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# Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay

**June 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 masterplan regeneration projects in North Shields town centre and riverside.

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

1. Riverside Embankment Walkway
2. Stephenson Street Gateway
3. Bedford Street

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.

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**Riverside Embankment Walkway**



The bottom road along the Fish Quay at Bell Street / Liddell Street has now reopened under two-way traffic light operation. This will remain in place until the project is finished in December 2024. We thank everyone for their patience during the road closure and apologise for the disruption.

The earth walling works at the bottom of the bank are now complete. During June, the earth walling works will continue to the upper section of the embankment and will be served from Tyne Street.

The route of the walkway will begin to take shape in the coming weeks as construction of the remaining earth walls is completed.

At the resident drop-in session in March, we listened to feedback on the proposed landscape plans for the site. These plans have now been amended to address concerns raised around tree heights and views of the Tyne.

### **Open Day**

Our contractor, Willmott Dixon, will be hosting an open day at the Salt Market Social on Liddell Street on Friday 21 June at 3pm.

At this event, Willmott Dixon will provide an overview of the progress made to date on the walkway, chat through what is left to do and present the updated landscape plans. These plans will be included in the July newsletter for anyone who cannot attend.

## Stephenson Street Gateway



The Stephenson Street Gateway works are due for completion later this month. The new road layout and crossings will improve access to the town centre for pedestrians and cyclists.

The final phase of the works is road resurfacing. Subject to factors such as the weather, the resurfacing will begin on Monday, June 10 and last around two weeks. Working hours will be between 8pm and 6am.

The A193 Albion Road / Stephenson Street junction will be closed during working hours, so the resurfacing can be undertaken without delay. From 6am to 8pm, the road will re-open under the current four-way temporary traffic signals.

### Diversions

During the road closure, eastbound traffic heading to Tynemouth will be diverted via the A192 Preston Road – Trevor Terrace – Linskill Terrace – King Edward Road. Westbound traffic heading to North Shields town centre will be diverted via King Street – Upper Pearson Street – Stephenson Street – Saville Street.

Work on the new landscaping area outside the Magistrates' Courts is progressing well, the team will be laying the new paving in the coming weeks.

## Bedford Street



Further engagement on improvements to Bedford Street continues this summer. The proposals include new paving, planting and seating with funding from the North East Combined Authority.

The scheme will have a high-quality finish, bringing it up to the same standard as other regeneration sites in the town. This will connect and support the completed and ongoing works at the Transport Hub, Howard Street, Northumberland Square, and the Riverside Embankment Walkway linking the Fish Quay to the town centre.

Vehicular access to Bedford Street will be restricted once the new layout is in place, with access for emergency services. This is because safety concerns have been raised with the Council by members of the public about vehicles and pedestrians coming into conflict.

Access will be maintained so that businesses can continue trading throughout the works.





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