

Heritage Action Zone

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Presentation Summary

- What are Heritage Action Zones?
- Historic England
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- Legacy Projects



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Partnership

— What are Heritage Action Zones?

- Historic places that have the potential to become focal points for regeneration.
- Areas with untapped potential, rich in industrial, rural, cultural or faith heritage.
- Areas that may be undervalued and underused, or under significant pressure.



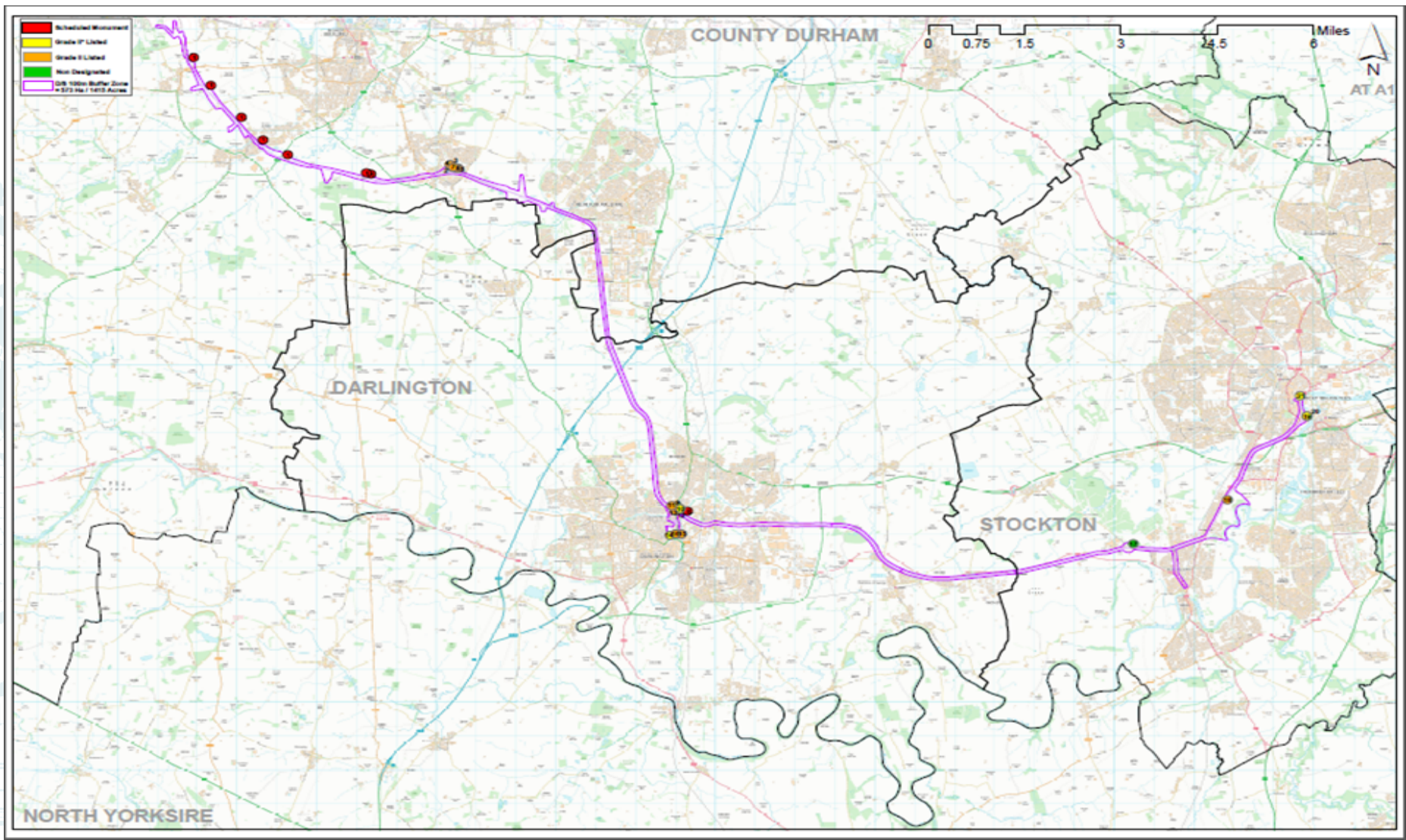
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£0.83 million

