



North Tyneside Council

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Request:

Can the Council please explain its decision to carry out the pedestrian count on a Bank Holiday?

The 2015 a pedestrian movement survey was carried out over four days between Thursday, August 27 and Sunday, August 30 (an August Bank Holiday weekend and during school holidays). The purpose was to record pedestrian volume data to assess how well used the footbridge is.

As is typical in making decisions on infrastructure provision, the everyday use or baseline value is used as a benchmark for measuring or comparing current and past values. Bank holidays are busier than normal working week days, therefore the 2015 survey results from Friday to Sunday are considered to demonstrate pedestrian flows when the bridge would be at its greatest use.

A further survey held in November 27, 2018 provided a substantiated baseline value more in keeping with day to day pedestrian use.

Please may I have confirmation and details of the Bat Survey carried out in connection with the Council's proposal to demolish Borough Road Footbridge?

North Tyneside Council undertook an Ecological Survey and Assessment to investigate the feasibility of removing the footbridge, in the report the ecologist noted that the existing masonry walls of the bridge (not the bridge itself) have potential to support roosting bats.

A Bat Survey has not been carried out to date, a Bat Survey is planned to take place at the applicable time prior to demolition.

Please may I have details of the Environmental Survey and Assessment undertaken in connection with the Council's proposal to demolish Borough Road Footbridge?

The Ecological Assessment report can be found under the title 'Proposed Site Plan' under the Planning Application 18/01497/FUL/ Demolition of Borough Road Footbridge, North Shields Tyne And Wear.

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