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To: Michael Dawson
Subject: RE: Re: Confidential: Case ID - 17001436

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Your ref:
Our ref: 17 001 436
(Please quote our reference when contacting us)

Dear Mr Dawson,

Please find attached a letter about this complaint.

Yours sincerely

Paul Lewis
Investigator

Please note that Mr Lewis has now made this Confidential.

Dear Mr Dawson

Complaint against South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council
Thank you for the chronology to show why your complaint has taken so long to reach this office.

However, after having read the decision by the Local Government Ombudsman in 2015, I consider that the matter of which you complain remains that of the lack of enforcement by the Council [1]. The Local Government Ombudsman gave you full and detailed reasons for reaching her decision [2].

Whilst you remain of the view that the building does not comply with approved plans, I see no reason why your argument could not have been made to this office within three months of the decision in 2015. That delay also makes any investigation of the matter more difficult given the length of time involved[3].

I consider that your latest complaint remains that of your previous complaint [4] which has already been determined (whether or not to your satisfaction) and the opportunity to request a review of that decision has passed.

I will treat your complaint therefore as invalid and your complaint will not be investigated.

Yours sincerely
Paul Lewis

- 1. my complaint is that the Council misinformed the first Inspector – nothing to do with enforcement;*
- 2. which was “The complainant says the shed is also 3 metres higher than it should be. The Council says it is not.” – if it had been built to the correct height then of course, there would be nothing to enforce but it had not been built to the approved plans!*
- 3. irrelevant – it was apparent that the first Inspector been misinformed and I first wrote to the Council asking that they correct the misrepresentations. They said there were none. Mr Lewis does not deny that there were any misrepresentations just that I was too late in pointing them out to him;*
- 4. he has rolled together the second complaint, that is, the Council misinforming them with the complaint itself: that the shed is 3m taller than planned.*