



Your North Bank Update



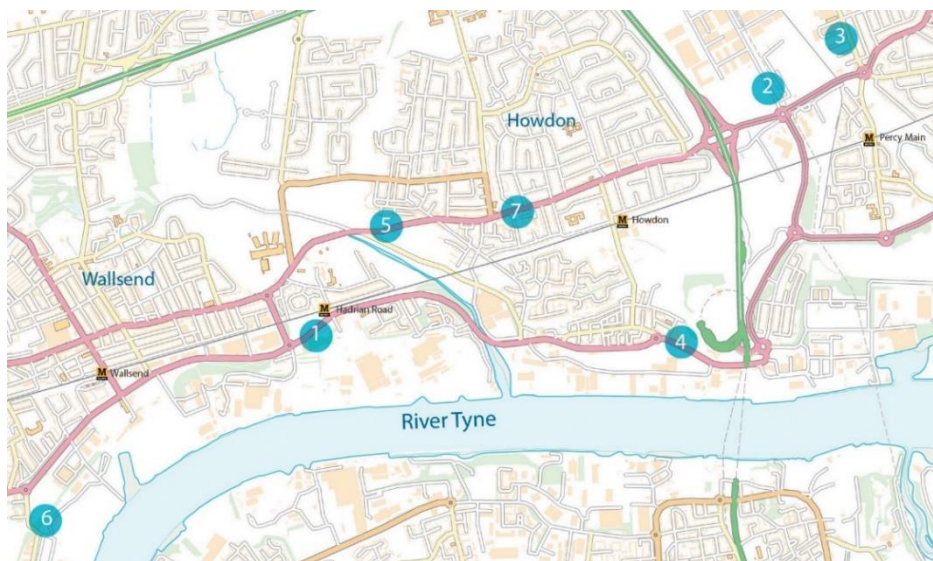
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Welcome to the latest issue of Your North Bank Update – a regular e-bulletin keeping you up to date with the North Bank of the Tyne Highway Improvement Scheme.

North Tyneside Council, in partnership with Capita, is investing £4.7million to remove key transport barriers, enabling industry to invest in available land along the River Tyne, an area with development potential for the creation of up to 7,000 local jobs.

There is a great deal of other improvement work already underway across the borough, so the North Bank of the Tyne project been designed to fit around these other schemes in order to cause minimum disruption to residents, pedestrians, cyclists and motorists alike.



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| 1 Davy Bank to Hadrian Way (National Cycle Route 72) | 3 Norham Road/Waterville Road Roundabout | 5 Ropery Lane (National Cycle Route 72) | 7 A193/Churchill Street junction |
| 2 A193/High Flatworth Roundabout | 4 Bewicke Street (National Cycle Route 72) | 6 Neptune Road (National Cycle Route 72) | |

The project – which started in October 2017 and is scheduled for completion in winter 2018 – is delivering improvements at seven locations across the borough, with each piece of work designed to create additional capacity on the road network and improve safe cycling and pedestrian routes.

Full details of the improvements being made at each location (shown in the map above) can be found on a dedicated [North Bank of the Tyne](#) council web page.

Progress report

We have now completed work at six of the seven locations shown on the map above: at Davy Bank (1); at High Flatworth (2); at the Norham Road/Waterville Road roundabout (3); at Bewicke Street (4); at Ropery Lane (5); and at Neptune Road (6).

The seventh – and final – part of the scheme is now underway at Churchill Street (7).

At a glance

On the road:

Churchill Street/A193 junction

Three-way temporary traffic signals in operation 24/7 until further notice.

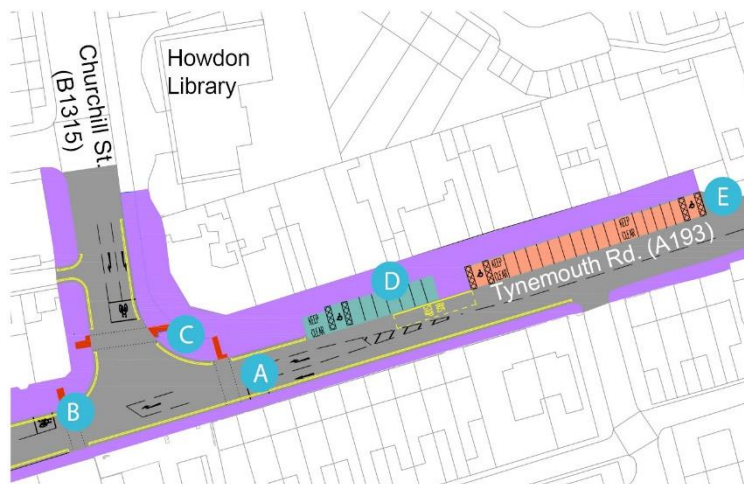
Temporary closure of some parking bays in front of shops on Tynemouth Road.

Bus users:

Bus stop on Tynemouth Road suspended: temporary bus stop in place to east of shops (see E below).

A193/Churchill Street junction

Work is well underway at the A193/Churchill Street junction and we expect this to be completed in November 2018.



A dedicated right turn lane is being created from the A193 westbound into Churchill Street (at A left); this will particularly reduce queues in the peak afternoon period.

To accommodate this, the A193 eastbound will be reduced to one lane (at B left) and the eastern side of the Churchill Street junction (at C) will be widened.

As part of the re-profiling of the junction, the team have been digging out some existing kerbs, laying new ones and putting down replacement flagstones from the

junction eastwards as far as the (temporarily suspended) bus stop in front of the shops.

To do this safely, some of the parking bays (shown at D above) have been suspended and fenced off to accommodate the necessary plant and machinery (this equipment can't be placed on the pavement; not only would it be unsafe for pedestrians, it would also damage the footpath surfaces).

Our original plan was to suspend the parking bays between the junction and the bus stop for around two weeks, and then open up most of them except for the three nearest the junction.

However, we have encountered some problems with underground high-voltage electricity cables, so we need to keep the bays closed for a little while longer whilst this is resolved.

All of the parking bays from the suspended bus stop eastwards to the end of the shops remain open – and the temporary bus stop at that location remains in use.

We appreciate this change in plan may cause you some additional inconvenience – but we hope you understand that your safety (and the safety of our workforce) is paramount.

Pedestrian access to the shops remains unaffected, and three-way temporary traffic signals will continue to operate 24/7 at the junction until the works are completed.

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