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**Date:** Tuesday, 20 September 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **CRAMLINGTON, BEDLINGTON AND SEATON VALLEY LOCAL AREA COUNCIL** to be held in the **COMMUNITY ROOM, CRAMLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, BAMBURGH HOUSE, MANOR WALKS, CRAMLINGTON, NE23 6UT** on **WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2022** at **4.00 PM**.

Yours faithfully

Rick O'Farrell  
Interim Chief Executive

**To Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Local Area Council members as follows:-**

**L Bowman, E Chicken, W Daley, C Dunbar, P Ezhilchelvan, D Ferguson, B Flux, S Lee (Vice-Chair), M Robinson, M Swinburn (Chair), C Taylor and R Wilczek (Vice-Chair (Planning))**



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## AGENDA

### PART I

It is expected that the matters included in this part of the agenda will be dealt with in public.

1. **PROCEDURE AT PLANNING MEETINGS** (Pages 1 - 2)
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
3. **MINUTES** (Pages 3 - 10)

Minutes of the meeting of the Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Delaval Local Area Council held on 20 July as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.
4. **DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest (which includes any disclosable pecuniary interest) they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 4 July 2012, and are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature (as defined under paragraph 17 of the Code Conduct) they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room. NB Any member needing clarification must contact Legal Services, on 01670 623324. Please refer to the guidance on disclosures at the rear of this agenda letter.
5. **DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS** (Pages 11 - 14)

To request the committee to decide the planning applications attached to this report using the powers delegated to it.

*Please note that printed letters of objection/support are no longer circulated with the agenda but are available on the Council's website at <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Planning.aspx>*
6. **22/01487/CCD** (Pages 15 - 22)

**Demolition of existing garage, construction of new garage, new external lighting, resurfacing of existing depot, drainage works and repositioning of existing welfare unit  
Land East Of Astley Park, Park View, Seaton Delaval, Northumberland**

- 7. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER** (Pages 23 - 46)
- The Northumberland County Council (Land at Holywell Village First School, Valley Road, Holywell) Tree Preservation Order 2022 (No 03 of 2022).**
- 8. APPEALS UPDATE** (Pages 47 - 54)
- For Member's information to report the progress of planning appeals. This is a monthly report and relates to appeals throughout all 5 Local Area Council Planning Committee areas and covers appeals of Strategic Planning Committee.
- 9. REVIEW OF THE DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY - ALLEGED PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 198 FORMER BLYTH VALLEY BOROUGH** (Pages 55 - 166)
- In this report, the Cramlington, Blyth and Seaton Valley Local Area Council is asked to consider all the relevant evidence gathered in support and in rebuttal of the existence of public footpath rights over a route between Collywell Bay Road and Seaton Sluice Harbour.
- 10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
- To reply to any questions received from members of the public which have been submitted in writing in advance of the meeting. Questions can be asked about issues for which the Council has a responsibility. (Public question times take place on a bimonthly basis at Local Area Council meetings: in January, March, May, July, September and November each year.)
- As agreed by the County Council in February 2012, the management of local public question times is at the discretion of the chair of the committee.
- Please note however that a question may possibly be rejected if it requires the disclosure of any categories of confidential or exempt information, namely information:
1. relating to any individual;
  2. which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual;
  3. relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person
  4. relating to any labour relations matters/negotiations;
  5. restricted to legal proceedings
  6. about enforcement/enacting legal orders
  7. relating to the prevention, investigation of prosecution of crime.
- And/or:
- is defamatory, frivolous or offensive;
  - it is substantially the same as a question which has been put at a meeting of this or another County Council committee in the past six

- months;
- the request repeats an identical or very similar question from the same person;
- the cost of providing an answer is disproportionate;
- it is being separately addressed through the Council's complaints process;
- it is not about a matter for which the Council has a responsibility or which affects the county;
- it relates to planning, licensing and/or other regulatory applications
- it is a question that town/parish councils would normally be expected to raise through other channels.

If the Chair is of the opinion that a question is one which for whatever reason, cannot properly be asked in an area meeting, he/she will disallow it and inform the resident of his/her decision.

Copies of any written answers (without individuals' personal contact details) will be provided for members after the meeting and also be publicly available.

Democratic Services will confirm the status of the progress on any previously requested written answers and follow up any related actions requested by the Local Area Council.

## 11. PETITIONS

This item is to:

- (a) Receive any new petitions:** to receive any new petitions. The lead petitioner is entitled to briefly introduce their petition by providing a statement in writing, and a response to any petitions received will then be organised for a future meeting;
- (b) Consider reports on petitions previously received – None**
- (c) Receive any updates on petitions for which a report was previously considered:** any updates will be verbally reported at the meeting.

## 12. LOCAL SERVICES ISSUES

To receive a verbal update from the Area Managers from Technical Services and Neighbourhood Services in attendance about any key recent, ongoing and/or future planned Local Services work for the attention of members of the Local Area Council, who will also then have the opportunity to raise issues with the Area Managers.

The Area Managers have principal responsibility for highway services and environmental services, such as refuse collection, street cleansing and grounds maintenance, within the geographic boundaries of the Local Area Council.

- 13. MEMBERS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES** (Pages 167 - 192)  
Details of the Members Local Improvement Schemes for the Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley area are provided for information.
- 14. WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 193 - 200)
- 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 October 2022.
- 16. URGENT BUSINESS**  
To consider such other business, as in the opinion of the Chair, should, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

**IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST AT THIS MEETING, PLEASE:**

- Declare it and give details of its nature before the matter is discussed or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.
- Complete this sheet and pass it to the Democratic Services Officer.

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Date of meeting:</b>	
<b>Meeting:</b>			
<b>Item to which your interest relates:</b>			
<b>Nature of Interest i.e. either disclosable pecuniary interest (as defined by Table 1 of Appendix B to the Code of Conduct, Other Registerable Interest or Non-Registerable Interest (as defined by Appendix B to Code of Conduct) (please give details):</b>			
<b>Are you intending to withdraw from the meeting?</b>		Yes - <input type="checkbox"/>	No - <input type="checkbox"/>

## Registering Interests

Within 28 days of becoming a member or your re-election or re-appointment to office you must register with the Monitoring Officer the interests which fall within the categories set out in **Table 1 (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests)** which are as described in "The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012". You should also register details of your other personal interests which fall within the categories set out in **Table 2 (Other Registerable Interests)**.

**"Disclosable Pecuniary Interest"** means an interest of yourself, or of your partner if you are aware of your partner's interest, within the descriptions set out in Table 1 below.

**"Partner"** means a spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners.

1. You must ensure that your register of interests is kept up-to-date and within 28 days of becoming aware of any new interest, or of any change to a registered interest, notify the Monitoring Officer.
2. A 'sensitive interest' is as an interest which, if disclosed, could lead to the councillor, or a person connected with the councillor, being subject to violence or intimidation.
3. Where you have a 'sensitive interest' you must notify the Monitoring Officer with the reasons why you believe it is a sensitive interest. If the Monitoring Officer agrees they will withhold the interest from the public register.

### Non participation in case of disclosable pecuniary interest

4. Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to one of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in **Table 1**, you must disclose the interest, not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that you have an interest.

Dispensation may be granted in limited circumstances, to enable you to participate and vote on a matter in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest.

5. Where you have a disclosable pecuniary interest on a matter to be considered or is being considered by you as a Cabinet member in exercise of your executive function, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter apart from arranging for someone else to deal with it.

### Disclosure of Other Registerable Interests

6. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to the financial interest or wellbeing of one of your Other Registerable Interests (as set out in **Table 2**), you must disclose the interest. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

### Disclosure of Non-Registerable Interests

7. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to your financial interest or well-being (and is not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest set out in **Table 1**) or a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate, you must disclose the interest. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.
8. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **affects** –
- a. your own financial interest or well-being;
  - b. a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate; or
  - c. a financial interest or wellbeing of a body included under Other Registrable Interests as set out in **Table 2** you must disclose the interest. In order to determine whether you can remain in the meeting after disclosing your interest the following test should be applied
9. Where a matter (referred to in paragraph 8 above) **affects** the financial interest or well- being:
- a. to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
  - b. a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest

You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise, you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.

If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

Where you have an Other Registerable Interest or Non-Registerable Interest on a matter to be considered or is being considered by you as a Cabinet member in exercise of your executive function, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter apart from arranging for someone else to deal with it.





## Northumberland County Council

### PROCEDURE AT PLANNING COMMITTEE

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#### A Welcome from Chairman to members and Members of the public present

Welcome to also include reference to

- (i) All Mobile phones should be switched to silent and should not be used during the meeting.

#### B Record attendance of members

- (i) Democratic Services Officer (DSO) to announce and record any apologies received.

#### C Minutes of previous meeting and Disclosure of Members' Interests

#### D Development Control

##### APPLICATION

##### Chair

Introduces application

Site Visit Video (previously circulated) - invite members questions

##### Planning Officer

Updates – Changes to recommendations – present report

##### Public Speaking

Objector(s) (up to 5 mins)

Local member (up to 5 mins)/ parish councillor (up to 5 mins)

Applicant/Supporter (up to 5 mins)

NO QUESTIONS IN RELATION TO WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS OR OF/BY LOCAL COUNCILLOR

### **Committee members' questions to Planning Officers**

Chairman to respond to raised hands of members as to whether they have any questions of the Planning Officers

#### **Debate (Rules)**

Proposal

Seconded

DEBATE

Again Chairman to respond to raised hand of members as to whether they wish to participate in the debate

- No speeches until proposal seconded
- Speech may not exceed 6 minutes
- Amendments to Motions
- Approve/Refuse/Defer

#### **Vote(by majority or Chair's casting vote)**

- (i) Planning Officer confirms and reads out wording of resolution
- (ii) Legal officer should then record the vote FOR/AGAINST/ABSTAIN (reminding members that they should abstain where they have not heard all of the consideration of the application)

## NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

### CRAMLINGTON, BEDLINGTON AND SEATON VALLEY LOCAL AREA COUNCIL

At the meeting of the **Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Local Area Council** held in the Bayard Room, East Bedlington Community Centre, 16 & 17 Station Road, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 7JN on Wednesday 20 July 2022 at 4.00 pm.

#### PRESENT

M Swinburn Chair (in the Chair)

#### MEMBERS

Chicken E	Flux B
Dunbar C	Lee S
Ezhilchelvan P	Robinson M
Ferguson D	Wilczek R

#### OFFICERS

H Bowers	Democratic Services Officer
M Carle	Neighbourhood Services Area Manager
T Gribbin	Local Services Area Manager
L Love	Fostering Team Manager
C Matthews	Recruitment & Engagement Officer
R McCartney	Infrastructure Manager, Technical Services
N Snowdon	Principle Programme Officer (Highways)

Press:1

Members of the public: 1

#### 22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bowman, Daley and Taylor.

#### 23. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Local Area Council, held on 18 May 2022 and 26 June, as circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Councillor Robinson referred to K Dalton's question regarding the KMPG audit report to which he had received no reply.

The Chair stated that Council had agreed that the report could be made public and at present the Executive Director (Section 151 Officer) was reviewing the report and once completed, would be made available to the public. The Chair apologised that Mr Dalton had not received a direct response and requested Councillor Robinson to convey his apologies.

A written reply would be sent to Mr Dalton.

With the agreement of the Chair of Planning, the Chair referred to the Local Area Council planning meeting of 22 June and stated that each planning decision must be based on planning regulations and be justifiable. On numerous occasions there were times when people and councillors included were not happy with applications. However, if there was no justifiable planning condition to support a decision against/objection then this could not be with upheld. The decision taken at the June meeting, was unanimous and followed the required planning regulations.

If anyone felt that the planning process, or the Council was not following the correct planning procedure, were urged to come forward with evidence in line with the process to be followed to investigate and resolve through a complaint's procedure. The process should not be carried out through social media.

Discussion took place regarding pre-determination of planning applications and a suggestion was made for training sessions to be in public to help understand the planning process.

#### **24. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No questions had been received.

#### **25. PETITIONS**

This item was to:

- a) Receive any new petitions: No new petitions had been received.
- b) Consider reports on petitions previously received: Petition requesting an extension/amendment to the existing speed limit and extent of the road safety scheme in Seaton Sluice.

Neil Snowdon, Principle Programme Officer (Highways) and Robin McCartney Infrastructure Manager, Technical Services were in attendance.

Members were informed that preliminary design work was currently being progressed by the Design Team to look at a range of potential solutions. Once the preliminary design work had been completed this would be shared with the Ward Councillor. This would also include speed surveys which had not been carried out since 2013.

As the lead petitioner Mrs Margaret Murray was unable to attend the meeting, Councillor Ferguson asked the following questions/comments on behalf of the petitioner:-

1. When would the speed survey start and end and would the conclusion be published?
2. How was a speed survey is conducted, as drivers' behaviours are different when it is obvious that a measure is being conducted and not necessarily a true reflection ?
3. Since the work at North Tyneside and the speed restrictions carried out by North Tyneside Council has made road safety worse all through Seaton Sluice.
4. Speed reductions could not be done by encouragement, speed reductions have to be implanted with consequences.
5. The splitter island you say is not a pedestrian refuge is used by a lot of people to cross the road, as at certain times of the day, it cannot be crossed.
6. Speed camera relocation – that particular camera has not worked for at least 10 years and local people know this, how many people received a speeding penalty for that camera?
7. I am shocked that the police have raised no concerns about the speed on the road.
8. Living on that stretch of the road after the camera is like living on a racing circuit.
9. If reliable evidence is required, then put down the speed straps to gather this information before someone is killed.
10. Ideally, average speed cameras should be placed from the Delaval Arms to the start of the 60 mile limit after Seafield Mews.

Mr Snowden responded that the speed survey would be completed in a couple of months and added to the list of requests and the speed survey carried out by placing strips on the road. Since the work at North Tyneside might have made road safety worse, the splitter island was used by a lot of people. The survey would show how many people used it.

The pedestrian crossing affected the operation of the speed cameras and the police were aware that the route was regularly used by boy racers. Speed enforcement was carried out by speed camera van.

As soon as the feasibility study was ready that information would be shared.

In response to a comment regarding the use of speed humps, Mr McCartney stated that a whole range of options had been considered.

**RESOLVED** that the content of the report be noted including the issues raised and a new speed survey be undertaken as part of the A193 Links Road preliminary design work study and a copy of the study be provided to the local Ward Councillor on its completion.

## 26. FOSTERING SERVICES

Caroline Matthews, Recruitment & Engagement Officer, Residential & Family Placement Service and Lynne Love, Fostering Team Manager were in attendance and shared a presentation with an overview of the service. (Presentation attached with the minutes).

In response to comments/questions from members, the following information was provided:-

- There were myths around foster care, people think they can't foster if they can't work, are single, or if they have not had any children themselves. Campaigns aimed to combat the myths.
- There were very few barriers, a spare bedroom was required, time and love for children. There were very few things to stop people fostering. There were never enough foster carers and a nationwide shortage.
- Finance could be a barrier, people had to be realistic. There were add on earning and learning opportunities to support training and finance.
- There were always shortages for teenagers and sibling groups and often for children with disabilities.
- A small percentage of children were taken out of the county, but it was usually for a good reason.
- The Authority try to "grow their own" foster carers, by expanding their skills through training and experience.
- The fostering process could be lengthy 3 to 6 months depending on availability of the applicant, from the first enquiry to home visit, Skills to Foster course and assessment which could take up to 12 weeks. The assessor would make a recommendation to the independent fostering panel who would make the decision.

The Chair thanked the officers for their presentation and the importance of making a significant difference. He had hoped that more members of the public had attended the meeting and gave an open invitation for the officers to return to a future meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

## **27. LOCAL SERVICES ISSUES**

Tony Gribbin, Local Services Area Manager provided the following information:-

### **Waste Service**

- Residual, Recycling and bulky waste collection services continued to perform well.
- Garden waste service was also performing well but could be challenging on occasion.
  - There were 9900 customers at present.

### **Grass Cutting**

- Now on cut 10 in Seaton Valley, cut 7 in Bedlington and cut 7 in Cramlington.
- Grass cutting had proved to be a challenge for teams in the early part of the year.
  - Several days had been lost to rain in the early part of the season followed by warm and hot weather.
  - 5 bank holidays in the early part of this cutting season added to the challenge imposed by the rain.
  - This typically presented two challenges, the first being to complete cutting rounds efficiently to avoid having long (and seemingly unmanaged) grass on view.
  - The second was the inevitable grass arisings left following cuts of grass which could be longer than usual.
- Conditions had stabilised.

### **Weed Control**

- Service was being delivered in house again this year.
  - The second round of treatments had commenced across the areas
  - Councillors would be emailed when their areas had been completed.
  - Blue dye was being used again this year.
  - A spare ride on mower machine had been secured which had weed ripping brushes fitted to it, a useful option for instant removal of weeds should the need arise.

### **Glass Trial**

This was ongoing in the [Morpeth/Alnwick/Bedlington/Hexham] areas with approximately 134 tonnes in the Bedlington area.

### **In Bloom or Green Flag**

- Green Flag inspections had been carried out in Dr Pit Park, Gallagher Park, Astley Park, Alexandra Park
- Results of the inspections were being awaited.

In response to member questions, the following information was provided:-

- Mr Gribbin would check if Southfield Lea had been treated for weeds
- Staff were deployed as and when for the mechanical sweeper. There had been staff off sick due to Covid.
- Mayfield Cemetery – Mr Gribbin would follow this up
- A backpack would be used by the team to spray any weeds around parked cars
- The recycling scheme was being assessed to see how successful it was
- The issues in relation to the condition of the pavement on the B1505 and the sign post at the junction of High Pit Road would be chased up
- The Countryside Teams would be contacted in relation to the issues at Gallagher Park
- Mr Gribbin to come back about Green Flag status at Plessey Woods
- Teams would WhatsApp before and after weed ripping
- The routes for blue dye were dependent on parked cars
- There had been no response regarding the Barns Park Scheme.

Mick Carle, Lead Highways Delivery Manager provided an update to the Committee:-

All Highways Inspectors and maintenance crews continued to work inspecting, fixing carriageway defects, making repairs, and making safe category one defects across the South East area.

The gully emptier was fully deployed dealing with reported issues and cyclic maintenance.

**Larger Tarmac Patching has been carried out in the following locations:**

- Main Access Road, East Hartford, Cramlington.
- Needham Place, Cramlington
- Nairn Road, Cramlington
- Chesterhill, Cramlington
- Astley Road, S/Delaval
- St. Michaels Avenue, New Hartley
- Church Lane, Bedlington
- Millfield, Bedlington

**Drainage Improvements:**

The area teams were continuously looking and programming future planned works both patching and drainage improvements.

Additional Gully Tanker deployed.

- A190 Seghill – Aquajet Investigations
- St. Michaels Avenue, New Hartley
- Main Access Road, East Hartford



### **LTP - Carriageway Resurfacing**

LTP Carriageway Resurfacing schemes were being programmed and all affected members would be notified in advance.

- Rowen Close, Bedlington (Prep)

### **Micro/Surface Dressing**

- The Crescent, Seghill (Prep)

### **Other Work**

- Northern Line – A192 Astley Road, Seaton Delaval (Temporary access agreed and complete)
- DVC's (Section 184) - Large influx in work – NCC continued to deliver.

### **Winter Maintenance**

Depots were being restocked with road salt across all 11 depots countywide. Cowley Road Depot was fully restocked to 4250 tonnes.

In response to member questions, the following information was provided:-

- Traffic calming measures for Gallagher Park could be added as a priority into the LTP
- Neil Snowdon to look into and provide an update for the scheme at Cragside School which had previously been Councillor Hepple's MLIS scheme and would also investigate the traffic strips at Hazelmere, Bedlington
- The request for disabled bays at Astley Road should be emailed to Highways generic email box
- There was still no response from the landlord for the Dewley Road shops, Cramlington. Mr Carle would contact Paul Lowes to see if he could provide any information.
- Letters/emails had been sent out to County Councillors and Parish and Town Councils regarding the LTP
- Alternative bollards were being considered for the missing ones outside Cramlington Village club

Members thanked the officers for their attendance and the work of their teams in responding to members' requests.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted and issues set out in the bullet points above be followed up.

**28. MEMBER'S LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES**

Details of the Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Members Local Improvement Schemes for the period 2022-23 were provided for information.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**29. LOCAL AREA COUNCIL PROGRAMME**

The Chair advised that the work programme was for information and should Members wish to ask for any items to be added to the agenda, then they contact either himself or Democratic Services.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

**30. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 17 August 2022 (planning only).



## Northumberland County Council

**CRAMLINGTON, BEDLINGTON & SEATON VALLEY LOCAL AREA COUNCIL**

**28 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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### **DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Report of the Interim Executive Director of Planning & Local Services**

**Cabinet Member:** Councillor C Horncastle

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#### **Purpose of report**

To request the Local Area Council to decide the planning applications attached to this report using the powers delegated to it.

#### **Recommendations**

**The Local Area Council is recommended to consider the attached planning applications and decide them in accordance with the individual recommendations, also taking into account the advice contained in the covering report.**

#### **Key issues**

Each application has its own particular set of individual issues and considerations that must be taken into account when determining the application. These are set out in the individual reports contained in the next section of this agenda.

### **DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

#### **Introduction**

1. The following section of the agenda consists of planning applications to be determined by the Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley Local Area Council in accordance with the current delegation arrangements. Any further information, observations or letters relating to any of the applications contained in this agenda and received after the date of publication of this report will be reported at the meeting.

#### **The Determination of Planning and Other Applications**

2. In considering the planning and other applications, members are advised to take into account the following general principles:

- Decision makers are to have regard to the development plan, so far as it is material to the application
  - Applications are to be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise
  - Applications should always be determined on their planning merits in the light of all material considerations
  - Members are reminded that recommendations in favour of giving permission must be accompanied by suitable conditions and a justification for giving permission, and that refusals of permission must be supported by clear planning reasons both of which are defensible on appeal
  - Where the Local Area Council is minded to determine an application other than in accordance with the Officer's recommendation, clear reasons should be given that can be minuted, and appropriate conditions or refusal reasons put forward
3. Planning conditions must meet 6 tests that are set down in paragraph 206 of the NPPF and reflected in National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG, March 2014 as amended). They must be:
- Necessary
  - Relevant to planning
  - Relevant to the development permitted
  - Enforceable
  - Precise
  - Reasonable in all other respects
4. Where councillors are contemplating moving a decision contrary to officer advice, they are recommended to consider seeking advice from senior officers as to what constitutes material planning considerations, and as to what might be appropriate conditions or reasons for refusal.
5. Attached as Appendix 1 is the procedure to be followed at all Local Area Councils.

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### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

These are listed at the end of the individual application reports.

### **IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT**

<b>Policy:</b>	Procedures and individual recommendations are in line with policy unless otherwise stated
<b>Finance and value for Money:</b>	None unless stated
<b>Human Resources:</b>	None
<b>Property:</b>	None
<b>Equalities:</b>	None
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	None
<b>Sustainability:</b>	Each application will have an impact on the local environment and it has been assessed accordingly
<b>Crime and Disorder:</b>	As set out in the individual reports
<b>Customer Considerations:</b>	None
<b>Consultations:</b>	As set out in the individual reports
<b>Wards:</b>	All

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## **APPENDIX 1: PROCEDURE AT PLANNING COMMITTEES**

### **Chair**

Introduce s application

### **Planning Officer**

Updates – Changes to Recommendations – present report

### **Public Speaking**

Objector(s) (5mins)

Local Councillor/Parish Councillor (5 mins)

Applicant / Supporter (5 mins)

NO QUESTIONS ALLOWED TO/ BY PUBLIC SPEAKERS

### **Member's Questions to Planning Officers**

### **Rules of Debate**

Proposal

Seconded

DEBATE

- No speeches until motion is seconded
- Speech may not exceed 10 minutes
- Amendments to Motions
- Approve/ refuse/ defer

### **Vote (by majority or Chair casting vote)**

Chair should read out resolution before voting

Voting should be a clear show of hands.

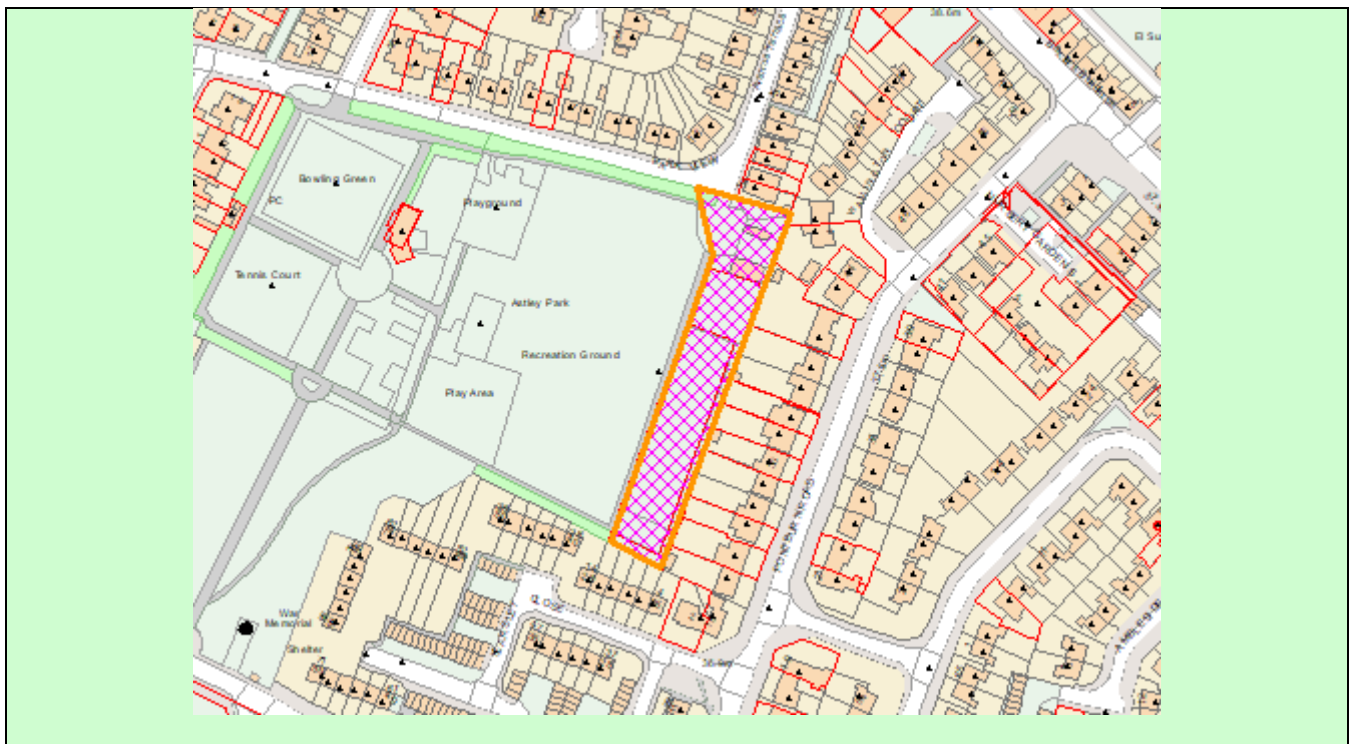


**Northumberland**  
County Council

**L.A.C – Cramlington, Bedlington, Seaton Valley (4pm),  
21 September 2022**

<b>Application No:</b>	22/01487/CCD		
<b>Proposal:</b>	Demolition of existing garage, construction of new garage, new external lighting, resurfacing of existing depot, drainage works and repositioning of existing welfare unit		
<b>Site Address</b>	Land East Of Astley Park, Park View, Seaton Delaval, Northumberland		
<b>Applicant:</b>	Mr Lee Anderson County Hall, Morpeth , NE61 2EF,	<b>Agent:</b>	None
<b>Ward</b>	Holywell	<b>Parish</b>	Seaton Valley
<b>Valid Date:</b>	20 May 2022	<b>Expiry Date:</b>	23 September 2022
<b>Case Officer Details:</b>	Name: Miss Stephanie Milne Job Title: Senior Planning Officer Tel No: Email: Stephanie.Milne@northumberland.gov.uk		

**Recommendation:** That this application be GRANTED permission



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## 1. Introduction

1.1 The applicant is Northumberland County Council and therefore the application was referred to the director of planning and the chairs of the local area council committee. The chair referral response confirmed that the application shall be determined at local area council committee.

## 2. Description of the Proposals

2.1 Planning permission is sought for the demolition of the existing garage, construction of a new garage, new external lighting, resurfacing of the existing depot, drainage works and repositioning of the existing welfare unit within the existing depot site.

2.2 The application site forms the depot at Astley Park which is an existing NCC site located within Seaton Delaval. The site is located outside of the defined settlement boundary, but within an existing site curtilage.

