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Subject: From the office of Emma Lewell-Buck (Case Ref: ZA4803)
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Date: Tue, 7 Apr 2015 15:36:02 +0000

Dear Mr Dawson,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Tyne Slipway.

I have noted your concerns. Unfortunately, strict Parliamentary rules mean that I can only act on behalf of people who live in the South Shields constituency.

The date of the next general election is set at Thursday, 7th May, 2015 and no-one has a Member of Parliament (MP) from dissolution until the result of the General Election is known. However, I will keep in touch with my former constituents to honour any commitments made when I was an MP.

I understand that this response may not have been the answer you were hoping for, but please be assured that I will continue to help constituents if I win the seat at the election.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Michael Dawson
Sent: 31 March 2015 14:26
To: Emma Lewell-Buck MP
Cc: 6 residents of Greens Place and Harbour View
Subject: Slipway Cover, River drive, South Shields

Dear Emma,

Eighteen months ago my former neighbour, Miss Melanie Todd wrote to you in September about our concerns regarding a development described as 'Approved boat repair shelter at Tyne Slipway, River Drive, South Shields' and asking to meet with you. I understand at the meeting, the Residents expressed concerns that, firstly, it was being built on River Drive, and secondly, that the framework had not been built to plan.

We now have an admission from South Tyneside Council that the repair shelter was built without planning permission. This admission had to be

prised out of the Council: the Principal Planning Officer, Mr Cunningham was still telling a Residents' Association at a meeting on November 25th 2013, organised by one of the Ward Councillors that it was built to an approved plan. I would like to point out here that he had not changed his point of view in correspondence with me in January 2014.

I pursued this with his boss the Planning Manager who initially said that the measurements were in accordance with the approved plans. In February 2014 however, after some reasoning from me, he conceded that the repair shelter was not built to approved plans. The Head of Development Services, Mr Mansbridge, would not admit to the fact that it was built 3m higher than approved and in a letter to residents in May he said "The approved dimensions of the steelwork are: Proposed height 15.5m at the River Drive end, Proposed length.." etc. He has not produced any plans that support this and there are none in the public domain, either, that show the shelter to be built to an approved height.

It is significant that South Tyneside Council will not say who signed off the shelter when building Control issued the Completion Certificate on June 17th 2014.

Customer Advocacy, the team that respond to Stage III complaints on behalf of Mr Swales, the CEO, admit to the repair shelter being built without planning permission and this completely changes the complexion of the development on the slipway, River Drive (now UK Docks, formally Tyne Slipway) and I would like you to look into why it has been allowed to be built without planning permission and that the Planning Department are considering an application dated June 20th 2014 (just 3 days after the first shelter was signed off) to build an even larger shelter alongside the existing one.

I understand that you will be busy with the impending election but may I ask you again to meet with the residents affected by continual disturbance of the ship repair facility allowed to built on River Drive, see their point of view, and give them support in stopping the further expansion of this inappropriately located shipyard.

Kind regards

Michael Dawson

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South Tyneside Council Refs:

Case 248789 - Work continuing on unplanned shelter.

Case 253539 - Fundamental questions raised in Petition evaded & abuse of Complaints System.

Case 266782 - STC accept planning application ST/0461/14/FUL to build an even larger shelter.

Local Government Ombudsman

Ref: 14 015 052

cc residents in Greens Place and Harbour View.

From: emma.lewell-buck.mp@parliament.uk
To: daw50nmdj@hotmail.co.uk
Subject: Automatic reply: Slipway Cover, River drive, South Shields
Date: Fri, 27 Mar 2015 07:58:05 +0000

Thank you for contacting Emma Lewell-Buck, Member of Parliament for South Shields. This reply is to confirm that your message has been safely received.

I receive a large number of emails, letters and telephone calls each day, but will respond to your enquiry as soon as I am able.

If you have not already done so, please make sure that you send me the following:

Your full name
Full postal address and postcode
Telephone number
Any reference numbers.

If you have not included this information please re-send the e-mail.

I also meet local people at my regular advice surgeries and on the doorstep. Details of my surgeries are on my website:
www.emma-lewell-buck.net

Please be aware that strict parliamentary rules mean that I can only act on behalf of people in the South Shields constituency. If you are not sure which constituency you live in, please use the following page on Parliament's website: <http://findyourmp.parliament.uk/>

Should your enquiry be about a personal casework issue, I will contact the relevant agency within 10 working days and ask for the matter to be investigated. I will also write to you advising you of any action taken and will write to you again when I receive a reply. 28 days will be allowed before I will pursue them for a response.

If you have written to me about a policy issue, it is likely that I will write to a government minister to make representations on your behalf. Please bear in mind that it may take some time to receive replies from ministerial offices and this can affect the length of time it takes me to respond to you, although I do my best to keep you updated on my progress. I may need to make enquiries on your behalf, including checks with statutory bodies to help you in your case. Please state if you do not authorise me to do so.

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