes. The status of the structure can have no bearing on the continuing use of the site". I ask this because the Grant of Planning Permission Conditions refer and relate directly to the actions of the work taking place within the structure, e.g. conditions 3,4, and 5 in particular. You should understand my frustration at

your callous dismissal of legitimate points and questions raised by myself and other resident constituents. Your uneven -handedness in seeming to protect the interests of the developers against our legitimate concerns and the interests set out in the Grant of Planning Permission reasons for the conditions. The indisputable breaches of planning conditions by the developers is unacceptable. You appear not to be observing your mandatory statutory obligations to enforce planning law.

With regard to your statement 'I will be writing to those residents who have raised queries over the construction of the structure in due course once matters have been fully assessed, and I'm not sure at this stage when that will be.' This is not acceptable. Could you please explain

- 1) How you will make transparent the process by which you will be assessing these matters?
- 2) Who is involved in this process?
- 3) What role do the resident constituents play in this process?
- 4) How will you be publicly sharing this process and your conclusions?
- 5) What is STMBC protocol for responding to resident constituents questions?
- 6) Why can't you give us the timescale for this to be fully assessed when the resident constituents have been raising these questions and pointing out the facts for the last 7 months?

Has STMBC signed off the construction of the shed? If so how can this have happened in light of the established breaches of the Grant of Planning Permission, which was supplied to myself by Mr Peter Cunningham on 5th September 2013?

Could you please confirm the detail of the foundations signed off by STMBC in 2001 and their relation to the original Grant of Planning Permission which was for a smaller structure than that that has been built?

Could you please confirm whether STMBC Planning Department/Building Control was informed of the rebuilding of the slipway after 2005, and if so what was signed off at that time?

Yours Sincerely,

Melanie Todd(Miss)

On 18 Mar 2014, at 12:12, Gordon Atkinson  
<[Gordon.Atkinson@southtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:Gordon.Atkinson@southtyneside.gov.uk)> wrote:

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Dear Miss Todd

Thank you for your email.

The council in its role as planning authority cannot act to stop work which relates to the lawful use of the site for general industrial purposes. The status of the structure can have no bearing on the continuing use of the site. I will be writing to those residents who have raised queries over the construction of the structure in due course once matters have been fully assessed, and I'm not sure at this stage when that will be.

Regards

Gordon Atkinson

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**From:**Melanie Todd [<mailto:melanietodd@me.com>]

**Sent:**18 March 2014 11:15

**To:**Gordon Atkinson

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**Subject:**Breach of Planning Conditions, UK Docks, River Drive

**Breach of Planning Conditions, UK Docks, River Drive**

Dear Gordon,

This is to inform you that loud, noisy, and polluting work has commenced at the site of the UK Docks shed at River Drive. The open shed has been built in breach of all planning conditions including those of the special provision for cladding. Please act now to stop noisy polluting work that has commenced this morning.

Furthermore, I am asking you to enforce planning law by instructing the developers to remove the shed structure they have built without appropriate planning permission.

yours sincerely,

Melanie Todd,

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Best Achieving Council – commended

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