## 3. Planning History

None

## 4. Consultee Responses

Seaton Valley Parish Council	No response received
Highways	No objection subject to conditions
Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA)	No comment
Public Protection	No objection subject to conditions

## 5. Public Responses

### Neighbour Notification

Number of Neighbours Notified	43
Number of Objections	0
Number of Support	0
Number of General Comments	0

### Notices

General site notice posted 18 July 2022  
No Press Notice Required.

### Summary of Responses:

None



The above is a summary of the comments. The full written text is available on our website at: <http://publicaccess.northumberland.gov.uk/online-applications//applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RAY1CYQSGCT00>

## **6. Planning Policy**

### 6.1 Development Plan Policy

#### Northumberland Local Plan 2016 - 2036 (Adopted March 2022) (NLP)

Policy STP 1 - Spatial strategy (strategic policy)

Policy STP 2 - Presumption in favour of sustainable development (strategic policy)

Policy STP 3 - Sustainable development (strategic policy)

Policy QOP 1 - Design principles (strategic policy)

Policy QOP 2 - Good design and amenity

#### Seaton Valley Neighbourhood Plan made September 2021 (SVNP)

No relevant policies

### 6.2 National Planning Policy

National Planning Policy Framework (2021) (NPPF)

National Planning Practice Guidance (2021) (NPPG)

## **7. Appraisal**

### **Principle of Proposed development**

- 7.1 Policy STP 1 of the NLP, read in conjunction with the Policies Map which accompanies the Plan, identifies main towns, service centres and service villages across the county where sustainable development can be located.
- 7.2 The application site is located outside of the defined settlement boundary however the works would be limited to the existing site curtilage and would provide a small scale addition to the existing development on site. The proposal includes a new garage and repositioning of the existing welfare unit, new external lighting, resurfacing of existing depot and drainage works. The principle of development is therefore acceptable.

### **Visual Amenity**

- 7.3 The new garage would be 4 metres in height, 10 metres wide and 10 metres deep. It would be located to the centre of the site, surrounded by other smaller buildings and would replace the existing garage which is 3 metres in height, 10 metres deep and 6 metres wide. The existing welfare unit would be

repositioned to the northern side of the proposed garage. Proposed lighting is distributed throughout the site to light the existing depot. The proposed garage would not appear excessive in relation to the existing building it is to replace and would be appropriate within the site. The relocation of the existing welfare unit would not bring the development within the site any closer to the boundaries and therefore would prevent a cramped appearance.

- 7.4 The materials proposed are to match those existing and as such it is considered that the proposal would not result in visual harm to the surrounding area. The other proposed works would not result in further visual harm and therefore the proposal would not result in any detrimental visual harm in accordance with Policy QOP 2 of the Northumberland Local Plan and NPPF.

### **Impact on neighbouring amenity**

- 7.5 With regards to neighbouring amenity, there are residential properties located to the northern and eastern side of the site, however the proposed new garage would not appear excessive due to the proposed height. The other works would not result in any further harm than those already existing.
- 7.6 A lighting plan has been submitted which has been assessed by Public Protection who have advised a condition which requests details of Lux Levels to be submitted prior to the fitting of lighting. As such there would be limited harm to neighbouring occupiers from the proposed works. The proposals would therefore comply with the requirements of Policy QOP 2 of the Northumberland Local Plan and NPPF.

### **Highways**

- 7.7 The proposal has been assessed by the highways department who confirm that there are no objections subject to a Construction Method Statement condition. The proposal would therefore be acceptable in accordance with the Northumberland Local Plan and NPPF.

### **Equality Duty**

- 7.8 The County Council has a duty to have regard to the impact of any proposal on those people with characteristics protected by the Equality Act. Officers have had due regard to Sec 149(1) (a) and (b) of the Equality Act 2010 and considered the information provided by the applicant, together with the responses from consultees and other parties, and determined that the proposal would have no material impact on individuals or identifiable groups with protected characteristics. Accordingly, no changes to the proposal were required to make it acceptable in this regard.

### **Crime and Disorder Act Implications**

- 7.9 These proposals have no implications in relation to crime and disorder.

### **Human Rights Act Implications**

- 7.10 The Human Rights Act requires the County Council to take into account the rights of the public under the European Convention on Human Rights and prevents the Council from acting in a manner which is incompatible with those rights. Article 8 of the Convention provides that there shall be respect for an individual's private life and home save for that interference which is in accordance with the law and necessary in a democratic society in the interests of (inter alia) public safety and the economic wellbeing of the country. Article 1 of protocol 1 provides that an individual's peaceful enjoyment of their property shall not be interfered with save as is necessary in the public interest.
- 7.11 For an interference with these rights to be justifiable the interference (and the means employed) needs to be proportionate to the aims sought to be realised. The main body of this report identifies the extent to which there is any identifiable interference with these rights. The Planning Considerations identified are also relevant in deciding whether any interference is proportionate. Case law has been decided which indicates that certain development does interfere with an individual's rights under Human Rights legislation. This application has been considered in the light of statute and case law and the interference is not considered to be disproportionate.
- 7.12 Officers are also aware of Article 6, the focus of which (for the purpose of this decision) is the determination of an individual's civil rights and obligations. Article 6 provides that in the determination of these rights, an individual is entitled to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial tribunal. Article 6 has been subject to a great deal of case law. It has been decided that for planning matters the decision making process as a whole, which includes the right of review by the High Court, complied with Article 6.

## **8. Recommendation**

That this application be GRANTED subject to the following:

### Conditions/Reason

01. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

02. The development hereby permitted shall not be carried out otherwise than in complete accordance with the approved plans. The approved plans for this development are:

Existing Site Plan Drawing No: PS210005 L(01) Received 26 April 2022

Existing Plans and Elevations Drawing No: PS210005 Received 10 May 2022

Proposed Site Plan Drawing No: PS210005 L(02) Received 26 April 2022

Proposed Garage Drawing No: PS210005 A(01) Received 10 May 2022

Proposed Site Plan Drawing No: 1331 (63) 01 Received 20 May 2022

Location Plan Received 26 April 2022

Reason: To ensure that the approved development is carried out in complete accordance with the approved plans.

03. The facing materials and finishes to be used in the construction of the development shall be in accordance with the details contained within the application. The development shall not be constructed other than with these approved materials.

Reason: In the interests of the satisfactory appearance of the development upon completion and in accordance with QOP2 of the Northumberland Local Plan.

04. Development shall not commence until a Construction Method Statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved Construction Method Statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. The Construction Method Statement shall, where applicable, provide for:
- i. vehicle cleaning facilities;
  - ii. the parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors;
  - iii. the loading and unloading of plant and materials;
  - iv. storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development

Reason: To prevent nuisance in the interests of residential amenity and highway safety, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and Policy TRA2 of the Northumberland Local Plan.

05. Prior to the fixing of any external lighting required in association with the proposal, details of the external lighting shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Details shall include:
- The specific location of all external lighting units;
  - Design of all lighting units;
  - Details of beam orientation and lux levels; and
  - Any proposed measures such as motion sensors and timers that will be used on lighting units

The lighting scheme shall comply with the Institution of Lighting Professionals Guidance Note for the reduction of obtrusive light 2021 for Environmental Zone E3. The approved lighting scheme shall be installed in accordance with the approved details and shall not be altered without the prior written approval of the local planning authority.

Reason: To protect residential amenity and provide a commensurate level of protection against light.

### **Informatives**

01. Building materials or equipment shall not be stored on the highway unless otherwise agreed. You are advised to contact the Streetworks team on 0345 600 6400 for Skips and Containers licences.
02. Any areas of hardstanding areas (car parks, driveways etc.) within the development shall be constructed of a permeable surface so flood risk is not

increased elsewhere. There are three main types of solution to creating a permeable surface:

- Using gravel or a mainly green, vegetated area.
- Directing water from an impermeable surface to a border rain garden or soakaway.
- Using permeable block paving, porous asphalt/concrete. Further information can be found here -

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/7728/paving frontgardens.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/7728/paving_frontgardens.pdf)

In addition the development should explore disconnecting any gutter down pipes into rain water harvesting units and water butts, with overflow into rainwater garden/pond thus providing a resource as well as amenity value and improving water quality

**Date of Report: 06.09.2022**

**Background Papers:** Planning application file(s) 22/01487/CCD

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## Northumberland County Council

**Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Area Local Council 21<sup>st</sup>  
September 2022**

**The Northumberland County Council (Land at Holywell Village First School, Valley Road, Holywell) Tree Preservation Order 2022 (No 03 of 2022)**



### **1.0 Introduction**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek a decision from the Local Area Council as to whether or not they wish the County Council to confirm the provisional The Northumberland County Council (Land at Holywell Village First School, Valley Road, Holywell) Tree Preservation Order 2022 (No 03 of 2022).

1.2 This provisional TPO is to be confirmed (or not) at Committee following objections received during the statutory

### **2.0 Appraisal**

- 2.1 The provisional TPO was made by the County Council under Section 198 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 under delegated powers following a request from the school that the trees be protected with a Tree Preservation Order due to works being carried out to a number of trees at the site without the School's knowledge or permission.
- 2.2 The land in which the order applies lies within the boundary of Holywell Village First School. The trees lie within the school boundary but overhang into the rear gardens of properties at Valley Road.
- 2.3 The provisional order confirms protection of nine trees. T1 (Sycamore), T2 (Sycamore), T3 (Red Oak), T4 (Sycamore), T5 (Red Oak), T6 (Sycamore), T7 (Sycamore), T8 (Sycamore), T9 (Sycamore).
- 2.4 The trees were assessed by the Council's Tree Consultant and it was considered that the trees merited protection with a Tree Preservation Order.
- 2.5 The adjoining residents at Valley Road, where the trees overhang into, were informed of the making of the provisional TPO on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Following the receipt of 3no. written objection, the confirmation of the TPO must now be determined by the Local Area Committee.
- 2.6 One objection stated that the tree at the bottom of their garden had not always been an issue but is now because it has not been maintained and the tree helps attract birds which leave their excrement and how this poses a health hazard with concerns over respiratory implications. This neighbour also states they are no longer able to have BBQs or have guests go in the garden because of the excrement. It should be noted that birds leaving behind their excrement could occur with or without the tree at the bottom of this neighbour's garden. Furthermore the confirmation of the Tree Preservation Order does not mean the trees can't undergo any maintenance works (or more substantial works) rather instead it would ensure the trees which are in good condition are not subject to unsolicited works and permission must first be obtained from the Local Planning Authority before works are carried out to them.
- 2.7 Another objector stated they object to the TPO because they think it removes people's rights to cut the trees back to the fence line. As discussed above, A TPO doesn't restrict works being carried out to protected trees, rather it results in permission needing to be acquired before works can be carried out to trees that are ultimately worthy of protection. Objection comments stress concerns residents have over the School's management of the trees. The TPO would not interfere with the School's management of the trees.
- 2.8 One representation was neither an objection or letter in support. This neighbour representation stated they do not disregard the beauty of the trees in question but rather have concerns on their management. The confirmation of TPO would seek to ensure all works going forward to the trees are works that are justified and necessary and carried out under good practice. Therefore the confirmation of the TPO will help to ensure the longevity, health and amenity value of the trees is retained.



2.9 The County Council must confirm the provisional TPO, with or without modifications, within the 6 month provisional period, i.e. by the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 otherwise it will cease to have any effect.

2.10 The view of the Council's Tree Consultant is that the trees in question merit protection with a Tree Preservation following an assessment on the trees and their visual amenity. The trees are in good condition, of good visual amenity and make a positive contribution to their surroundings. The imposition of the TPO would not prevent works from taking place, but it would allow the council to monitor works and secure replanting if necessary following the necessary applications. It is therefore considered that the Order should be confirmed for the reasons given above.

### *Other Matters*

#### Equality Duty:

The County Council has a duty to have regard to the impact of any proposal on those people with characteristics protected by the Equality Act. Officers have had due regard to Sec 149(1) (a) and (b) of the Equality Act 2010 and considered the information provided by the applicant, together with the responses from consultees and other parties, and determined that the proposal would have no material impact on individuals or identifiable groups with protected characteristics. Accordingly, no changes to the proposal were required to make it acceptable in this regard.

#### Crime and Disorder Act Implications:

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considered in the light of statute and case law and the interference is not considered to be disproportionate.

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### **3.0 Recommendation**

- 3.1 That The Northumberland County Council (Land at Holywell Village First School, Valley Road, Holywell) Tree Preservation Order 2022 (No 03 of 2022) **be confirmed.**

Mrs H L Rowntree

20 Valley Road

Holywell

Whitley Bay

Tyne and Wear

NE25 0LG

6<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Ref: The Northumberland County Council (Land at Holywell Village First School, Valley Road, Holywell) Tree Preservation Order 2022

(No. 03 of 2022)

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

Dear Linda Jackson

I wish to object to the Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

In 26 years that I have lived at this address the landscape has changed. It was very different to how it is now and the Sycamore tree at the bottom of my garden which is situated within the school's grounds was not imposing, but because the tree has not been maintained and has grown considerably over the years, it attracts hundreds of birds the majority of which are wood pigeons and they leave excrement in my garden. This is a health hazard. Being constantly exposed to the excrement and with ever increasing amounts, this exacerbates my already serious respiratory condition. This is also poses a health hazard to my pet cocker spaniel who ends up with excrement on him when he is let out into the garden and it becomes embedded in his fur and he also tries to eat it.

My grandchildren no longer want to go into the garden because of the amount of bird excrement. I am not able to have BBQs or have anyone in my back garden due to the excrement and the health hazard this poses.

The school has mentioned in the TPO the reasons for making the order were that "The trees appear prominent within the surrounding landscape and contribute to the visual amenity of the site." This would protect the view for the school staff and children which is seen by them for a few hours each day during term time. However, myself and the other residents live with the issues caused by these trees every hour of every day, this is something that we have to live with and it affects our lives, our physical health and mental health. During the height of Covid lockdowns our back gardens were our only escape from being in the house and for many of us these were not inviting spaces and had an adverse effect on our health at an already very difficult time. If we were able to cut the trees back it would not spoil the view and even if some trees were completely cut down, there are many trees bordering around the back of the school as it backs on to a nature reserve.

I find the school's approach to the issues we are having has been very aggressive with no consultation. There has been no thought or consideration given to the residents of Valley Road who have been living with these problems for many years and who have had numerous requests to meet with the school constantly ignored and a refusal to engage and come to some kind of compromise.

These issues have become so problematic that we have had numerous meetings and conversations about the trees and the issues that they have caused. A lot of the residents have very similar problems with the bird excrement. Another hazard is slipping on the wet soggy leaves on the decking and path. My dog also chews on the many branches and leaves that fall. It is a constant clean up operation which when I have finished takes days, I have to start all over again.

The residents including myself would like to arrange a meeting with you at your earliest convenience. We would like you to hear from us in person before a decision is made. We would also like Holywell First School to join this conversation so that they can hear from the residents and so that we can engage constructively.

The residents in Valley Road are constantly cleaning bird poo from our path, grass, fences, garden furniture our washing, our pets and ourselves. There is footage of bird poo on our pets and our clothes. The residents are currently in contact with the Environmental Health Department (Northumberland County Council) and sending footage of the amount of bird droppings.

The school also stated a reason for making a TPO was that, "The trees which have been identified as meriting protection have been found to be deemed to fall within an immediate threat category." However, the school has not maintained these trees within the 26 years I have lived in this property and have ignored maintenance requirements. Residents have paid a considerable amount to have trees cut back which had been over hanging into properties. I paid £560 to have my tree cut back a couple of years ago. All my cut branches were thrown back over the fence onto the school's side because I was aware that it is classed as theft if I did not return them and unfortunately when my tree was being cut the tree surgeons were shouted at and had been told to stop and I had no idea that the police had been called but because of the start of the Covid pandemic they came out two months later in May 2020. I felt physically sick when I saw a police woman coming to my door as I thought something had happened to my grandchildren or children. Many residents over the years

have tried to resolve the problems we have had with the trees but we had never managed to secure any meetings with the school and they would not engage with us at all so we were unable to put our cases forward and be heard.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hazel Lorraine Rowntree

(Resident of 20 Valley Road)

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Mr & Mrs B D Gray (not D R Gray) of  
24 Valley Road  
Holywell  
Whitley Bay  
NE25 0LG

06 May 2022

Linda Jackson  
Legal Officer  
Regulation Team  
County Hall Morpeth  
Northumberland  
NE61 2EF

**RESPONSE YOUR REF. FORMAL NOTICE OF MAKING (OF) TREE  
PRESERVATION ORDER (TPO) No.03 2022**

with respect to trees as singularly identified located on the property of  
Northumberland County Council, Holywell Village First School, Valley Road,  
Holywell

It is with dismay and despondency, a feeling shared by my neighbours, that we received this notification in light of your department being no doubt unaware of the many years and countless occasions, that residents have spoken with representatives of the school and NCC regarding the encroaching trees where these overhang the rear properties on Valley road. There are common concerns held by residents however all we have continuously strived for is an understanding of the reasons for our request in maintaining the trees. Where some residents have brought in tree surgeons at personal expense or trimmed branches that can be reached, this has been a last resort as the school have remained resolute and declined to engage with its neighbours in the community. As the legal position is that any trimmed branches must be deposited in the property of the 'owner' within which the tree is situated, this is the rule residents have followed in returning these to the school grounds. We firmly believe it is the cost incurred by the school to remove/dispose of these branches that has been the catalyst and from which the TPO has been initiated and which the school deem to be an appropriate response and end to this matter.

Nonetheless while we are 'invited to respond' to this Notice, it is staggering that the 'position' taken is that said trees are being considered for protection on the basis of 'prominence within the surrounding landscape and contribution to the visual amenity of the site'. Residents would agree but this is not negated by the height and reach of the trees in proximity to the boundary. And, we feel strongly that the branches overhanging / extending across the properties should be maintained as a responsibility of the school. An assessment and regulated maintenance carried out by an expert tree surgeon not only preserves the health of the tree but equally the visual aspect. It goes without saying that NCC regularly maintain the numerous sycamore trees on Valley Road itself and within the village. Moreover, residents of Valley Road could be anyone in that they could be comprised of teachers or parents of children attending the school, my point being that as residents we all relate to having the same concerns and it is on this basis that residents had looked to the school in the hope that we could jointly find and be mutually agreeable to a solution.

As the school have not been open-to engaging with residents, we recently came together and discussed and formulated a petition. As a formal request we felt this was the only opportunity left to us and this will be forwarded to relevant persons forthwith. I enclose the 'wording' of the petition below merely for context and support as a resident in relation to what has been outlined above.

Finally, while this 'response' to the TPO Notice does not present an objection for your consideration per se (and this may be all that you wish to take from this response) this is because it is not my intention to disregard the beauty of the trees in question on the whole - in the event the TPO were to be made permanent, even though status quo would endure and we would have the same concerns. Whereas the alternative in not protecting the trees is not so as to allow free rein on the part of residents simply because the school is firm on not engaging with residents and maintaining the trees as I hope the contents herein can substantiate.

Yours faithfully

Mr & Mrs B D Gray  
24 Valley Road

encl. Residents of Valley Road Petition



**Petition for the regular maintenance of trees in Holywell First School grounds bordering family homes on Valley Road**

This petition calls for the responsible management by Holywell First School of the trees in the school grounds which border the neighbouring family homes on Valley Road; and for meaningful engagement by the school with residents on the required management of the trees from either side of the fence.

There are a range of tree species of varying sizes, many of which are higher than the houses and overhang the back gardens by up to and over 50%; massively reducing people's ability to use their gardens for normal everyday activities.

The ongoing failure of the school to manage the trees, despite multiple requests to do so, is negatively impacting neighbouring families in terms of quality of life, hazards to physical and mental health, hygiene and safety, potential damage to property and drainage systems, and to property values.

Resident families have the reasonable expectation to be able to use their back gardens in the same way as most other people can, which is the basis on which this petition is being raised to call for prompt action.

We were collectively uncertain to whom this petition should be addressed, so have forwarded it to particular and relevant persons identified, in the expectation that it will be responded to appropriately. We would welcome the opportunity to engage in a meaningful way with the appropriate person/s.

Please send any written response to all houses numbered below.

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Ms A Young  
10 Valley Road  
Holywell Village  
Whitley Bay  
NE25 0LG  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**FAO Linda Jackson**

Re: Objection to TPO 2022 (No. 03 of 2022)

I have been made aware of a temporary TPO coming into force for a number of trees (red oak and sycamore) on land at Holywell Village First School which borders the rear of my back garden.

I object to the TPO generally, and more specifically re the sycamore behind number 12 Valley Road, for a number of reasons and I set out below:

- a) Some recent context, including my communication with the school directly
- b) A summary of my points of objection

**Context:**

I moved into my property during Summer 2021 and shortly thereafter contacted the school about the maintenance of the sycamore which was overhanging approximately 40% of my garden. The school manager informed me that she would call Asset Management, which I believe she duly did. In October I contacted her again as to the outcome of the assessment made by Asset Management and was told the answer was no to the trees being managed but that she had been awaiting the report before contacting me; I explained that I was prepared to follow whatever process was in place to escalate my request and was told I'd be given the process and report when it arrived. In January 2022 I contacted the school again for an update and had a conversation with the School Manager in which I was told that I would not be sent a copy of the report and that there was no escalation process, the answer was no and that was final. We discussed the fact that I was unable to dry laundry outside due to it becoming covered with bird droppings (and my hands when taking it in), that I spent time every weekend clearing droppings from floor/patio/garden furniture etc, that guests to my home had been splattered with bird droppings whilst crossing the garden (photo's submitted to Environmental Health), as had my pets, that I was unable to use my garden to relax or entertain. Whilst seeming sympathetic to the issues I outlined, there was no change to the final position. I explained that, as the school was unwilling to manage the trees and as there was no escalation route for me to follow, I would have no option to arrange to have them pruned to the fence-line from my side and the material put over the fence (which the school had previously insisted on when other residents had cut back trees) which I believed was in line with the legal requirement to which the school manager said yes. Not wanting to do the wrong thing I then took advice from a tree surgeon and a solicitor and subsequently wrote to the school in February informing them of the date the work would be carried out, to which I received no response.

Over the following weeks I became aware that several of my neighbours have similar difficulties and it is apparent that numerous approaches have been made to the school without success. There has been no meaningful engagement by the school with its neighbours, despite multiple approaches by residents, and this most recent action seems immensely heavy handed; borderline aggressive.

I was staggered to hear of the TPO, effectively removing people's right to cut back the branches to the fence line as and when required. I have no objection to living alongside the trees, but I do not want to live under them. I find it hard to believe, in the year 2022, that the expectation is for people to be made to live in such unsanitary conditions; potentially placing people's physical and mental

health at risk without provision of a reasonable rationale or any engagement to fully understand the effects of this action.

My clear frustration is that I have tried to engage locally, as have many other people, and been frustrated in those attempts and, as stated above, this action feels aggressive and unnecessary. I remain happy to engage on the subject and enter into an agreement short of a TPO.

Several residents had already met (several weeks prior to the TPO letter) and decided to petition for the management of the trees and presumably that will go ahead alongside the TPO process. The header of the petition is shown below:

*Petition for the regular maintenance of trees in Holywell First School grounds bordering family homes.*

*This petition calls for the responsible management by Holywell First School of the trees in the school grounds which border the neighbouring family homes on Valley Road; and for meaningful engagement by the school with residents on the required management of the trees from either side of the fence.*

*There are a range of tree species of varying sizes, many of which are higher than the houses and overhang the back gardens by up to and over 50%; massively reducing people's ability to use their gardens for normal everyday activities.*

*The ongoing failure of the school to manage the trees or engage with residents, despite multiple requests to do so, is negatively impacting neighbouring families in terms of quality of life, hazards to physical and mental health, hygiene and safety, potential damage to property and drainage systems, and to property values.*

*Resident families have the reasonable expectation to be able to use their back gardens in the same way as most other people can, which is the basis on which this petition is being raised to call for prompt action.*

**Grounds of objection:**

The trees in question are very large both in terms of height and, more damaging to quality of life, spread. There is no request to have the trees removed but rather to retain the right to manage them from the resident side as required. These trees are not in a conservation area and have not been subject to a TPO before. Given the position of these trees, it is unclear to me what significant amenity they offer to the general public.

The TPO refers to the visual amenity of the trees, however they are not visible from the Valley Road or the footpath; they are visible to the primary school children and teachers in the school grounds but that side of the trees will remain unchanged by any pruning, and beyond the school field there is farmland. I cannot agree that cutting back the trees from the resident side will harm the visual amenity of the overall tree line to anyone.

The trees have gone unmanaged by the school for many years and there is no reason to assume they will be more responsibly managed in the future. Unmanaged growth is worrying on multiple fronts:

- I already have to use the electric light in the kitchen at certain times in daylight hours, as the trees grow and spread and become denser, presumably that requirement will increase.
- The constant anxiety during periods of high wind and storms (which seem to be on the increase in ferocity) that branches will fail and come onto the house.
- Given the proximity to the house I am also concerned about damage to foundations and drainage systems (Northumbrian Water seem to be attending the street with increasing regularity).

As stated above the sheer amount of bird droppings is over-whelming and unhygienic. This requires clearing every weekend lest it carry into my home on my feet, those of visitors or pets. I am unable to use my garden fully for normal everyday activities and have experienced both humans and pets being splattered with bird excrement, my hands being covered in it when taking in laundry. We all lead busy and stressful lives and should have the right to be able to relax in our gardens; I believe that to be a reasonable expectation where currently the quality of my life is being detrimentally effected.

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<b>Site/Location:</b>	Holywell First School, Valley Road, NE25 )LN		
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<b>Surveyor:</b>	Nigel Chopping	<b>Owner:</b>	Northumberland County Council

The following assessment follows the criteria set out by the Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders. It seeks to evaluate the attributes of trees and associated overall suitability for designation under a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). The following should be read in conjunction with the Guidance Notes produced by Forbes-Laird (2009). All rights in this report are reserved. You may not reproduce or transmit, in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or otherwise, or store in any retrieval system of any nature, any part of this report without our written permission, unless for the purpose of informing an interested party has a rightful and lawful interest to the information. The content and format may not be sold, lent, hired, or divulged to any other party without our written consent. Tilia Tree Consultancy Services ©. Measurements taken are visual estimations only to illustrate relative size.

Tree No.	Sp.	Part 1: Amenity assessment						Part 1 a, b, c Subtotal	d) Other factors	Part 2: Expediency assessment	Part 3: Total			Comment (i.e.. Position, defects, public vantage points etc.)
		a) Condition & suitability for TPO; where in good/fair condition have poor form, deduct 1 point	b) Retention span (yrs) & suitability for TPO	c) Relative public visibility & suitability for TPO			Threat level				Prt 1 Total	Prt 2 Total	Total Score	
				Ht (m):	Spd (m):	Score								
T24	Sycamore	3	5	10	10	3	11	1	5	12	5	17		
T25	Alder	1	2	8	4	3	6	-	-	6	-	-	Overhead cable adjacent. Part 1 a, b, and c score below 7, therefore disqualified from further assessment.	
T26	Sycamore	3	5	12	12	3	11	1	5	12	5	17	No significant recent management. Subject to minor crown lifting.	
T27	Cherry	3	2	8	5	2	7	1	3	8	3	11		
T28	Apple	3	2	6	5	2	7	1	3	8	3	11	Ivy covered throughout.	
T29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Not listed in schedule. No longer present, possibly removed to allow installation of bike shelter.	
T30	Red Oak	3	5	10	12	3	11	1	5	12	5	17	Asymmetric crown	

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5) Good	Highly suitable	5) 100+	Highly suitable	5) Very large trees with some visibility, or prominent large trees	Highly suitable	5) Principal components of arboricultural features, or veteran trees		5) Immediate threat to tree	0	Do not apply TPO
3) Fair	Suitable	4) 40-100	Very suitable	4) Large trees, or medium trees clearly visible to the public	Suitable	4) Tree groups, or members of groups important for their cohesion		3) Foreseeable threat to tree	1-6	TPO indefensible
1) Poor	Unlikely to be suitable	2) 20-40	Suitable	3) Medium trees, or large trees with limited view only	Suitable	3) Trees with identifiable historic, commemorative or habitat importance		2) Perceived threat to tree	7-11	Does not merit TPO
0) Dead/dying/dangerous*	Unsuitable	1) 10-20	Just suitable	2) Young, small, or medium/large trees visible only with difficulty	Barely suitable	2) Trees of particularly good form, especially if rare or unusual		1) Precautionary only	12-15	Possibly merits TPO
		0) <10	Unsuitable	1) Trees not visible to the public, regardless of size	Probably unsuitable	1) Trees with none of the above additional redeeming features (inc. those of indifferent form).			16+	Definitely merits TPO



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**TTCS Ref:** TCS160220221626

**Surveyor:** Nigel Chopping

**Owner:** Northumberland County Council

Tree No.	Spp.	Part 1: Amenity assessment							Part 2: Expediency assessment Trees scoring >9 are not considered to hold sufficient amenity to qualify for Expediency assessment.	Part 3: Total			Comments (ie. Position, defects, public vantage points etc.)
		a) Condition & suitability for TPO; where in good/fair condition have poor form, deduct 1 point	b) Retention span (yrs) & suitability for TPO	c) Relative public visibility & suitability for TPO			Part 1 a, b, c Subtotal	d) Other factors		Prt 1 Total	Prt 2 Total	Total Score	
				Ht (m):	Spd (m):	Score							
T31	Silver Birch	3	2	14	14	3	8	1	5	9	5	14	In contact with fencing at 2m above ground level
T32	Sycamore	5	5	14	12	3	13	1	5	14	5	19	Good form, health and vigour. Prominent, near school car park. Minor crown lofting to south side lower branches.
T33	Holly	3	4	10	7	2	9	1	3	10	3	13	Lifted to c. 7-8m above ground level to South. As T34 re: size.
T34	Red Oak	3	5	10	5	2	10	1	5	11	5	16	Unsympathetic past pruning, relatively smaller than peers.
T35	Japanese Maple	3	4	6	5	2	9	1	3	10	3	13	
T36	Sycamore	3	5	12	6	3	11	1	5	12	5	17	Unsympathetic past pruning to c. 8m above ground level.
T37	Holly	3	4	8	4	2	9	1	3	10	3	13	As T34 re: size. Cut back over boundary.
T38	Holly	3	4	8	5	2	9	1	3	10	3	13	
T39	Oak	1	2	6	5	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	Poorly pruned. Topped and southern branching removed result in small tree with asymmetric crown shape. Part 1 a, b, and c score below 7, therefore disqualified from further assessment.
T40	Sycamore	3	5	14	10	3	11	1	5	12	5	17	Poorly pruned to south and south-east of crown. Remediable.

