

## MASTERPLAN DELIVERY & PROJECTS SCHEDULE 2022-2016

SPENNYMOOR MASTERPLAN			
Masterplan	Priority Projects Identified	Status	Project Update
	<p><b>Key priorities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support Spennymoor as a major employment centre including the Green Lane Industrial Estate and Durham Gate development;</li> <li>• Work with the private sector to deliver successful and sustainable housing expansion;</li> <li>• Work with the private sector to bring about an effective and sustainable solution for the future of Festival Walk;</li> <li>• Encourage adaptation and change for the town centre.</li> </ul>	Progressing	
		Progressing	Including recent developments at Merrington Lane / Durham Gate
		Complete	See detail below
		Progressing	Consolidation of units, creation of public space, support to tenants and owners to improve retail existing and new offers via grant and loan support. Training to support retailers.
		Progressing	Vacant plot of land – currently is 0.05 Hectares (0.12 Acres) adjacent to the library and fronting Cheapside discussions ongoing re wider possible suitable development . Development Brief underway.
	<p><b>Town centre</b></p> <p>Town Centre Improvements - Festival Walk</p> <p>1960s shopping precinct will be redeveloped with the proposals seeking to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demolish a significant part of the shopping parade and structures within the existing car park;</li> <li>• Create a new development plot which is to be occupied by a food store operator that wishes to expand its operation and remain in the town;</li> <li>• Develop additional car parking capacity to serve the town centre;</li> <li>• Refurbish and modernise the remaining retail units within the block to create lettable space for the remaining tenants and for the attraction of new operators.</li> <li>• To improve the public area approaching the Leisure Centre from Cheapside</li> </ul>	Complete	Spennymoor Festival Walk:
		Complete	Acquisition, demolition, clearance and construction of new town centre car park.
		Complete	Major private sector retail development to the town as part of wider Festival Walk improvements with a new size Aldi Store, Farm Foods
		Complete	New car park completed
		Complete	Targeted Business Improvement Scheme supported the owners to refurbish 9 units
		Complete	Public realm improvements completed to the Market Place, including demolition of band stand, new bespoke event lighting, seating, landscaping.
		Complete	Access Improvements from New Aldi to existing retail
		Complete	Acquisition of land to the front of Festival Walk Units 1-25

	<p><b>Business</b></p> <p><b>Walking and Cycling Infrastructure</b></p> <p>Town Cycling Map available on line and hard copy</p> <p>The Rights of Way Improvement Plan and Cycling Strategy led to Spennymoor becoming as an Access Prioritisation Area in Phase 2. This has resulted in significant path improvement schemes in the area. Spennymoor will also be included in the Cycling Network Planning Process and the network will be audited, assessed and improved</p> <p><b>Recreation &amp; Leisure</b></p> <p><b>Schools</b></p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Progressing</p> <p>Progressing</p>	<p>Public realm improvements completed to the front of 1-25.</p> <p>DurhamGate North Development - Actual Spend £2.871m The Council is providing a short-term repayable loan of £3.630 million. There is potential for up to 500 jobs to be created at 10 office units. Security across the land and development has been taken to reduce any risk associated with non- repayment of the loan.</p> <p>Durhamgate Highways Enabling Works</p> <p>The former Thinford Inn Pubic House site has been demolished and together with adjacent land has been redeveloped in multiple phases providing drive through coffee shop, retail bakery unit along with associated car parking, servicing and landscaping. Trade counter units and retail opportunities delivered in subsequent phases.</p> <p>LCWIP</p> <p>Priority Route being designed</p> <p>Leisure centre bike parking scheme</p> <p>Great North Cycleway review. Feasibility review.</p> <p>Library and Leisure Centre - Current library (re)provision and provision of Customer Access Point underway as part of leisure centre redevelopment.</p> <p>Library existing site due for demolition Jan 2024.</p> <p>Development of Spennymoor Leisure Centre coach drop off point</p> <p>Amalgamation of secondary schools to establish Whitworth Park School and Sixth Form College on the existing site of Spennymoor Comprehensive School Town Centre, Cheapside Development Site</p> <p>See Whitworth Park School - creation of unified education provision raising standards</p>
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<p><b>Housing</b></p> <p>The 2,000 units with planning permission across the sites identified above will continue to be built out in the coming years.</p>	<p><b>The Area Action Partnership</b></p> <p>Locally agreed priorities developed and delivered yearly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Safer, Stronger and Healthier Communities;</li><li>• Employment &amp; Jobs;</li><li>• Town Centre Regeneration</li></ul>		<p><b>Spennymoor Town Council Environmental Improvement Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Living Waterways Project</li><li>• Jubilee Park</li><li>• Spennymoor in Bloom</li><li>• Cow Green Plantation Local Nature Reserve</li></ul> <p>Progressing Whitworth Park Housing Development</p> <p>Progressing Merrington Lane housing sites including recent approval for a 65 unit scheme by Livin' Hardwick homes.</p> <p><b>Additional projects</b></p> <p><b>Towns &amp; Villages</b></p> <p>Continued support offered via Targeted Business Improvement Scheme.</p> <p>Property Reuse and Conversion Loan – Two loans issued which encouraged 2 vacant buildings being brought back into active use.</p> <p>Improving Community Resilience – Two schemes have received support including extension and solar panels to aid the community facilities to become sustainable for the future.</p> <p>Free Retail Training</p> <p>RHSS &amp; WBF Vibrancy Events, Seaham Food Festival, Family Fun Activity and Events</p> <p>UKSPF Enterprising Durham New Business Start Up Support</p>
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