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# Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay

**July 2024**

Hello and welcome to our latest edition of the Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay newsletter.

This is a regular bulletin to keep you up to date with progress on our ambitious regeneration projects in North Shields town centre and riverside.

In this edition you'll find the latest updates on:

1. Riverside Embankment Walkway
2. Bedford Street
3. Albion Road / Tynemouth Road resurfacing
4. 11-12 Northumberland Square
5. Transport Hub award

Our ambition for North Shields aims to create a more vibrant town centre with more flexible retail opportunities, expanding the evening and weekend economy and improving the quality of public space in the town centre.

[Find out more](#)

**Riverside Embankment Walkway**



The route of the walkway is taking shape as construction of the remaining earth wall completed in early July. Foundations, drainage and ducting along the walkway routes will start to be installed from the end of July.

Revised landscape plans have been prepared, taking into consideration feedback from residents who were concerned about tree heights. These were shared by our contractor, Willmott Dixon, at the open day event on Friday 21 June.

Bell Street reopened on 24 May under two-way traffic light operation. This will remain in place until completion of the project in December.

## **Bedford Street**



Improvement works to Bedford Street are due to start in September 2024 with completion in Spring 2025.

Works will be phased so that the Christmas Market will still operate and access to businesses is maintained. The works will be carried out by our construction partner Capita.

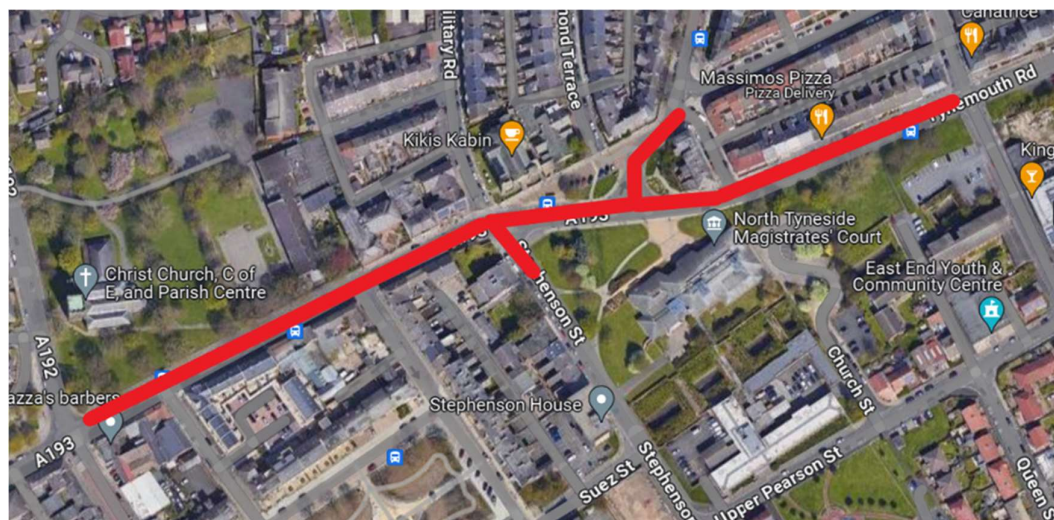
The scheme will have a high-quality finish, bringing it up to the same standard as other regeneration sites in the town with new lighting, seating, landscaping and paving.

We have spoken to businesses about their access needs and we can confirm the scheme will include several new loading areas adjacent to Bedford Street.

Safety concerns have been raised with the Council by members of the public about the number of vehicles driving through this pedestrianised area and the risk this poses to their safety when walking along Bedford Street. Our proposals for Bedford Street will limit vehicle access to emergency and maintenance vehicles only from monitored access points on Russell Street and Wellington Street.

We have also considered the needs of those with limited mobility to access the pedestrianised area. We have included additional blue badge parking bays on Russell Street and relaxed waiting restrictions on Wellington Street and West Percy Street.

## Albion Road/ Tynemouth Road resurfacing



A main route through North Shields will be closed overnight between 8pm and 6am from Monday 29 July for resurfacing work, lasting around one week.

The works will be on the A193 Albion Road/ Tynemouth Road, between the junction of the A192 Preston Road and North King Street, as well as parts of Linskill Terrace and Stephenson Street (highlighted red in the picture).

Diversions will be signposted and bus stops in the area will be suspended during working hours only (8pm to 6am), with more information available at [www.nexus.org.uk](http://www.nexus.org.uk)

Residents in affected streets are being written to directly.

We'd like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works.

## 11-12 Northumberland Square





An open house event is being held at 11 and 12 Northumberland Square next month.

The pair of derelict Grade II listed Georgian townhouses have been brought back from the brink and transformed into six stunning homes.

These are soon to go on the market as five apartments and a townhouse.

Built between 1810 and 1816, the grandeur of the buildings has been restored with the addition of modern living spaces, new sash windows, stylish fitted kitchens and eco-efficient heating systems.

It follows the successful redevelopment of former offices at 13-16 Northumberland Square into 28 homes and completes the sympathetic restoration of the historic square in the centre of North Shields.

The rescue and repair was led by North Tyneside Council, which bought the two abandoned townhouses and worked with contractor Compass Developments to transform them into desirable homes. Several North Shields-based firms were involved in the build - Classic Masonry, Hastie Burton Joinery and AJ Walton Surveying.

The former office buildings had suffered years of decay and damage, with caved in roofs, fallen ceilings, vandalism, flooding and missing sections of floor.

Securing the future of the townhouses helps protect the heritage of the Northumberland Square conservation area, which is considered the nearest thing Tyneside has to the celebrated Georgian squares of London, Bath, Edinburgh, and Dublin.

**To showcase the development, an open house event will allow people to view the finished homes, meet some of the team and see the transformation of the building.**

**All are welcome to drop in at 11-12 Northumberland Square between 1pm and 3pm on 12 August.**

## Transport Hub award



North Shields Transport Hub has won the 'Low Carbon Project of the Year' category at The Construction News Awards which took place on Friday 11 July.

The Transport Hub was opened in September 2023 and promotes cleaner travel by connecting bus services, Metro, taxis and cycle routes, and was one of 10 finalists at the awards. The scheme combines innovative design choices with low carbon materials and renewable energy sources to achieve net zero in its construction and operation.

The Transport Hub was a finalist in two more awards this year: the RICS North East Awards and the Constructing Excellence North East Climate Action Awards, and has already won three awards at the Institution of Structural Engineers (Northern Counties) Awards 2023: Large Project Award, Zero Carbon Award and Most Collaborative Project.

It is currently shortlisted for two more prestigious awards for its design and green credentials this year: the LABC Awards in September and the RICS National Awards 2024 in October.

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