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T41	Sycamore	3	5	6	2	1	9	1	2	10	2	12*	Smaller, more inconspicuous self-set tree. * Note guidance states that trees with a "Relative public visibility" score of 1 are probably unsuitable for a TPO. Despite the score it is considered by the author that this tree does not merit a TPO.
T42	Whitebeam	3	4	6	2	1	8	1	3	9	3	12	
T43	Portuguese Laurel	3	1	3	3	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	Part 1 a, b, and c score below 7, therefore disqualified from further assessment.
T44	Silver Birch	3	2	10	7	3	8	1	3	9	3	12	Variegated Ivy covered to 6m above ground level.
T45	Sycamore	3	5	11	8	3	11	1	5	12	5	17	Sub-dominant to T46
T46	Sycamore	1	4	12	12	3	8	1	5	9	5	14	Bark necrosis to North-west on stem below union. Open wound to South side at base with dead wood present, below critical limits. Relatively poor conditions compared to peers. Ongoing monitoring to determine when appropriate to remove. Presence of TPO will give capacity to facilitate replacement planting.
T47	Alder	3	2	10	5	3	8	1	3	9	3	12	No Fungal Fruiting Bodies. At Base to south with stem flattening. As T46, ongoing monitoring advised to determine when appropriate to remove. Presence of TPO will give capacity to facilitate replacement planting.
T48	Holly	3	4	8	4	3	10	1	3	11	3	14	Lower crown engulfed by Holly. T48

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T49	Sycamore	3	5	12*	7*	3	11	1	5	12	5	17	Cohesive with adjacent offsite Whitebeam.

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## Part 4: Comments & Declaration

- We are advised that the school was constructed 83 years ago during the late 1930's. The age of the majority of the trees surveyed is considered commensurate with the age of the school buildings.
- Overall conditions was considered to be "Fair". Some trees would have been considered of "Good" conditions, but have been downgraded due to unsympathetic past pruning.
- The larger trees, mainly Sycamore have a longer life span than the other trees (Silver Birch, Alder, Holly). This entitles them to a qualify for higher level scoring.
- The degree of public visibility varies based on the size of the individuals surveyed. All however, are visible from within the School, most from visible from Valley Road and distally, from the A192 as approached from the North.
- Observations on site and representations made by the school show that the trees have been subject to unsympathetic past pruning, particularly where trees crowns overhang gardens of adjacent residential properties located on Valley Road. In the main, the larger Sycamore trees have been affected. Historic accounts suggest pruning has occurred out of school times and have been focused around school holiday periods. Most recently pruning being undertaken during the 2022 February half term break. The school have been advised there is an intention for further pruning to be undertaken during the 2022 Easter break. For these reasons the larger trees have been deemed to fall within the "Immediate Threat" category.

The process has identified that 9 trees have been identified "Definitely meriting a TPO", 11 "possibly Merit a TPO" and 5 either, "Do not merit a TPO" or fall within the category of "Do not apply TPO".

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Declaration: In signing below I confirm that this report has been carried out in good faith, to the relevant professional guidelines noted above. Where explanation is necessary, this is outlined in the notes. It does not provide an opinion upon or make an assessment of defect, disease, decay or an evaluation of hazard to inform duty holders upon measures to manger their own duty of care, except where is of relevance to the condition of trees for the purpose of this assessment. This should be achieved by an inspection by a competent arboriculturalist. It does not comment in respect of use of trees by protected species including bats and birds and it should not be considered as an ecological opinion on those features.

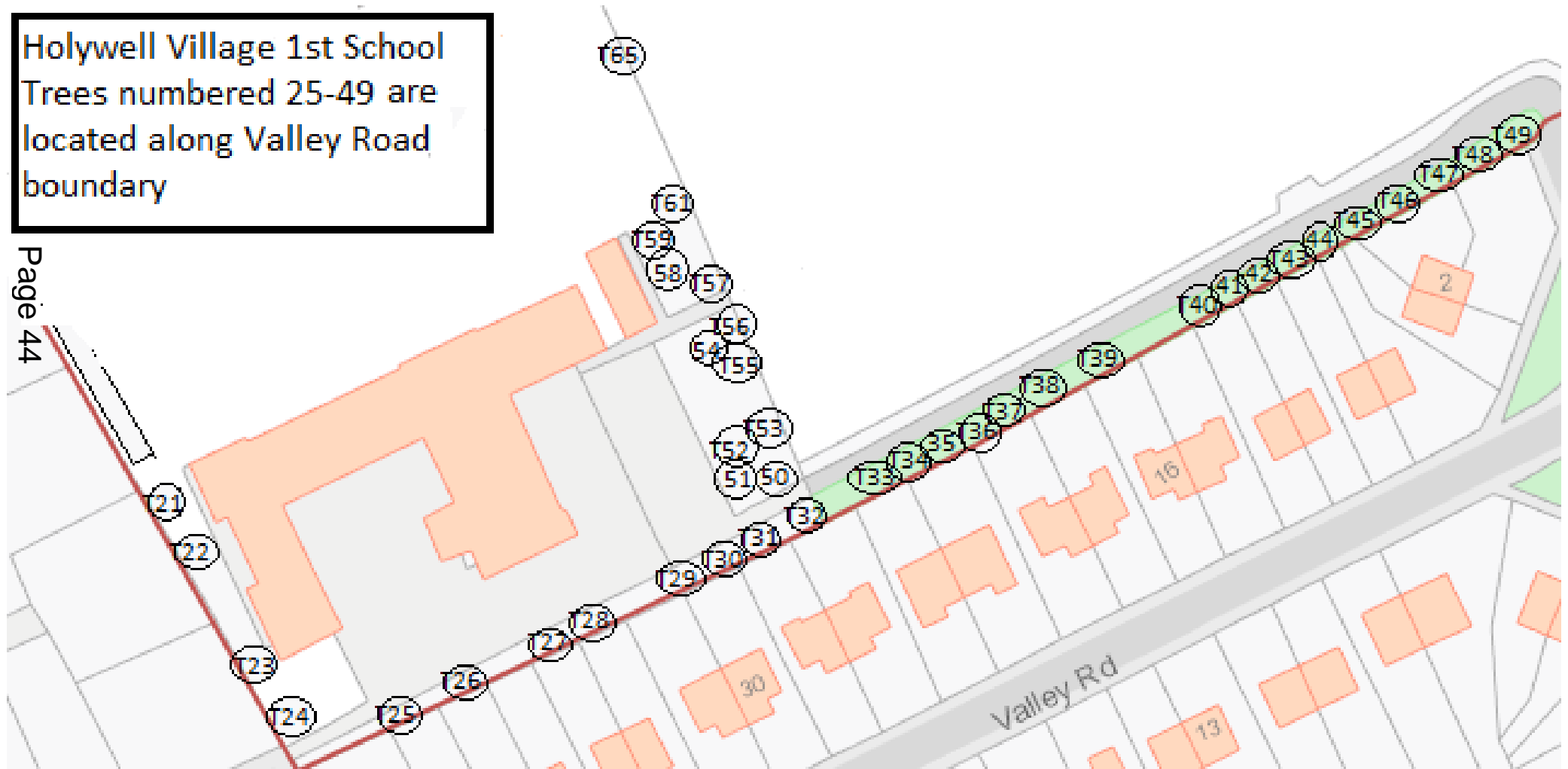
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**Appendix 1 – Site Plan** (Copied from information provided by Northumberland County Council Local Services Department)

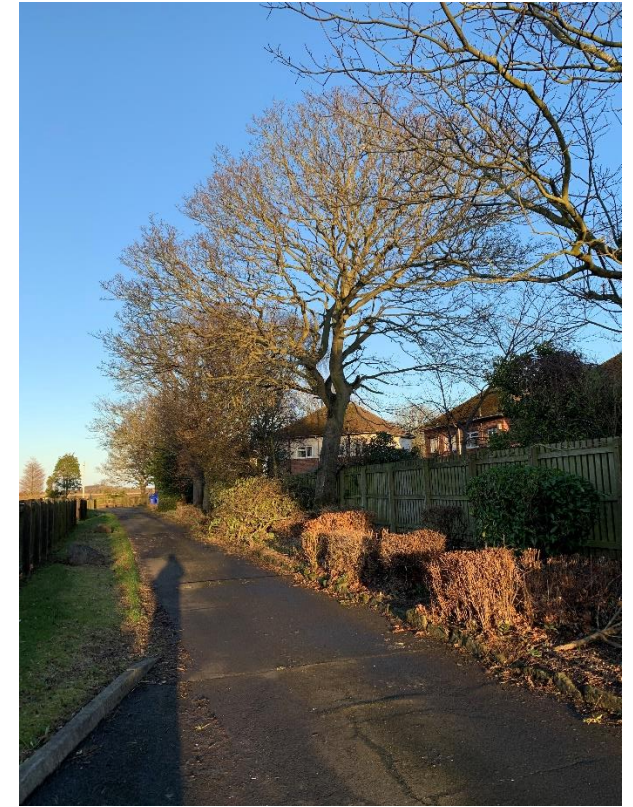
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 Trees numbered 25-49 are located along Valley Road boundary

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## Appendix 2 – Photographs



Date of image:	01/03/2022
Description:	T26 Sycamore

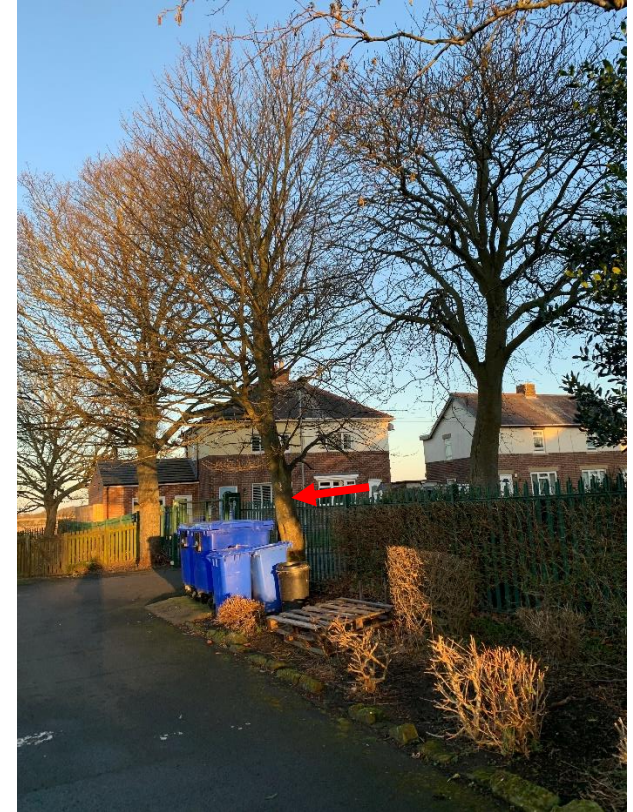
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Date of image:	01/03/2022
Description:	T40 Sycamore

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# Northumberland County Council

## Appeal Update Report

Date: September 2022

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### Planning Appeals

**Report of the Director of Planning**

**Cabinet Member:** Councillor CW Horncastle

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#### **Purpose of report**

For Members' information to report the progress of planning appeals. This is a monthly report and relates to appeals throughout all 5 Local Area Council Planning Committee areas and covers appeals of Strategic Planning Committee.

#### **Recommendations**

To note the contents of the report in respect of the progress of planning appeals that have been submitted to and determined by the Planning Inspectorate.

#### **Link to Corporate Plan**

This report is relevant to all of the priorities included in the NCC Corporate Plan 2018-2021 where identified within individual planning applications and appeals.

#### **Key issues**

Each planning application and associated appeal has its own particular set of individual issues and considerations that have been taken into account in their determination, which are set out within the individual application reports and appeal decisions.



# Recent Planning Appeal Decisions

## Planning Appeals Allowed (permission granted)

Reference No	Proposal and main planning considerations	Award of costs?
21/02591/FUL	<p>Installation of a glass pane to former door entrance and installation of artwork panels – Town Hall Office, Fenkle Street, Alnwick</p> <p>Main issues: harm to the Grade I listed building with no justifiable public benefits to outweigh the harm.</p> <p>Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse</p>	No
21/02592/LBC	<p>Listed building consent for installation of a glass pane to former door entrance and installation of artwork panels – Town Hall Office, Fenkle Street, Alnwick</p> <p>Main issues: harm to the Grade I listed building with no public benefits to outweigh the harm.</p> <p>Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse</p>	No

## Planning Appeals Split Decision

Reference No	Proposal and main planning considerations	Award of costs?
None		

## Planning Appeals Dismissed (permission refused)

Reference No	Proposal and main planning considerations	Award of costs?
21/03400/OUT	<p>Outline with all matters reserved for the construction of eight dwellings consisting of 8 x Dormer Bungalows – land east of Ashcroft Guest House, Lantys Lonnen, Haltwhistle</p> <p>Main issues: development on protected open space, harm to designated and non-designated heritage assets and currently objections and insufficient information to assess noise, highway safety, flood risk and drainage and ecological impacts.</p> <p>Appeal against non-determination</p>	No



## Planning Casework Unit Referrals

Reference No	Proposal and main planning considerations	Award of costs?
None		

## Planning Appeals Received

### Appeals Received

Reference No	Description and address	Appeal start date and decision level
20/03389/FUL	<p>Proposed residential development of four dwellings (as amended 21.12.2020) - land south of Centurion Way, Heddon-on-the-Wall</p> <p>Main issues: development would appear as an incongruous and over dominant addition to the street scene resulting in significant harm to the visual amenity of the locality.</p>	<p>4 January 2022</p> <p>Committee Decision - Officer Recommendation: Approve</p>
20/01457/CLEXIS	<p>As amended: Use of land to the west of School House Farm, Kiln Pit Hill (as outlined in red on amended location plan received 16/9/21) as a Motocross Track with associated visitor parking, catering van, portable toilet, security gates and sign in shed. Operating times throughout the year (excluding every Tuesday together with Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day when it is closed) are 8am-5pm (bikes allowed on tracks from 10am-4pm only) with additional opening hours of 4pm-7pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the months of May, June, July, August and September (amended 29/9/21) - Motorcycle track west of School House Farm, Kiln Pit Hill</p> <p>Main issues: the submitted evidence fails to demonstrate that the lawful use is as described in the application.</p>	<p>9 February 2022</p> <p>Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse</p>
21/04982/FUL	<p>Resubmission: Erection of 5no. custom self build homes, with associated garages, car parking and landscaping – land north of 30 Longhirst Village, Longhirst</p> <p>Main issues: development in the open</p>	<p>7 April 2022</p> <p>Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation:</p>

	<p>countryside; inappropriate development in the Green Belt; detrimental impact on the rural character of the site and wider landscape; harm to the setting and significance of the Conservation Area; insufficient information to assess archaeological impacts; insufficient information to assess impacts on protected species; and fails to address disposal of surface water.</p>	<p>Refuse</p>
21/01668/LBC	<p>Listed Building Consent for replacement of sash windows throughout and replacement of front door – Brockburn, Monkshouse, Seahouses</p> <p>Main issues: harm to the listed building with no public benefits to outweigh the harm</p>	<p>20 April 2022</p> <p>Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse</p>
21/04426/CLEXIS	<p>Certificate of lawful development of existing vehicular access from the B6318 – land on Hadrian's Wall remains south of Black Pasture Cottage, Brunton Bank, Wall</p> <p>Main issues: lack of information and evidence as submitted to grant certificate.</p>	<p>28 April 2022</p> <p>Appeal against non-determination</p>
19/01687/FUL	<p>Change of use of land for the siting of up to 60 static caravans, along with associated infrastructure and hard and soft landscaping. Archaeological report received 09.2.2021 and amended site location plan received 26.02.21 - land north west of Springwood, Coast View, Swarland</p> <p>Main issues: obtrusive development in the rural landscape that would adversely affect the rural setting and visual relationship between Swarland and wider countryside setting.</p>	<p>1 June 2022</p> <p>Committee Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse</p>
21/03297/FUL	<p>Change of use: Retail to holiday accommodation on first floor with associated internal and external alterations to the building – Amberley House, Stocksfield Post Office, Main Road, Stocksfield</p> <p>Main issues: lack of information to assess noise from air conditioning units and impacts on residential amenity; lack of information to assess impacts on bats or nesting birds; and lack of information to demonstrate adequate car parking provision can be achieved.</p>	<p>14 June 2022</p> <p>Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse</p>
22/01188/FUL	<p>Two-storey extension at the front of the house – 13 Church Avenue, West Sleekburn</p> <p>Main issues: unduly prominent and incongruous addition to the property.</p>	<p>17 June 2022</p> <p>Delegated Decision - Officer</p>

		Recommendation: Refuse
21/04527/FUL	Construction of 3 bungalows – land south of Leylen House, Main Street, Red Row  Main issues: unacceptable in principle due to development in the open countryside beyond the settlement boundary and affecting protected open space.	22 June 2022  Appeal against non-determination
21/04587/FUL	Proposed construction of a first floor dormer extension to the rear elevation and installation of rooflights to the front and rear elevations – 29 Leazes Street, Amble  Main issues: incongruous and inappropriate form of development that would be out of scale and character with the existing property and would have a harmful impact upon the character and appearance of the site and surrounding Conservation Area.	24 June 2022  Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse
22/00078/FUL	Construction of a single storey detached garage – Shield Law, Bellingham  Main issues: appeal against imposition of condition 6 on the grant of permission that removes permitted development rights for further outbuildings.	29 June 2022  Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Approve
21/04673/FUL	Resubmission: Single-storey, flat-roofed, garage to rear of back garden (revised to now be 3 metres high) - 7 First Avenue, Blyth  Main issues: incongruous addition to the rear garden of the property, represent an addition that is neither subordinate nor well related to the subject property and would have a negative impact on visual amenity.	7 July 2022  Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse
22/01946/AGRGO	Prior notification for the siting of a 10ft shipping container to store equipment and tools for forestry purposes – land to the rear of 19 Sycamore Grove, Prudhoe  Main issues: the proposed development would not be permitted development.	19 July 2022  Delegated Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse
22/01503/FUL	Upwards extension of existing first floor bedroom, with removal of low level tiled pitched roof and replaced with proposed high level tiled pitched roof, including proposed Juliet balcony to west elevation – 25 Fontside, Mitford  Main issues: the extension would not be subordinate to the original dwelling and does not represent good design.	27 July 2022

## Recent Enforcement Appeal Decisions

### Enforcement Appeals Allowed

Reference No	Description and address	Award of costs?
19/00170/ENDEVT	Construction of an access track – School House Farm, Kiln Pit Hill, Consett	No

### Enforcement Appeals Dismissed

Reference No	Description and address	Award of costs?
None		

## Enforcement Appeals Received

### Appeals Received

Reference No	Description and address	Appeal start date
20/01383/ENDEVT	Material change of use of the land from use for agriculture to a vehicle parking area – School House Farm, Kiln Pit Hill, Consett  Appeal against Enforcement Notice and linked with appeal submitted against refusal of 20/01457/CLEXIS (see above).	9 February 2022
22/00022/NOTICE	Unauthorised dwelling – Horsley Banks Farm, Horsley	6 April 2022  Hearing date to be confirmed.
22/00023/NOTICE	Unauthorised stable buildings – Horsley Banks Farm, Horsley	6 April 2022  Hearing date to be confirmed.

18/01525/ENDEVT	Change of use of the land for the stationing of 2 caravans including a linking structure for residential purposes - School House Farm, Kiln Pit Hill, Consett	29 April 2022
18/01525/ENDEVT	Erection of a building used to house parrots and other animals; the erection of a corrugated steel barn; the erection of 2 timber structures to accommodate birds; and the construction of a hardstanding area - School House Farm, Kiln Pit Hill, Consett	29 April 2022
19/01230/ENDEVT	Material change of use of the land from agricultural use for the siting of a shepherd's hut for use as holiday let accommodation - land south east of Closehead, Otterburn	29 June 2022

## Inquiry and Hearing Dates

Reference No	Description and address	Inquiry/hearing date and decision level
20/04423/OUT	<p>Outline application seeking approval for access for construction of two storey 58 bed care home and associated but physically separate single storey 12 bedroom specialist unit with associated parking and hard and soft landscaping – Essendene, Kenilworth Road, Ashington</p> <p>Main issues: would prevent the reintroduction of facilities in connection to the passenger rail services on the Ashington Northumberland Line; and lack of information concerning off-site highway works, manoeuvrability within the site, parking provision and conflict between all modes of transport and pedestrians.</p>	<p>Hearing: 8 September 2022</p> <p>Committee Decision - Officer Recommendation: Refuse</p>

## Implications

<b>Policy</b>	Decisions on appeals may affect future interpretation of policy and influence policy reviews
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	There may be financial implications where costs are awarded by an Inspector or where Public Inquiries are arranged to determine appeals
<b>Legal</b>	It is expected that Legal Services will be instructed where Public Inquiries are arranged to determine appeals
<b>Procurement</b>	None
<b>Human resources</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b> (Impact Assessment attached?) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/a	Planning applications and appeals are considered having regard to the Equality Act 2010
<b>Risk assessment</b>	None
<b>Crime and disorder</b>	As set out in individual reports and decisions
<b>Customer consideration</b>	None
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	Each application/appeal may have an impact on the local environment and have been assessed accordingly
<b>Wards</b>	All where relevant to application site relating to the appeal

### Background papers

Planning applications and appeal decisions as identified within the report.

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CRAMLINGTON, BLYTH & SEATON VALLEY LOCAL AREA COUNCIL  
28 September 2022

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**REVIEW OF THE DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT  
OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

**ALLEGED PUBLIC FOOTPATH No 198  
FORMER BLYTH VALLEY BOROUGH**

Report of the Executive Director of Local Services  
Cabinet Member: Councillor Jeff Watson, Healthy Lives

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**Purpose of report**

In this report, the Cramlington, Blyth and Seaton Valley Local Area Council is asked to consider all the relevant evidence gathered in support and in rebuttal of the existence of public footpath rights over a route between Collywellbay Road and Seaton Sluice harbour.

**Recommendation**

**It is recommended that the Local Area Council agrees that:**

- (i) there is sufficient evidence to indicate that public footpath rights have been reasonably alleged to exist over the route L-M;**
- (ii) the route be included in a future Definitive Map Modification Order as a public footpath.**

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The relevant statutory provisions which apply to adding a public right of way to the Definitive Map and Statement based on 20 years user evidence are Sections 53(3)(b) and 53(3)(c)(i) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981, which require the County Council (as Surveying Authority) to modify the Definitive Map and Statement following:

“The expiration, in relation to any way in the area to which the map relates, of any period such that the enjoyment by the public of the way during that period raises a presumption that the way has been dedicated as a public path or restricted byway” [s53(3)(b)]

or

“the discovery by the authority of evidence which (when considered with all other relevant evidence available to them) shows that a right of way

which is not shown in the map and statement subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist over land in the area to which the map relates, being a right of way such that the land over which the right subsists is a public path, a restricted byway or, subject to section 54A, a byway open to all traffic;" [s53(3)(c)(i)]

- 1.2 It is an unresolved question whether it is permissible to invoke section 53(3)(c)(i) in a case to which section 53(3)(b) applies. There is a case (Bagshaw), which is indirect authority to the effect that in any case of deemed dedication reliance on paragraph (c)(i) is perfectly acceptable. Members are therefore invited to apply the lower test.
- 1.3 Section 31 of the Highways Act 1980 (HA80) provides for the presumption of dedication of a public right of way following 20 years continuous use. Sub-section (1) states:

"Where a way over any land, other than a way of such a character that use of it by the public could not give rise at common law to any presumption of dedication, has been actually enjoyed by the public as of right and without interruption for a full period of 20 years, the way is deemed to have been dedicated as a highway unless there is sufficient evidence that there was no intention during that period to dedicate it."
- 1.4 It is necessary to show that there has been uninterrupted use, as of right, by the public over a period of 20 years or more. 'As of right' means openly, not secretly, not by force and not by permission. The public must have used the way without hindrance (e.g. objections, verbal / written warnings, etc.) or permission from the landowner or his agents. The 20 year period may be shown at any time in the past and is generally taken to run backwards from the date when the use of the path was first "brought into question", whether by a notice or otherwise.
- 1.5 The Local Area Council must consider whether there is sufficient evidence to allege that the presumption is raised. The standard of proof is the civil one that is the balance of probabilities. Members must weigh up the evidence and if, on balance, it is reasonable to allege that there is a public right of way, then the presumption is raised. The onus is then on the landowner to show evidence that there was no intention on their part to dedicate.
- 1.6 Such evidence may consist of notices or barriers, or by the locking of the way on one day in the year, and drawing this to the attention of the public, or by the deposit of a Declaration under section 31(6) HA80 to the effect that no additional ways (other than any specifically indicated in the Declaration) have been dedicated as highways since the date of the deposit.
- 1.7 All the relevant statutory provisions and competing rights and interests have been considered in making this report. The recommendation is in accordance with the law and proportionate, having regard to individuals' rights and the public interest.

## **2.0 PUBLIC EVIDENCE**

- 2.1 In May 2018, Mr R S Wilson of Seaton Sluice made a formal application in support of a public footpath from a point marked L, on Collywellbay Road



(opposite the Health Clinic), in a north-easterly direction down a flight of steps to the harbour area, east of the sewage station.

- 2.2 The proposal is supported by user evidence from 12 local people, all of whom claim to have used the route on foot for periods in excess of 20 years.

### **3. LANDOWNER EVIDENCE**

- 3.1 By letter, dated 27 September 2019, Galbraith responded to the consultation on behalf of the Seaton Delaval Estate, stating:

"I am in receipt of your letter dated 17 September 2019 in relation to the application to register a footpath along point L to M as shown on the plan attached to your letter.

"It had been my understanding that this area of land was included within the lease to Northumberland County Council (originally Blyth Valley Borough Council) and that one of the purposes of this lease was to allow access for the general public. Having reviewed the lease today, I believe that this area is out with the specific demise. It does impact upon an area that is let to Northumbrian Water Ltd for storage tanks and I believe that NWL should be a consultee within this consultation.

"Seaton Delaval Estate have also submitted Section 31 Statutory Declarations, although these have been done in the relatively recent past. The Seaton Delaval Estate does not have an objection at the designation of the proposed route as a footpath but given the steep sloping nature of the ground and the existence of a better route, down a less steep incline from the Kings Arms, we question whether it is necessary to register this right of way.

"I would be happy to discuss this matter further."

### **4. CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 In September 2019, the Council carried out a consultation with the Parish Council, known owners and occupiers of the land, the local County Councillor and the local representatives of the "prescribed and local organisations" listed in the Council's "Code of Practice on Consultation for Public Path Orders". Two replies were received and are included below.

- 4.2 By email, on 19 September 2019, County Councillor Susan Dungworth responded to the consultation, stating:

"I would support this application, based on my local knowledge and witnessing public usage."

- 4.3 By email, in October 2019, the British Horse Society responded to the consultation indicating that it had no comments to make about this particular proposal.

## 5. DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

- 5.1 A search has been made of archives relating to the area. Evidence of Council Highways records, County Maps and O.S. Maps was inspected, and the following copies are enclosed for consideration.

c.1860 Ordnance Survey Map: Scale 1:2500

There is no evidence of a path / track over the route of alleged Footpath No 198.

c.1860 Ordnance Survey Map: Scale 1:10,560

There is no evidence of a path / track over the route of alleged Footpath No 198.

