MASTERPLAN DELIVERY & PROJECTS SCHEDULE 2022-2016

BISHOP AUCKLAND MASTERPLAN 2019					
Masterplan	Priority Projects Identified	Status	Project Update		
•	Town centre				
	Key priorities: Improving the vitality and attractiveness of the town centre Improve pedestrian links between North Bondgate and Fore Bondgate Improved Bus Station Improved car parking provision Improved public space and walking routes Better navigation through town Reinvigorate historic buildings New retail unit at infill site Supporting the development of new housing and more jobs	Progressing Progressing Progressing Progressing Progressing Complete	Comprehensive programme of Town centre investment designed and currently in delivery through Future High Street and Stronger Town Programmes. These include New and improved Bus Station, additional shoppers and visitor car parking, enhanced public realm. Property Reuse programme reducing vacancy and diversifying Tow Centre uses, redevelopment of former 9-11 Newgate st site. New infill housing schemes, redevelopment of Former King James academy site and new housebuilding sites delivering close to the town centre		
	Future High Streets Fund – In December 2020 Bishop Auckland was awarded £19.9 million to deliver a programme of infrastructure and building alterations to bring property back into use.	Progressing			
	 New Bus Station In 2020, the council successfully bid for £11.8 million of funding from the Future High Streets Fund to improve Bishop Auckland's transport and parking facilities. The new bus station will be modern and fit for purpose, helping support businesses by attracting visitors to the town, address shortages in car parking and also increase footfall into the town centre once complete. 	Progressing			
	Improve pedestrian links between North Bondgate and Fore Bondgate Works are underway to improve the connectivity between the two streets making it easier for visitors to access the range of independent shops and businesses in both areas.	Progressing	Due for completion early 2025.		
	Improved car parking provision The new 124 space car park underway adjacent to new bus station	Progressing			
	Planning consent has been granted and work is about to start to transform a section of derelict land in the centre of Bishop Auckland into a vibrant new greenspace area, called <i>Kingsway</i> Square, with car parking (70 spaces) electric vehicle charging, cycle storage and attractive retail-fronted access directly into Newgate Street, the town's main shopping street. £12 million joint initiative between The Auckland Project; Durham County Council and private sector developers	Progressing	Demolition of 58-59 Fore Bondgate is complete and a new public space is being established.		
	More than £192 million is being invested in improved transport connections, brand new commercial and leisure facilities, significant cultural attractions and 3,750 new jobs.	Progressing	Due for completion early 2025. Due for completion 2024.		

 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. 	Complete	New facility due to open Summer 2024
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)	Complete Progressing	Due for completion Summer 2024
	Progressing	Ongoing support for PRF #2 commencing April 2024
		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.
		Public Realm – new signage installed at Fore Bondgate Various public realm schemes being designed at North Newgate Street, Market Place and Fore Bondgate.
Business		Heritage Action Zone £1.8 million programme of investment including Conservation Area Grant Scheme, public realm improvements and Heritage festival activity
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.	Progressing	Stronger Towns funding secured to deliver new Workspace scheme at south Church with associated business support programme
Housing		
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 hew homes with planning approval;	Progressing	
A new wellbeing and community hub in Bishop Auckland will bringing together leisur activities and library services under one roof at Woodhouse Close.	Progressing	Planning approval secured for a new build leisure centre adjacent to the current centre. Onsite works to commence Spring 2024

Walking and Cycling The new building will include two new swimming pools, along with a sauna and steam room, and a modern gym with the latest equipmen Borrow a Bike and technology, a soft play, café and new library Free bike loan scheme in partnership. ParkThatBike Free cycle parking offered to all businesses, organisations and community groups who have staff or visitors who cycle to their property through social enterprise Town Cycling Map available on line and hard copy Area Action Partnership LCWIP priority route being designed. Locally agreed priorities developed and delivered yearly Bishop Auckland walking and cycling heritage route Working with TAP on routes around river. Cycling Town Map **Additional Projects** In 2021 Bishop Auckland was awarded £33.2m as part of the Stronger Towns Fund to improve the economy, develop the town and attract jobs and long-term investment. Projects are identified in the Town Investment Plan. LUF Programme delivering additional walking and Cycling improvements and planned delivery of the Toft Hill bypass. Towns & Villages Continued support offered via Targeted Business Improvement Scheme. Property Reuse and Conversion Loan Free Retail Training RHSS & WBF Vibrancy Events, Seaham Food Festival, Family Fun Activity and Events UKSPF Enterprising Durham New Start Up Grant Improving Community Resilience