



By August 2022 a barrier had been erected across the footpath running between the boat park belonging to Amble Marina and a hostel named Radcliffes Lodge. The earlier notice had read a much more conciliatory: *Apologies for any inconvenience, footpath closed until further notice, due to unsafe hand railings.*

Mr R Wilson responded to the email/letter below, a complaint about fitting a fixed barrier across the footpath running between the Radcliffes Lodge and the boat park belonging to Amble Marina by saying he was not going to do anything.

I had incorrectly described the path as a Right of Way and as an Enforcement Officer, Mr R Wilson, would have known it was an error to describe it in that way and his first response should have been to correct my error but he chose otherwise and effectively deleted the complaint so that he did not have to provide an answer, force someone to repair the fence so that the barrier could be removed but all that happened was that the notice was replaced by:



**NO UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY**

The Complaint:

This email is to confirm that we have received your on line "Planning Enforcement" form. Reference: 101007336022, 3-Sep-21

The information you submitted:

Part A - Your details

Please indicate if you would like your personal details to be kept confidential Yes

Your Details: Mr Dawson at [daw50nmdj@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:daw50nmdj@hotmail.co.uk)

Do you wish to be informed of the outcome of our investigation: Yes

Part B - Details of where the potential breach is taking place

Site Location Address: Coble Developments Limited, Amble Radcliffes Lodge, Amble

Occupier's or owners name and contact details (if known): not known

Part C - Nature of the potential breach

Building operations that have been carried out without planning permission: Yes

Unauthorised change of use at property: No

Non-compliance with conditions imposed by a planning permission: No

Unauthorised works to listed building (and/or in Conservation Area): No

Displaying certain signs or advertisements without consent: Yes

Land/or building that it in such poor condition that it adversely affects the amenity of the area: No A protected tree/hedgerow has been felled or damaged: No

Part D - Please provide details of the activity/change that is taking place

Details of the activity/change on the site Closure of Public Right of Way

1) Behind Radcliffes Lodge:

<http://theharbourview.co.uk/evidence/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2021/09/closedFPsouth.jpg>

2) In front of Flats

<http://theharbourview.co.uk/evidence/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2021/09/closedFPwest.jpg>

Details of the harm being caused by this activity (please give as many details as possible) access denied

Date when the activity began

Any other Information: The fences may have been erected earlier than that date.

The Response:

From: Robert.Wilson@northumberland.gov.uk

Sent: 08 September 2021 17:08

To: Mick Dawson

Subject: 21/01092/MISC - Radcliffes Lodge, Coble Quay, Amble

Good afternoon

I write further to your enquiry received by the Planning Enforcement Team concerning the blocking of a Public Right of Way.

It is not considered that blocking a Public Right of Way amounts to a breach of planning. Accordingly, we have no control over this matter and I intend to close my file in relation to your enquiry.

Thank you, however, for bringing this matter to my attention.

Should you have any queries please contact our Public Rights of Way Team.

Regards

Robert Wilson

Planning Enforcement Officer

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