



Gateway 1 improvements: Stephenson Street

June 2023

Dear Resident/Business,

I am writing to let you know about upcoming improvements being made to pedestrian and cycling infrastructure in North Shields town centre, to give you plenty of time to check out the plans and make any adjustments you might need to. Every effort will be made to minimise disruption of these works and we will keep in contact with you throughout.

North Tyneside Council has ambitious plans to improve and transform North Shields and the Fish Quay into an attractive, family-friendly place to live, work and visit. Part of that plan is to improve pedestrian, cycle and public transport access between the town and riverside, as well as improving key routes in and around the town centre.

Further to public engagement on the scheme in Summer 2021, the Council, supported by its partner Capita, has acquired funding from the Department for Transport's Transforming Cities Fund to improve sustainable travel links in North Shields town centre.

North Tyneside Council is committed to supporting more people to use active and sustainable forms of travel, such as creating more accessible cycling lanes and safer routes for pedestrians. These plans support the Council's ambition to be a clean, green borough and to work towards North Tyneside being carbon net-zero by 2030.

These improvement works are expected to commence during the summer, and will involve:

- Widening a section of the northern footway on A193 Albion Road (in the vicinity of its junction with Upper Norfolk Street) to provide a shared-use cycling and pedestrian route.
- Introduction of a new parallel crossing (zebra crossing with adjacent cycling crossing) on the western side of Albion Road's junction with Upper Norfolk Street, which will serve access to Christ Church Primary School.

- Conversion of the existing northern footway on the A193 between Upper Norfolk Street to Drummond Terrace to create a continuation of the shared-use cycling and pedestrian route.
- Installation of a raised table at the Upper Norfolk Street junction to provide safer crossing provision for both pedestrians and cyclists on the southern footway of the A193.
- Introduction of signalised junction with controlled pedestrian crossings connecting A193 and Stephenson Street to facilitate safe traffic movements when exiting Stephenson Street. Reconfiguration of traffic lanes around the signalised junction.
- Improvements to the parking area located at the southern end of Drummond Terrace including introducing a one-way restriction eastbound at its junction with Albion Road.
- Removal of sections of pedestrian guardrail and installation of dropped kerbs to provide cycle access to Drummond Terrace.
- Introduction of a new parallel crossing on Linskill Terrace to provide safer crossing provision for people walking and cycling.
- Introduction of a new parallel crossing on the A193 on the eastern side of its junction with Linskill Terrace.
- Widening of a section of the southern footway of A193 Tynemouth Road to provide a segregated cycling and pedestrian route.
- Formalising the existing contraflow cycling provision along Upper Norfolk Street between Northumberland Square and Albion Road.
- Introducing a 'no entry' restriction into the western end of Suez Street from Upper Norfolk Street.
- Introduction of additional marked on-street parking on the southern side of Suez Street.
- Contraflow cycle lane to be introduced along the north side of Suez Street, into Stephenson Street and then north for a short distance.
- Landscaping improvements to the grassed area adjacent to Stephenson Street, incorporating public art, to emphasise that the location is a gateway into the town.

I would like to thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation. The team is committed to delivering the improvements with as little disruption as possible and we will contact you in the coming weeks with further details of the construction programme and working arrangements ahead of commencement.

Printed copies of these pedestrian and cycling improvements are enclosed. For more information on the scheme, please visit www.northtyneside.gov.uk and search 'Ambition for North Shields' or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AmbitionNS

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Sparkes', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

John Sparkes

Director of Regeneration and Economic Development