1897 Ordnance Survey Map: Scale 1:2500

There is no evidence of a path / track over the route of alleged Footpath No 198.

1898 Ordnance Survey Map: Scale 1:10,560

There is no evidence of a path / track over the route of alleged Footpath No 198.

1922 Ordnance Survey Map: Scale 1:2500

There is clear evidence of a path / track closely approximating to the route of alleged Footpath No 198.

1924 Ordnance Survey Map: Scale 1:10,560

There is clear evidence of a path / track closely approximating to the route of alleged Footpath No 198.

Survey Map: Scale 1:10,560

There is clear evidence of a path / track closely approximating to the route of alleged Footpath No 198 on the base map used, though this route is not identified for inclusion as a public right of way.

Draft Map: Scale 1:10,560

As with the Survey Map, there is clear evidence of a path / track closely approximating to the route of alleged Footpath No 198 on the base map used, though this route is not identified for inclusion as a public right of way.

Provisional Map: Scale 1:10,560

As with the Survey and Draft Maps, there is clear evidence of a path / track closely approximating to the route of alleged Footpath No 198 on the base map used, though this route is not identified for inclusion as a public right of way.

Original Definitive Map: Scale 1:10,560

There is clear evidence of a path / track closely approximating to the route of alleged Footpath No 198 on the base map used. This route is not identified as a public right of way.

First Review Definitive Map: Scale 1:10,560

There is clear evidence of a path / track closely approximating to the route of alleged Footpath No 198 on the base map used. This route is not identified as a public right of way.

1967 Ordnance Survey Map: Scale 1:10,560

There is no evidence of a path / track over the route of alleged Footpath No 198.

2014 Section 31(6) deposits by the Seaton Delaval & Horton Estates

The alleged public footpath route crosses land identified by the Seaton Delaval and Horton Estates as being land within its ownership. The alleged footpath route is not acknowledged, by the landowner, as being a public right of way.

## **6. SITE INVESTIGATION**

- 6.1 From Point L, on Collywellbay Road, 15 metres north of Seaton Sluice Surgery, a 1 metre wide stone / earth surfaced path proceeds in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 21 metres, down a flight of 27 steps, to a point marked M, on an access track (that has no public rights recorded over it) 20 metres east of the sewage pumping station. There is a wooden handrail along the western side of the path.

## **7. COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT REPORT**

- 7.1 In August 2022, a draft copy of the report was circulated to the applicant and those landowners / occupiers who responded to the initial consultation for their comments.
- 7.2 By email, on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022, Mr R Findlay of Galbraiths made the following comments on behalf of the landowner, in relation to the draft report:

“I have not looked at the user evidence, but have no comments in relation to your report or the findings. I would be happy to catch up with you regarding the access road to the Kings Arms and access in the Dene generally. I had only discovered relatively recently that the road is not adopted highway – do you know why this is not the case?”

## **8. DISCUSSION**

- 8.1 Section 53 (3)(c)(i) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, requires the County Council to modify the Definitive Map when evidence is discovered

which, when considered with all other relevant evidence available to them shows:

that a right of way, which is not shown in the Map and Statement, subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist over land in the area to which the Map relates, being a right of way such that the land over which the right subsists is a public path, a restricted byway or; subject to section 54A, a byway open to all traffic.

- 8.2 When considering an application / proposal for a modification order, Section 32 of the Highways Act 1980 provides for "any map, plan or history of the locality or other relevant document" to be tendered in evidence and such weight to be given to it as considered justified by the circumstances, including the antiquity of the tendered document, the status of the person by whom and the purpose for which it was made or compiled, and the custody in which it has been kept and from which it is produced.
- 8.3 The representation of a path or track on an Ordnance Survey Map is not evidence that it is a public right of way. It is only indicative of its physical existence at the time of the survey.
- 8.4 Under Section 31 of the Highways Act 1980, a particular way may be presumed to be a highway if it can be shown that there has been twenty years uninterrupted use by the public, as a right of way, and that the landowners have not taken steps to rebut this presumed dedication during that twenty year period.
- 8.5 The proposal is supported by user evidence from 12 local people, all of whom claim to have used the route on foot for periods in excess of 20 years. The frequency of use ranges from daily through to once per year.
- 8.6 In March 2014, The Seaton Delaval and Horton Estates deposited a Map and Statement under section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980. They followed this up, the following month, with a Declaration under the same Act. Properly made section 31(6) deposits are an effective means by which landowners can prevent the public acquiring 'new' public rights of way based upon presumed dedication (i.e. otherwise unchallenged user). The first stage involves the landowner depositing a Map and Statement setting out the extent of their land holding (or as much of it as they wish to protect by this process) and the existing public rights of way which they acknowledge to exist. In their subsequent Declaration, a landowner would, typically, deny the existence of any other public rights of way, not identified by them as already existing. The Landowner's deposits include the land covered by this footpath application; it does not acknowledge any existing public right of way over the alleged footpath route, and denies the existence of any other public rights of way.
- 8.7 If the date the public's right to use the alleged path was called into question is taken to be May 2018, the date the application was submitted, then 10 of the user evidence providers claim to have walked the path for the 20 year period prior to this date. If the date of challenge is taken to be April 2014, when the Seaton Delaval & Horton Estates deposited their declaration, under section 31(6) Highways Act 1980, then 11 of the user evidence providers claim to have walked the path for the 20 year period prior to this date. The frequency and purpose of this use is considered to be sufficient to raise a presumption of dedication.

- 8.8 The historical map evidence would suggest that a path may have physically existed over the claimed route since at least the 1920s. Although a route existed, this does not mean it necessarily had any public rights over it at that time. Although the user evidence forms from older members of the public identify some use from the 1940s onwards, the period 1994 to 2014 would appear to be the relevant one for determining when a public footpath may have come into existence.
- 8.9 None of the evidence providers have acknowledged ever having been given permission to use the route, and none of them claim to have been prevented from using the route. Three of them have, however, indicated that they have (or have had) a boat moored at the harbour, so it is possible there may be some express or implied permission for them, associated with that activity, but this would still leave at least eight user evidence providers for the period 1994 to 2014.
- 8.10 None of the evidence providers have acknowledged the existence of any 'private' signs and the landowners do not appear to be claiming that any such signs were in place along the route.
- 8.11 Galbraith, for the landowner, has questioned the need for this path to be recorded as a public right of way – there being a less steep alternative, nearby, via the road to the Kings Arms Hotel, and then the track down to the sewage pumping station – however, this alternative route is not a recognised public right of way either. Notwithstanding this, they don't appear to have any particular objections to the application route being recorded as a public footpath.
- 8.12 Based on the user evidence, and in the absence of any evidence of any acts of rebuttal prior to 2014, it would be appropriate to conclude that public footpath rights have been reasonably alleged to exist over the route.
- 8.13 Advice from the Planning Inspectorate in their 'consistency guidelines' states that it is important to have the correct width, where known, recorded in the definitive statement. The user evidence providers have identified a path width ranging from 0.9 to 1.3 metres. From measurements taken on my site visit, in July, the current width that physically exists on the ground would appear to be 1 metre. This doesn't include the width of the handrail, nor does it allow for a person's upper body extending out beyond where their feet land. One metre is very narrow. If the path is included in a future Definitive Map Modification Order, it would seem appropriate to identify a width of 1.5 metres.
- 8.14 As indicated previously, at its northern end (Point M), the alleged public footpath ends on a track with no recognised public rights over it. This track provides access to the sewage pumping station and harbour area. Galbraith, for the landowner, has identified this track, between the Kings Arms Hotel and the sewage pumping station, seemingly over land owner by their client, as a better route. They have also indicated they are happy to discuss the public rights of way matter further. Unfortunately, the Seaton Delaval and Horton Estates do not appear to be the owners of the land crossed by the section of road between Collywellbay Road and the Kings Arms Hotel (this land is unregistered) and this section of road currently has no public right of way recognised over it. It does seem improbable that there is, in fact, no public right of way over this section of road. Existing Public Footpath No 90 (which was previously Whitley Bay Public Footpath No 4) has existed over the footbridge, 20 metres north-west of the Kings Arms) since the original

Definitive Map for that area was being prepared in the 1950s. A public highway cannot exist in total isolation. When Footpath No 90 was originally recorded, it must have been on the basis that the public was believed to have some public right of way (footpath, as a minimum), at least as far as the southern end of the bridge. The status of the 110 metre long 'road', between Collywellbay Road and existing Footpath No 90, requires further investigation, and might also form part of any further discussions with representatives of the Seaton Delaval and Horton Estates, regarding the recognition of any other public rights of way in the harbour area. The landowner's agent has reiterated that they would be receptive to such discussions.

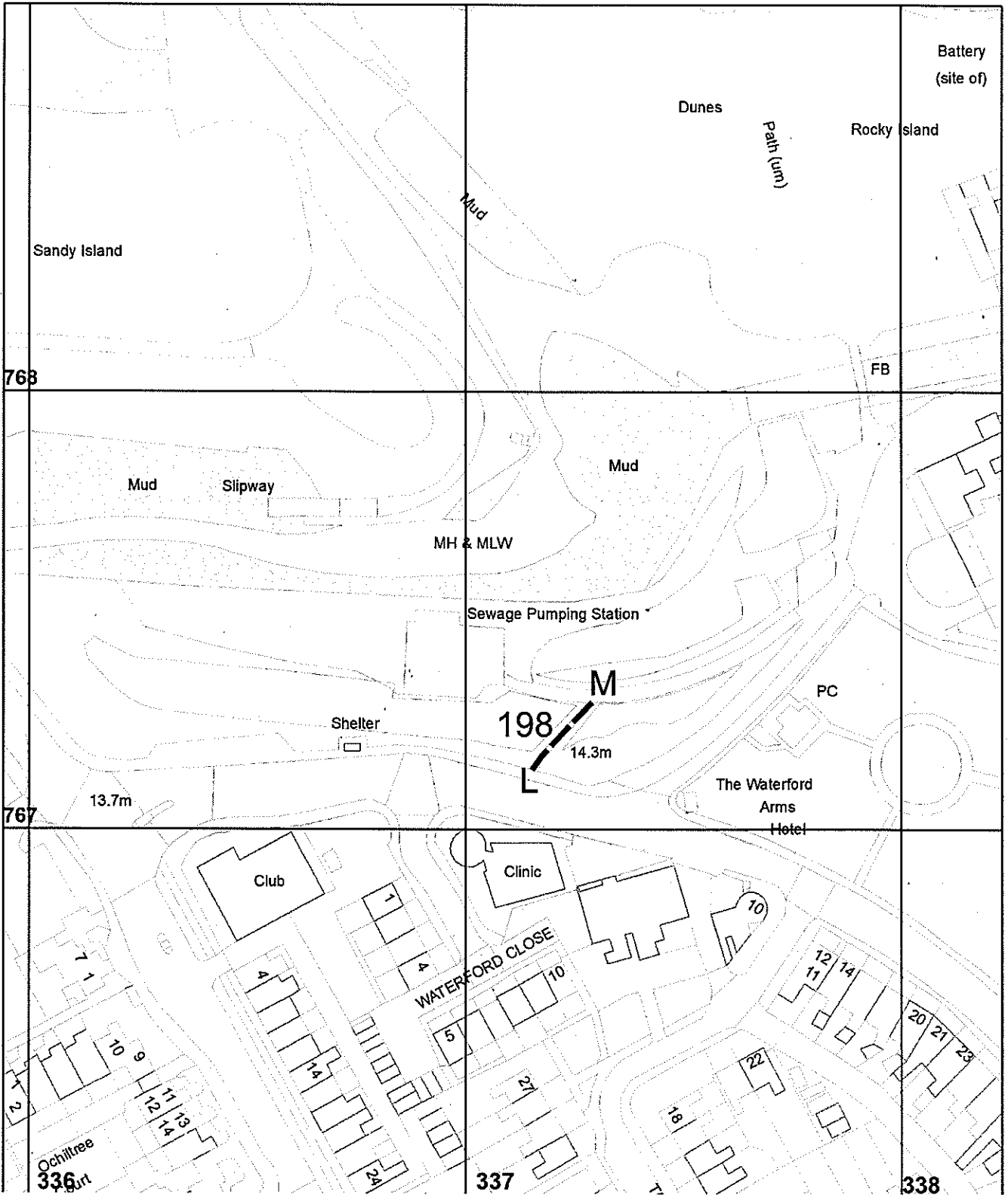
## **9. CONCLUSION**

- 9.1 In the light of the evidence submitted, it appears that there is sufficient evidence to justify that public footpath rights have been reasonably alleged to exist over the claimed route.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**


Local Services Group File: C/198z

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<b>Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981</b> <b>Public Rights of Way</b>		
 Alleged Public Rights of Way		
Former District(s)	Parish(es)	Scale
Blyth	Seaton Valley	1: 1250
Def. Map No.	O.S. Map	Date
175	NZ 37 NW	September 2019

BLYTH VALLEY ALLEGED PUBLIC FOOTPATH No 198

	1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010 2020										Frequency and Type of Use	Prevented from using the route?
	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020					
B Watts											Every few months on foot	No
R Morton											Weekly on foot	No
T K Patterson											Daily on foot	No
K Nicholson											Daily on foot	No
A Park											Weekly on foot	No
R Patterson											Every few months on foot	No
M Robson											Weekly on foot	No
N W Jackson											Monthly on foot	No
N Hayter											Weekly on foot	No
D Brewer											Daily on foot	No
C E Mitchell											Daily on foot	No
D J Anderson											Once a year on foot	No



PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981, PART III  
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND

APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION ORDER

Former Borough/District ..... Blyth .....

Parish ..... Seaton Valley .....

To: Infrastructure Records  
Local Services Group  
Northumberland County Council  
County Hall  
Morpeth  
Northumberland  
NE61 2EF

I/we ..... Robert Scott Wilson ..... (Name)

of ..... 1, Taylor Gardens, Seaton Sluice ..... (Address)

..... Northumberland NE264QU .....

hereby apply for an order, under Section 53 (2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, modifying the Definitive Map and Statement for the County of Northumberland, by adding the footpath:

from ..... Collywellbay Road (opposite Health Clinic) .....

to ..... Harbour Area (14.3m) right of Sewerage Station .....

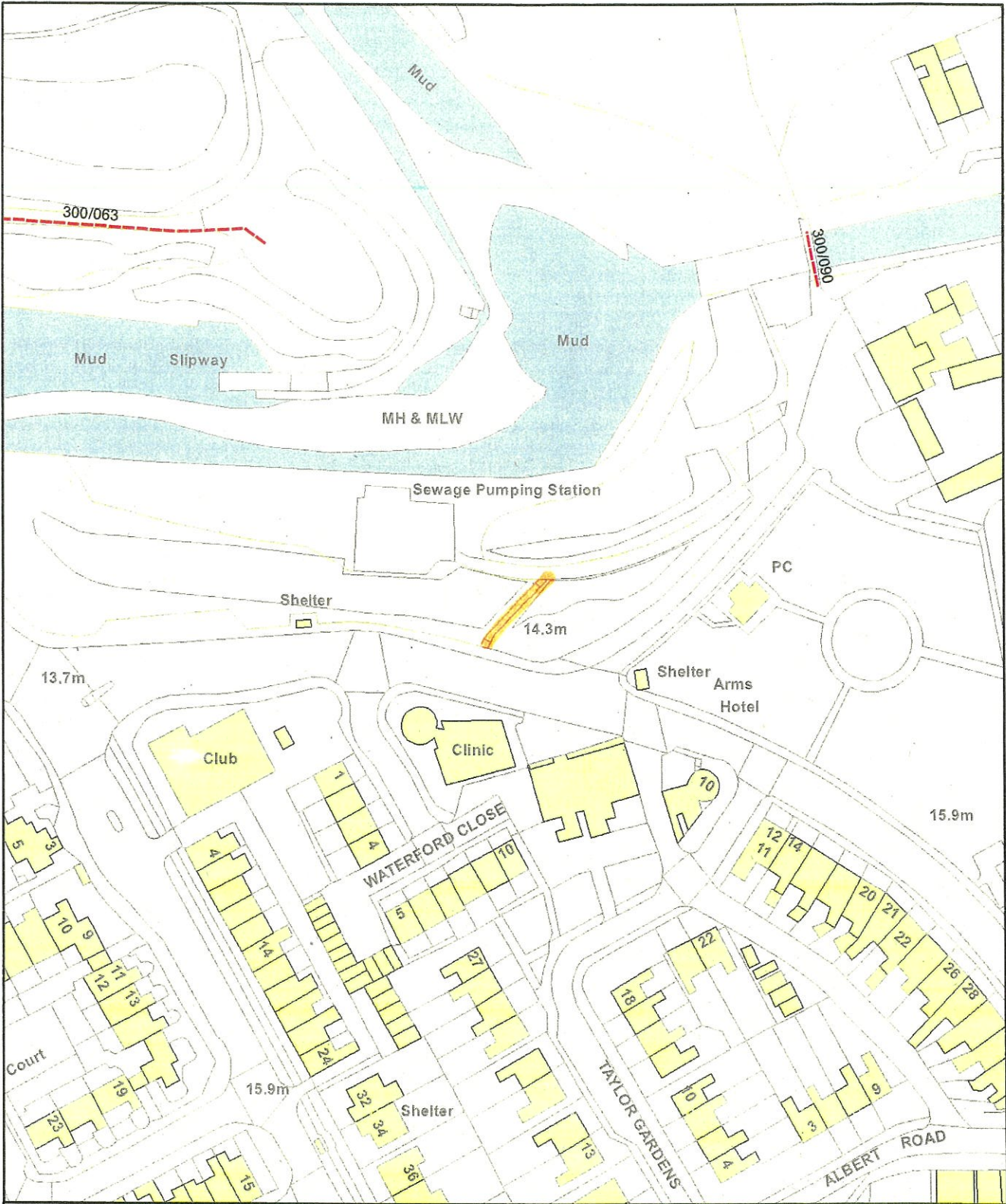
as shown on the plan attached.



I/We attach copies of the following documentary evidence (including statements of witness) set out below in support of this application.

List of Documents

Dated ..... May 10th 2018 ..... Signed ..... R.S. Wilson .....

NOTE: This application must be accompanied by a map showing the right(s) of way applied for. Legally such a map must be at a scale of not less than 2½" to 1 mile, but 1:10,000 scale (being the scale at which the Definitive Map is to be prepared and maintained) will normally be preferable.



 <b>Northumberland</b> County Council  Infrastructure Records, Local Services County Hall Morpeth Northumberland NE61 2EF Telephone 0345 600 6400		<h2 style="margin: 0;">Wildlife &amp; Countryside Act, 1981</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">  Claimed Public Right of Way         </p>					
This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationary Office Crown Copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. License No. 100049048 (2013).		Former District	Blyth	Parish	Seaton Valley	Scale	NTS
		Def. Map. No.	175	O.S. Map	NZ37NW	Date	April 2018

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name ..... MR B HATTS

Address ..... 34 SOUTANARD CLOSE

..... SETTON SLUICE

TYNE, NEAR ..... Postcode NE26 4EA.

Year of Birth ..... 1941

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?  
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

..... 23 BERESFORD ROAD SETTON SLUICE

..... 25 YEARS AT THIS ADDRESS

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

How do you think the application route should be recorded?

- As a footpath (public rights on foot only)
- As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)
- As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)
- As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

Describe the application route (include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can)

..... FROM COLLYNELL BAY ROAD TO THE

..... HARBOUR AT SETTON SLUICE

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

Please attach an extract from a map of your own choice to identify the route you are providing evidence about, and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this statement. Please sign and date your map.

**YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 1947 ..... To 2018 .....

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

.....  
 .....

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot				✓		
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [                    ]						

4. Has the application route always followed the same course?

Yes                       Don't know                       No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

.....  
 .....

5. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

ABOUT 1.3M  
 .....  
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6. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)  
[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

EARTH  
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7. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

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How long were they in place?  
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b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

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c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

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8. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

No  Yes

If yes, please give details

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9. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

Yes  Don't know  No

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

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10. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

No  Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

PEOPLE USING THE ROUTE  
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**Land Ownership**

11. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

No                       Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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12. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes,

a. From whom? .....

b. When? .....

13. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

No                       Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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14. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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15. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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16. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc.)

No                       Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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**Other Information**

17. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc.)

No                       Yes

If yes – please provide details

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18. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?

[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]

[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

*I HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION  
THAT IS APPLICABLE*  
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19. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

No                       Yes

20. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

No                       Yes

**PART F: Statement of Truth**  
*(all applicants must complete this Part)*

**I BELIEVE THAT THE FACTS AND MATTERS CONTAINED IN THIS STATEMENT ARE TRUE**

Signature (of the person making the statement of truth):



Print full name:

*MR BRIAN NATTS*

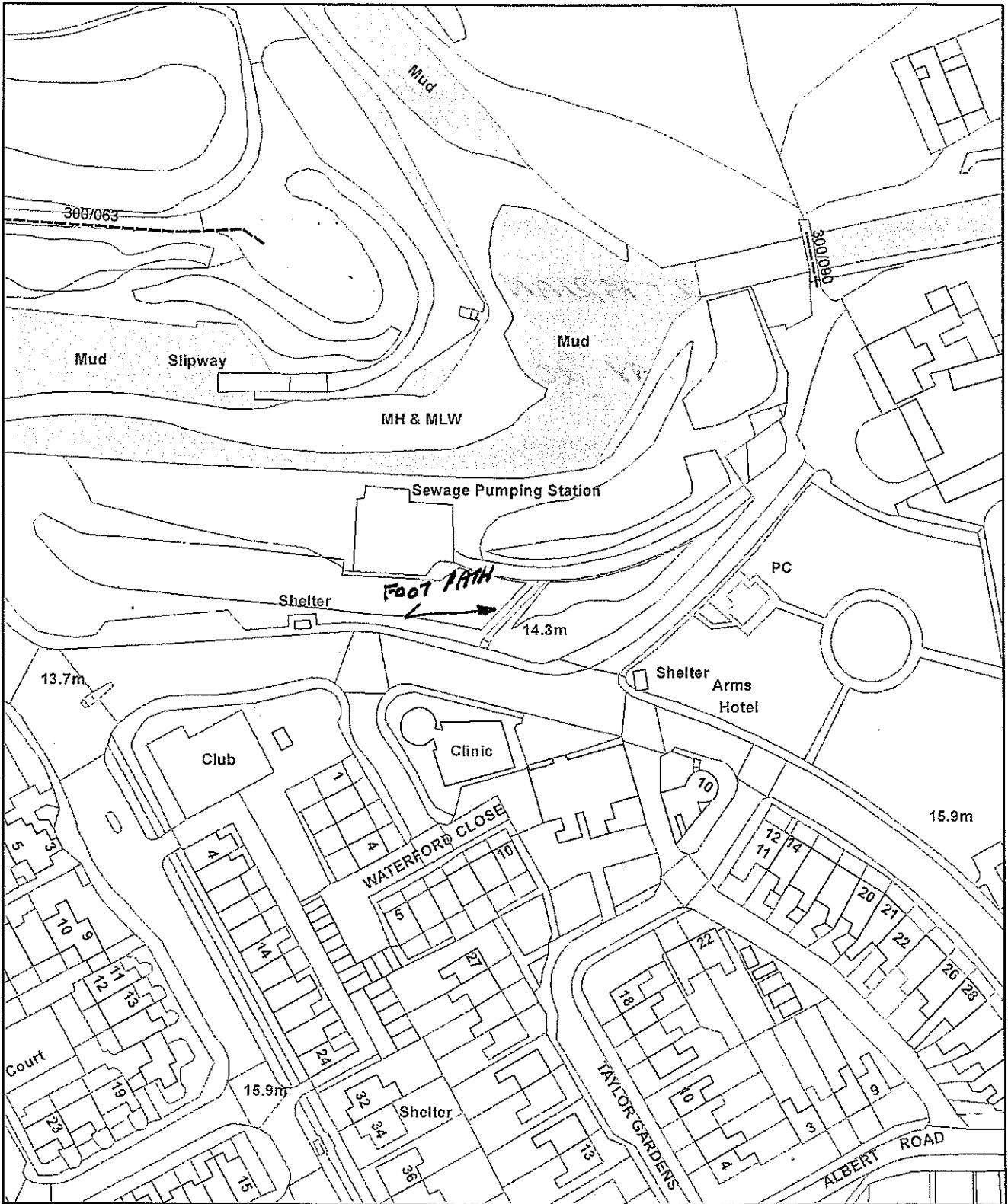
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**PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT**

**ABOUT YOU**

Name ..... RONALD MORTON .....

Address ..... 5 ELWIN PLACE .....

..... SEATON SAUCE .....

..... WHITEY BAY ..... Postcode ..... NE26 4DF .....

Year of Birth ..... 11/6/1936 .....

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?  
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

..... YES ..... 1936 - 1954 RYTON TERRACE .....

..... 1954 - 1962 HARTLEY SQUARE .....

..... 1962 - 1966 CLARENCE ST .....

**ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE** ..... 1966 - 1970 BERESFORD ROAD .....

How do you think the application route should be recorded?

- As a footpath (public rights on foot only)
- As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)
- As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)
- As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

Describe the application route (include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can)

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**MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

Please attach an extract from a map of your own choice to identify the route you are providing evidence about, and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this statement. Please sign and date your map.

**YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From ..... 1939 ..... To ..... now .....

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

..... 1953 - 1957 - ARMY .....

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot		✓				
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [                    ]						

4. Has the application route always followed the same course?

Yes

Don't know

No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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5. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

DON'T KNOW

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6. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)  
[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

EARTH

7. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

NO

How long were they in place?

b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

NO

c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

NO

8. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

No

Yes

If yes, please give details

9. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

Yes

Don't know

No

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

10. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

No

Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

WALKERS, VILLAGERS, HOLIDAY MAKERS, FISHERMEN

**Land Ownership**

11. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

No                       Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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12. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes,

a. From whom? .....

b. When? .....

13. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

No                       Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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14. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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15. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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16. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc.)

No                       Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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**Other Information**

17. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc.)

No                       Yes

If yes – please provide details

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18. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?

[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]

[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

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19. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?


No                       Yes

20. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

No                       Yes

**PART F: Statement of Truth**  
*(all applicants must complete this Part)*

**I BELIEVE THAT THE FACTS AND MATTERS CONTAINED IN THIS STATEMENT ARE TRUE**

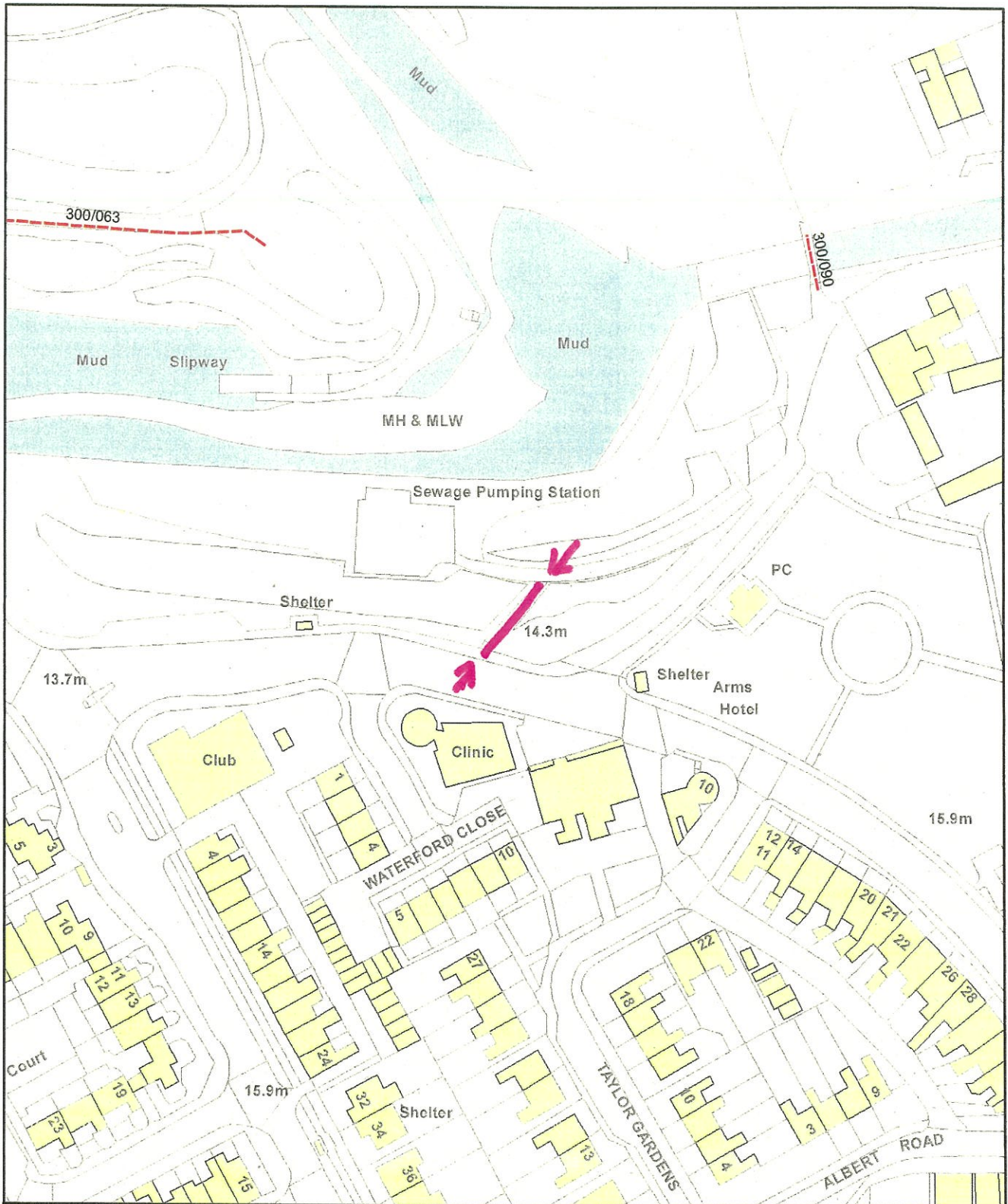
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**PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT**

**ABOUT YOU**

Name THOMAS KENNETH PATTERSON

Address 11 PARKLEA

SEATON SLUICE NORTHUMBERLAND

Postcode NE26 4HW

Year of Birth 1935

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?  
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

No

**ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

How do you think the application route should be recorded?

