Pledge over shed blocking the view



SHELTER ROW ... the industrial shed being erected near homes in Harbour View, South Shields.

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SOUTH Tyneside Council has pledged to keep tabs on building work at a huge industrial shed which is blocking riverside views.

The 36ft-high structure is just yards from homes in Harbour View, South Shields.

The first residents knew of the development was when it emerged almost overnight at the Tyne Slipway.

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Although planning permission was originally granted in 1996 by the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation, work has only just started.

He added: "The application was for the building of a shelter to allow boat repairs to be carried out under cover at this established boat repair yard.

"Work began in 2001 with the building's foundations completed in accordance with building regulations approval.

"The remaining construction works that are being undertaken are being checked for conformity under the building regulations by the council's building control team.

"A planning officer has visited the site to ensure the building works are being undertaken in line with the permission that was granted in 1996."