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I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Mr Michael Dawson, currently residing in Amble, NE65, who previously lived in South Shields, which is why he maintains an interest in this matter.

It relates to a boat repair shelter at Tyne Slipway, River Drive, South Shields which Mr Dawson tells me was constructed outside the remits of the approved plan, which was a stated height of 15.5m. According to my constituent, the actual height of the structure is some 3 metres higher, yet was signed off by the Council regardless.

Mr Dawson has not been able to locate any detail from the Council as to why the structure was approved despite the breach in planning conditions, and has been attempting to do so for nearly a year.

As well as this irregularity, the shelter itself was constructed despite a great deal of opposition from local residents, and this apparent breach of the conditions has angered the local community and undermined their confidence in the planning department and of its willingness to consider reasonable objections from residents.

Mr Dawson maintains that the shelter is not appropriately located and is clearly concerned that planning conditions are being ignored and are not being enforced by the Council.

I would be grateful to receive your views on this matter, so that I can report back to my constituent.

*Sincerely,*  


cc. Mr M Dawson

*Member of Parliament for Berwick-upon-Tweed*

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