- As a footpath (public rights on foot only)
- As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)
- As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)
- As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

Describe the application route (include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can)

NZ37NW

**MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

Please attach an extract from a map of your own choice to identify the route you are providing evidence about, and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this statement. Please sign and date your map.

**YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 1983 To 2004

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

CONDITION OF PATH - UNSUITABLE FOR O.A.P.

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot	✓					
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [ ]						

4. Has the application route always followed the same course?

Yes       Don't know       No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

By road

5. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

1 yard

6. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)  
[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

..... GRAVEL + EARTH - TOP STEPS CONCRETE .....

7. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

..... N/A .....

How long were they in place?

..... N/A .....

b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

..... N/A .....

c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

..... N/A .....

8. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

No

Yes

If yes, please give details

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9. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

Yes

Don't know

No

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

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10. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

No

Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

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**Land Ownership**

11. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

No  Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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12. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

No  Yes

If yes,

a. From whom? .....

b. When? .....

13. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

No  Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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14. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

No  Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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15. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

No  Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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16. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc.)

No

Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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**Other Information**

17. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc.)

No

Yes

If yes – please provide details

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18. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?

[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]

[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

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19. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

No

Yes

20. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

No

Yes

**PART F: Statement of Truth**  
*(all applicants must complete this Part)*

**I BELIEVE THAT THE FACTS AND MATTERS CONTAINED IN THIS STATEMENT ARE TRUE**

Signature (of the person making the statement of truth):



Print full name:

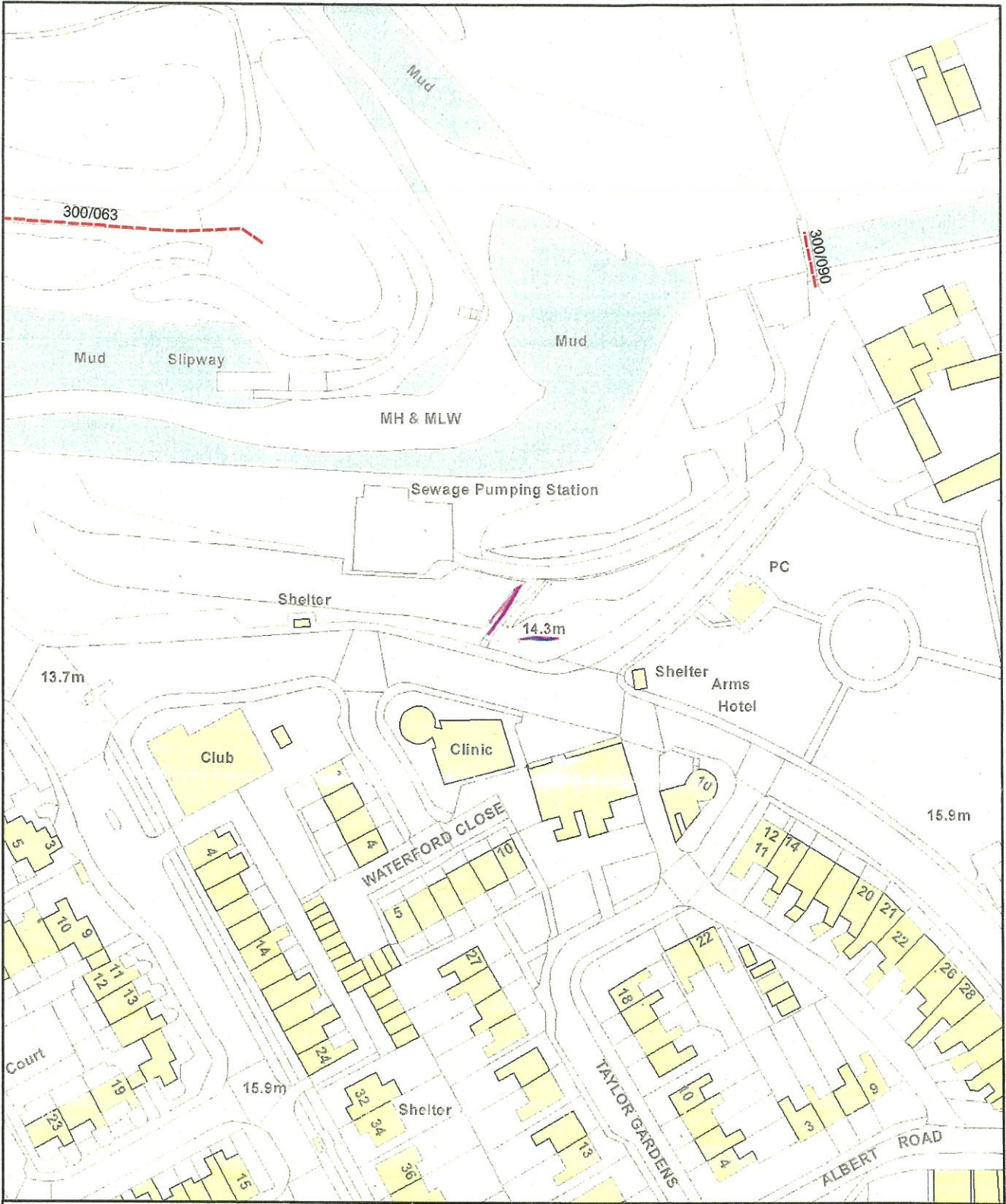
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Date:

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**PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT**

**ABOUT YOU**

Name HEITH NICHOLSON

Address 36 BERKSFORD COURT

SEATON SLUICE

NORTHUMBRIA Postcode NE264EB

Year of Birth 9.8.50

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?  
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

CLARENCE STREET SEATON SLUICE

1950 - 2010

**ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

How do you think the application route should be recorded?

- As a footpath (public rights on foot only)
- As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)
- As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)
- As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

Describe the application route (include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can)

PATH STARTS OPPOSITE CHINIE COCKYDOLL BAY ROAD  
TO BOTTOM OF HARBOUR NEAR PUMPING STATION

**MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

Please attach an extract from a map of your own choice to identify the route you are providing evidence about, and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this statement. Please sign and date your map.



**YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 1960 ..... To 2018 .....

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

NONE  
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3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot	✓					
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [            ]						

4. Has the application route always followed the same course?

Yes                       Don't know                       No

If no. – how and when was the route altered?

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5. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

3 Feet.  
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6. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)  
[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

GRAVEL AND TIMBER STEPS

7. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

No

How long were they in place?

b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

No

c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

No

8. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

No

Yes

If yes, please give details

9. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

Yes

Don't know

No

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

10. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

No

Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

**Land Ownership**

11. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

No  Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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12. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

No  Yes

If yes,

a. From whom? .....

b. When? .....

13. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

No  Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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14. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

No  Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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15. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

No  Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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16. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc.)

No

Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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**Other Information**

17. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc.)

No

Yes

If yes – please provide details

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18. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?

[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]

[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

OTHER ACCESSIES ARE EITHER BARRED  
OR DANGEROUS  
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19. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

No

Yes

20. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

No

Yes

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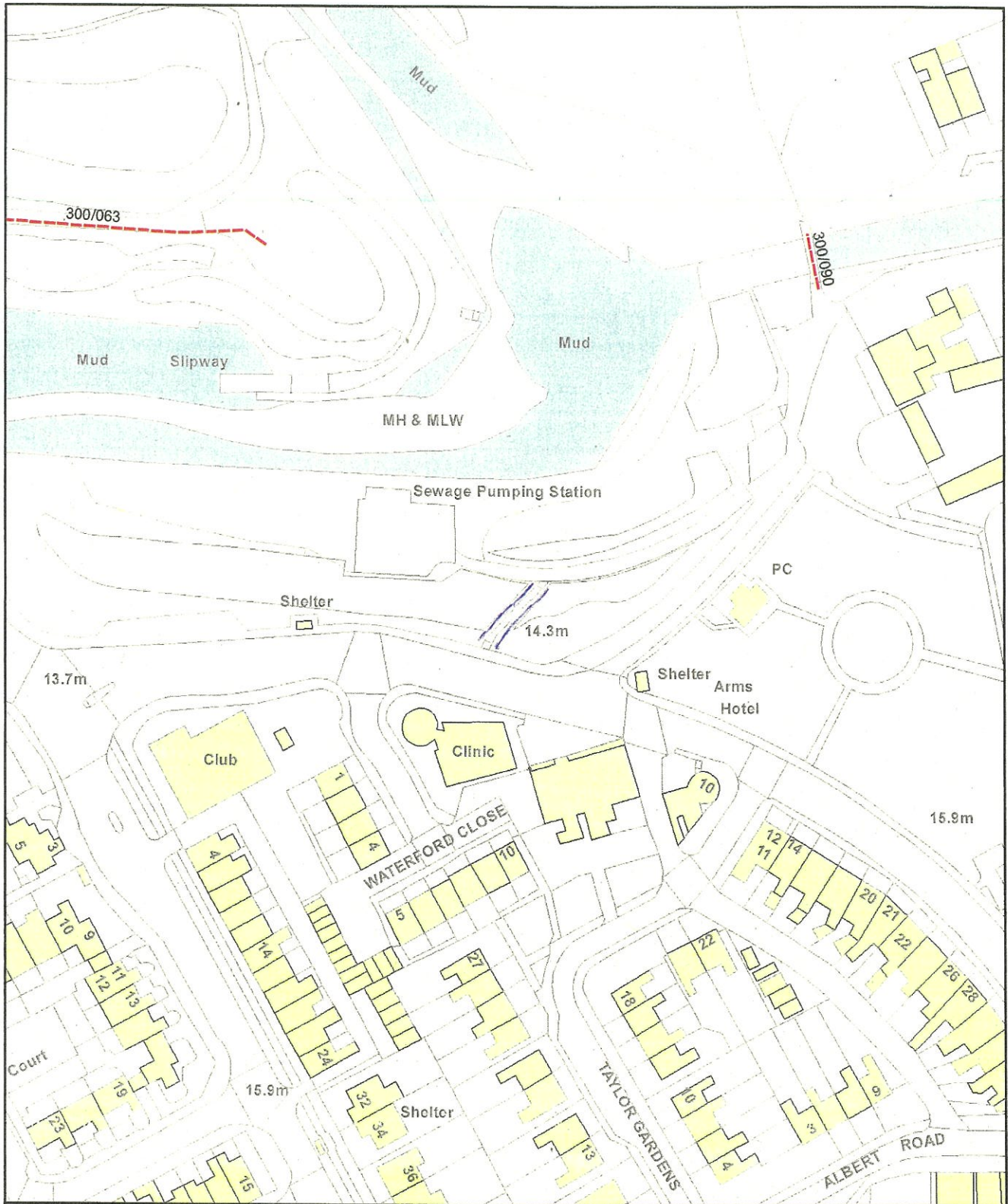
Signature (of the person making the statement of truth): 

Print full name: **WALTER NICHOLSON**

Date: **2-4 2018**

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PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name ALAN PARK

Address 17 GRANVILLE AVE

SEATON SLUICE, WHITLEY BAY

NORTHUMBERLAND Postcode NE26 4BU

Year of Birth 1946

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?  
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

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ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

How do you think the application route should be recorded?

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- As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)
- As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)
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Describe the application route (include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can)

COLLYWELL BAY RD SEATON SLUICE  
TO HARBOUR O/S REF 338 767

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

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**YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 1954 To TO PRESENT

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

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3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [            ]						

4. Has the application route always followed the same course?

Yes                       Don't know                       No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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5. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

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6. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)  
[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

GRAVEL AND EARTH

7. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

- a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

NO

How long were they in place?

- b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

NO

- c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

NO

8. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

No

Yes

If yes, please give details

9. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

Yes

Don't know

No

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

10. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

No

Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

**Land Ownership**

11. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

No  Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

I USE THIS RIGHT OF WAY TO ACCESS MY  
MOORING IN SEATON SLUICE HARBOUR

12. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

No  Yes

If yes,

a. From whom? .....

b. When? .....

13. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

No  Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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14. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

No  Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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15. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

No  Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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16. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc.)

No

Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

I HAVE LICENCE FOR A MOORING IN SEATON SLUICE HARBOUR - ACCESSED VIA THE RIGHT OF WAY

**Other Information**

17. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc.)

No

Yes

If yes - please provide details

PHOTOGRAPHS O/S MAP (1896)

18. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?

[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]

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FOR OVER 200 YEARS RESIDENTS TO SEATON SLUICE AND VISITORS HAVE RELIED ON THIS FOOTPATH TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE HARBOUR THIS MUST BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE AND NCC SHOULD ENSURE THAT THIS HAPPENS. I FREQUENTLY USE THIS PATH TO REACH MY MOORING AS INDICATED BY PINK DOT ON MAP

19. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

No

Yes

20. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

No

Yes

**PART F: Statement of Truth**  
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**I BELIEVE THAT THE FACTS AND MATTERS CONTAINED IN THIS STATEMENT ARE TRUE**

**Signature (of the person making the statement of truth):**



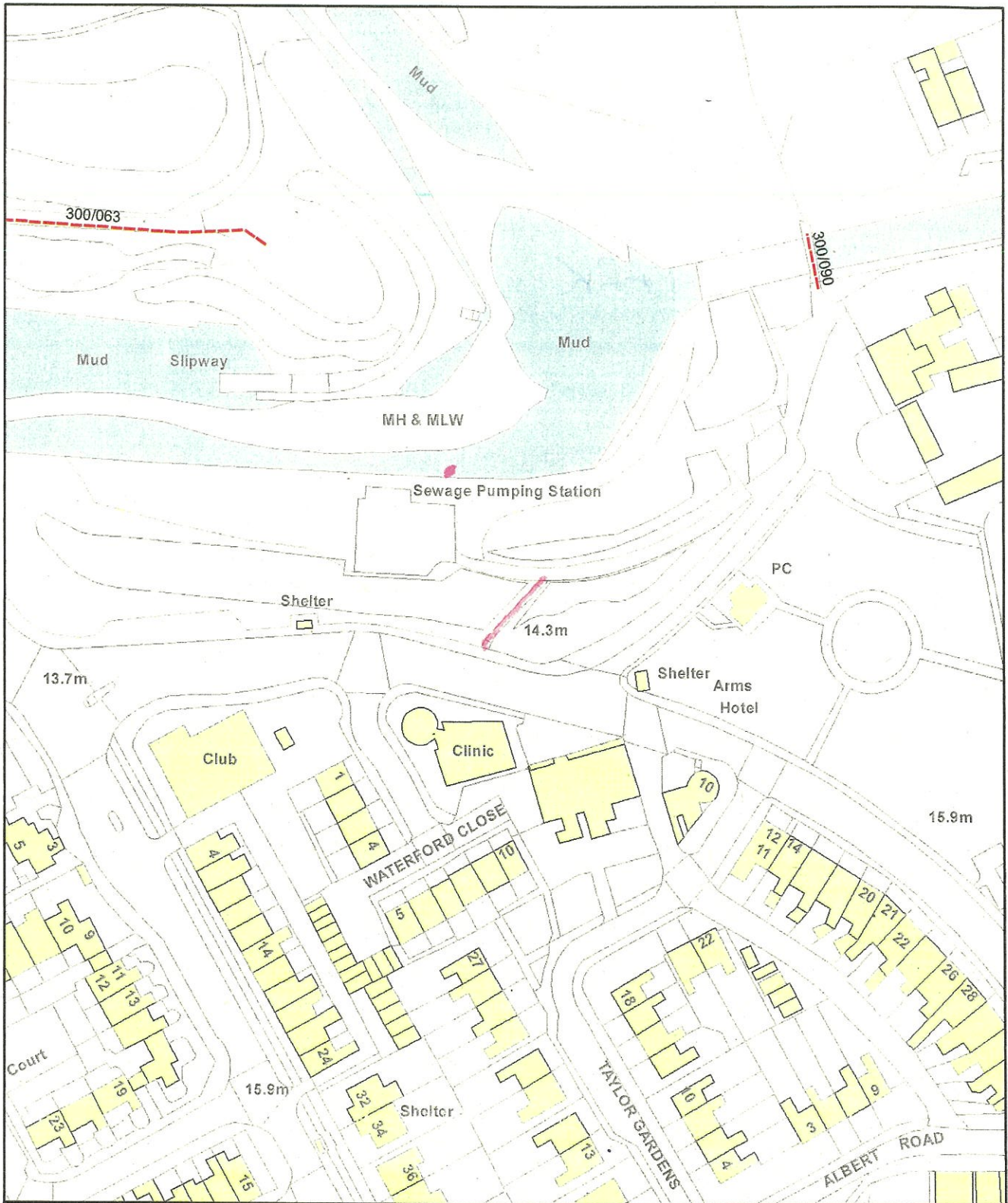
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ALAN PARK

**Date:**

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**PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT**

**ABOUT YOU**

Name ROLAND PATTERSON

Address 3 ALBERT ROAD  
SEATON SLUICE

Postcode NE26 4PX

Year of Birth 10-7-48

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?  
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

29 SOUTHWARD HANDS BERESFORD ROAD

**ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

How do you think the application route should be recorded?

- As a footpath (public rights on foot only)
- As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)
- As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)
- As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

Describe the application route (include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can)

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**MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

Please attach an extract from a map of your own choice to identify the route you are providing evidence about, and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this statement. Please sign and date your map.

**YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 1958 ..... To 2017 .....

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

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3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot				✓		
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [                    ]						

4. Has the application route always followed the same course?

Yes                     Don't know                     No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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5. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

DONT KNOW .....

6. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)  
[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

GRAVEL STEPS

7. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

- a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

How long were they in place?

- b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

- c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

8. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

No

Yes

If yes, please give details

9. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

Yes

Don't know

No

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

10. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

No

Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this



**Land Ownership**

11. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

No                       Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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12. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes,

a. From whom? .....

b. When? .....

13. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

No                       Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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14. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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15. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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16. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc.)

No

Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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**Other Information**

17. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc.)

No

Yes

If yes – please provide details

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18. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?

[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]

[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

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19. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

No

Yes


20. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

No

Yes

**PART F: Statement of Truth**  
*(all applicants must complete this Part)*

**I BELIEVE THAT THE FACTS AND MATTERS CONTAINED IN THIS STATEMENT ARE TRUE**

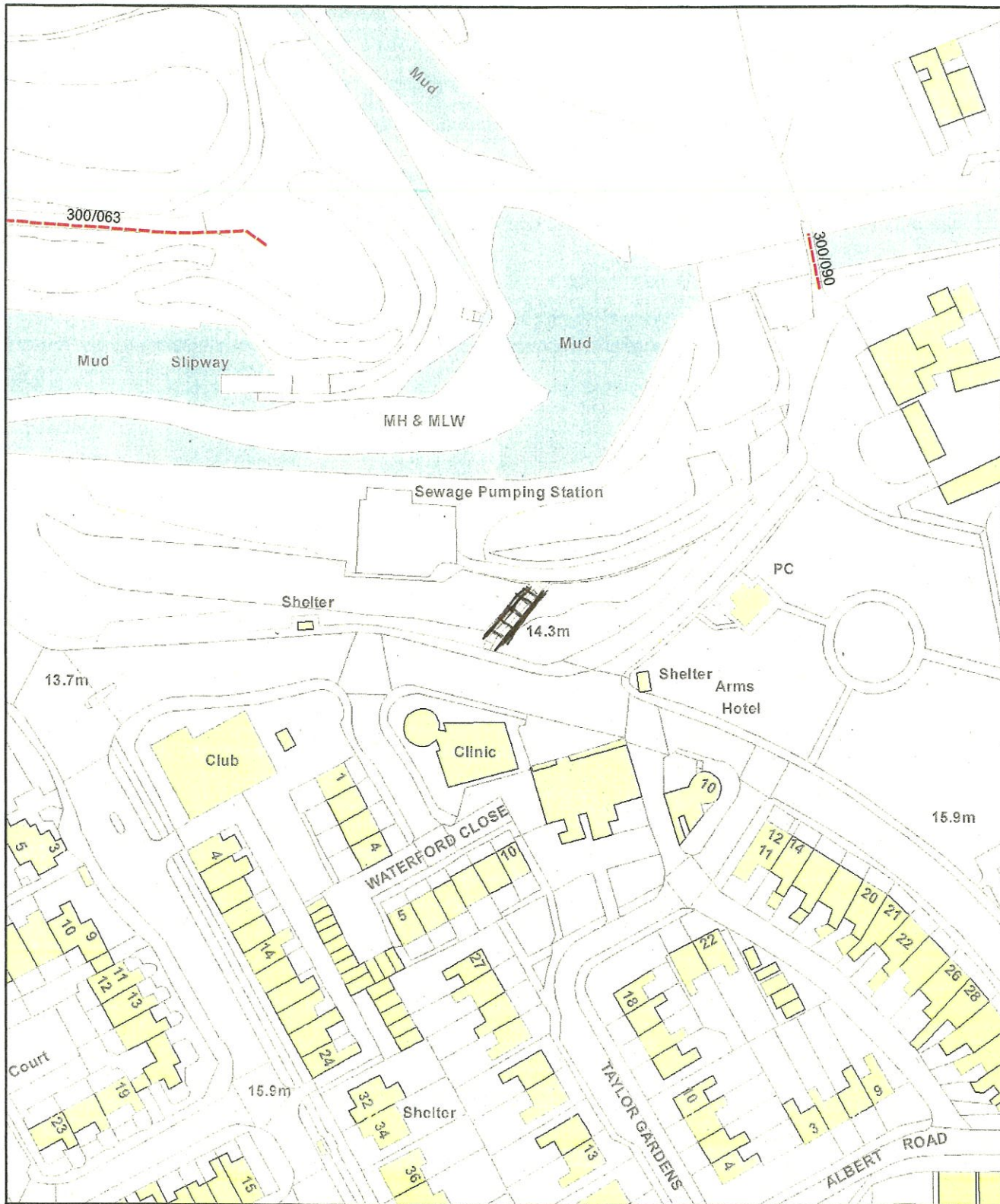
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Print full name: **ROLAND PATTERSON**

Date: **4-5-2018**

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**PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT**

**ABOUT YOU**

Name MR M. ROBINSON

Address 21, BEAUFORD RD

JACKSON SLUIE

Postcode NE264DR

Year of Birth 13-12-50

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?  
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

BRIGHTON VILLAGES 17 YEARS

SOUTHWARD 9 YEARS

**ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

How do you think the application route should be recorded?

- As a footpath (public rights on foot only)
- As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)
- As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)
- As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

Describe the application route (include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can)

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**MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

Please attach an extract from a map of your own choice to identify the route you are providing evidence about, and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this statement. Please sign and date your map.

**YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 1965 ..... To 2081 .....

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

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3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [            ]						

4. Has the application route always followed the same course?

Yes                       Don't know                       No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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5. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

DON'T KNOW  
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6. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)  
[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

Earth

7. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

How long were they in place?

b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

8. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

No

Yes

If yes, please give details

9. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

Yes

Don't know

No

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

10. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

No

Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

**Land Ownership**

11. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

No                       Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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12. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes,

a. From whom? .....

b. When? .....

13. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

No                       Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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14. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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15. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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16. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc.)

No

Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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**Other Information**

17. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc.)

No

Yes

If yes – please provide details

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18. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?

[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]

[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

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19. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

No

Yes

20. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

No

Yes

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*(all applicants must complete this Part)*

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Signature (of the person making the statement of truth):

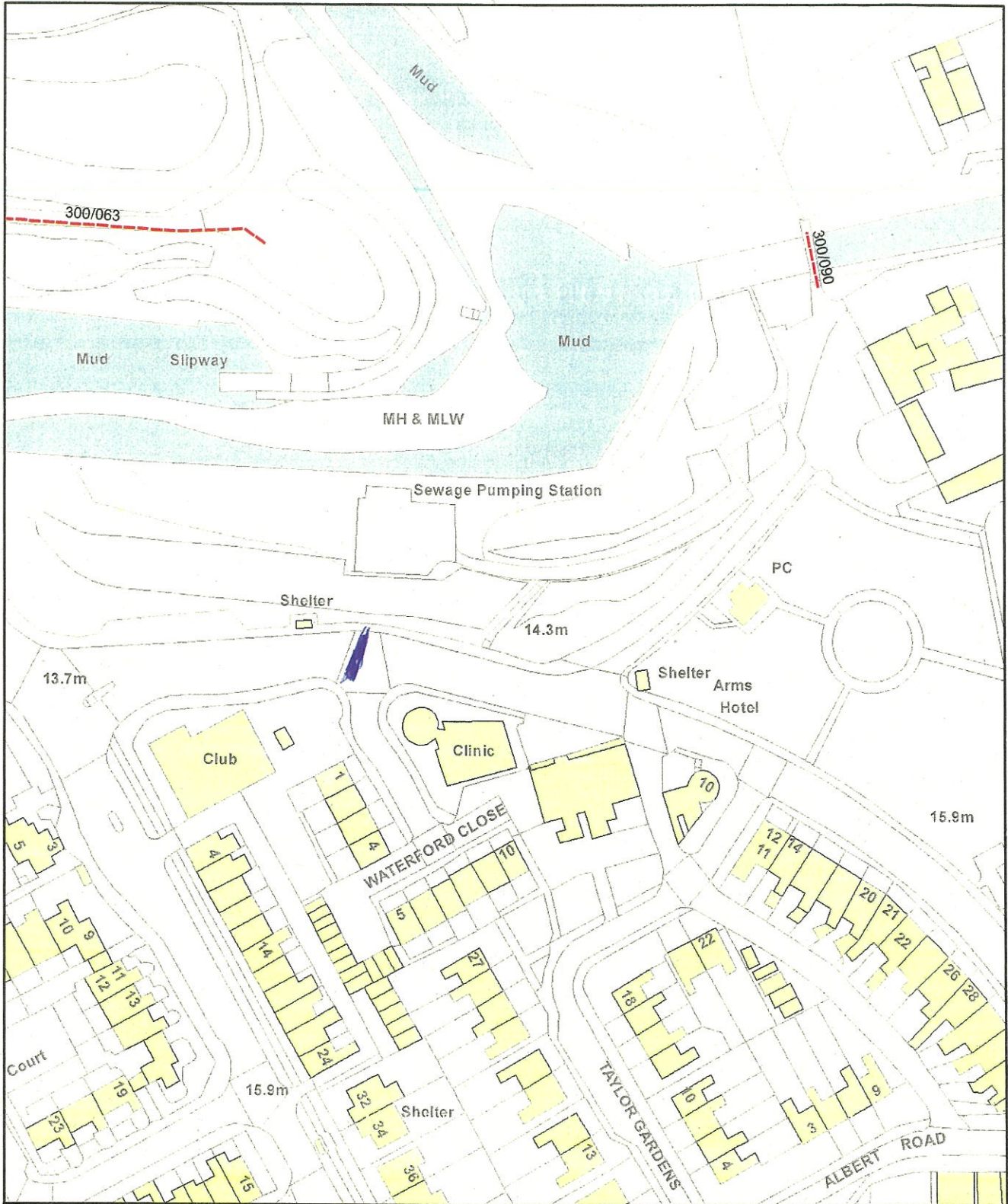


Print full name: MILTON ROBINSON

Date: 2.5.18

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**PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT**

**ABOUT YOU**

Name ..... *NOLAN WILLIAM JACKSON*

Address ..... *9, PEARSON GLOVE*

..... *SCATON SLICE*

..... Postcode *NE 26 4HG*

Year of Birth ..... *29/01/1941*

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?  
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

..... *N/A*

**ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

How do you think the application route should be recorded?

