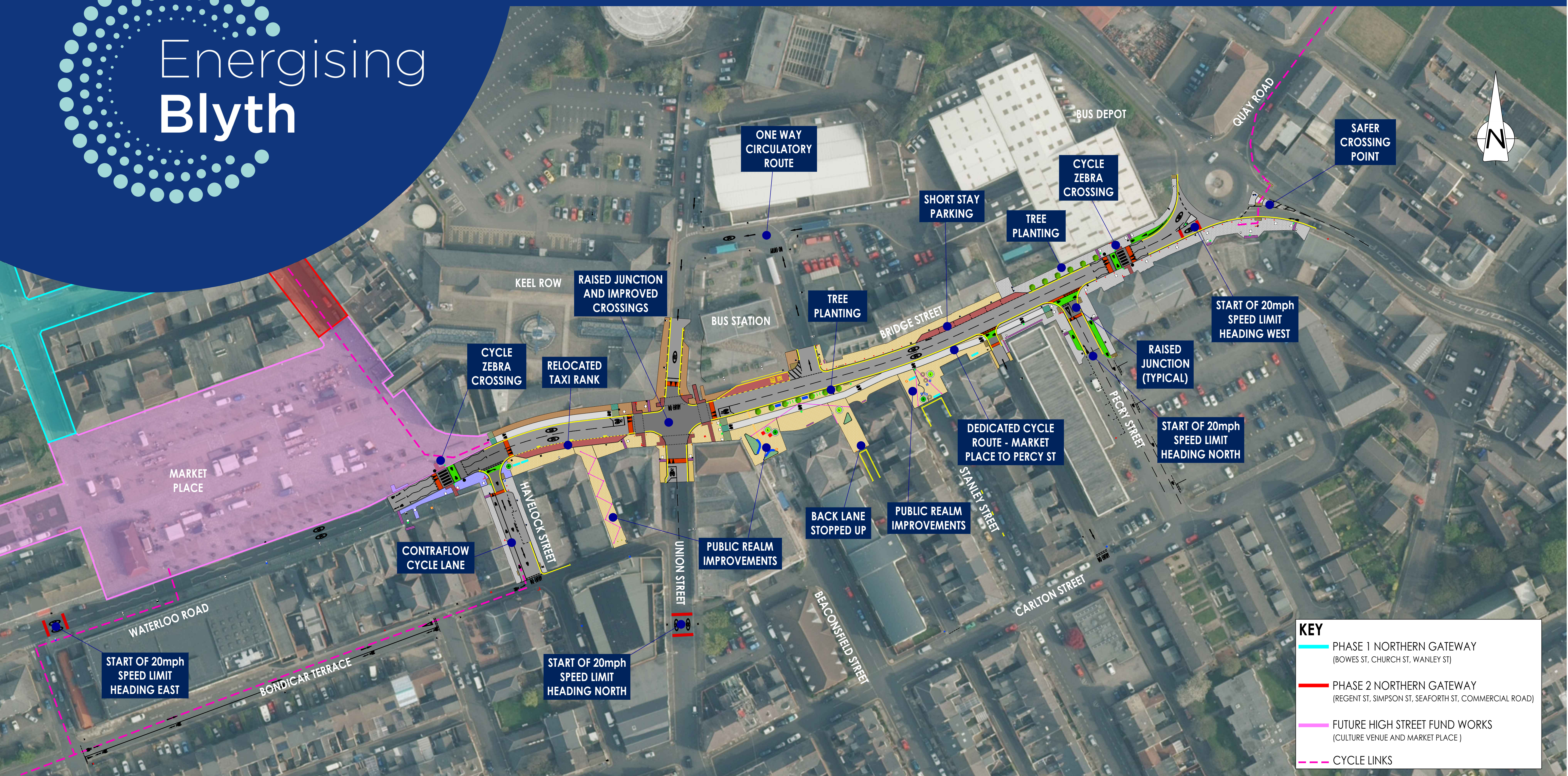
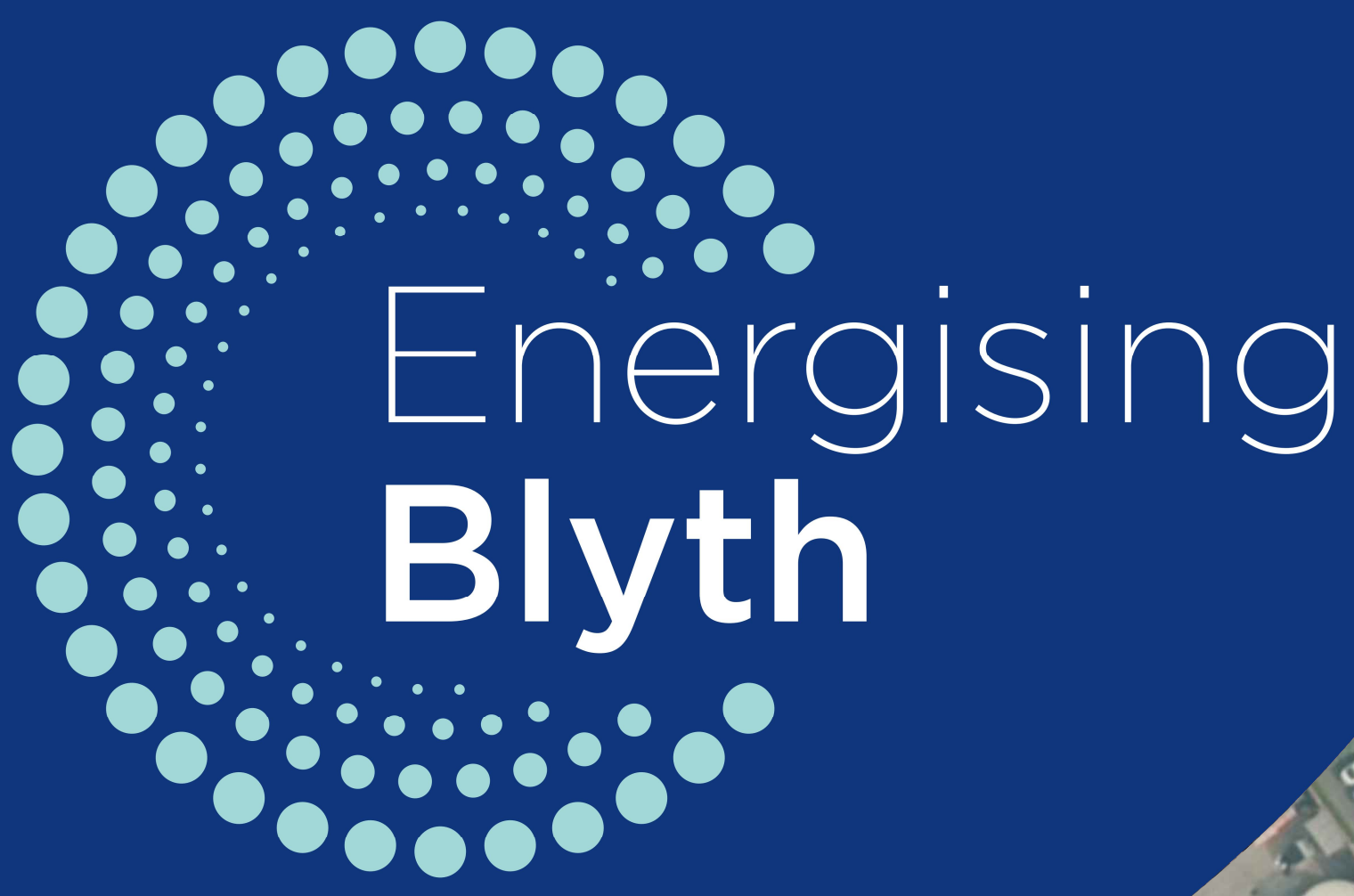


