From: Gordon Atkinson

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To: Michael Dawson

Dear Mr Dawson

For consistency and in an effort to be comprehensive, I have provided below the details which the Council established in September last year when work on the development recommenced, with additional response to your further questions.

Development Permitted in 1996

The approved development is 'erection of shelter to allow boat repairs to be carried out under cover'. Planning permission was granted on 8th July 1996 by the former Tyne and Wear Development Corporation (TWDC), although the date of issue of the decision notice is given as 28th August 1996. There is no explanation as to why over seven weeks passed between the date of the decision and the date the notice was issued. The permission was subject to the conditions shown on the decision notice. Work commenced to lay foundations and this was inspected by South Tyneside Council's Building Control service on 26th February 2001. A further inspection on 22nd May 2001 showed that the foundations were fully concreted.

Approved Drawings

The following are details of the relevant drawings in the Council's possession. The drawing that was submitted on 11th April 1996 with the application is numbered 8296/1A. That shows the overall height of the structure as 15.5m above the foundation level at the landward end. At the riverside end the foundations are shown as 2.656m lower due to the gradient of the slipway. The structure would therefore be that much higher at the riverside end. 8296/1B is the same drawing captioned 'Foundations Amended. All Frames Identical'

A second drawing was received by TWDC on 4th June 1996 from the developer's agent. That is numbered 8296/2. This shows longitudinal and transverse sections through the site to illustrate the relationship between the proposed building and the gradient of the site, the riverside revetment and existing buildings on the site. This drawing is stamped 'Approved by Tyne and Wear Development Corporation date 8/7/96 22/8/96'. There is no explanation as to why two dates are shown-the first is the date permission was granted and the second is six days earlier than the date of issue of the decision notice. A further drawing was received by TWDC on 9th August 1996 from the developer's agent. That is numbered 8296/4 and shows elevations of the proposed building. There is a note

That is numbered 8296/4 and shows elevations of the proposed building. There is a note attached to that drawing which says that the design of the main sides has been amended to incorporate windows to break up the bulk. Apart from indicating the appearance of the external cladding and showing windows, this drawing adds little to 8296/1A. This drawing is stamped 'Approved by Tyne and Wear Development Corporation date 8/7/96'; that date must refer to the date permission was granted as the drawing itself was not received until some weeks later.

The dimensions of the steelwork have been checked on site and they are in accordance with the measurements shown on the approved drawings. The variation in the angle of the pillars is not considered to be material.

Conditions on the Planning Permission

With regards to condition 2, this does not require any submission by the developer. Drawing no. 8296/14 is a recent drawing submitted to discharge condition 4 and it shows the strip curtain doors fixing details.

In answer to your four final questions:

1While basic details of the 1996 application can be accessed on the Planning Explorer website (reference ST/0242/96//UD) drawings and other details are available only for much more recent applications.

- 2 The details of the approved drawings are given above.
- 3 Condition 2 does not require any submission by the developer.
- 4 In 1996 the Council was not the Planning Authority; that was the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation (TWDC). The Council received applications on behalf of TWDC.

I trust that this assists you Gordon Atkinson Planning Manager South Tyneside Council, Town Hall & Civic Offices,