- As a footpath (public rights on foot only)
- As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)
- As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)
- As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

Describe the application route (include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can)

..... *AS HIGHLIGHTED ON PLAN*

**MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

Please attach an extract from a map of your own choice to identify the route you are providing evidence about, and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this statement. Please sign and date your map.

**YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 1966 To 2018

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

I HAVE USED IT ALL THE TIME (BOAT OWNER)

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot			✓			
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [                    ]						

4. Has the application route always followed the same course?

Yes                       Don't know                       No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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5. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

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6. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)  
[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

GRAVEL & STEPS

7. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

NONE

How long were they in place?

b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

N/A

c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

NO

8. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

No

Yes

If yes, please give details

N/A

9. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

Yes

Don't know

No

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

10. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

No

Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

HARBOUR & BOAT USERS

**Land Ownership**

11. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

No                       Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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12. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes,

a. From whom? .....

b. When? .....

13. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

No                       Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

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14. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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15. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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16. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc.)

No

Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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**Other Information**

17. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc.)

No

Yes

If yes – please provide details

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18. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?

[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]

[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

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19. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

No

Yes

20. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

No

Yes



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*(all applicants must complete this Part)*

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Signature (of the person making the statement of truth):



Print full name:

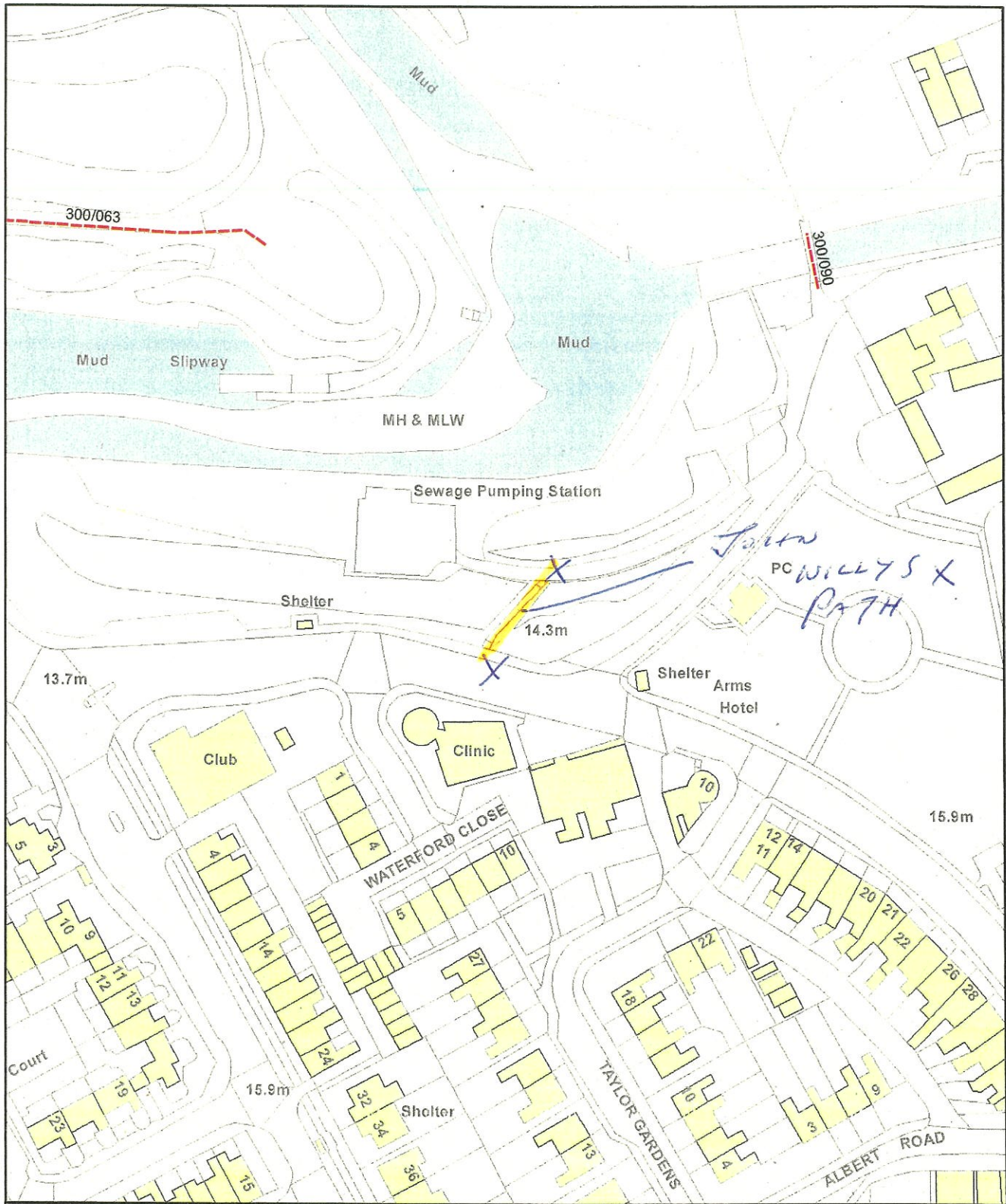
NORMAN WILLIAM JACKSON

Date:

27/04/2018

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**PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT**

**ABOUT YOU**

Name MR NEVILLE HAYTER

Address 30 SOUTHWARD

SEAFORD SUICE

NORTHUMBELAND Postcode NE 26 4 DQ

Year of Birth 1952

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?  
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

3 HARTLEY SQUARE - 1962 - 1971

55 CLARENCE STREET 1972-1976

**ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

How do you think the application route should be recorded?

- As a footpath (public rights on foot only)
- As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)
- As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)
- As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

Describe the application route (include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can)

FROM A POINT OPPOSITE CLINIC ON  
COLLYWELL BAY ROAD TO HARBOUR SIDE

**MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

Please attach an extract from a map of your own choice to identify the route you are providing evidence about, and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this statement. Please sign and date your map.

**YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 1962 ..... To 2018 .....

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

None  
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3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot		✓				
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [            ]						

4. Has the application route always followed the same course?

Yes                       Don't know                       No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

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5. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

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6. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)  
[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

GRASS AND GRAVEL  
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7. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

No  
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How long were they in place?

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b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

No  
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c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

No  
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8. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

No                      Yes

If yes, please give details

.....

9. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

Yes                       Don't know                       No

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

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10. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

No                       Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

.....

**Land Ownership**

11. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

No                       Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

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12. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes,

a. From whom? .....

b. When? .....

13. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

No                       Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

.....

14. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

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.....

15. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

.....  
.....

16. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc.)

No  Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

.....  
.....

**Other Information**

17. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc.)

No  Yes

If yes – please provide details

O.S MAP NZ37 NW  
ATTACHED, PATH MARKED IN RED  
.....  
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18. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?

[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]

[If you wish to provide a separate sketch map, please do so and attach to this statement]

AS I HAVE LIVED IN SEATED SWICE / OLD HARTLEY  
FOR 66 YEAR, HAVE USED THIS FOOTPATH FROM  
AGE OF ABOUT 10 YEARS OLD, HAVE HAD THE USE  
OF, OR OWNED A BOAT IN THE HARBOUR FOR  
52 YEARS, HAVE USED THIS PATH TO REACH MOORING.

19. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

No  Yes

20. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

No  Yes

**PART F: Statement of Truth**  
*(all applicants must complete this Part)*

**I BELIEVE THAT THE FACTS AND MATTERS CONTAINED IN THIS STATEMENT ARE TRUE**

**Signature (of the person making the statement of truth):**



**Print full name:**

MR NEVILLE HAYTER

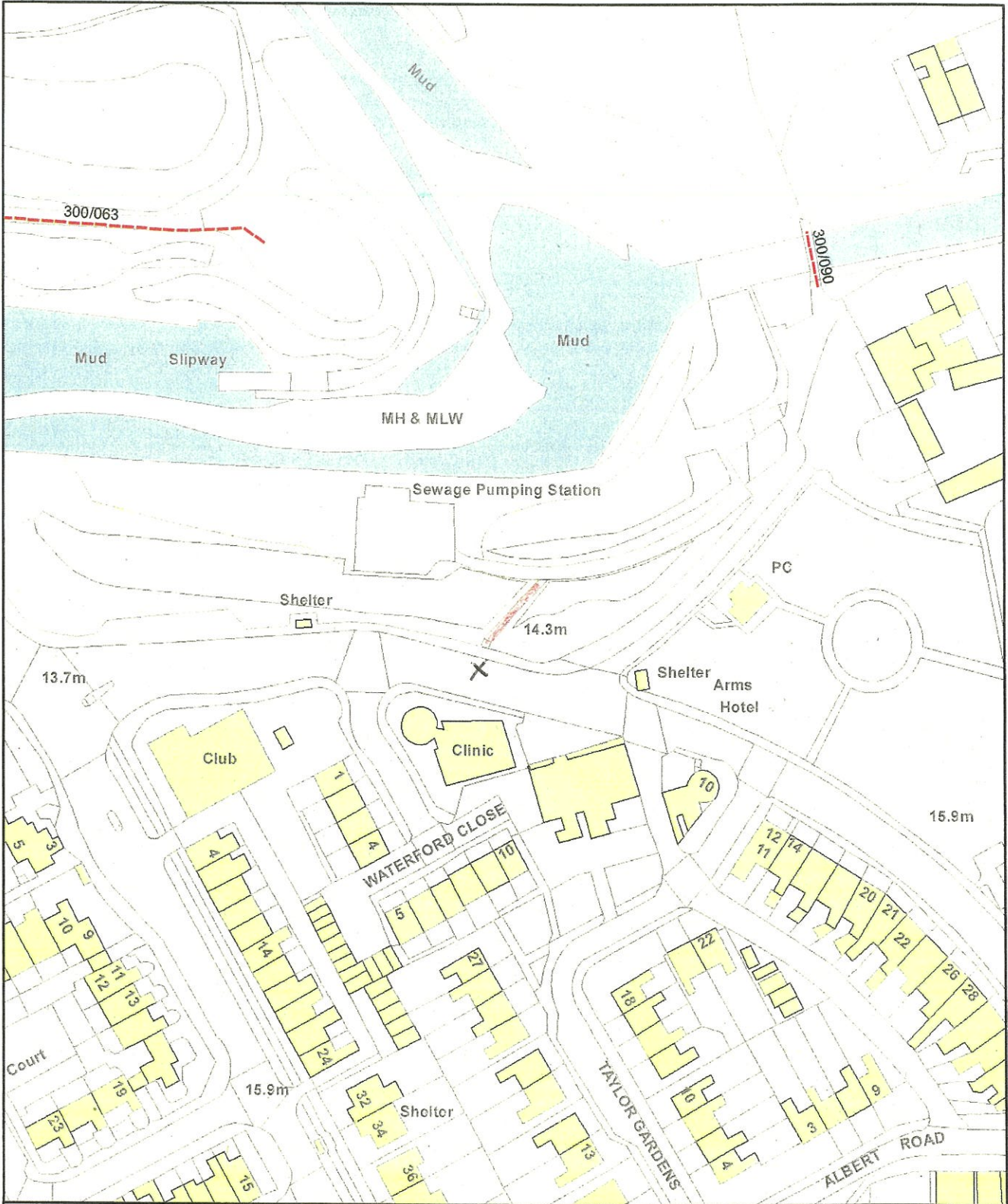
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PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name DIANE BREWER

Address 58 BERESFORD ROAD, SEATON SLUICE,

NORTHUMBERLAND

Postcode NE26 4RH

Year of Birth 7.1.50

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?  
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

SEQUIN 1977-1982

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

How do you think the application route should be recorded?

- As a footpath (public rights on foot only)
- As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)
- As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)
- As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

Describe the application route (include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can)

on footpath next to metal railings opposite

Seaton Sluice Clinic on Callywell Bay Road -

Public foot ~~the~~ path leading down to harbour.

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

Please attach an extract from a map of your own choice to identify the route you are providing evidence about, and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this statement. Please sign and date your map.

### YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From childhood To Date

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

None

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On horseback	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
By pedal cycle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
By car	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other [                    ]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Has the application route always followed the same course?

Yes

Don't know

No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

As far as I am aware it has never been altered apart from hand rails which are not there now.

5. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

One person width

6. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)  
[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

Soil + gravel with wood  
risers

7. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

No

How long were they in place?

b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

No

c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

8. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

No

Yes

N/A

If yes, please give details

9. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

Yes

Don't know

No

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

10. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

No

Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

Dog walkers, visitors, village residents,

children, fishermen, artists, photographers.

**Land Ownership**

11. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

No  Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

.....  
.....

12. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

No  Yes *N/A*

If yes,

a. From whom? .....

b. When? .....

13. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

No  Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

.....

14. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

No  Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

.....  
.....

15. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

No  Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

.....  
.....

16. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc.)

No

Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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.....

**Other Information**

17. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc.)

No

Yes

If yes – please provide details

John Wm. Gibbon

.....  
My great-great-uncle lived  
.....  
in the small cottage beside the right of way  
.....  
and used it daily.  
.....

18. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?

[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]

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.....  
As I said above, my ancestors lived  
.....  
in cottages down by the harbour – and it  
.....  
has always been a right of way – in the  
.....  
1800's. Probably goes back even further  
.....  
.....

19. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

No

Yes

20. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

No

Yes

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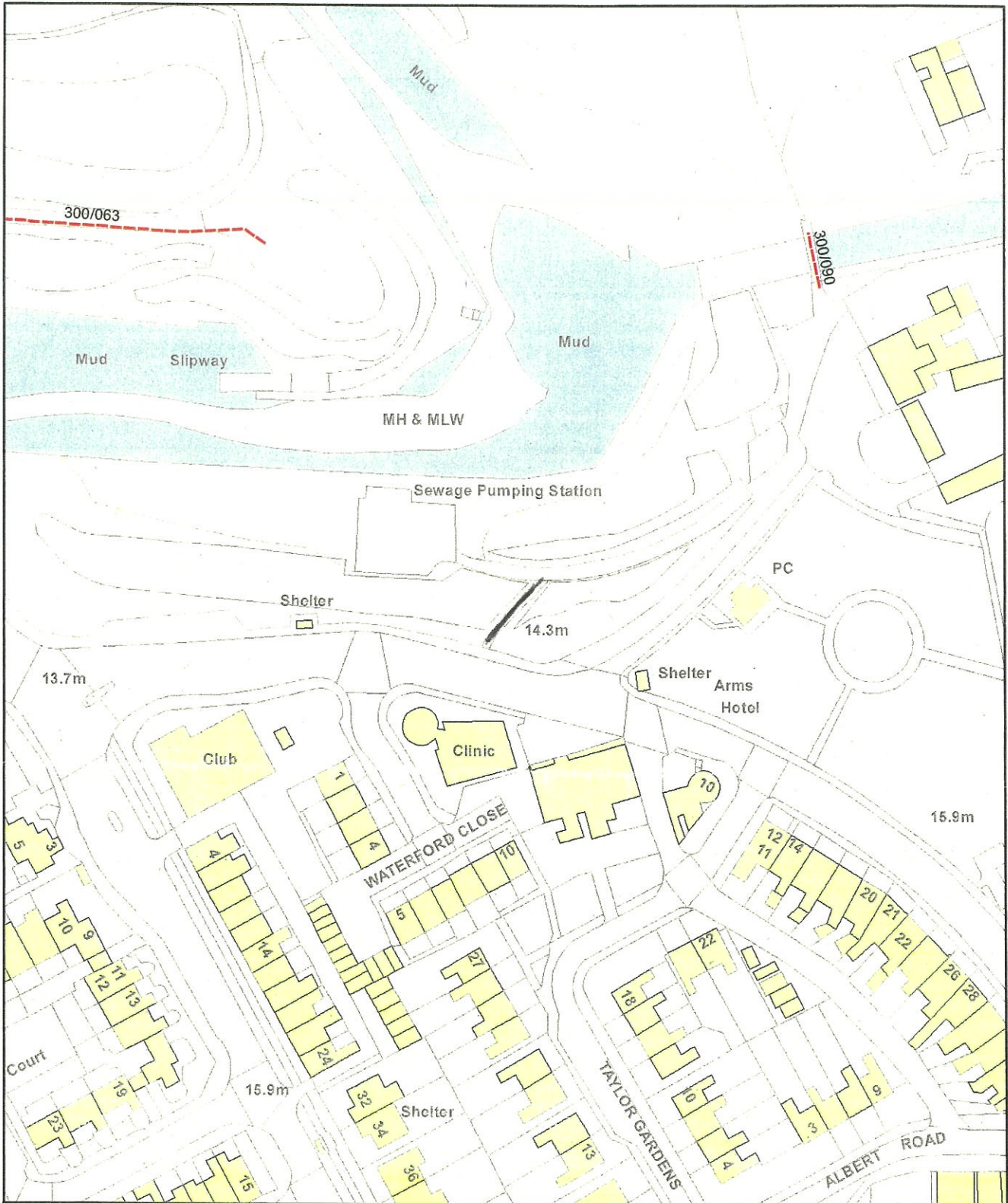


Print full name: DIANE BREWER

Date: 2/5/18

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**PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT**

**ABOUT YOU**

Name ..... CLAIRE ELIZABETH MITCHELL .....

Address ..... 80 BERESFORD ROAD .....

..... SEXTON SLUCE .....

..... WHITLEY BAY ..... Postcode ..... NE26 4RA .....

Year of Birth ..... 1953 .....

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?  
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

..... 20 BERESFORD ROAD, 20 QUEENS ROAD .....

..... 4 WATERFORD CLOSE .....

**ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

How do you think the application route should be recorded?

- As a footpath (public rights on foot only)
- As a bridleway (public rights on foot and on horseback or bicycle)
- As a restricted byway (public rights on foot, on horseback or any non-motorised vehicle)
- As a byway open to all traffic (public rights for all classes of use, including motor vehicles)

Describe the application route (include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can)

..... Opening from Callywell Bay Road, opposite Clinic to Harbour .....

..... (which had houses on the green) .....

**MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

Please attach an extract from a map of your own choice to identify the route you are providing evidence about, and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this statement. Please sign and date your map.

### YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From *being a child* ..... To *date* .....

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

*none* .....

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot	✓					
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [                    ]						

4. Has the application route always followed the same course?

Yes                     Don't know                     No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

*as far as I am aware*  
*white painted handrails have long since disappeared*

5. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

*width of one person* .....

6. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)  
[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

Hard Seal - wood sleepers - gravel

7. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

No

How long were they in place?

b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked - and when - and show on your map]

No

c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

No

8. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

No

Yes

not applicable

If yes, please give details

9. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", "No Right of Way", "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

Yes

Don't know

No

If yes - state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

10. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

No

Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

Local people - Dog walkers, Holiday makers, children, fishermen, painters and photographers

**Land Ownership**

11. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

No                       Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

.....  
.....

12. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

No                       Yes                      N/A

If yes,

a. From whom? .....

b. When? .....

13. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

No                       Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

.....

14. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

.....  
.....

15. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

.....  
.....

16. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc.)

No  Yes

If yes, please give full details, including who gave the permission, why and when

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**Other Information**

17. Do you have, or do you have knowledge of, any documentary evidence which is relevant to the application route or which indicates public use? (for example photographs, guidebooks, letters, sale documents, old maps, etc.)

No  Yes

If yes – please provide details

Old Photographs

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.....

18. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?

[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]

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I was born in 1953 and lived in what is now called Limrose Cottage and know the area well and as far as I can recall there has always been a path down to the harbour and used by the public. - These used to be houses there.

.....

19. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

No  Yes

20. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

No  Yes

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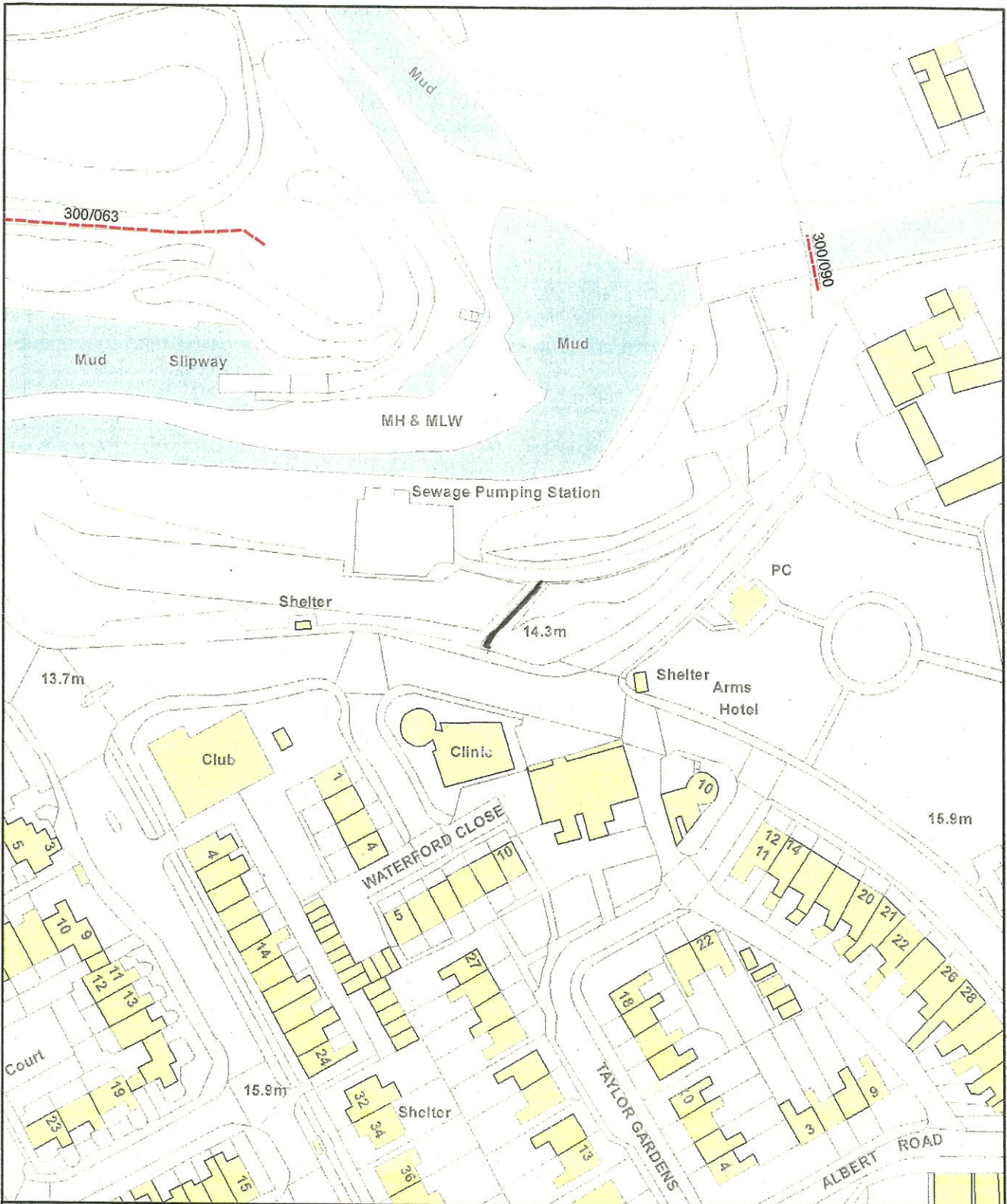
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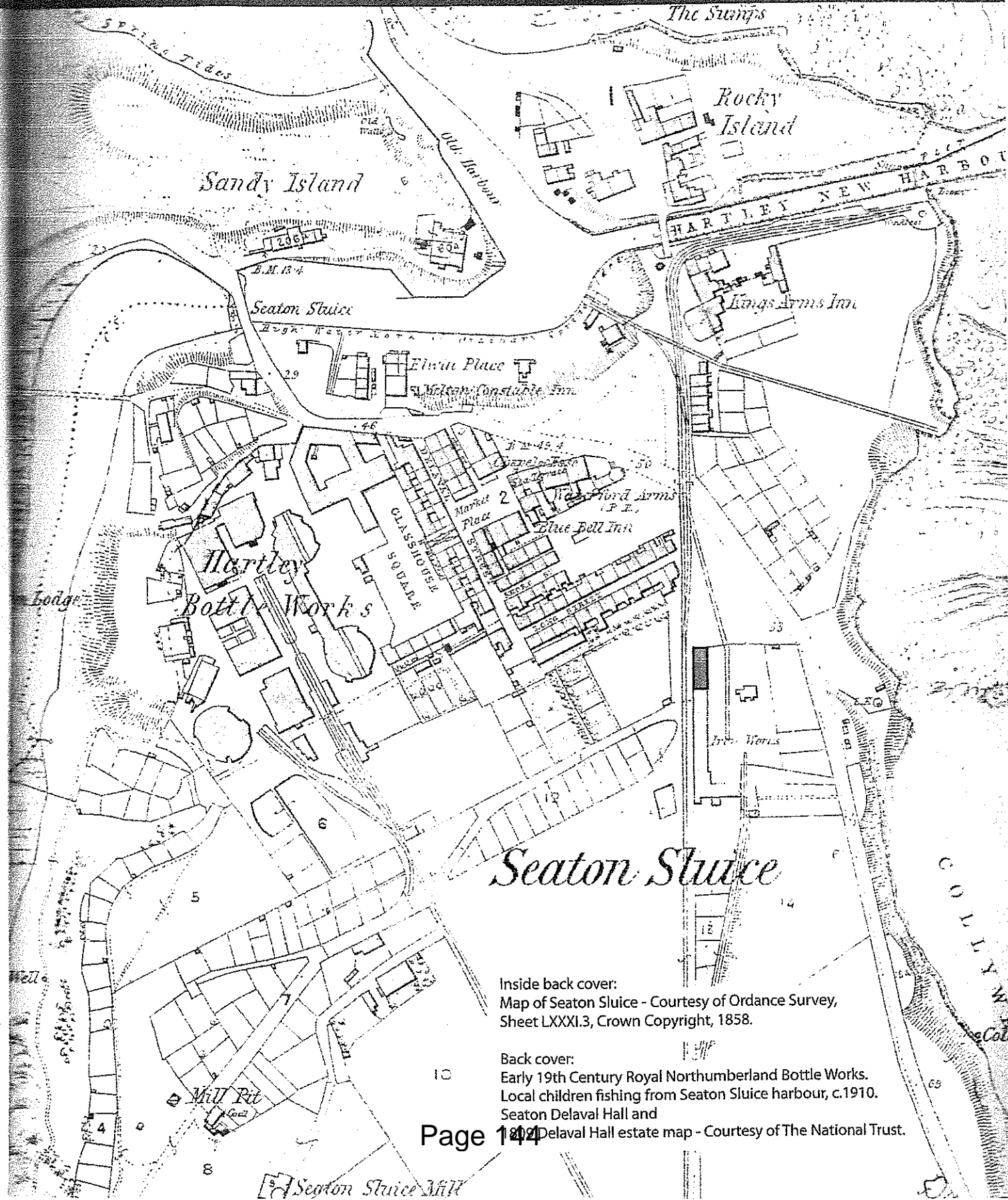


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Plans to show bottle works and other buildings  
 on the site of the old mill, Collyer and Elm



