

Northumberland Line public consultation

Palmersville Dairy level crossing



12 July 2021 to 8 August 2021

Have your say on plans for Palmersville Dairy level crossing at
nland.uk/palmersvilledairy



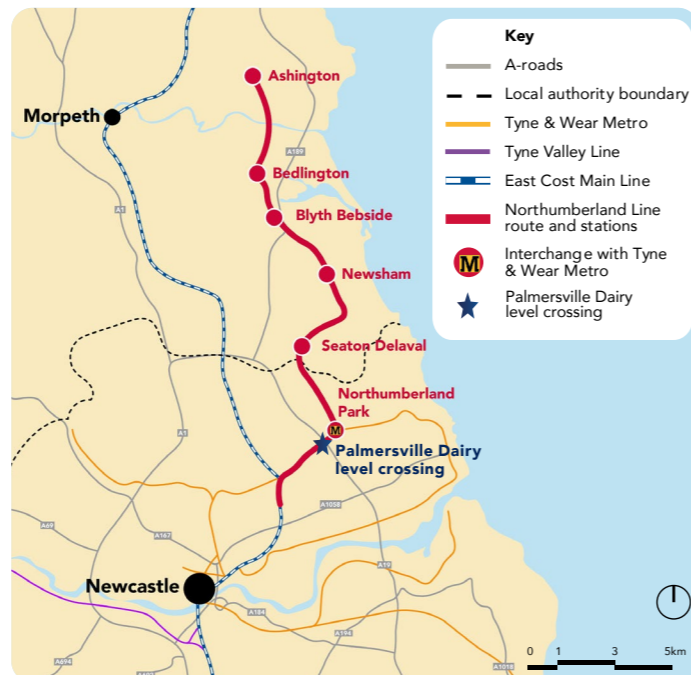
The Northumberland Line

This leaflet provides information, including details of how to have your say, on our proposal to close Palmersville Dairy level crossing and replace it with a new pedestrian underpass.

The proposal for Palmersville Dairy level crossing is one element of the Northumberland Line project. The Northumberland Line project will revolutionise rail travel in southeast Northumberland by bringing passenger trains back into service between Ashington and Newcastle.

The Northumberland Line aims to stimulate and support economic growth, regeneration and community development in Northumberland and the surrounding regions by providing new and improved transport links for local people and businesses.

The line is currently anticipated to open to passengers by 2024.



The Northumberland Line map

Why are we seeking your feedback?

In November and December 2020 we undertook a public consultation on the Northumberland Line project. As part of this consultation, we asked for feedback on the closure of Palmersville Dairy level crossing and the option of replacement access being provided via a new pedestrian footbridge.

We are now consulting specifically on plans at the level crossing as we are now proposing an underpass to maintain access across the line.

We are seeking your views on the designs for the pedestrian underpass and works as outlined in this leaflet, including any ways in which you feel they could be improved. You can share your comments by accessing our response form at:

nland.uk/palmersvilledairy

Your feedback will be used to review the current proposals and inform the designs ahead of submission of a planning application in Summer 2021.

As part of the planning application a Statement of Community Engagement will describe the process of public consultation on the proposals for Palmersville Dairy and how this feedback has informed the submitted proposals.

You will have a further opportunity to comment on the planning application for Palmersville Dairy level crossing when it is submitted to North Tyneside Council, as the Local Planning Authority.

Within 4 weeks of the closure of this public consultation a summary of the consultation feedback and how it has informed the designs of the underpass will be available to download from nland.uk/palmersvilledairy or by scanning the QR link below.



