

Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay



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Hello and welcome to your festive [Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay](#) update!

This is a regular e-newsletter keeping you up to date with the latest progress as part of North Tyneside Council's ambitious Masterplan to transform the town centre and riverside through a series of bold regeneration projects.

The aim is to improve the area so that it provides the right environment to support businesses, leisure users and retail.

The Masterplan features eight separate ambitious projects, including:

1. Highways improvements at key gateways to the town: East Tynemouth Road and the Law Courts; South East Fish Quay/Brew House Bank; West Howdon Road/Coach Lane/Saville Street
2. [Transport Hub and new Town Square](#)
3. Public realm improvements at Bedford St and Saville St
4. [Northumberland Square redevelopment](#)
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6. [Riverside Embankment Walkway](#)
7. Allocated housing sites: Tyne Brand mixed use site; [Unicorn House residential](#)
8. Relocation of the Shields ferry landing

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We'd like to wish all our subscribers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to sharing even more exciting updates with you throughout 2022!

Transport hub and walkway plans submitted

Ambitious plans for a new transport hub with town square in North Shields and walkway linking the town centre to the Fish Quay have been submitted.

The proposed transport hub will provide a modern and convenient, high-quality facility bringing all bus services in the town together and closer to Metro, taxis and links to cycling infrastructure – making it easier for people to choose cleaner, greener forms of travel. The proposals also include local amenities such as public toilets and a Changing Places facility.

The site will also feature a new open town square for events and leisure activities with new planting, creating a much-needed green space in the heart of the town centre and increasing biodiversity in an urban environment.

The proposed walkway will represent a vast improvement on the current stepped route with much-improved accessibility and will create a safer link between the improved town centre and vibrant Fish Quay.

It will feature green open spaces and different 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.

[Read more](#) at www.northtyneside.gov.uk and search 'North Shields Transport Hub'.

To view and comment on the planning applications visit <https://idoxpublicaccess.northtyneside.gov.uk/online-applications/>



Above: Artist's impressions showing how the transport hub and embankment walkway could look.

Experience a virtual walkthrough tour of the transport hub and town square on [YouTube channel here](#) and the [embankment walkway here](#).

Northumberland Square redevelopment latest

The redevelopment of Northumberland Square and Howard Street continues to make excellent progress – as the latest images from the area below show.



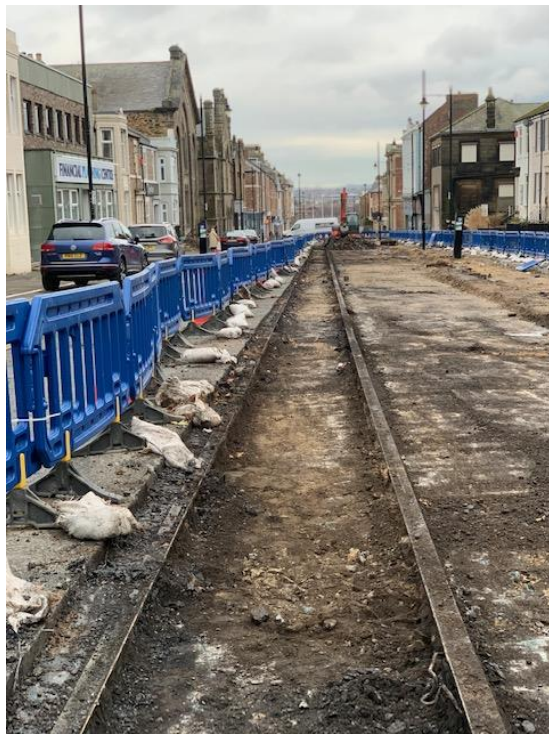
Above: The new, reconfigured carriageway on Howard Street is starting to take shape (left); New paving alongside the refurbished properties on Northumberland Place (right).

Below: The new, wider footpath on the corner of Northumberland Place and Upper Camden Street (left); Work continuing on the opposite side of Northumberland Place outside The Two Pennies (right).



Work to dig up sections of the highway along Howard Street has provided the opportunity to take a look at the tramlines long hidden by the road surface. Some sections of the tramlines will be displayed in the Stephenson Railway Museum.

Look out for our North Shields High Street Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) newsletter, which is due to go out in January 2022, for a fascinating feature telling the story of the history of tramlines in North Shields.



Above: The exposed tramlines on Howard Street (left); an historic photograph of trams in operation along the street, courtesy of Discover North Tyneside (right).

The Northumberland Square redevelopment project is the first step towards creating a new Cultural Quarter for North Shields, incorporating the Square and the top end of Howard Street (north of the Saville Street junction to the Square), offering a new, pedestrian and cyclist-friendly environment and cultural scene.



Above: How Howard Street (left) Northumberland Square (right) could look.

[Read more](#)

Northumberland Square redevelopment – latest updates at a glance

Howard Street:

- Work is continuing to install new kerb lines and excavate the main carriageway ahead of new paving and surfacing being laid.
- Pedestrian diversions remain in place and after Christmas will move towards the Norfolk Street junction so please follow the barriers with care.

Northumberland Square:

- The work around the Square on Northumberland Place and around the YMCA is now complete.
- The park area of the Square will be closed after Christmas as part of work to take the space [back to its original layout](#).
- Some sections of railings around the park area will be removed and retained to be used in other places around the perimeter of the park.

Further information:

- Parking is available in the free Norfolk Street car park (limited to 2 hours), the Beacon Centre multi-storey car park and on-street parking elsewhere around the town centre.

- Bus diversions are in place and two bus stops, on Northumberland Square and Northumberland Place, are 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 [Go North East website](#) and [Arriva](#).
- The North Shields Customer First Centre will continue to remain open as normal, although the entrance may be partially restricted at times.

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.

North Shields in full festive flow

The festive season officially arrived as the North Shields Christmas market made a welcome return this month.

Thousands of people visited the event which featured around 70 stalls offering a wide variety of goods, as well as food and drink and live music. There were also fairground rides and a chance to see alpacas up close!



Meanwhile, our first-ever Santa's Grotto at North Shields library was a huge success.

More than 1,000 children were booked to see Santa and his elves during the Grotto's stay in North Shields



Protection jetty latest



Elsewhere in the town, work is well underway to replace the protection jetty and south east splay at North Shields Fish Quay.

The work, which is being carried out by Southbay Civil Engineering, has seen the canopy roof on the protection jetty stripped, as well as all water and electrical services housed within the canopy removed.

Piling works are also underway. North Shields Fish Quay Company is delighted with the progress that is being made and is grateful to the fishermen for their patience during the construction phase.

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