£4 million

£50 million +



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— S&DR HAZ 2018 – 2023

Programme Aims:

- To improve the management and conservation of the heritage of the Stockton and Darlington Railway to protect its long-term future.
- Target economic growth through the development of a world-class visitor attraction, including the physical regeneration of key sites, infrastructure and digital access along the 26-mile route.
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Green – completed / achieved

Yellow – in progress

— Agreed Programme Outputs in 2018

- Research and listings strategy
- Archaeological assessments
- Statements of significance
- Historic Environment Audit extensions
- Historic Area Assessments
- Historic Building Investigations
- Access Audit and delivery plan
- Quaker research report
- Listing review and subsequent enhancements
- Non-designated assets given recognition and protection
- Local Plans include reference to S&DR
- Management Plan for the whole of the S&DR

- Feasibility / Options Appraisal for Northgate 'at risk'
- Heritage Crime Initiative
- 26-mile walking and cycling route along S&DR
- Feasibility into live steam service as part of visitor attraction
- Repaired buildings / assets / features
- Interpretation Plan for the S&DR and implementation
- Marketing and branding strategy for the S&DR including Communications Plan
- Successful and varied 2025 bicentenary festival business plan
- Spatial masterplan and business plan for Railway Heritage Quarter in Darlington
- Delivery of Railway Heritage Quarter visitor attraction
- Locomotion Masterplan



— Overarching HAZ Programme Themes

- Research
- Protection, Management and Conservation
- Heritage at Risk (repairs/restoration)
- Community Engagement and Heritage Crime (HE Capacity Building Grant)
- Wider Programme and Legacy Projects



Research

THE 1830 S&DR HAGGERLEASES BRANCH LINE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT AUDIT

The Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway and Archaeo-Environment Ltd
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Stockton & Darlington Railway Locomotive-Coaling Stage, Shildon, Co. Durham: historic building investigation and assessment of significance
Marcus Wood, Lizzi Stephens, Gary Young and Matt Britton
Discover, Innovate and Science in the Historic Environment



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The Stockton & Darlington Railway Goods Depot, Darlington: Historic Building Investigation and Assessment of Significance
PURCELL Parsons Architecture Ltd
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Research Report Series no. 19 (2019)

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THE 1827 S&DR BLACK BOY BRANCH LINE HERITAGE TRACK BED AUDIT

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Stockton and Darlington Railway Heritage Action Zone Aerial Investigation & Mapping Report
Dore Knight
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The Stockton & Darlington Railway
The Railway that got the World on Track

Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway



— Further Reading

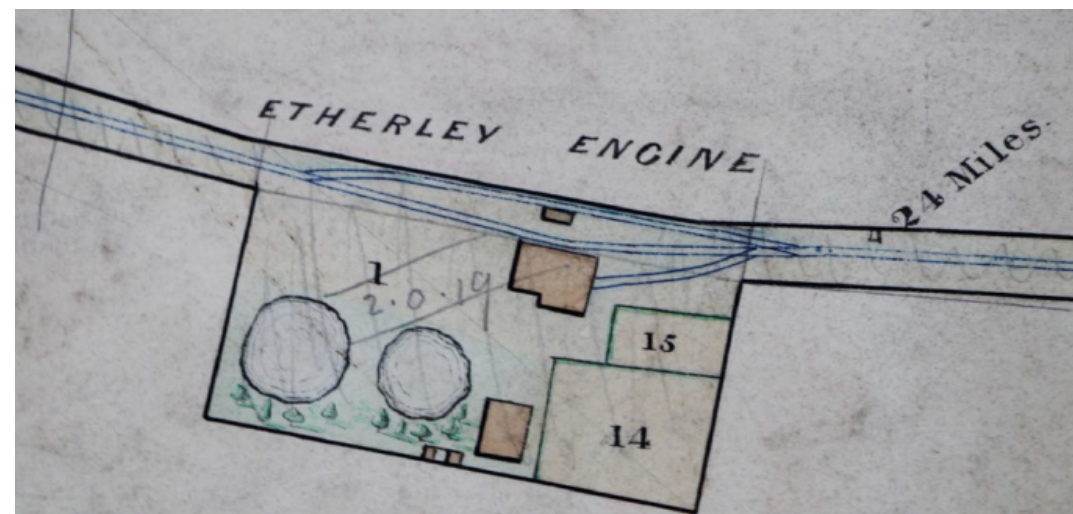
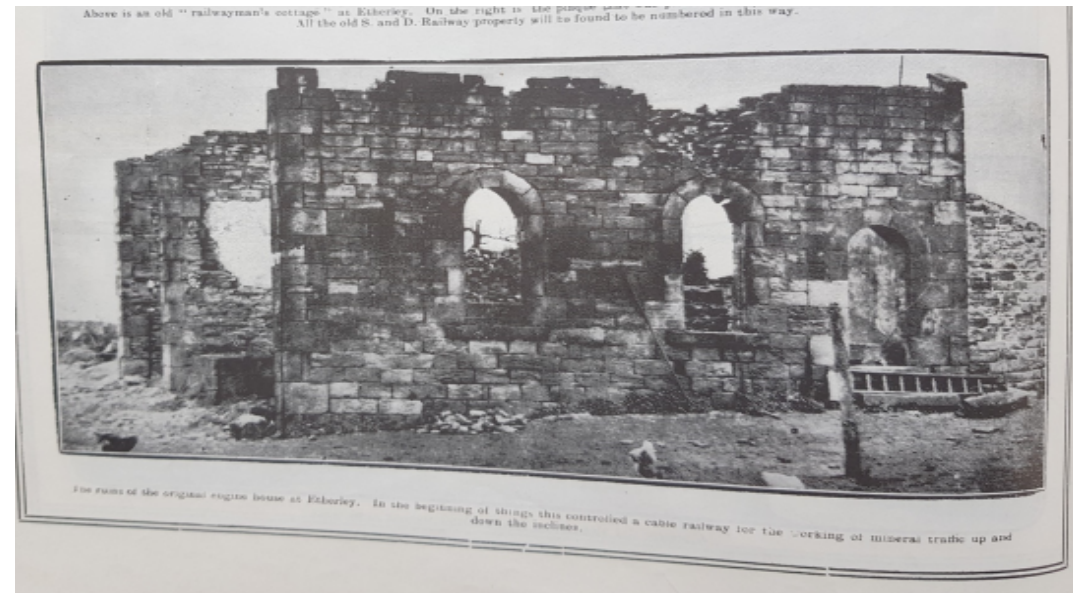
Links:

- [Stockton and Darlington Railway Aerial Survey Report](#)
- **S&DR Branch Line Audits:**
 - [Croft Branch](#)
 - [Yarm Branch](#)
 - [Haggerlease Branch](#)
 - [Black Boy Branch](#)
- [Shildon Historic Area Assessment](#)
- [Shildon Coal Drops Study](#)
- **Historic Building Investigations:**
 - [Darlington Goods Shed](#)
 - [Darlington Carriage Works](#)
 - [Darlington Lime Cells](#)