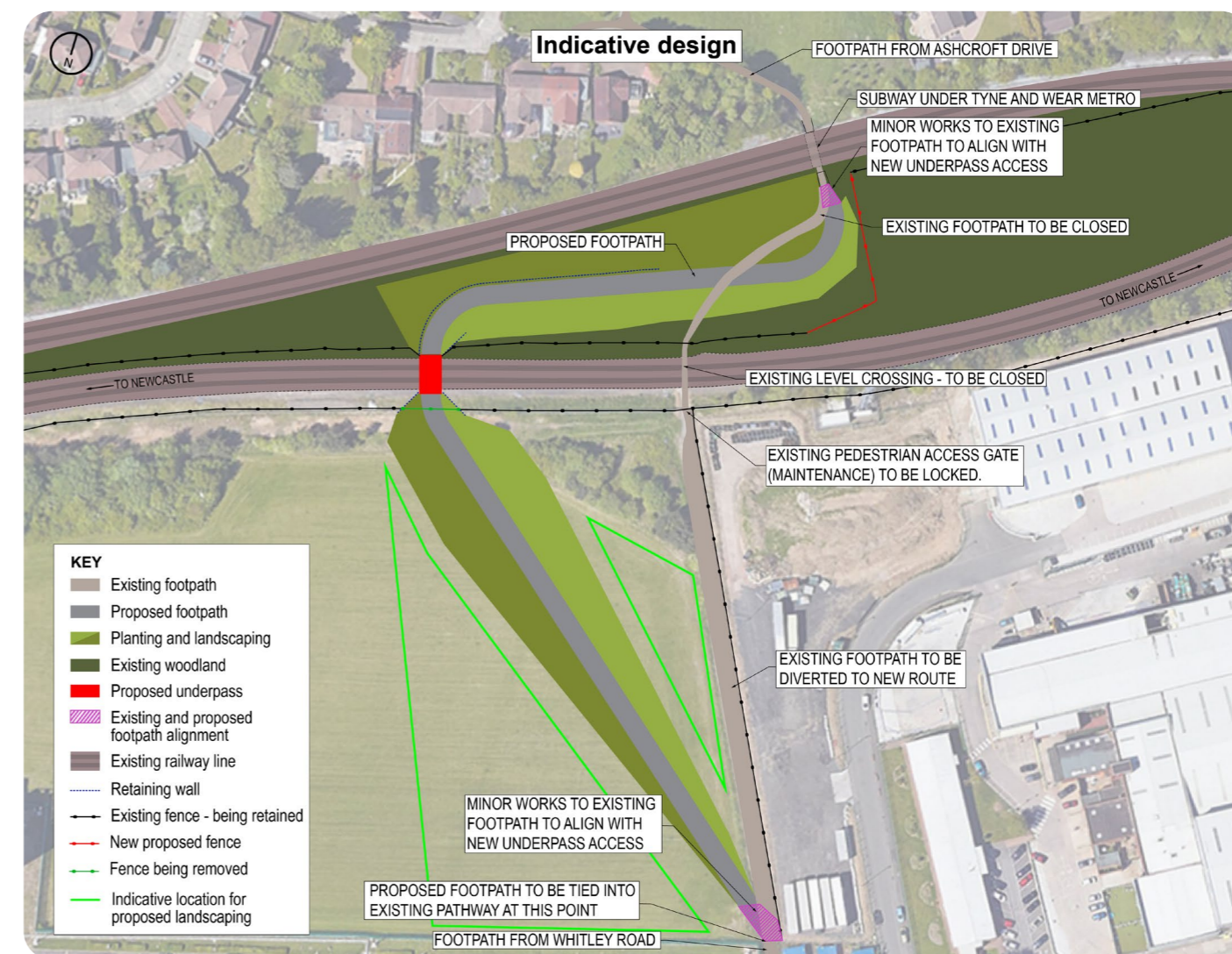
Palmersville Dairy level crossing

The existing pedestrian level crossing known as 'Palmersville Dairy' currently connects the Bellway Industrial Estate to the south with the residential estates to the north along the route of the Forest Hall 5 Public Right of Way (PRoW).

An underpass located immediately to the north of the level crossing continues the PRoW by providing pedestrian access under the Tyne and Wear Metro line.

The introduction of faster and more frequent trains on the Northumberland Line means that the existing level crossing will need to be closed for safety reasons; the replacement pedestrian underpass provides a safe crossing for pedestrians.

An indicative plan showing our proposals for the Palmersville Dairy underpass is shown below.



Indicative design

The underpass is anticipated to move to the west of the existing level crossing to ensure compliance with industry standards for construction, accessibility and safety; this will require a diversion of the existing PRoW.

The construction of an underpass will require moving significant amounts of earth, and this will change the appearance of the local area, including

the removal of a number of trees and shrubs. It is not possible to construct the underpass without removing these trees. Once the underpass is constructed compensatory planting will be provided.

The construction requires the creation of a temporary new haul road from Whitley Road to the site and a temporary compound at the site.

More information about our approach to landscaping, the environment and on how construction will be managed to minimise disturbance to local residents and businesses is currently being developed. The principles we will be working to are summarised on page 83 of the 2020 public consultation booklet.

The duration and start date for the construction of Palmersville Dairy underpass is to be confirmed. We will seek to minimise the effects of construction works. If closure of the PRow is required, the duration of closure would be as short as possible.

The land needed to build the underpass is in private ownership; negotiations with landowners are ongoing and may inform the details of the design.

A copy of the 2020 public consultation booklet (which includes some information that has since changed) can be downloaded from www.nland.uk/line or by scanning the QR link below.



How to have your say

This consultation is our way of asking you for your views on our proposals. Your input will help us improve the design, ensuring it will be a success for the community it will serve.

Submit your feedback: Wherever possible, please submit feedback using our response form. However, if you are submitting feedback outside of the response form, please clearly state that this relates to 'Palmersville Dairy'.



Online: To submit an online version of our feedback form, go to nland.uk/palmersvilledairy



Post: If you would prefer to mail us a hard copy of the response form, please send it to: Freepost NORTHUMBERLAND LINE.



Email: To submit any feedback via email, please contact us on rail@northumberland.gov.uk

Get in touch: If you would like to get in touch with us to ask any questions or if you would like this consultation material in another format or language, please contact us using the details below. We will try and ensure that the appropriate person responds to you as soon as possible.



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Our phone line is manned by customer service staff at Northumberland County Council from 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4.30pm on Friday. The customer service staff will be able to share your enquiry with the project team and we will aim to return your call as soon as possible. If you require hard copies of any of the consultation materials, please get in touch using the details outlined on this page.



Existing level crossing looking north



Existing underpass from north



Existing underpass from south



Facing south from underpass



Images of the adjoining routes as they are today



Current level crossing

Data protection

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ico.org.uk/for-the-public.



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