

Reference: RFI 1807024

Request:

The History of the Old Police Box, Seafield Green, Tynemouth.

1. Which year was the Police Box built
2. Did the Police pay for the construction of this building ? If not who did?
3. Did the Police own the police box up to it's closure in 2014 ? Or was it 2014? If not who did?
4. Did ownership of the Police Box include ownership of the land upon which it is located ? If not who does own the land ?
5. Now that the Police Box has been sold do the new owners own the land upon which building is located?
6. How was the covenant twice modified, firstborn to allow the initial building of the Police Box and then again as part of it's subsequent sale to owners with a new?

Response:

1. We have no record of the year the building was built.
2. We have no record of who constructed the building.
3. Ownership was transferred to the Police Authority in 2016. The land should have been transferred to the Police Authority in accordance with the Northumberland Police (Amalgamation) Order 1969. Under this Order, the police areas within the County of Northumberland, the County of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne and the County Borough of Tynemouth were amalgamated for police purposes. These formed the combined police area, known as the Northumberland police area and the combined police authority, known as the Northumberland police authority. Under paragraph 9(1) of the Order, all property held solely or mainly for police purposes by the Councils for these areas immediately before 1st April 1969 was transferred to and vested in the new combined police authority. The properties were later transferred to Northumbria Police Authority when the same was formed in 1974. The 2016 transfer was to rectify that position.
4. Yes the ownership includes the land upon which the police box is located
5. Yes the new owners own the land upon which it is located.
6. Ministerial consent was obtained by the Council in 1955 for the police box land to be appropriated from open space to police purposes.

We are not aware of any covenants that may have been imposed when the Police Authority sold the property to the new owner.