

# Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay



North Tyneside Council

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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.

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](#)
5. [Howard Street Cultural Quarter](#)
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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## Northumberland Square update



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The winding paths through the park are taking shape, with pillars being installed at the park entrances soon and paving beginning on the main footpath. Keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#) for more updates as works progress.

### Further information:

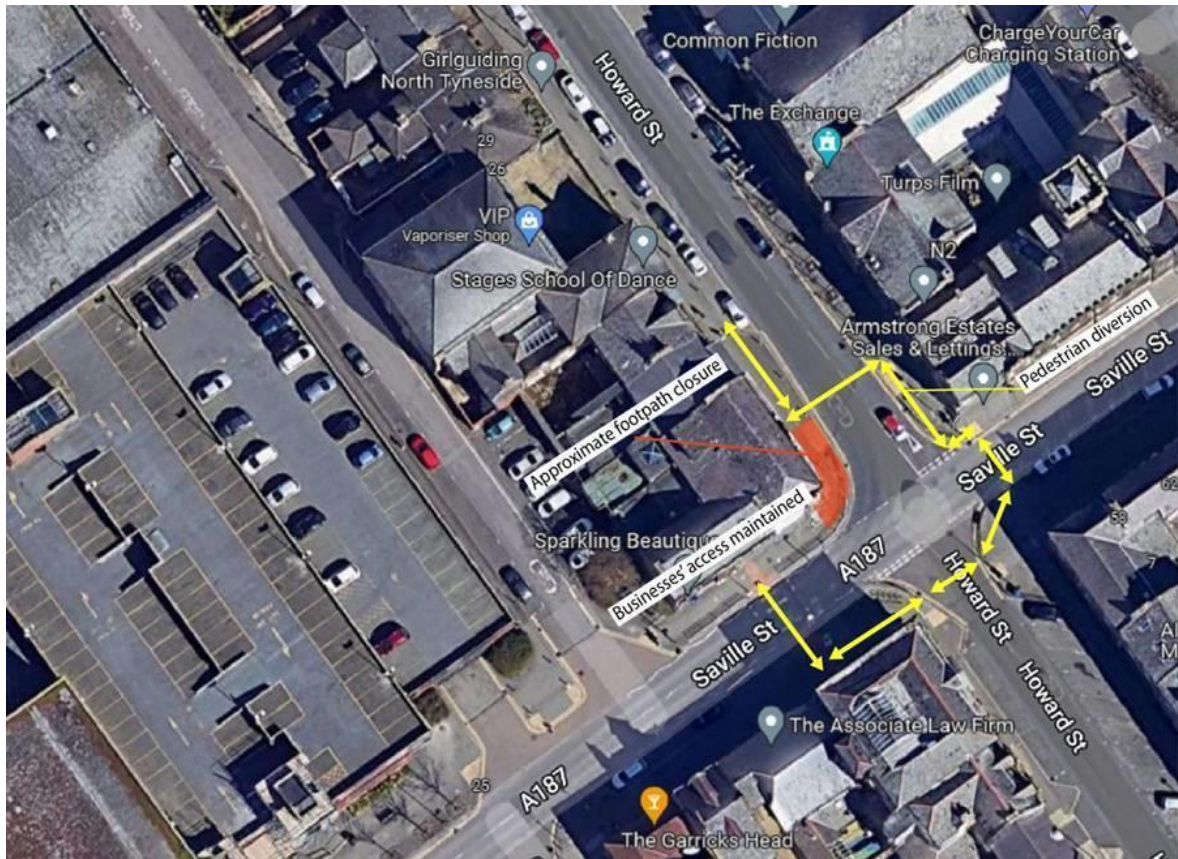
- Parking is available in the free Norfolk Street car park (limited to 2 hours), the Beacon Centre multi-storey car park and on-street parking elsewhere around the town centre.
- Bus diversions are in place and two bus stops, on Northumberland Square and Northumberland Place, are closed.
- Buses are 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.
- All businesses around Northumberland Square and on Howard Street remain open as usual.

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.

## Howard Street update



The block paving on the carriageway (main stretch) of Howard Street are almost complete. Works have commenced on the eastern side of the street, with work on the footpath of Howard Street/Saville Street set to commence on Monday 28 March to tie into existing paving. The works will take approximately three weeks and will mean the section highlighted in red will be closed to pedestrians. Pedestrians/cyclists travelling south on the western side of Howard Street will be required to follow the diversion (highlighted in yellow on the map below) on to Saville Street – and vice versa.



## Transport Hub update

**The creation of a modern and convenient transport hub in North Shields has taken a major step forward.**

Works on the North Shields Transport Hub have now begun, with the inside of the old Co-op building on Bedford Street currently being stripped, with the main demolition following on from this. The work is expected to be completed in early May and will bring public transport together into one central place to attract more people to the town centre as part of the North Shields Masterplan.



The Transport Hub has been awarded more than £19 million from the Transforming Cities Fund, with a further £3 million awarded to bus priority measures and improvements to walking and cycling routes in North Tyneside.

[Read more here.](#)

## Local Business Spotlight

**The historic Alnwick Castle pub has been transformed into the vibrant [Barista Boho](#), tapping into the ongoing revitalisation of the town.**

Barista Boho has opened its doors on Saville Street this month, serving good food and coffee and a laid back vibe. The dog-friendly café is open daily from 8am to 5pm, and is located next to Asda.

Owner Dan Brand wants to "put North Shields on the coffee map" by bringing his barista knowledge to the town, as well as some tasty food offerings from well-known local suppliers including Tynemouth Coffee Company, Geordie Bakers and Mosaic Tap.



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Dan hopes to expand the café's offering soon with buskers nights, open mic comedy, jazz and business networking alongside coffee-based cocktails, artisan ales, and tapas.

[Read more over on Chronicle Live.](#)

If you would like your business to be featured in our spotlight, or know a business in North Shields that you think everyone should be visiting, drop us an email:

[AmbitionNS@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:AmbitionNS@northtyneside.gov.uk)

## High Street Heritage Action Zone update

**The council has been awarded an additional £590K from Historic England through the High Street Heritage Action Zone programme.**

The North Shields High Street Heritage Action Zone is delivering a four-year programme of physical improvements, community and cultural activities. It is a place-based scheme designed to secure lasting improvements to historic high streets and the communities who use them.

The funding forms part of a £2.46million project, which includes a council contribution of nearly £1million, to revitalise the Northumberland Square Conservation Area, focused on Howard Street and Northumberland Square, through a series of projects.

To find out more visit [our website](#) (search 'North Shields HAZ') or email [AmbitionNS@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:AmbitionNS@northtyneside.gov.uk) to subscribe to the quarterly newsletter.

## Digital story map now live!

**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.

### Ambition for North Shields and the Fish Quay

Transforming the town centre and riverside into an environment where people choose to live, work and spend their leisure time



You can view the [story map here](#).

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