

# Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay

## North Shields Embankment Walkway – 3 March 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

As part of North Tyneside Council's ambitious plans to improve North Shields and transform the town into a residential location of choice and an attractive, family-friendly destination we are developing a new embankment walkway linking the town centre to the Fish Quay.

It forms part of our aims to create a smaller but more vibrant, high-quality town centre; to create more flexible retail opportunities and expand the evening and weekend economy; to improve public transport and the quality of walking and cycling connections across the town (including better links to the Fish Quay); and to raise and improve the quality of the built environment and the quality of public space in North Shields with more of it suitable for hosting events and festivals.

The scheme is being delivered by our appointed construction partner Wilmott Dixon.

We'd like to thank everyone who has provided their views on the walkway so far – these are being considered closely and the designs are being adapted to reflect a number of comments. The public will be consulted again on the updated plans in due course as part of the planning process.

In the meantime, initial pruning of dense vegetation on the embankment will commence very shortly ahead of bird nesting season. We are working closely with ecologists during the works to identify any wildlife in the area and avoid any negative impact.

The full clearance of the vegetation in the area will follow at a later date to accommodate the new pathways. The new scheme will involve extensive planting, resulting in greater biodiversity than there currently is in the area.

During the initial pruning work, there will be no traffic restrictions although the stairs near the Stag Line Building will be closed. Ropery Stairs will remain open.

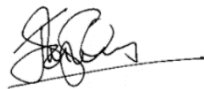
Works are expected to start week commencing March 7 and will be undertaken from 8.00am to 4.30pm. There will be information shared on the Council's social media channels and website as work begins.

We are working hard to minimise disruption and we would like to thank you for your patience. We will continue to keep you updated throughout the duration of the project.

We are producing regular e-newsletters to report on our progress. If you would like to subscribe, please email [AmbitionNS@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:AmbitionNS@northtyneside.gov.uk) and put 'Subscribe' in the subject line – and if you have any queries during the project, please email [AmbitionNS@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:AmbitionNS@northtyneside.gov.uk) or telephone (0191) 643 4830.

For more information about the please visit [www.northtyneside.gov.uk](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk) and search 'North Shields Embankment Walkway' or follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/AmbitionNS](http://www.facebook.com/AmbitionNS). If you would like to discuss any of the plans further, please email [regenconsult@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:regenconsult@northtyneside.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully,



**John Sparkes**

Director of Regeneration and Economic Development

### **About the North Shields Embankment Walkway:**

The new high-quality walkway is aimed at improving access where accessibility can be difficult between the improved town centre and vibrant Fish Quay, making it easier for people to travel between the two parts of town.

The walkway will feature green open spaces and there will be route options to suit different needs, including step-free routes and steps with handrails, as well as a direct route from top to bottom via steps.

The scheme is being designed with environmental sustainability and safety at its heart and it will become an attraction in its own right and provide benefits for health and

wellbeing. It also features provision for artwork to be displayed and potential commercial opportunities.

The aim is to attract more people to the area and vastly improve the appearance of the local landscape.

### **About Willmott Dixon:**

Willmott Dixon is a privately-owned contracting and interior fit-out group.

Founded in 1852, they are dedicated to leaving a positive legacy in communities and the environment and in 2018, were one of only six companies to receive a Queen's Award for Enterprise in promoting opportunity through social mobility category.

Willmott Dixon create value for customers, stakeholders and communities by working in a sustainable and responsible way to shape the built environment and make a positive impact to society's well-being.

The scope and scale of what they do reaches all areas of society, with over 90% of the population never more than a mile from a Willmott Dixon project.

### **Considerate Constructors Scheme**

Willmott Dixon are a founding Partner of the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS), participating in the scheme since its establishment in 1997. The scheme has influenced the way they design their strategy of work, accounting for successful CCS scores on site. All Willmott Dixon sites are registered with the CCS and, as a partner working to the higher code of conduct, are committed to the highest standards of work.

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