Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay

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Hello and welcome to our first edition of the <u>Ambition for North Shields and the</u> Fish Quay newsletter of 2023! Happy New Year!

This is a monthly newsletter to keep you up to date with the latest progress to our ambitious masterplan regeneration projects in North Shields town centre and riverside.

In this issue you'll find:

- Howard Street snagging update
- Fish Quay Sea Wall strengthening scheme
- Embankment Walkway update
- Further information

The aim is to improve the area so that it provides the right environment to support residents, businesses, retail, and visitors. The Masterplan features eight separate ambitious projects, including:

- 1. Gateway improvements
- 2. Transport Hub with new Town Square
- 3. Public realm improvements at Bedford Street and Saville Street
- 4. Northumberland Square redevelopment
- 5. Howard Street Cultural Quarter
- 6. Riverside Embankment Walkway
- 7. Allocated housing sites
- 8. Relocation of the North Shields ferry landing

Howard Street snagging update



Minor snagging works are required in the carriageway on Howard Street in the areas highlighted on the map.

Subject to factors such as weather, these are planned to take place from Monday 16 January for up to 10 days, with working hours between 8am and 3.30pm.

There will be very little disruption to traffic and pedestrians, however, the works may be noisy while the team lift a small number of paving slabs, which we apologise for in advance. Barriers will be installed around the working area to provide a safe working space.

Fish Quay Sea Wall strengthening scheme



Repair works are planned to strengthen the sea wall on Fish Quay Sands near the Low Lights Car Park, commencing week beginning 16 January.

The area where works will take place is highlighted in blue in the above map. Every effort will be made to maintain public access to the beach during the works.

The scheme will reduce the risk of future storm damage to the sea front and are expected to last around four weeks, with working hours between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Public access to the promenade in front of the Low Lights Car Park (highlighted in red) will be closed throughout the project. Pedestrians and cyclists will still be able to access the footpath towards Tynemouth via a signposted diversion (highlighted in yellow). A small number of disabled car parking bays will be reduced in length to accommodate the diversion. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Delivered by the Council's strategic partner Capita, the construction team will set up a compound behind the buoy monument at Fish Quay Sands (highlighted in green) before works commence. The compound will feature single-storey cabins, a material laydown area and will be used for parking site vehicles.

Embankment Walkway update

Sheet piling on the embankment is well under way, and we are proactively working with our construction partners, Willmott Dixon, to minimise the distruption to residents. We apologise for the disturbances so far.

Further information

Parking

Parking is not affected around the Fish Quay, and is accessible via Tanners Bank and Brewhouse Bank.

Buses

From 21st November until March 2023 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.

Bus stops on Northumberland Square and Northumberland Place are now closed. Buses are instead serving the existing stop on Albion Road and a new permanent stop on Stephenson Street.

Further details about changes to services in North Shields are available on the <u>Go</u> North East website and Arriva.

Check out our Digital Story Map

We've created a digital story map showing all the exciting developments either already underway or still in the design stage for North Shields and the Fish Quay.

The map is a really handy interactive tool that plots each project included in the Ambition for North Shields Masterplan with a brief summary of what to expect.

You can view the story map here.

Follow us for more updates!

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

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more updates as works progress.

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