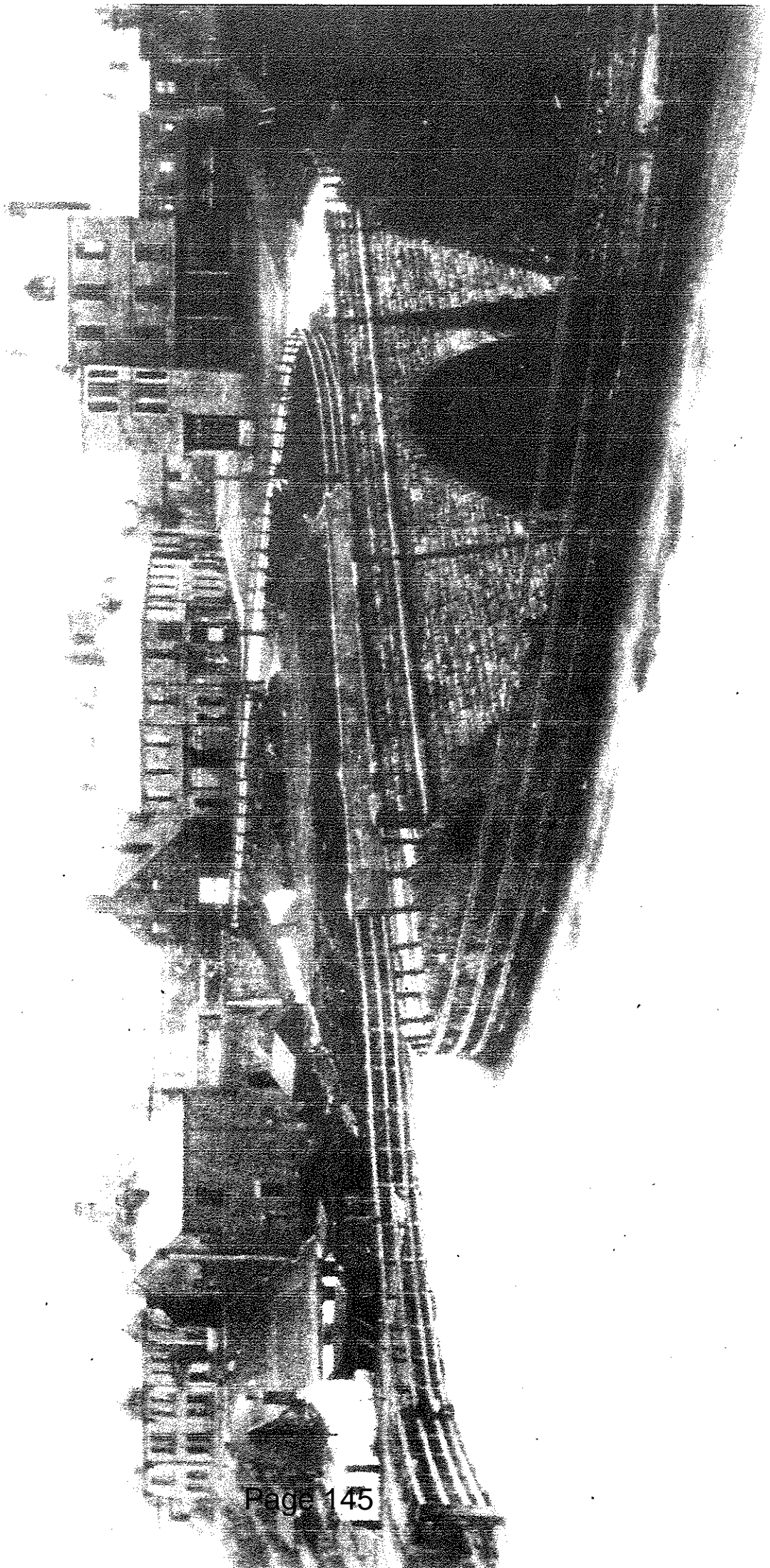
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 Seaton Delaval Hall and

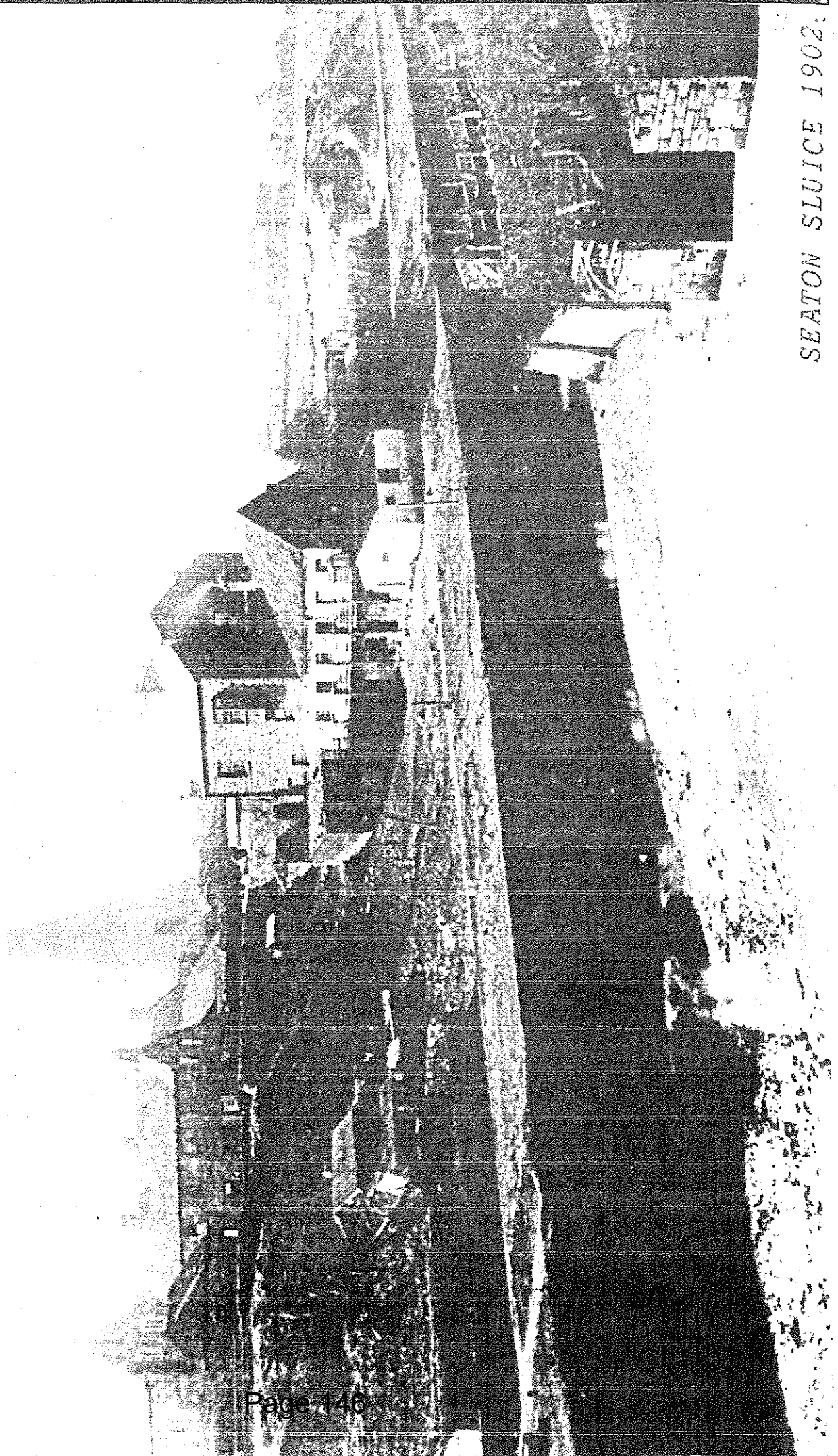
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 Seaton Delaval Hall estate map - Courtesy of The National Trust.



Picture shows houses/cottages and public house with walkways to Collywell Bay Road.



Picture shows houses and public house with walkways to  
Collywell Bay Road



SEATON SLUICE 1902.

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY USER EVIDENCE STATEMENT

ABOUT YOU

Name DAVID JOHN ANDERSON  
Address 53 COLLYWELL BAY ROAD  
SEATON SLUICE  
WHITLEY BAY Postcode NE26 4RG  
Year of Birth 1941

Have you lived at any other addresses during the time you have used the path or way?  
If so, please provide details and years [full addresses are not required]

~~4 BYWELL TERRACE SEATON SLUICE~~ 1941-53  
6 ELWIN PLACE SEATON SLUICE 1953-02  
25 IVANhoe WHITLEY BAY 1962-73

ABOUT THE APPLICATION ROUTE

How do you think the application route should be recorded?

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Describe the application route (include start and finish points and provide OS grid references if you can)

THE STEPPED PATH STARTS OPPOSITE THE CLINIC ON NORTH SIDE  
OF COLLYWELL BAY ROAD DOWN TO THE RAMP OF THE ACCESS  
TO THE PUMPING STATION

MAP OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE

Please attach an extract from a map of your own choice to identify the route you are providing evidence about, and annotate it with anything you provide details about in this statement. Please sign and date your map.

**YOUR USE OF THE APPLICATION ROUTE**

1. In which years did you use the application route?

From 1951..... To 2018.....

2. Were there any extended periods during which you did not use the route at all? If so, please state when and why?

CONSTRUCTION OF PUMPING STATION AND  
ACCESS RAMP

3. How did you use the application route and how often? [Please tick any that apply]

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Every few months	Once a year	Other (please describe)
On foot					✓	
On horseback						
By pedal cycle						
By car						
Other [                    ]						

4. Has the application route always followed the same course?

Yes                     Don't know                     No

If no – how and when was the route altered?

.....  
.....

5. Approximately how wide is the application route?

[Please give your estimate of the width across which you used the route including the width used when passing others or walking with others. Take care to consider the overall width of the route. If this varies, please describe how] [Or please state 'Don't know']

ABOUT 900MM WIDE

6. What type of surface does the application route have? (for example grass, gravel, earth)  
[For varying surfaces, please describe with reference to your map]

FROM COLLYNELL BAY ROAD IT IS CONCRETE STEPS  
THEN GRAVEL WITH TIMBER RISERS AND STEPPED

7. Have there ever been any of the following on the application route?

a. Stiles [state locations and show on your map]

NO

How long were they in place?

—

b. Gates [state locations, indicate whether locked – and when - and show on your map]

NO

c. Other barriers [state what they were and location, how long they were in place and show on your map]

NO

8. Did any of the above prevent you from using the application route?

No                      Yes

If yes, please give details

.....

9. Have you ever seen any signs or notices suggesting whether or not the application route is a public right of way? (for example "Private", "Keep Out", No Right of Way "Trespassers will be Prosecuted")

Yes                       Don't know                       No

If yes – state when and give details, including when they were present and mark their location on your map

.....

10. Have you seen other people using the application route whilst you have been using it?

No                       Yes

If yes, please provide any additional information about this

.....

**Land Ownership**

11. Were you working for any owner or occupier of land crossed by the application route at the time when you used it, or were you then a tenant / licensee of any such owner?

No                       Yes

If yes, provide details and dates

.....  
.....

12. Did the owner or occupier ever give you permission (or did you seek permission) to use the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes,

a. From whom? .....

b. When? .....

13. Has anyone ever told you the application route was not public (including by an owner, tenant of the land or by anyone in their employment)?

No                       Yes

If yes, by whom and when?

.....

14. Have you ever been stopped or turned back when using the application route?

No                       Yes

If yes, please give details including when this happened

.....  
.....

15. Has anyone else ever told you that they were prevented from using the application route?

No                       Yes

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16. Have you ever had a private right to use the application route? (for example, an easement, private right of access, licence, etc.)

No

Yes

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**Other Information**

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No

Yes

If yes – please provide details

.....  
• AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS FROM WW 2  
.....  
IN THE POSSESSION OF ENGUST HERITAGE  
.....  
• 1920 OS MAP SEATCH SLUCE  
.....

18. Please give any further information which you consider would be helpful in reaching a decision as to whether the application route should be recorded as a public right of way?

[Continue on a separate sheet if necessary]

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.....  
THERE ARE VERY FEW PUBLIC ACCESSSES TO AND FROM  
.....  
THE HARBOUR. THE DAMPED ACCESS TO THE PUMPING  
.....  
STATION IS BARRIED TO THE PUBLIC BECAUSE GATE IS  
.....  
LOCKED. THE STEPS AT THE KINGS ARMS IS DANGEROUS  
.....  
AND TOO STEEP.  
.....

19. During the investigation the OMA may want to interview some or all of the claimants in order to gather additional information. Would you be willing to talk to an officer from the OMA about your knowledge of the application route?

No

Yes

20. Would you be willing to attend a hearing, or public inquiry to give evidence if necessary?

No

Yes

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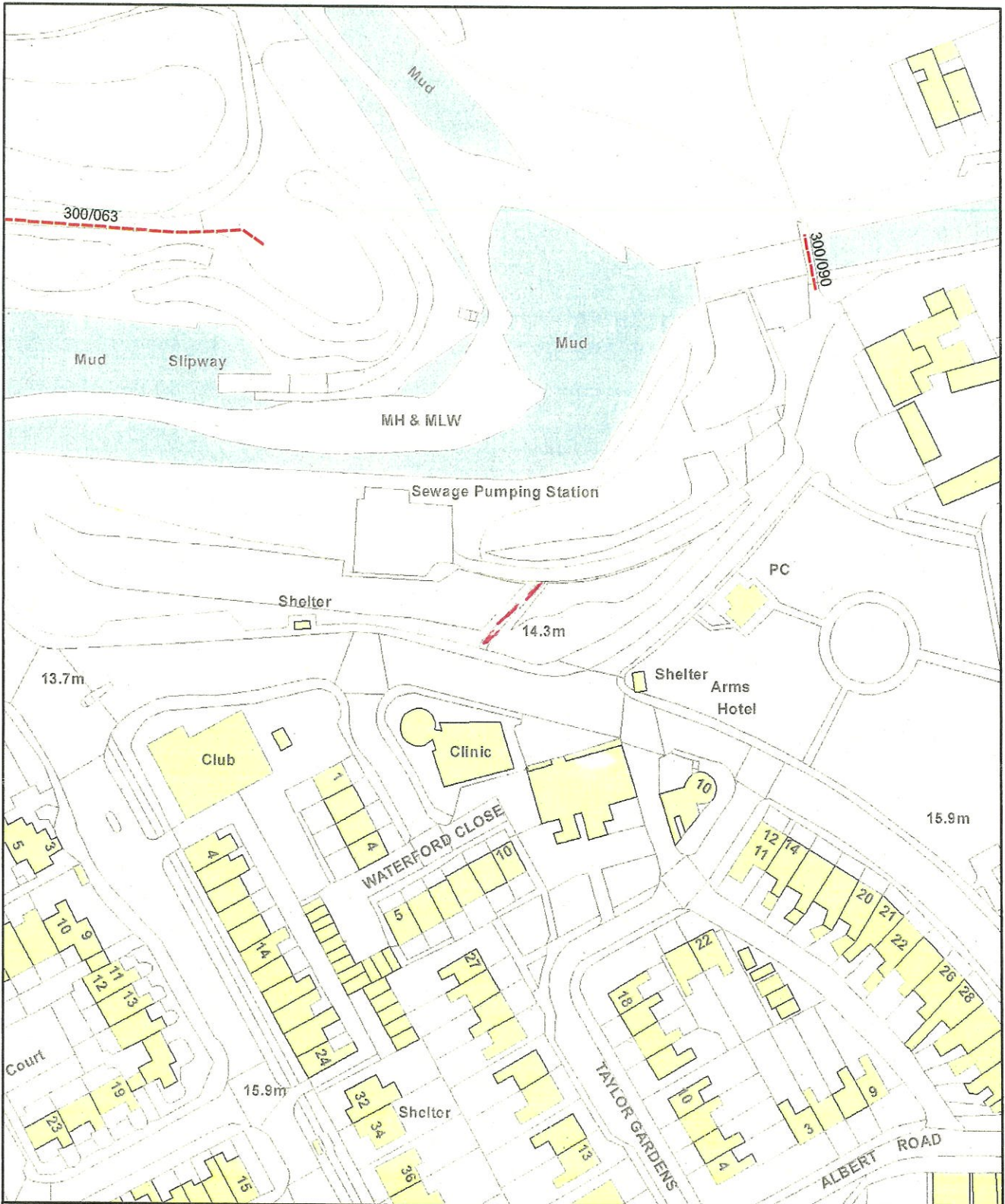
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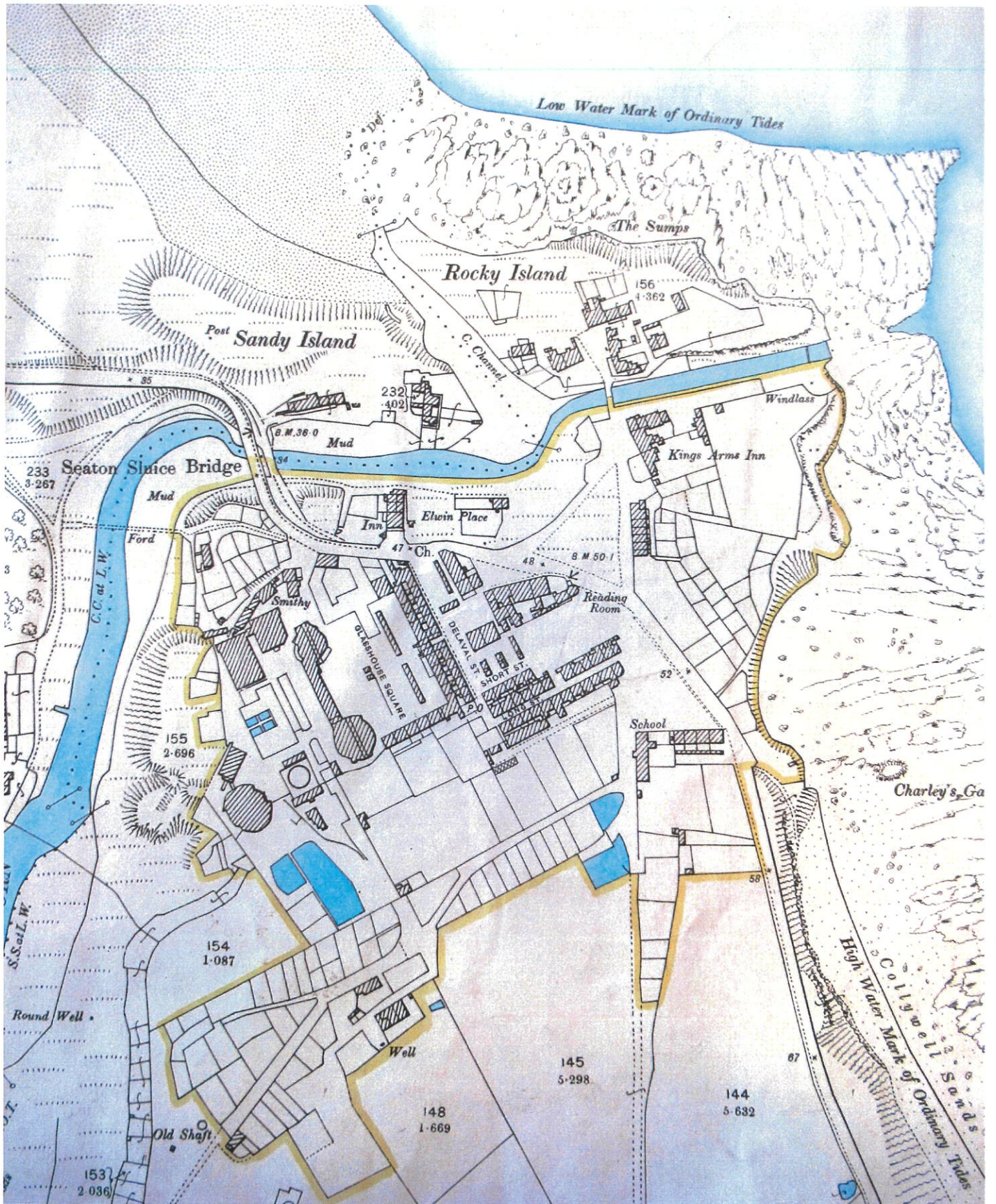
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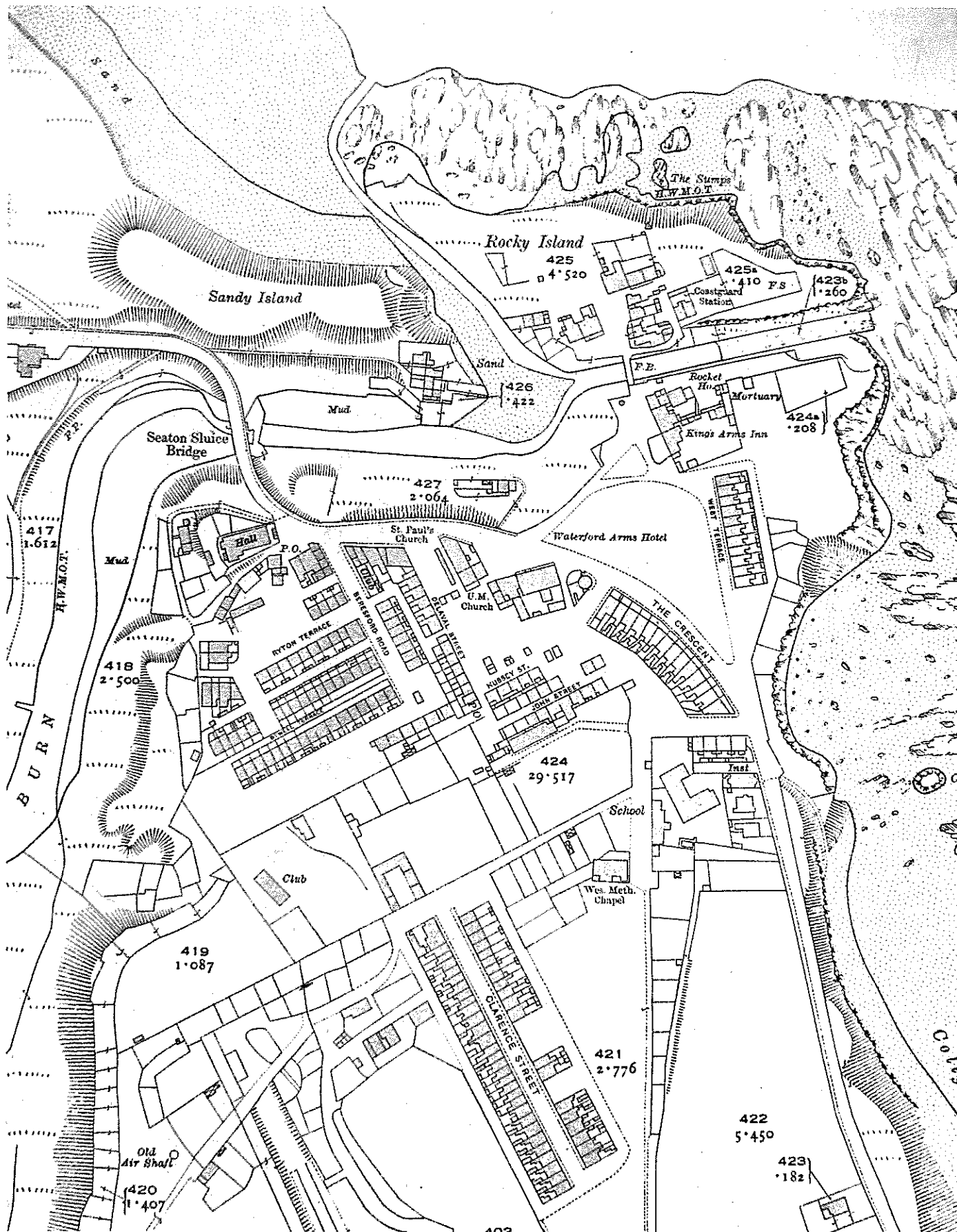
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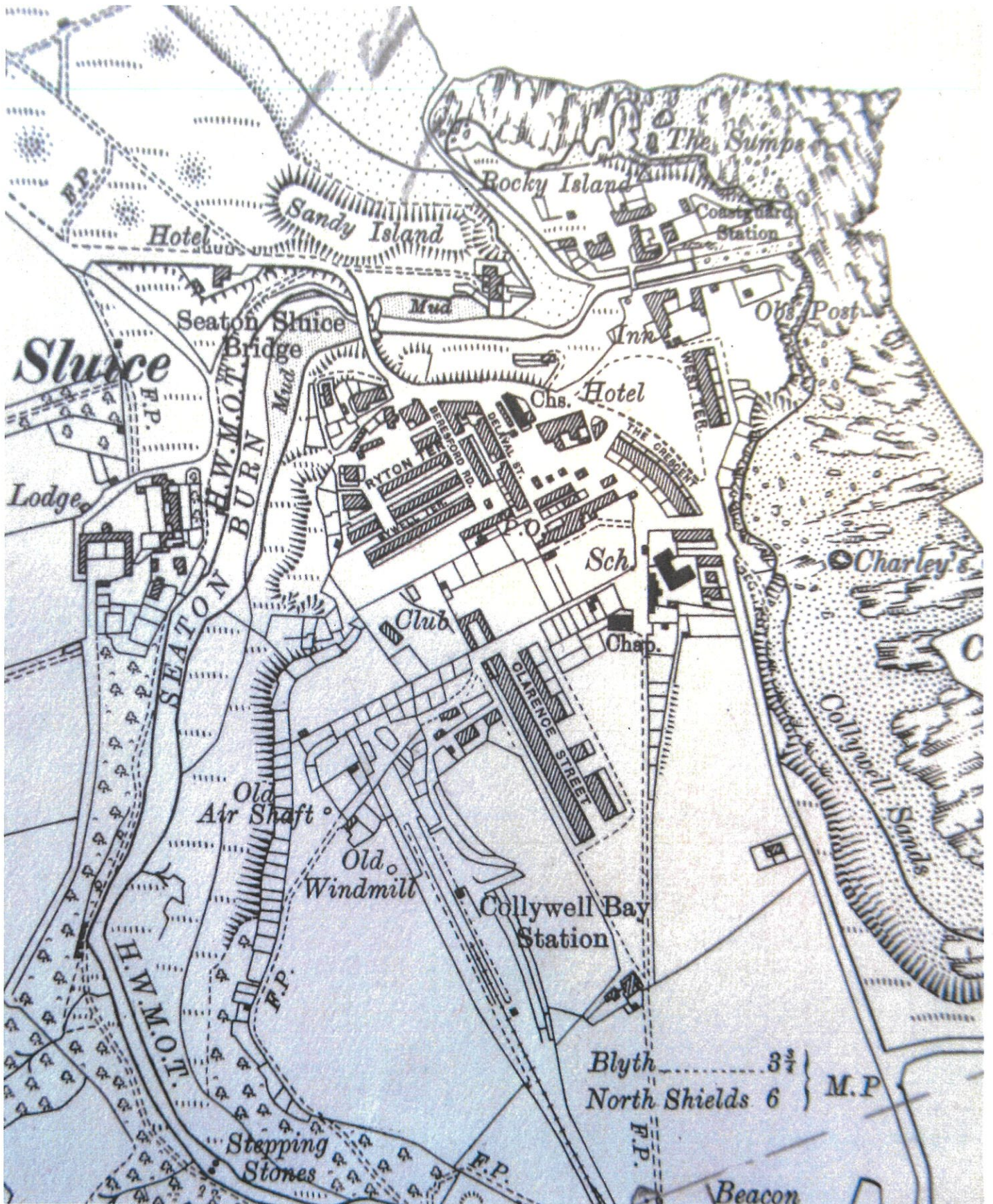












