

Charlie's Letters

Newcastle Harbour

To accommodate the huge tankers and colliers that seem to be getting bigger and bigger all the time, the entrance to Newcastle Harbour has of necessity been deepened considerably and there are already plans for this new depth to be increased.



But, so far as I know, there has been no mention of the consequent need for the widening of the entrance. With the frantic dashing in and out of the harbour by the giant colliers during their all-too-brief stay in Newcastle, Nobbys has several times been in danger of being toppled into the sea. And, with the possible completion of the third coal-loader some time next century, this situation will, as they say in Parliament, be exacerbated.

I suggest, therefore, that while there is still time Nobbys should be moved out of harm's way but, preferably, kept close to the sea.

The most suitable spot seems to me to be Fletcher Park, which has remained untouched by the hands of developers, progressive aldermen and hospital staff motorists.

What do your readers think?