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## **North Shields Embankment Walkway 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Dear Resident / Business,

North Tyneside Council has ambitious plans to improve and transform North Shields into an attractive, family-friendly place to live, work and visit. Part of that plan is to create a new riverside embankment walkway linking the town centre to the Fish Quay and Coast.

Works are well underway now, with construction hoardings erected around the top and bottom of the embankment, and vegetation clearance ongoing.

I am writing to let you know about the next phase of the works, to give you plenty of time to check out the plans and make any adjustments to your routine that you might need to. Every effort will be made to minimise the disruption of these works and we will keep in contact with you throughout.

Starting week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> November, a full road closure will be in place to traffic on Bell Street for 17 weeks (expected completion March 2023). This is to allow a large crane to be brought to site and begin the installation of the sheet pile walls that will strengthen the embankment prior to its excavation and reconstruction.

This is the most disruptive phase of the construction programme and is planned during the quieter winter months to reduce the impact on residents, local businesses, and visitors.

Parking in the area will not be affected, and the Fish Quay will be accessible to vehicles via Tanners Bank and Brewhouse Bank. As shown in the plan overleaf, residents/businesses west of the closure will still be able to access their properties/car park via Bedford Street, Borough Road, and Dock Road. Residents/businesses east of the closure will be able to access their properties via Brewhouse Bank and Tanners Bank. Egress from the Fish Quay via Brewhouse Bank will be restricted and so all outward trips must exit via Tanners Bank.

The road closure will not affect access for pedestrians or cyclists. However, during periods where road space is unavailable, cyclists will be required to dismount and use the narrow footpath section adjacent to the closure on Bell Street.

The number 19 bus service will be diverted via Borough Road and Brewhouse Bank but will still serve the North Shields Ferry landing and Fish Quay at an adjusted schedule. Residents of Clive Street, Liddell Street, and Bell Street will need to travel further to their nearest stop which will be either the North Shields Ferry landing or a temporary stop on Tanners Bank. For more information please visit: [www.nexus.org.uk/ferry/NSHbuslinks](http://www.nexus.org.uk/ferry/NSHbuslinks).



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

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 through our newsletters and regular posts of progress on our social media channels.

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 contact us using the methods listed at the top of this letter.

For more information, 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](https://www.facebook.com/AmbitionNS)

Yours faithfully,

**John Sparkes**  
Director of Regeneration and Economic Development

# Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay

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

Commencing in September 2022, 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 will feature provision for artwork to be displayed and potential commercial opportunities, attracting more people to the area and vastly improve the appearance of the local landscape.

Works are expected to reach completion in Spring 2024.

## **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 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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