

Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay



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Hello and welcome to your [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.

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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
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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7. Allocated housing sites: Tyne Brand mixed use site; [Unicorn House residential](#)
8. Relocation of the Shields ferry landing

Northumberland Square update



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The setts around the main paths are currently being laid and seats will be installed over the coming weeks. Pillars at the park entrance have been installed, with the cladding finish still to be added. Paving on the main paths through the centre of the park is ongoing.

Howard Street update



Works continue to progress well on the eastern side of Howard Street, with the footpath closest to properties on the eastern side now complete. The team are now focusing on the area beyond the drainage channels and installing plots for the tree pits.

The footpath tie-in works to Saville Street (on the corner) are now complete, and the team are making good progress on footpaths near the Library.

Traffic on Howard Street has been shifted across to the western side of the road.

Disappointingly, graffiti was found on the newly laid paving on Howard Street and around Northumberland Square last week. Our teams did an excellent job of removing it. North Tyneside Council does not tolerate vandalism of any form and has reported this act to Northumbria Police.

West Percy Street update



Works are under way to improve the footpaths on West Percy Street, linking Northumberland Place to the works in Northumberland Square.

The works involve laying new paving, installing a new kerbline and gullies, plus refurbishing the zebra crossing.

So far, the kerbs have been installed up to the zebra crossing on the southern side of the street. We're expecting works on the southern side to be complete later this month. Once complete, works will begin on the northern side of West Percy Street.

Footpaths will remain open at all times and access to properties will also be maintained throughout.

Transport Hub update



Main demolition at the old Co-op site has begun in preparation for the new Transport Hub being built.

The new transport facility will bring buses, the Metro, taxis and links to cycling and infrastructure together in one place, making it easier for people to choose cleaner, greener forms of travel into the town centre.

It is hoped that the transport hub will become the first net zero carbon building in North Tyneside and design work to achieve this is ongoing and has been designed with sustainability at the forefront through the use of materials, solar energy as well as the way surface water quality is managed.

The transport hub will connect to the existing Metro station and town centre shopping area and will include opportunities for an additional retail offer to be accommodated inside. It will also include modern, high-quality cycle storage and the facility will connect to the expanding network of cycle routes in the borough.

Further information

Parking

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.

Buses

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](#).

Customer First Centre

The North Shields Customer First Centre will continue to remain open as normal, although the entrance may be partially restricted at times.

North Shields businesses

All businesses around Northumberland Square and on Howard Street remain open as usual.

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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