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To: Jonathan Tew, Hayley Johnson, George Mansbridge, Helen Dalby,
Emma Lewell-Buck MP Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP

Shooting the Messenger in 2015

Dear Mr Tew,

From my letter to you in December you will see that Northumberland County Council have adopted the procedure, first developed South Tyneside Council, for giving public footpaths made and maintained by them, to the developers of adjacent properties. I say, first developed by your Council but I may be wrong to attribute such a distinction to them as the England Coast Path (ECP) has been extending round the country for about eight years.

As the 'erosion' of the ECP, which is part of the National Trail, should be a national concern rather than a provincial one, I should not have asked you to deal with it but our MPs, Emma Lewell-Buck and Anne-Marie Trevelyan. You can help of course by not obstructing their enquiries in allowing your staff accuse other protestors and I of making allegations.

Regarding UK Docks, your predecessor, Mr Martin Swales allowed his staff to do that on at least one occasion, 25th June 2015 and later denials that anything was wrong implied that nothing had changed under his leadership in the six years since then.

Your staff, it seems, were still accusing us of making allegations months after Mr Swales left the Council in October 2020 and I say this because the local press (NJC) have not even acknowledged my letter to them of the 20th May 2021 in spite of being told in no uncertain terms with reference to a photograph of the ['Shed' taken from the river in Part 5 of S and C:-](#)

The end you can see has a height of 18.2m but the plans say it should only be 15.5m and if the Council had not ignored our complaint that it was 2.7m taller than permitted it is unlikely to be been put to use or finished.

You can see that my claim that the shed is taller than planned is true by looking at the approved plans and to put things into context we need to examine the timeline that I have shared since September 2013 with your Planning Office, and the Executive from 2nd May 2014, with Mr George Mansbridge's response to our Petition in May 2014 posted to some local residents.

Petition - 3.3.2014

To the Chief Executive STMBC,

The attached signatories are concerned about recent developments at Tyne Slipway and Engineering Ltd, River Drive, South Shields.

We protest at:

1. A lack of relevant information from STMBC
2. A lack of public consultation on the unannounced construction
3. Lack of research and impact surveys
4. Apparent negligence by STMBC
5. Apparent breach of planning law by the developer.

Please remind him that if he had written to the residents of Greens Place and Harbour View and admitted that he had been wrongly advised about the height of UK Docks' shed and apologised for repeating the [fraudulent misrepresentation about its height on the 2nd of May](#), it would be fair to

say that the shed as we see it today would not be there, nor would I have needed to bother either Mr Swales or the Ombudsman.

It became obvious when I complained about the redevelopment of 71 and 72 Greens Place that the Council's Complaints Procedure was being abused by the planning officers promoting the scheme when they overwrote a request for Mr Haig for his rebuild of 71 Greens place to be given permission retrospectively with one that dropped all mention of the fact that it was to be handled as a retrospective claim.

I hope the significance of retrospective claims will become clear in the attached letter, [Shooting the Messenger 2015](#).

UK Docks would not have asked for their application to be considered retrospectively because it would have immediately exposed them to the charge of fraudulent misrepresentation with the evidence provided by the drawings circulated by the Principal Planning Officer in the first few days of the first frames being hoisted into position.

More importantly it would have stopped the move of UK Docks business to River Drive and put the brakes on the closure of Tyne Dock while the Port of Tyne found them another slipway for their home.

It it looks like 'the Council' had offered them the Rive Drive site run by the Wilson family because any protest about it could be dealt with by giving out misinformation. Please see how it was done in the attached letter which started with UK Docks passing across some rather dodgy drawings and ended with us being accused of making allegations by the Council's Corporate Lead.

The Council have adopted even more underhand methods since the end of 2015 to hide the misdemeanours of various staff and I hope to give you the details of how it was done, before too long.

Kind regards
Michael Dawson