

U DX356

**Campaign to prevent the closure
of the Humber Ferry**

1979-1981

Historical Background:

The construction of a suspension bridge across the River Humber was approved in 1959 with the passing of the Humber Bridge Act and the creation of the Humber Bridge Board. Work on the construction of the bridge did not start until 1973 and this piece was inspired by its construction. Traffic first crossed the bridge on 24th June 1981 and it was officially opened by Her Majesty the Queen on 17th July 1981.

A campaign was organised against the withdrawal of the Humber ferry service running between New Holland and Kingston upon Hull by residents of New Holland in 1979. The popular ferry 'Farringford' was replaced temporarily during 1980 with the smaller 'Yorkshire Belle'. Residents such as Alan and Elizabeth Oldfield objected to its replacement and the 'Farringford' was reinstated.

Custodial history:

Deposited via Eric Evans in the Department of Economics at the University of Hull

Description:

Three files includes correspondence, petitions and reports from 1979-1981 concerning the unsuccessful campaign against the removal of the Humber ferry service

Extent: 3 files

Related material:

Score and orchestral parts for 'Suite: The Humber Bridge' composed by D.J. Newstone and S.L. Burnby [Ref U DX362]

Access conditions:

Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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| U DX356/1 | Ferry Closure (proposal)
Correspondence from Alan and Elizabeth Oldfield to Michael Brown MP, E. Archer, Sealink U.K Ltd and the Department of Transport concerning to withdrawal of the Humber ferry service. Includes letters to Local Councils, transport organisations and Houses of Parliament.
1 file | 1979-1980 |
| U DX356/2 | Ferry Closure Objection - Public Petition and Action
Contains documents such as a photocopy of the Humber Bridge Act (1971). Supporting documents collected on behalf of the opposition such as surveys of passengers who took the ferry, petition leaflets, Newspaper cuttings, Maps of the Humber and surrounding areas. Also includes Correspondence (1979-1980) between D.W Richman and Alan Oldfield to J.C Downing, Austin Mitchell MP, Michael Brown MP. Includes newspaper cutting of final journey of the 'Farringford' Humber ferry (June 1981)
1 file | 1979-1981 |
| U DX356/3 | Supporting Documents for the campaign to prevent the closure of the Humber Ferry
Correspondence between 1979-1980 from the Transport Users' Consultative Committee, Secretary of State for the Environment, D.W. Richman, E. Archer, Alan Oldfield. Includes reports from British Railways Board and the Transport Users' Consultative Committee. Also Include a Public Inquiry on Bridge tolls from March 1980.
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