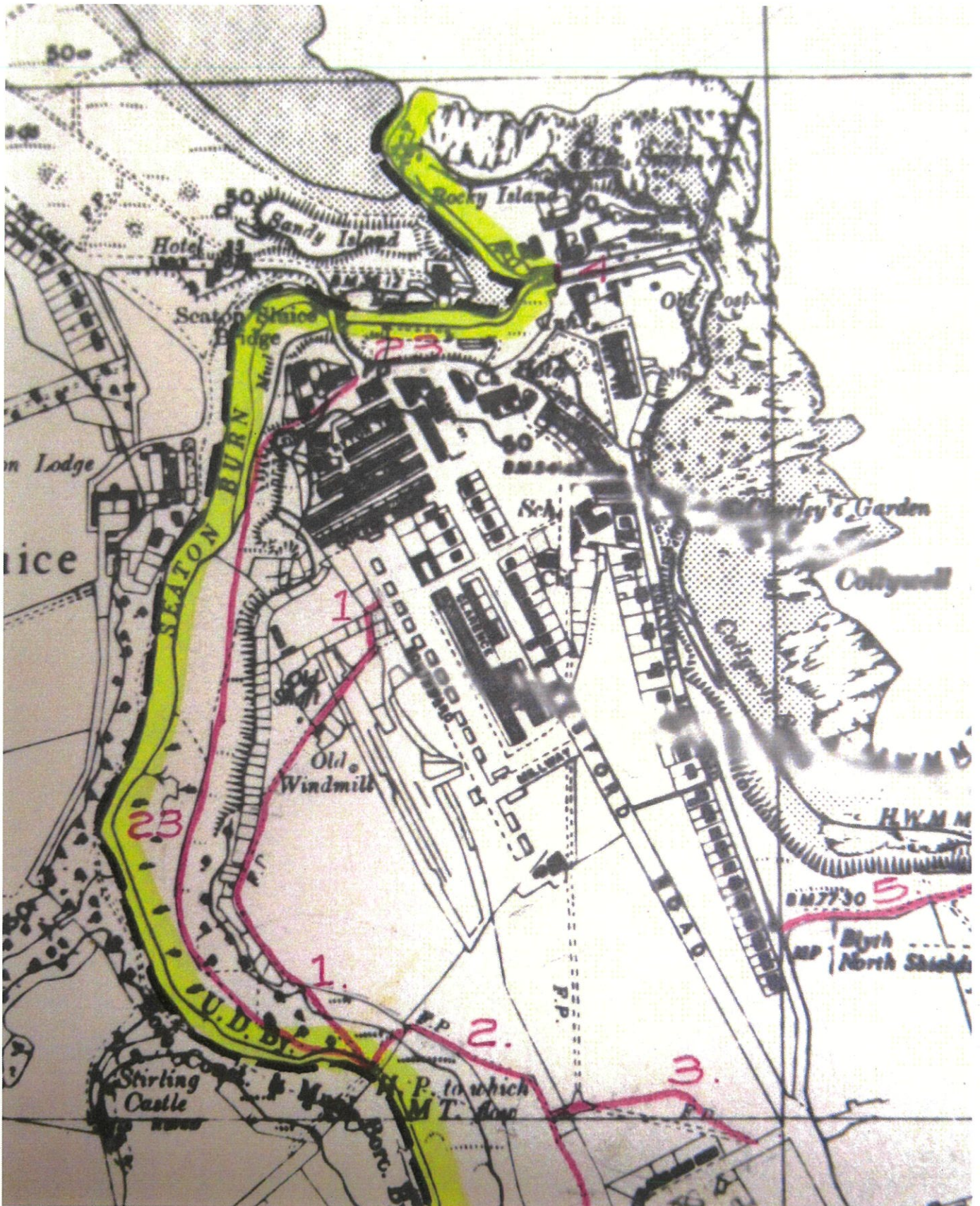


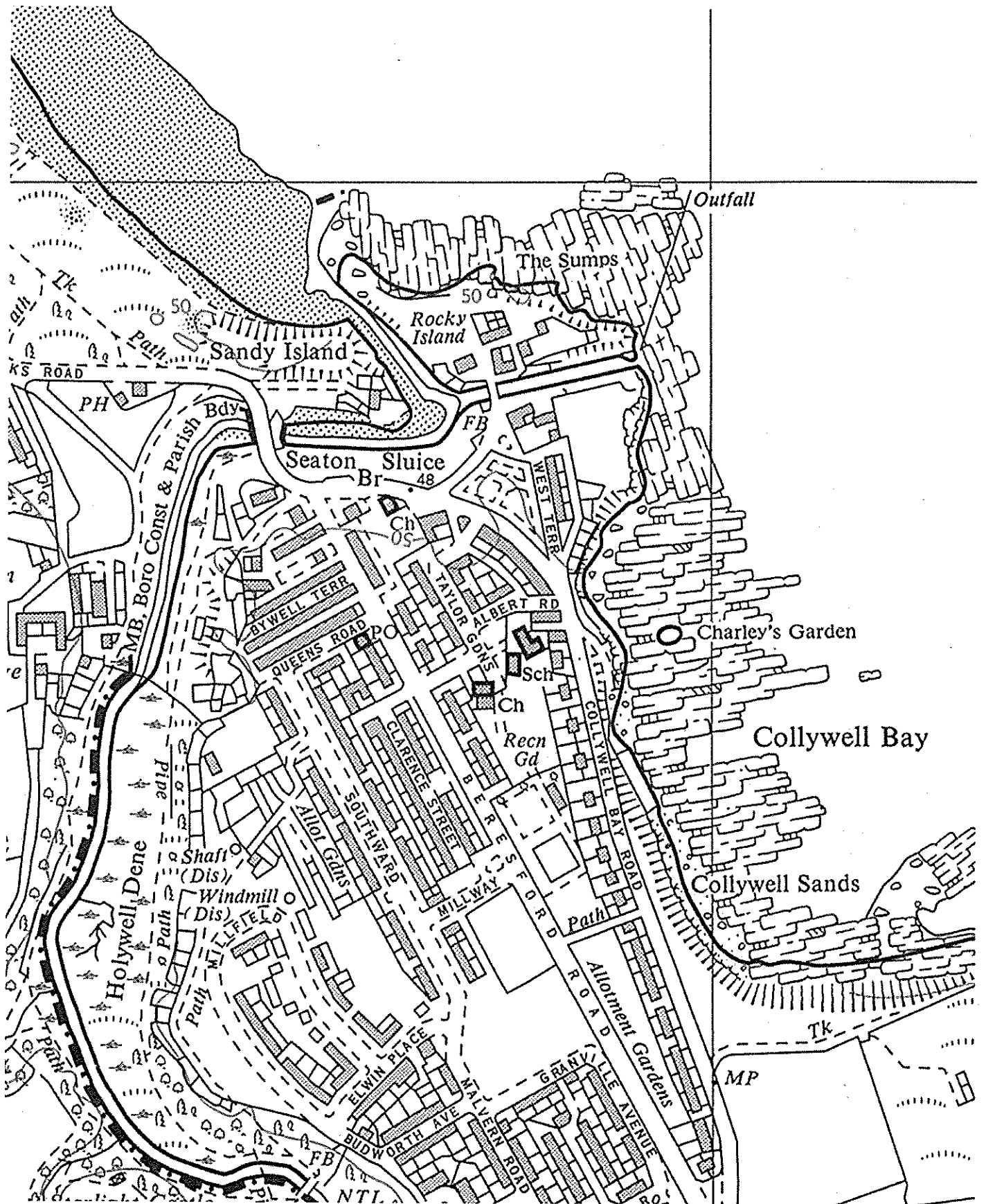




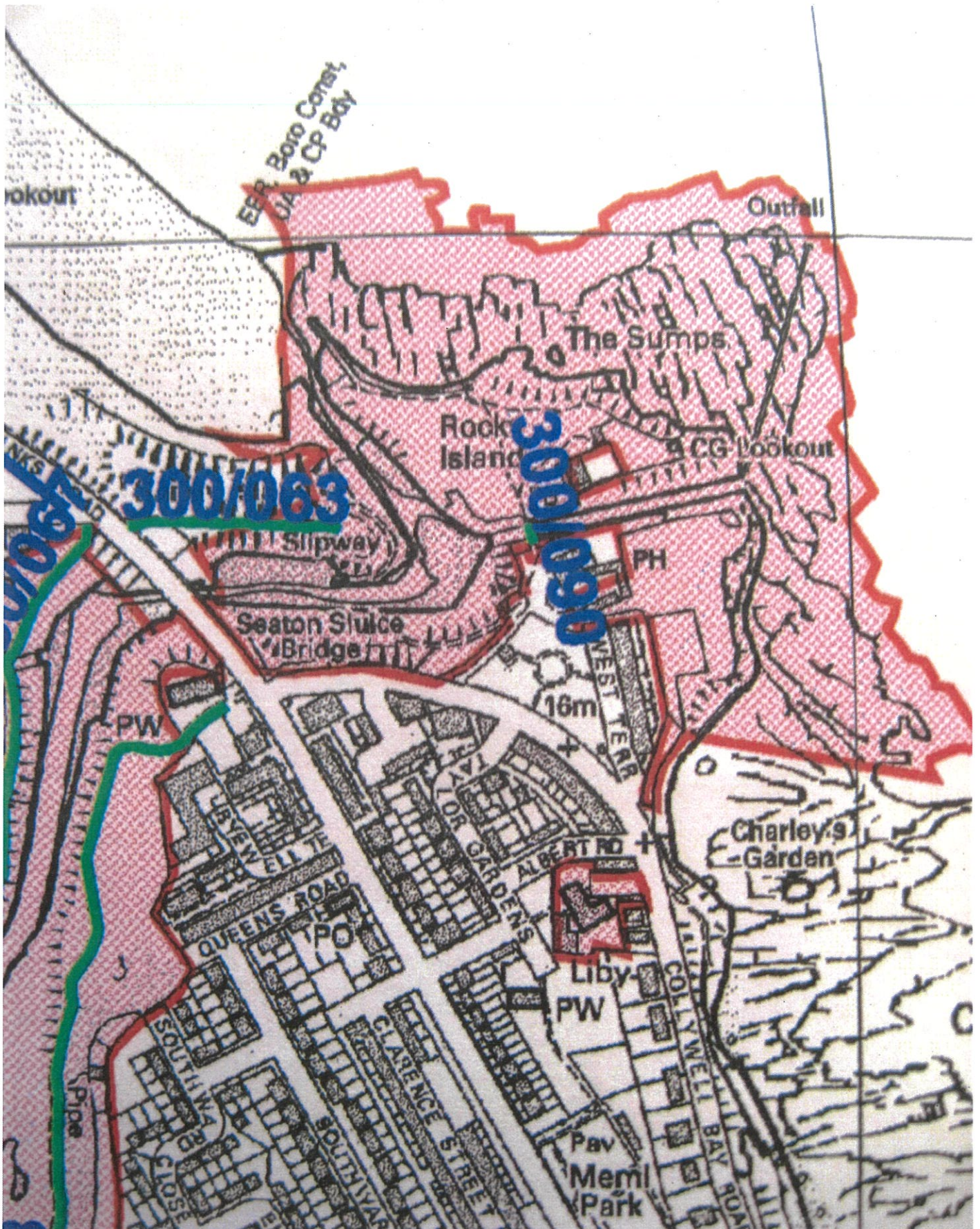








Seaton Delaval & Horton Estates' Section 31(6) Deposit  
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Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley Local Area Council

Members local Improvement Schemes

2021 - 2025

Progress Report - 1st August 2022



**Cllr. L. Bowman Members Schemes 2021 to 2025**  
**Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley - Holywell**



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Report Date 01/07/2022

Job Number	Scheme Description	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Current Status	Proposed Completion	Comments
2021 / 2022						
HO210007	Contribution towards the purchase and installation of new cast iron posts and hanging baskets at Elsdon Avenue, Seaton Delaval	£4,589.00	£4,589.00	complete	complete	Contribution to Seaton Valley Community Council made on 28 June 2021.
HO210022	Contribution towards the purchase and installation of a new tower server and hard drive IT system for Holywell First School	£2,580.00	£2,580.00	Accounts	TBA	Contribution to Holywell First School not made yet.
HO210066	Traffic calming (Proposed speed reduction measures) U9707 Elsdon Avenue, Seaton Delaval - Phase 1	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	Design	TBA	Design brief to be issued.
2022 / 2023						




<b>Balance carried over from 2021</b>	<b>£3,831.00</b>		
<b>Total Budget May 2021 - April 2023</b>	<b>£30,000.00</b>		
<b>Actual Cost + Committed Cost to Date</b>		<b>£11,169.00</b>	
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>£11,169.00</b>		
<b>Balance Remaining to 31/3/23</b>	<b>£ 18,831.00</b>		

**KEY**

	<b>Approved Scheme Budget</b>
	<b>Proposed Scheme</b>
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**Cllr. E. L. Chicken Members Schemes 2021 to 2025**

**Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley - Seghill with Seaton Delaval**



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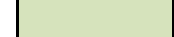
Report Date 01/07/2022

Job Number	Scheme Description	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Current Status	Proposed Completion	Comments
<b>2021 / 2022</b>						
2021/042	Purchase and installation of 1No. new interactive speed sign on the A190 at Station Road, Seghill	£0.00	£0.00	ON HOLD	ON HOLD	Awaiting estimates for new interactive sign.
HO210042	Contribution towards construction of new car park at East Cramlington Nature Reserve	£6,000.00	£6,000.00	Accounts	TBA	Countryside and Open Spaces Team Scheme - Joint scheme with Cllr's. Dunbar and Lee - Total contribution £10,000.00.
2021/044	Carriageway resurfacing U9539 Northcott Gardens, Seghill	£0.00	£0.00	ON HOLD	ON HOLD	Awaiting estimates for resurfacing works.
<b>2022 / 2023</b>						


**Summary**

Balance carried over from 2021	£9,000.00	
Total Budget May 2021 - April 2023	£30,000.00	
Actual Cost + Committed Cost to Date		£6,000.00
Total Estimated Cost	£6,000.00	
Balance Remaining to 31/3/23	£ 24,000.00	

**KEY**

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# Cllr. W. Daley Members Schemes 2021 to 2025

## Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley - Cramlington North



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Report Date 01/07/2022

Job Number	Scheme Description	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Current Status	Proposed Completion	Comments
<b>2021 / 2022</b>						
HO210013	Contribution towards purchase of a new ride on mower for Cramlington Town Council	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	complete	complete	Contribution to Cramlington Town Council made on 24 June 2021 - Joint scheme with Cllr's. Dunbar, Swinburn, Flux, Lee & Ezhilchelvan - Total scheme contribution £16,500.00.
<b>2022 / 2023</b>						


<b>Balance carried over from 2021</b>		<b>£12,000.00</b>	
<b>Total Budget May 2021 - April 2023</b>		<b>£30,000.00</b>	
<b>Actual Cost + Committed Cost to Date</b>		<b>£3,000.00</b>	
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>		<b>£3,000.00</b>	
<b>Balance Remaining to 31/3/23</b>		<b>£ 27,000.00</b>	

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### Cllr. C. L. Dunbar Members Schemes 2021 to 2025

#### Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley - Cramlington Eastfield



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Report Date 01/07/2022

Job Number	Scheme Description	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Current Status	Proposed Completion	Comments
	2021 / 2022					
HO210008	Contribution towards purchase of a new ride on mower for Cramlington Town Council	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	complete	complete	Contribution to Cramlington Town Council made on 24 June 2021 - Joint scheme with Cllr's. Daley, Swinburn, Flux, Lee & Ezhilchelvan - Total scheme contribution £16,500.00.
HO210047	Contribution towards construction of new car park at East Cramlington Nature Reserve	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Accounts	TBA	Countryside and Open Spaces Team Scheme - Joint scheme with Cllr's. Lee and Scott - Total contribution £10,000.00.
HO210085	Contribution towards installation of new street lighting columns on Mayfield Dale Footpath linking Porchester Drive and Thornley Avenue, Cramlington	£4,977.50	£4,977.50	completed	completed	Street Lighting & Electrical Team scheme - Joint scheme with Cllr. Lee.
	2022 / 2023					


<b>Balance carried over from 2021</b>		<b>£5,022.50</b>		
<b>Total Budget May 2021 - April 2023</b>		<b>£30,000.00</b>		
<b>Actual Cost + Committed Cost to Date</b>			<b>£9,977.50</b>	
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>		<b>£9,977.50</b>		
<b>Balance Remaining to 31/3/23</b>		<b>£ 20,022.50</b>		

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### Cllr. P.D. Ezhilchelvan Members Schemes 2021 to 2025

### Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley - Cramlington South East



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County Council

Report Date 01/07/2022

Job Number	Scheme Description	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Current Status	Proposed Completion	Comments
2021 / 2022						
HO210012	Contribution towards purchase of a new ride on mower for Cramlington Town Council	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	complete	complete	Contribution to Cramlington Town Council made on 24 June 2021 - Joint scheme with Cllr's. Daley, Dunbar, Swinburn, Flux & Lee - Total scheme contribution £16,500.00.
HO210073	Installation of new bollards on footpath between No's. 17 & 19 Crofthead Drive, Collingwood Grange, Cramlington	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Accounts	TBA	Combined with 2021/049 below - contribution to LTP scheme HE213510
2021/049	Installation of new dropped kerbs on link footpath between No's. 19 & 21 Glencoe Avenue and cycle path, Southfield Green, Cramlington	£0.00	£0.00			Combined with HO210073 above.
2022 / 2023						
	Erection of new birdsouth fencing at Glenluce shops	£5,400.00	£5,400.00	Accounts	TBA	Form completed. Area Office scheme.




**Summary of Budget and Actual Costs**

Balance carried over from 2021	£10,500.00
Total Budget May 2021 - April 2023	£30,000.00
<b>Actual Cost + Committed Cost to Date</b>	<b>£9,900.00</b>
Total Estimated Cost	£9,900.00
<b>Balance Remaining to 31/3/23</b>	<b>£ 20,100.00</b>



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**Cllr. D. Ferguson Members Schemes 2021 to 2025**

**Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley - Hartley**



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Report Date 01/07/2022

<b>Job Number</b>	<b>Scheme Description</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Actual Cost</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Proposed Completion</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>2021 / 2022</b>						
HO210031	Installation of dropped kerbs on the U9527 at the junctions of Bywell Terrace and Queens Road to Baresford Road, Seaton Sluice	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Delivery	TBA	Contribution to LTP scheme HE213510.
HO210091	Improve access from The Ranch Car Park, Seaton Sluice	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Design	TBA	Design Brief issued
HO210092	Traffic calming (Proposed double yellow line parking restrictions) U9526 Collywell Bay Road, Seaton Sluice	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Design	TBA	Consultation ends 05/08/2022
HO210093	Improved car park signage at key entry points to Seaton Sluice	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Design	TBA	Design Brief issued
<b>2022 / 2023</b>						
HO220030	Contribution towards improvements of 3 corner green, Seaton Sluice	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Delivery	TBA	Approved. Contribution to Green Space & Countryside Team. Works issued to Jimmy Reith 21/06/2022


<b>Balance carried over from 2021</b>	<b>£7,000.00</b>		
<b>Total Budget May 2021 - April 2023</b>	<b>£30,000.00</b>		
<b>Actual Cost + Committed Cost to Date</b>		<b>£13,000.00</b>	
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>£13,000.00</b>		
<b>Balance Remaining to 31/3/23</b>	<b>£ 17,000.00</b>		

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Cllr. B. M. Flux Members Schemes 2021 to 2025



Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley - Cramlington West






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Report Date 01/07/2022

Job Number	Scheme Description	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Current Status	Proposed Completion	Comments
<b>2021 / 2022</b>						
HO210010	Contribution towards purchase of a new ride on mower for Cramlington Town Council	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	complete	complete	Contribution to Cramlington Town Council made on 24 June 2021 - Joint scheme with Cllr's. Daley, Dunbar, Swinburn, Lee & Ezhilchelvan - Total scheme contribution £16,500.00.
	Additional contribution to HO196704 Westwood Grange Estate, Cramlington	£5,925.00	£5,925.00			Additional contribution to HO196704 to deliver 20mph speed limit scheme on site.
HO210079	Contribution towards the construction costs of the new Pavilion at Northumberlandia	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	complete	complete	Contribution to Northumberland Wildlife Trust made on 11 February 2022.
<b>2022 / 2023</b>						
HO220037	Contribution towards new car park barrier at Beaconhill Primary School	£4,575.00	£4,575.00	Accounts	TBA	Approved.


<b>Balance carried over from 2021</b>	<b>£4,575.00</b>		
<b>Total Budget May 2021 - April 2023</b>	<b>£30,000.00</b>		
<b>Actual Cost + Committed Cost to Date</b>	<b>£15,000.00</b>		
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>£15,000.00</b>		
<b>Balance Remaining to 31/3/23</b>	<b>£ 15,000.00</b>		

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### Cllr. S. Lee Members Schemes 2021 to 2025

#### Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley - Cramlington East





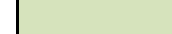
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Job Number	Scheme Description	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Current Status	Proposed Completion	Comments
<b>2021 / 2022</b>						
HO210011	Contribution towards purchase of a new ride on mower for Cramlington Town Council	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	complete	complete	Contribution to Cramlington Town Council made on 24 June 2021 - Joint scheme with Cllr's. Daley, Dunbar, Swinburn, Flux & Ezhichelvan - Total scheme contribution £16,500.00.
HO210049	Contribution towards construction of new car park at East Cramlington Nature Reserve	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Accounts	TBA	Countryside and Open Spaces Team Scheme - Joint scheme with Cllr's. Dunbar and Scott - Total contribution £10,000.00.
HO210086	Contribution towards installation of new street lighting columns on Mayfield Dale Footpath linking Porchester Drive and Thornley Avenue, Cramlington	£4,977.50	£4,977.50	complete	complete	Street Lighting & Electrical Team scheme - Joint scheme with Cllr. Dunbar.
<b>2022 / 2023</b>						


Balance carried over from 2021	£5,522.50	
Total Budget May 2021 - April 2023	£30,000.00	
Actual Cost + Committed Cost to Date		£9,477.50
Total Estimated Cost	£9,477.50	
Balance Remaining to 31/3/23	£ 20,522.50	

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Cllr. M. Robinson Members Schemes 2021 to 2025

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Report Date 01/07/2022






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Job Number	Scheme Description	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Current Status	Proposed Completion	Comments
<b>2021 / 2022</b>						
HO210105	Contribution towards purchase and installation of 2No. new interactive speed signs, A193 Bedlington Bank	£2,221.66	£2,221.66	Design	TBA	Approved - estimated cost £2,221.66 - Joint scheme with Cllr's. Taylor & Wilcezk - Total contribution £6,665.00.
<b>2022 / 2023</b>						




Balance carried over from 2021    £12,778.34  
 Total Budget May 2021 - April 2023    £30,000.00  
 Actual Cost + Committed Cost to Date    £2,221.66  
 Total Estimated Cost    £2,221.66  
 Balance Remaining to 31/3/23    £ 27,778.34

**KEY**

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**Cllr. M. D. Swinburn Members Schemes 2017 to 2023**  
**Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley - Cramlington Village**



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Report Date 01/07/2022

<b>Job Number</b>	<b>Scheme Description</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Actual Cost</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Proposed Completion</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>2021 / 2022</b>						
HO210009	Contribution towards purchase of a new ride on mower for Cramlington Town Council	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	complete	complete	Contribution to Cramlington Town Council on 24 June 2021 - Joint scheme with Cllr's. Daley, Dunbar, Flux, Lee & Ezhilchelvan - Total scheme contribution £16,500.00.
HO210087	Installation of 1No. new street lighting column at side of No.19 Richmond Way, Barns Park, Cramlington	£2,247.00	£2,247.00	Delivery	TBA	Street Lighting & Electrical Team scheme.
<b>2022 / 2023</b>						
HO220020	Contribution to Cramlington Town Council for picnic benches in Seven Oaks Park	£7,500.00	£7,500.00	Accounts	TBA	Approved. Sent to Accounts Payable 18/07/2022


<b>Balance carried over from 2021</b>	<b>£9,753.00</b>		
<b>Total Budget May 2021 - April 2023</b>	<b>£30,000.00</b>		
<b>Actual Cost + Committed Cost to Date</b>		<b>£12,747.00</b>	
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>£12,747.00</b>		
<b>Balance Remaining to 31/3/23</b>	<b>£ 17,253.00</b>		

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**Cllr. C.A. Taylor Members Schemes 2021 to 2025**

**Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley - Bedlington Central**



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Report Date 01/07/2022

Job Number	Scheme Description	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Current Status	Proposed Completion	Comments
2021 / 2022						
HO210103	Contribution towards purchase and installation of 2No. new interactive speed signs, A193 Bedlington Bank	£2,221.66	£2,221.66	Design	TBA	Approved - estimated cost £2,221.66 - Joint scheme with Cllr's. Wilczek & Robinson - Total contribution £6,665.00.
2022 / 2023						


Balance carried over from 2021	£12,778.34		
Total Budget May 2021 - April 2023	£30,000.00		
Actual Cost + Committed Cost to Date		£2,221.66	
Total Estimated Cost	£2,221.66		
Balance Remaining to 31/3/23	£ 27,778.34		

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## Cllr. R. Wilczek Members Schemes 2021 to 2025

### Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley - Bedlington East






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Report Date 01/07/2022

Job Number	Scheme Description	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost	Current Status	Proposed Completion	Comments
<b>2021 / 2022</b>						
HO210088	Traffic calming (Proposed junction improvements) C405 Station Road Roundabout, Bedlington Station - Phase 1	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	Design	TBA	Design brief issued.
HO210104	Contribution towards purchase and installation of 2No. new interactive speed signs, A193 Bedlington Bank	£2,221.66	£2,221.66	Design	TBA	Approved - estimated cost £2,221.66 - Joint scheme with Cllr's. Taylor & Robinson - Total contribution £6,665.00.
HO210094	Contribution towards purchase and installation of 2No. new swings (1No. disabled access swing) at Dr. Pit Park, Bedlington	£8,826.45	£8,826.45	Accounts	TBA	Countryside & Open Spaces Team scheme.
HO210099	Contribution towards the purchase of 2No. electric bikes, 1No. DSLR camera and 1No. DSLR lens for Northumbria Police	£1,153.75	£1,153.75	Accounts	TBA	Contribution to Northumbria Police not made yet - Joint scheme with Cllr's. Foster, Murphy & Wallace - Approved estimated cost £1,153.75 - Total contribution £4,614.98.
<b>2022 / 2023</b>						
2022SEP29	Play Equipment Replacement Parts - Gallagher Park	£440.00	£440.00	Accounts	TBA	Neighbourhood Services not paid yet
HO220045	Contribution towards new start gate for BMX Club	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Accounts	TBA	Approved. Forms shared with Barnesbury Cycling Club 11/07/2022


Balance carried over from 2021		£1,951.89		
Total Budget May 2021 - April 2023		£30,000.00		
Actual Cost + Committed Cost to Date			£19,641.86	
Total Estimated Cost		£19,641.86		
Balance Remaining to 31/3/23		£ 10,358.14		

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	Number
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	Number	Original Estimated Cost	Current Estimate / Actual Cost	Totals
Total Budget May 2021 - Apr 2023				£360,000.00
Total Approved Schemes	31	£114,356.18	£114,356.18	
Total Uncommitted Balance				£245,643.82

Highway Scheme	18	£46,191.98	£46,191.98
External Contribution	19	£68,164.20	£68,164.20

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**Northumberland County Council**  
**Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Local Area Council**  
**Work Programme 2022-23**

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**UPDATED: 20 September 2022**

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

To enhance good governance in the area and ensure that the Council's policies take account of the needs and aspirations of local communities and do not discriminate unfairly between the different Areas.

- (b) To advise the Cabinet on budget priorities and expenditure within the Area.
- (c) To consider, develop and influence policy and strategy development of the Council, its arms-length organisations, and other relevant bodies, to ensure that they meet local requirements and facilitate efficient and transparent decision making.
- (d) To receive information, consider and comment on matters associated with service delivery including those undertaken in partnership agencies, affecting the local area to ensure that they meet local requirements, including matters relating to community safety, anti-social behaviour and environmental crime.
- (e) To consider and refer to Cabinet any issues from a local community perspective with emerging Neighbourhood Plans within their area, and consider local planning applications as per the planning delegation scheme
- (f) To consider and recommend adjustments to budget priorities in relation to Local Transport Plan issues within their area, and to make decisions in relation to devolved capital highway maintenance allocations.
- (g) To engage, through the appropriate networks, with all key stakeholders from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to facilitate the delivery of area priorities. This will include undertaking regular liaison with parish and town councils.
- (h) To inform, consult and engage local communities in accordance with Council policy and guidance, through the appropriate networks.
- (i) To, as appropriate, respond or refer with recommendations to local petitions and councillor calls for action.
- (j) To make certain appointments to outside bodies as agreed by Council.
- (k) To determine applications for grant aid from the Community Chest, either through Panels for individual Local Area Councils, or through the Panel of Local Area Council Chairs for countywide applications.
- (l) To refer and receive appropriate issues for consideration to or from other Council Committees, and as appropriate invite Portfolio Holders to attend a meeting if an item in their area of responsibility is to be discussed.
- (m) To exercise the following functions within their area:-
  - (i) the Council's functions in relation to the survey, definition, maintenance, diversion, stopping up and creation of public rights of way.
  - (ii) the Council's functions as the Commons Registration Authority for common land and town/village greens in Northumberland.
  - (iii) the Council's functions in relation to the preparation and maintenance of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
  - (iv) the Council's functions in relation to the Northumberland National Park and County Joint Local Access Forum (Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2007.
  - (v) the Council's role in encouraging wider access for all to the County's network of public rights of way and other recreational routes.

## **ISSUES TO BE SCHEDULED/CONSIDERED**

**Standard items updates:** Public question time (bimonthly, not at planning only meetings), petitions (bimonthly, not at planning only meetings), members' local improvement schemes (bimonthly)

**To be listed:**

Enhanced Services with Parish and Town Councils  
Off-street Electric Vehicle Charging Points  
Cycling and Walking Board  
Enforcement  
Speeding across Northumberland

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Work Programme 2022-23

18 May 2022

- Planning
- Petitions
- Local Services Update
- Appointment to Outside Bodies
- Members' Local Improvement Schemes

22 June 2022

- Planning and Rights of Way

20 July 2022

- Planning and Rights of Way
- Petitions
- Fostering Service
- Local Services Update
- Members' Local Improvement Schemes

17 August 2022

- Planning and Rights of Way

21 September 2022

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21 December 2022	
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Monitoring Report 2022-23

Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
23.03.22	Local Services Update	That the information be noted and issues set out in the bullet points be followed up.	
Page 198	Bedlington Town Centre Redevelopment Update	Councillor Ploszaj advised that regular updates would be provided to West Bedlington Town Council in the future.	A written response be provided to Councillor Wilczek's questions (R O'Farell).
18.05.22	Petition	That the petition be received.	A report would be presented to the Committee at the meeting of 20 July.
	Local Services Update	That the information be noted and issues set out in the bullet points be followed up.	
	Outside Bodies	That the list of appointments be confirmed.	
	Members Local Improvement Schemes	That the information be noted.	
26.06.22	Planning Applications		

20.07.22	Petition	Petition requesting an extension/amendment to the existing speed limit and extent of the road safety scheme in Seaton Sluice.	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the content of the report be noted including the issues raised and a new speed survey be undertaken as part of the A193 Links Road preliminary design work study and a copy of the study be provided to the local Ward Councillor on its completion.
	Fostering Services	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.	
	Local Services Update	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted and issues set out in the bullet points above be followed up.	

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