

FENHAM

Making changes in your area to create safer, cleaner and greener neighbourhoods

People in Fenham often contact us with concerns about traffic levels and speeds on residential streets. This leaflet outlines plans to address these issues.

We intend to trial some changes that will reduce the amount of traffic travelling through neighbourhoods across the city, with Fenham being one of the first areas to see these changes made.

Living here, you'll know some streets are already blocked off from through routes, while others have road humps in place to reduce traffic speeds and make cutting through in vehicles less attractive. Our view is that if people have to drive through an area, they should be using main roads; even if it takes a little longer.

To reduce traffic levels and make the area safer, the changes we'll make include things like:

- Introducing new crossings;
- Trialling the closure of through routes to vehicles by using large planters or bollards to restrict access in certain places;
- Extending the city's electric scooter hire scheme into this area; and
- Tightening junctions to reduce traffic speeds.

It's important we make it clear that every property in any area would still be able to be accessed by vehicle. This means that delivery drivers, refuse trucks, emergency vehicles, and you if you need to use a car, will still be able to gain access, it just may be necessary to change your usual route a little.

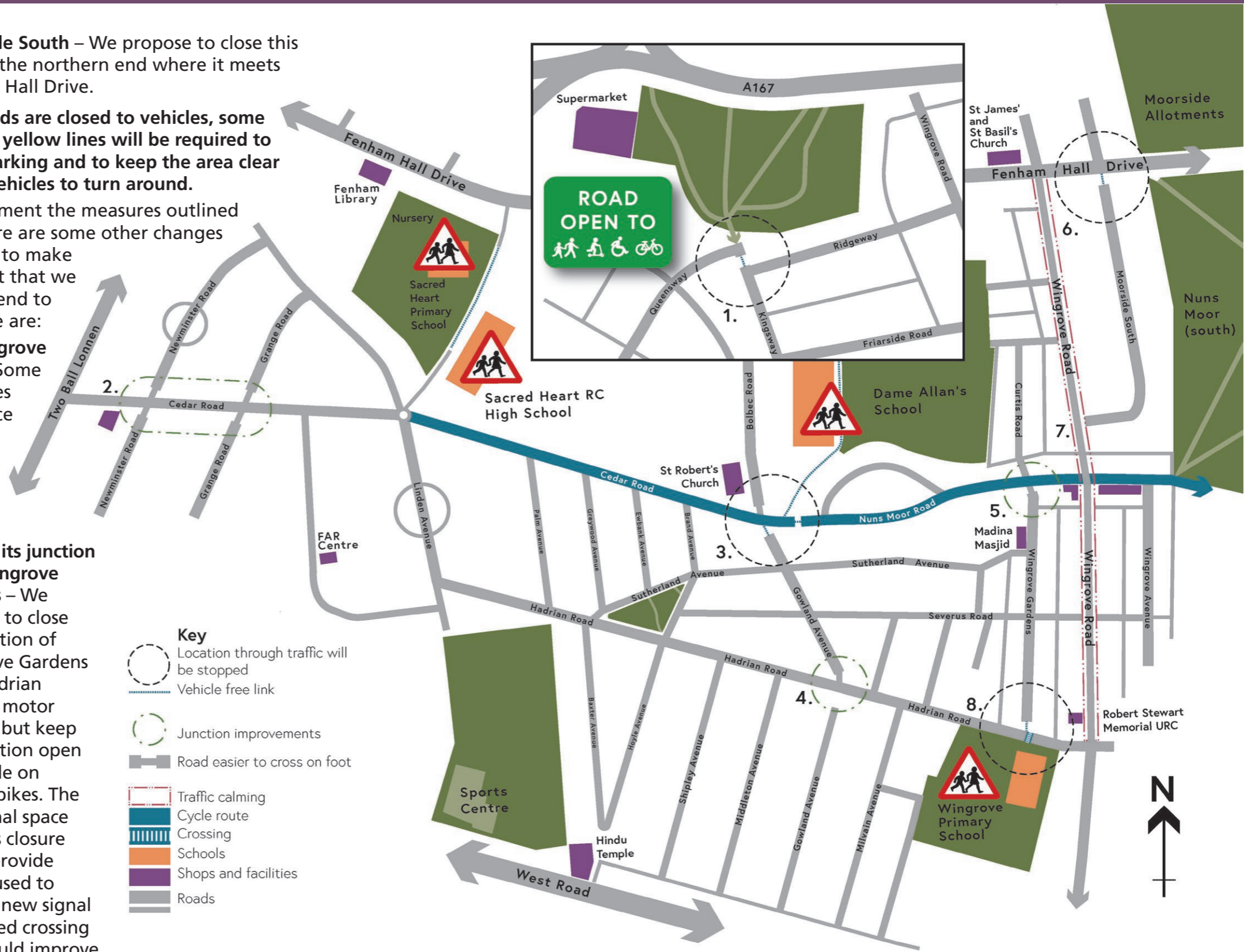
We believe that with less traffic cutting through, neighbourhood streets can become safer and more attractive places for the people who live there. These changes would give children more space to play, and encourages more people to walk and cycle on local journeys.

