

N&N Planning & Development Team

**Northumberland and Newcastle Society
Planning and Development Team – December 2023**

Planning Comments

| Application Reference | Application Type | Location Details | Proposal |
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| North Tyneside Council Applications | | | |
| 23/01645/REM | Reserved Matters | Land At Former Smiths Dock Duke Street North Shields Tyne And Wear | Phase 3 application for reserved matters as part of the site to form 160 dwellings |
| Planning Officer | Rebecca Andison | | |
| Comment | <p>The Northumberland and Newcastle Society (N&N) submits the following generic comments in respect of this scheme.</p> <p>The Society notes this scheme forms an element of the development of an extensive brownfield site subject of an already approved master plan. The Society is an enthusiastic supporter of development of brownfield sites wherever appropriate as a much more desirable and sustainable approach to responding to residential demand.</p> <p>As a prime riverside location this offers great potential as the design cue for outstanding public realm interventions. We share the observations of others on the issue of cycling / pedestrian access to the riverside. Whilst in the council's own master plan it looks as though a riverfront promenade / cycle route would be created it isn't entirely clear in the developer's plans.</p> <p>The dwelling houses are of a reasonable design but this contrasts with the blocks of flats that appear to be of uninspiring rectangular block design with narrow central corridors that are unattractive and not desirable in a residential setting. We have previously commented on such designs elsewhere, highlighting the potential for anti-social behaviour and intimidation of vulnerable people, reduced emergency evacuation capability and lack of empathy with residents' needs. We are disappointed with this apparent poor consideration for future residents and a more respectful approach would demonstrate good design standards.</p> <p>As a general point given the history of this site, we would welcome prominent interpretation installations that offer insight and a sense of place for the historical context of the site, including reference to the extraordinary story of HMS Resolute and its association to The White House.</p> | | |