Bridge Street Improvements



Design

- Cycling provision improved East / West on Bridge St. through a dedicated cycle track and cycle priority at side road junctions.
- Public realm improvements through landscaping and planting, improving the look and feel of the street whilst maintaining pedestrian and cycle provisions.
- All footways/cycleways/shared use paths within the scheme have priority at junctions on the south side of Bridge Street.
- Introduction of new parallel cycle zebra crossings to the East and West, crossings located on raised tables to provide a traffic calming feature, whilst removing the need for pedestrians and cyclists to "drop down" to road level to cross.
- Junction of Bridge St. and Union St. to be raised up to footway level to provide traffic calming in the centre of this busy intersection.
- A lower 20mph speed limit linked to the traffic calming features.
- Safer crossing point on the B1328/B1329 roundabout by improving the traffic island.
- Relocation of Taxi rank on the South side of Bridge Street further West towards the Market Place.
- Retention of on street parking on the North side of Bridge Street along with additional tree planting.
- Designed to accommodate all anticipated vehicle manoeuvres.
- Improved street furniture and street lighting.
- Improved footway paving to be coherent with other improvement schemes within the town centre.
- Resurfaced carriageway.

Objective 1

Create a more welcoming, accessible entrance to the town centre

Objective 2

Improve the quality of walking & cycling routes between Blyth town centre & the Quayside

Objective 3

Increase active travel and reduce car journeys



Artist impression of Bridge St Improvements enhancing public realm and connectivity in front of Dinotots Daycare



Artist impression of Bridge St Improvements enhancing public realm and connectivity in front of the historic Blyth Library

Vision

Bridge Street which is the main bus, vehicle and pedestrian route into the town centre from the quayside area, will see highway improvements to improve connectivity for a wide range of users and creating safer access. It will provide a dedicated cycle route and improved footpaths, improved signage and surfacing. Bridge Street is an important physical link between other interventions and from the town centre to the quayside.

Timescale

Autumn 2023 Construction works commence
 Winter 2024 Practical completion