Michael Dawson
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To: KNIGHT, Emily J - Office Manager, Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP
Cc: Mick Dawson at HV, Stephen Hepburn MP

Dear Emily,

Thank you for responding so quickly and to Stephen Hepburn for forwarding my correspondence. Before I give you the details you requested please congratulate Anne-Marie, for me, on her success at the election.

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The problem:

UK Docks who own a boatyard located on the banks of the Tyne in South Shields have been allowed to build and use a cover for their slipway without planning permission.

If this is a bit too brief, here is a bit more detail:-

The Planning Office for South Tyneside Council finally admitted four months after work had started in September 2013 that the cover is built wider than planned. They are still saying that it is built to the planned height in spite of Customer Advocacy of South Tyneside Council admitting that the cover was built without Planning Permission in November 2014.

I have studied all the plans available and come to the conclusion that the cover is built 3 meters higher than planned and while the Head of Development Services says "That would represent a significant deviation from the approved scheme" you will understand why the planning office are still saying that it is not too high.

The planning office have provided no evidence that will stand up under investigation to prove their standpoint and after 20 months I do not believe they can.

I believe the Council have been complicit in allowing UK Docks to build the cover in spite of protests by local residents and that is why they are unwilling to take action against the inappropriate development.

As the Local Government Ombudsman has not found for me I decided to involve the MP for South Shields, the slipway is after all in located there.

I would like at least for the South Tyneside Council to be reprimanded for maladministration and for the shed or cover to be removed to a more appropriate location.

Kind regards,
Michael Dawson