

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New retail unit at infill site A purpose built two story centre which will house local independent food traders and bars as well as having space which can be used for a wide variety of live entertainment is being developed at 9-11 Newgate Street. STACK is the operator. • Shopfront Improvements Ongoing support to businesses in the form of grant schemes – Targeted Business Improvement Fund, Property Reuse Fund (FHSF), Conservation Area Grant Scheme (CAGS) <p>Business</p> <p>The Council will continue to work with Business Durham and South Durham Enterprise Agency to develop and supports sustainable businesses and communities, providing an environment in which businesses can start, grow and succeed.</p> <p>Housing</p> <p>Opportunity for new housing on town centre sites in the longer term. There is potential for significant new housing and employment land allocations in the Faverdale area, between Bishop Auckland and Darlington town centres. 1,083 new homes with planning approval;</p> <p>Leisure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new wellbeing and community hub in Bishop Auckland will bringing together leisure activities and library services under one roof at Woodhouse Close. 	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete Progressing</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Progressing</p>	<p>New facility due to open Summer 2024</p> <p>Due for completion Summer 2024</p> <p>Ongoing support for PRF #2 commencing April 2024</p> <p>Additional Projects Bishop Auckland – Newgate Centre Acquisition The Council acquired the Newgate Centre, Bishop Auckland in 2022 as part of the wider once in a generation regeneration investment planning for the town.</p> <p>Public Realm – new signage installed at Fore Bondgate Various public realm schemes being designed at North Newgate Street, Market Place and Fore Bondgate.</p> <p>Heritage Action Zone. - £1.8 million programme of investment including Conservation Area Grant Scheme, public realm improvements and Heritage festival activity</p> <p>Stronger Towns funding secured to deliver new Workspace scheme at south Church with associated business support programme</p> <p><u>Planning approval secured for a new build leisure centre adjacent to the current centre. Onsite works to commence Spring 2024</u></p>
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