



Reference: FOI0676

**Request:**

An inspection of Borough Road Footbridge was made and reported in 2011. Since then another special Inspection was carried out in 2013, an Options Study in 2016 and Feasibility Report in 2018, leading to a planning application for demolition and route diversion in 2018.\_

Please tell me what decisions were made by whom (officers, Capita, and councillors) since the 2011 Inspection Report was written; with links to the relevant reports, decisions and minutes so one can track these through. These will include decisions about the results of studies/reports that were undertaken; decisions to commission further studies/inspections and the decision to authorise submission of the planning application; with reasons for these actions and alternative actions considered.\_

**Response:**

Where reference is made to North Tyneside Council Planning Portal, please follow the instructions provided on website address given below:

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1079/search-planning-applications>

A summary of key inspections and studies undertaken on Borough Road Footbridge is provided to inform and explain how the North Tyneside Council Officers reached this decision to date:

Commissioned Documents and Studies Date  
Principal Inspection Report February 2011  
Special Inspection Report December 2013  
Refurbishment Study Inc. Surveys & Testing 2014-2015  
Options Appraisal Report Rev 2 October 2016  
Public Consultation and Feasibility Study Rev 2 March 2018  
Planning Application Submission for Demolition. October 2018

The Reports list above including the Public Consultation and Feasibility Study can be downloaded from the North Tyneside Council Planning Portal under the Planning Application 18/01497/FUL/ Demolition of Borough Road Footbridge, North Shields Tyne & Wear.

The trigger for moving away from full refurbishment to asset alternative solutions was in 2014 when it was realised that repairs would cost around £360k and this would only give a limited extension to the life of the structure. Observations were that the bridge had fallen out of use and the officer team formed a view that it would be wrong to spend a large amount of public money repairing or renewing a structure that is little used.

The information supplied to you is owned by the council unless otherwise stated and may be protected by copyright. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including any non-commercial research or for the purposes of news reporting. Any other re-use of a commercial nature will require the permission of the Council. Further enquiries in this respect should be directed to Head of Law and Governance, North Tyneside Council, Quadrant The Silver Link North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY



North Tyneside Council

Reference: FOI0676

The pedestrian survey carried out in 2015 and the later 2016 options appraisal validated the above rationale. It clearly showed that demolition provided the most favourable cost/benefit ratio and was the most responsible course of action from an asset management perspective.

Ward members were briefed on the reports and consultation findings by the Council Officers and it was agreed to proceed with the demolition scheme and progress the planning application.

The information supplied to you is owned by the council unless otherwise stated and may be protected by copyright. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including any non-commercial research or for the purposes of news reporting. Any other re-use of a commercial nature will require the permission of the Council. Further enquiries in this respect should be directed to Head of Law and Governance, North Tyneside Council, Quadrant The Silver Link North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY

Date: 19/02/2019

Page 2 of 2