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## **North Shields Embankment Walkway 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022**

Dear Resident,

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 develop a new embankment walkway linking the town centre to the Fish Quay.

In February, I advised you that feedback had been taken into consideration and the design of the walkway was being adapted to reflect your comments. The design was finalised and an amended planning application was submitted and further consulted upon. I'm writing to you to update and explain what will be happening next following the grant of planning permission.

Over the coming weeks, we will remove benches and litter bins, ready to start on site and temporary bus stops will be in place while the works happen.

The end of August marks the end of the bird nesting season and our ecologists will undertake another survey as a final check to make sure that nests are empty before we start clearing vegetation for the scheme to go ahead. The new scheme will involve extensive planting, resulting in an overall net gain for biodiversity.

Also at the end of August, you will notice some works at the top of the embankment as small foundations are dug for a new electrical supply. A small kiosk will appear next to the existing substation on Tyne Street. The team will be hand digging these foundations between 8am and 5pm and some surrounding bushes will be removed.

Residents and visitors will be able to fully access the embankment while these activities are happening in late August.

In early September, construction hoardings will start to go up around the site. The Tyne Street perimeter at the top of the embankment will be fully fenced off with a full road closure to traffic for the duration of the works. A pedestrian route between the Stagline Building and Ropery Stairs will remain open throughout the works. Stairs at the Stagline Building will be closed. Additional signage will be in place to advise motorists and pedestrians of the changes.

At the bottom of the embankment on Bell Street there will also be hoardings erected with access to the Fish Quay maintained through temporary two-way traffic signals.

Works are expected to commence on both top and bottom of the embankment from 12<sup>th</sup> September with expected completion Spring 2024.

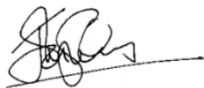
The scheme is being delivered by our appointed construction partner Willmott Dixon.

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 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](https://www.facebook.com/AmbitionNS). If you would like to discuss any of the plans further, please email [AmbitionNS@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:AmbitionNS@northtyneside.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully,



**John Sparkes**

Director of Regeneration and Economic Development



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# Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay

## **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 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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