

UK Docks' Shed and Corruption
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Dear Helen Dalby,

I contacted your office in person a couple of years ago on my way home to Amble from collecting documents from the solicitors, Peter Dunn and Co, who are mainly based in Sunderland. The documents referred to a dockyard enclosure or shed, built without planning permission, on the banks of the Tyne in South Shields and included plans, drawings and correspondence relating to it. My intention was to get either the MP for South Shields or the MP for Berwick interested in the case, South Tyneside Council having told the Local Government Ombudsman a different story.

It occurred me on the train from Sunderland to Newcastle that my story would be of sufficient interest to your office to give it a good 'airing' and at the same time, solve a problem I was having at the time – which of the MPs to approach. My request of either would have been to raise the issue of Councils giving misinformation to the Local Government Ombudsman in Parliament so that it could be stopped by making it a criminal or civil offence to mislead the Ombudsman in this way.

The methodology I'm sure is not exclusive to South Tyneside Council and you just have to look at Grenfell for a start. I believe that inflammable cladding was not supposed to in buildings over 18m or five stories so how come it is in use all over the country on blocks of more than five stories. Coincidentally that is the height of the shed of which I speak.

The planned height of the shed at that end is actually 15.5m but the Council would not admit it and I thought I had made a breakthrough at the end of 2019 but I had not and so I contacted your office on 0191 201 6446 but came away with the impression that there was little interest in what I was saying so I wrote to ec.news@ncjmedia.co.uk on the 3rd February to see if NCJ Media would take up my story. I wrote to Nicola Robason the next day to warn her that I had contacted the Press and naturally copied EC News to keep you in the circle.

Nothing for nearly 3 months, than out of the blue, I get a response from the Council – please see the attached letter from Paula Abbott and my view on what I consider to be a personal attack on me.

Kind regards
Michael