

Amble
Morpeth
NE65

7th Jul 2014

**Inappropriate Development at UK Docks on River Drive
Stage 3**

Dear Mr Swales,

I am writing to you because I am not satisfied with the the Head of Development Services' response to my request that he explain why work on an illegal building continues despite many requests that it stops until the planning issues are resolved.

On the 5th Sept 2013 work started at UK Docks premises on River Drive to build a slipway shed length 22.3m, width **13.1m** and height at end facing River Drive **15.5m**.

On 27th Sept an application was received in the planning office from the agents for UK Docks, Messrs Maughan, Reynolds Partnership Ltd to meet conditions of a previously granted application ST/0242/96 for a slipway shed length 22.3m, width **12.2m** and height at end facing River Drive **12.5m**.

This discrepancy is still not acknowledged by your Council after 9 months of work on this site.

On 14th Oct South Tyneside Council as Local Planning Authority resolved to approve the details as required by a condition of planning permission ST/0242/96/UD that was previously granted. This approval was given despite many complaints that the structure was not built to approved plans. It looks as if the Planning Office were giving approval to an illegal building.

As early as 5th Sept the Principle Planning Officer was quoting in emails "Subject: Approved boat repair shelter at Tyne Slipway, River Drive, South Shields", and at a meeting with residents on Nov 25th he implied that the structure was legal. Indeed the same officer, when he wrote to me on the 20th Dec was still saying the base and height of the structure are compliant. It took a further 7 weeks of detailed correspondence from me to convince the Planning Manager that the structure was not built to plan. If you doubt this then please ask him to make our correspondence via email up to 13th Feb 2014 available to you.

On 4th Mar I wrote to the Planning Manager, on behalf of the local residents, requesting that the work on the Slipway Shed be stopped until such time as appropriate community consultation with the relevant council departments can be arranged - please see attached: copy email 04 Mar.

On 2nd May the Head of Development Services sent a letter to some residents in Harbour View and Greens Place repeating the earlier misrepresentation of plans that the Principle Planning Officer was voicing last year. He was again denying to me that the shed was not built to approved plans in his letter - Stage 2 Complaint of the 2nd June. Would you say that this is an adequate response to the copy email 04 Mar attached and why does the Head of Development Services still repeat that the slipway shed at the UK Docks site on River Drive is built to approved plans i.e. legal when the Planning Manager says otherwise?

Yours sincerely

Michael Dawson

cc Mr Mansbridge, Mr Atkinson, Mr Cunningham
and 6 Residents of Greens Place and Harbour View.