

## MASTERPLAN DELIVERY & PROJECTS SCHEDULE 2022-2016

DURHAM CITY MASTERPLAN 2016			
Masterplan	Priority Projects Identified	Status	Project Update
	<p><b>Key priorities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Securing a 'thriving Durham City' in accordance with the Council's Sustainable Community Strategy (2014-2030);</li> <li>• Encouraging private sector investment;</li> <li>• Enhancing the vitality of the city centre;</li> <li>• Developing the leisure and tourism offer in Durham City;</li> <li>• Achieving balanced communities;</li> <li>• Addressing air quality issues; and</li> <li>• Improving public transport, cycling and walking facilities.</li> </ul> <p><b>City Centre</b></p> <p><b>Durham University</b> The University's new academic strategy identifies the future size and shape of the University which will be needed to support their vision of 'world-leading in research, education and the wider student experience'. This will include a growth in student numbers including the relocation of students and staff from Queen's Campus, Stockton. To enable this new strategy the University has recently consulted on its Estate Masterplan. This document provides a guide to how the University could develop its estate over the long-term and will be finalised in 2017.</p> <p><b>North Road Refurbishment</b> The improvement works, currently underway, include replacement of paving, the creation of wider areas for outdoor seating, and alterations to the road layout to improve traffic flow and road safety.</p> <p><b>Cycle path - Durham Railway Station</b> Infrastructure access improved to allow people to reach the station more easily via paths alongside the A691 (Framwellgate Peth).</p>	<p>Progressing</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Progressing</p>	<p>University investment proposals addressed through regular dialogue and formal joint working arrangements.</p> <p>Package of works proposed to tie in with opening of new Bus Station and removal of temporary bus stops. Will provide enhanced footway enabling more opportunity for businesses to utilise pavement licenses.</p> <p>TCF2 – Walking &amp; Cycling Corridors: Development of proposals has continued with topographical surveys being completed to allow design to progress and Stage 1 Road Safety Audits to be carried out.</p> <p>TCF2 – Bus Priority Measures (BPM): Surveys have been carried out to inform the detailed design of proposals for a new bus lane, which has been progressing throughout the year.</p>

	<p><b>Development of Business Incubator Centre</b> The recent acquisition of Salvus House (formerly Sunderland Marine) at Aykley Heads allows the development of a Business Incubator in association with New College and Durham University.</p> <p><b>A New Bus Station</b> The new bus station will increase the overall space for passengers, which includes increasing the reversing area for buses leaving bays and widening the exit onto North Road to improve visibility, with additional pedestrian access also being created. There will be two storey office space and a new green roof and wall.</p> <p><b>The River Walks (formerly The Gates)</b> The Council has supported the redevelopment, now underway, of The Gates Shopping Centre that will become The River Walks, including cinema, dining, shops &amp; student accommodation.</p> <p><b>Former Swimming Baths off Old Elvet</b> The Council continues to actively pursue options to see the site either brought back into an appropriate use or to see it redeveloped sensitively.</p> <p><b>Redevelopment of Milburngate House</b> Following the relocation of NS&amp;I and the Passport Office to Freeman's Reach, the site is now available for redevelopment.</p> <p><b>New Multi Storey Car Park</b></p> <p><b>Heart of the City: Market Place and Vennels</b> Installation of lighting to Elvet Bridge area.</p> <p><b>Back Elvet</b> Public realm improvements - reconstruction of surface (paving) of 100m of heritage route to the riverbanks from Elvet via Jailors Yard.</p> <p><b>Pelaw Woods - Land Slip</b> Ground stabilisation works and re-instatement of footpath</p> <p><b>Durham - Aykley Heads Project Development</b> In January 2018, Cabinet agreed to create a new headquarters to allow for the development of a new business park on the Aykley Heads site. The vision for the site is to create a new and unique business location for the North East that maxims economic growth in County</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Not progressing</p> <p>Progressing</p>	<p>Complete and fully occupied</p> <p>On site and due for completion early 2024.</p> <p>'The Riverwalk' is now complete and had a mix of leisure, retail and food and beverage outlets including The Odeon Luxe cinema.</p> <p>The Council continues to work with Durham University (landowner) to review options for this site.</p> <p>Redevelopment scheme nearing completion following delays caused by contractor going into administration.</p> <p>On hold due to Prince Bishops redevelopment</p> <p>Plot C is complete and occupiable from early 2024. Aykley Heads proposition launched to market in 2023 to secure a Joint Venture partner for delivery of wider site.</p>
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