This approach is a key part of our commitment to tackle climate change, clean up the air we breathe and create a more liveable city – one that puts people first.

Read on to find out more about proposals for your area and how to give us your feedback. We have also developed some proposals for the neighbouring area in Arthur's Hill that you may also be interested in. You can find out more at www.newcastle.gov.uk/neighbourhoods.

- 1. The junction of Queensway and Kingsway** – We intend to close the road to motor vehicles at this location. We are also aware of reports from residents and Northumbria Police of people cutting through the area in vehicles, often too quickly, in an attempt to avoid the main routes they should be using in vehicles. People on foot, bike or in wheelchairs or scooters would still be able to pass through but by stopping through traffic at this point it will make the area much less attractive for people to cut through inappropriately in vehicles, helping to make these neighbourhoods safer.
- 2. Cedar Road – Newminster Road – Grange Road** – Our proposal is to change the junctions to reduce vehicle speeds and create shorter crossing distances for people on foot.
- 3. Gowland Avenue – Bolbec Road – Nuns Moor Road** – It is proposed to stop vehicular traffic on both Gowland Ave and Nuns Moor Road in the vicinity of the junction, to restrict through traffic from the area and to make the area better for people on foot and bike. We previously consulted on making this change at Nuns Moor Road and some people felt the traffic would simply shift onto surrounding streets. We feel that making this additional change at Gowland Ave, while recognising that Bolbec Road has significant speed calming measures already, will help to ensure traffic doesn't simply switch onto other residential streets. Some additional yellow lines are proposed.
- 4. Gowland Avenue and Hadrian Road** – Measures to tighten the junction to ensure lower traffic speeds and help people cross the road.
- 5. Wingrove Gardens** – Tighten the junction and put in place some bollards to prevent antisocial parking that currently takes place. This will also act as a traffic calming feature, and help reduce the distance people have to cross the road.

- 6. Moorside South** – We propose to close this road at the northern end where it meets Fenham Hall Drive.
- Where roads are closed to vehicles, some additional yellow lines will be required to prevent parking and to keep the area clear to allow vehicles to turn around.**
- To complement the measures outlined above there are some other changes we intend to make permanent that we do not intend to trial. These are:
- 7. On Wingrove Road** – Some measures to reduce vehicle speeds; and
 - 8. On Hadrian Road at its junction with Wingrove Gardens** – We propose to close the junction of Wingrove Gardens with Hadrian Road to motor vehicles but keep the junction open to people on foot or bikes. The additional space that this closure would provide will be used to install a new signal controlled crossing that would improve safety for people travelling on foot and bikes in the area (including on journeys to Wingrove Primary school).



Creating more people-friendly streets in your area



Tell us what you think

You can let us know what you think about these changes in two stages.

The first opportunity is now. This could be about you telling us you support some or all of the measures, or it could be to enable you to raise any potential issues or ideas you have before the changes are made. We want to hear your views by **7 December**.

You can let us know what you think by emailing us, completing an online form, or by calling us and leaving a voice message. All the contact details are at the bottom of this page. The changes we take forward **will start to be made in early 2022**.

Then, for the **first six months after we put the measures in place, there will be a more formal consultation period**.

During this period you can let us know what your views are on whether or not these changes should be made permanent, and whether any other measures are needed. You can do so by using the same contact details at the bottom of this page.

After that six month consultation period, we will review the feedback we've received, along with data that we'll collect. During our review, the measures will stay in place. The legal orders we will use mean that from the measures first being put in place, to a final decision being taken on whether or not they remain permanently, has to be no more than 18 months.

Our contact details

You can email our team at neighbourhoods@newcastle.gov.uk if you need further information or to request this information in another format or language.

The online form can be found at www.newcastle.gov.uk/neighbourhoods.

Our phone number is **0191 278 2767** if you want to leave us a message or request one of our team calls you back.

Trials mean we can make further changes if needed, and you can have your say

We believe that introducing measures like these can make a big difference. Not only to how people decide to travel but also to how people feel about their neighbourhood. Changes to areas like the ones we intend to make have been shown to improve people's mental and physical health, reduce carbon emissions, and improve air quality.

Our aim is to create quieter neighbourhood streets that are safer. Instead of having vehicular traffic cutting through or speeding in residential areas, under these plans vehicle traffic would be routed onto more appropriate main roads if they want to get through an area.

We know there'll be things we can improve or need to change, and that's why the changes are mostly being made as a trial so people can give us their views before we make a decision on making them permanent. It also enables people to experience the changes to help inform their views.

We're also sharing these proposals with the emergency services and other key agencies and groups in your local area including bus operators, taxi services, schools and local businesses so they can let us know what they think.

In the meantime, please let us know of anything you think we need to consider by contacting us below. You can also sign up to get updates emailed to you.