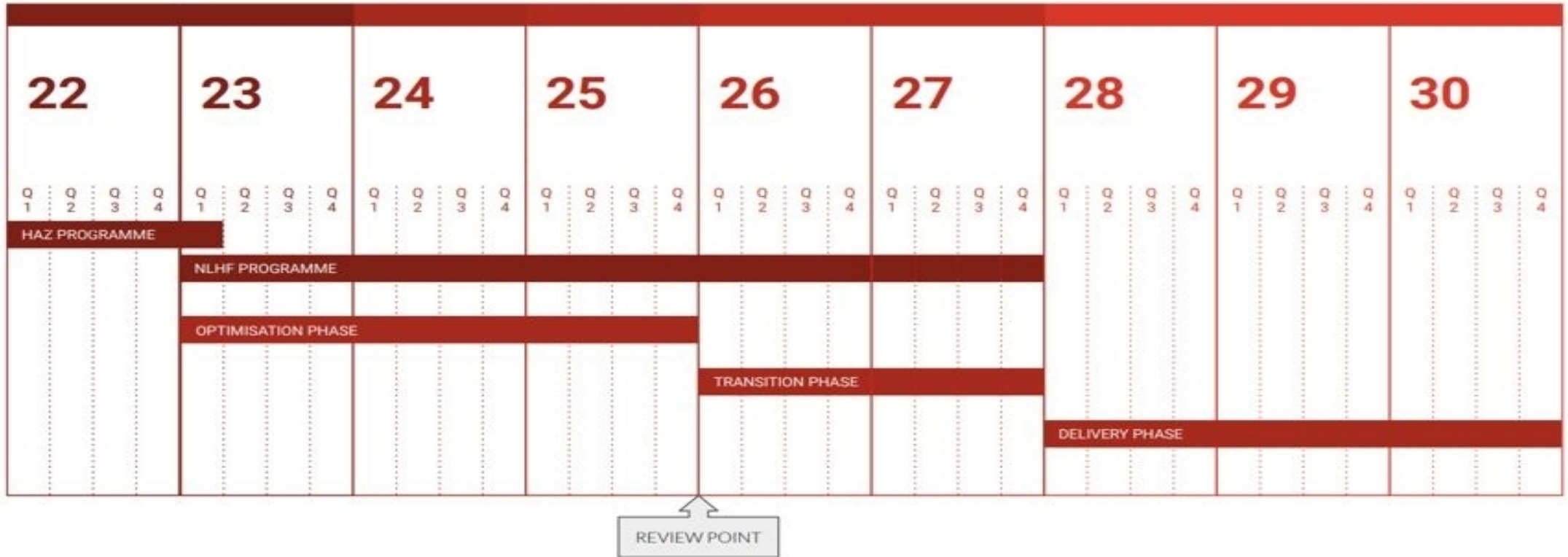


— Protection

- Listings – 30 new and upgraded
- Scheduled Monument – 5 new or updated Scheduling
- Local Plans – S&DR formally protected in Local Plans.
- S&DR Local List Project
- S&DR Future management options study



Overall Timeline



— Heritage at Risk (1/3)

- Goods Shed – Project underway to remove from as part of wider RHQ project delivery (250K HAZ HE funding)
- Gaunless abutments and scheduled monument – project due to commence to restore abutments to remove span as part of walking and cycling route (200K HE HAZ funding).



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— Heritage at Risk (2/3)

- Shildon CAA – removed from RR
- Coal drops – project underway to remove from RR



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Heritage at Risk (3/3)

Northgate Conservation Area

- Link: Northgate – funded [Masterplan](#) to support Darlington Town Deal



Northgate
Urban Design Framework
and Masterplan

Version 1.0
February 2021
Prepared by LUC

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— Historic England Capacity Building Grant – Community Engagement

- Projects that build up the capacity of local communities to champion the conservation and enhancement of their own local historic environments.
- Projects that promote best practice standards for the conservation, documentation, interpretation and sustainable management of the resources of England's Historic Environment.

Links:

- [The Railway that got the World on Track](#)
- [Caring for the S&DR \(Heritage Crime & Condition\)](#)
- [Schools Education](#)
- [Walking the Line](#)
- [S&DR Archives / Community Museum](#)

Also see:

- Quaker Research study
- Anniversary & outreach events



— Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway

- Walks, talks and street theatre
- Community Grants and Activities to 2027
- Business & Sustainability Development
- Developing and supporting volunteering, education, events
- Managing land and assets



Walks, Talks and Street Theatre

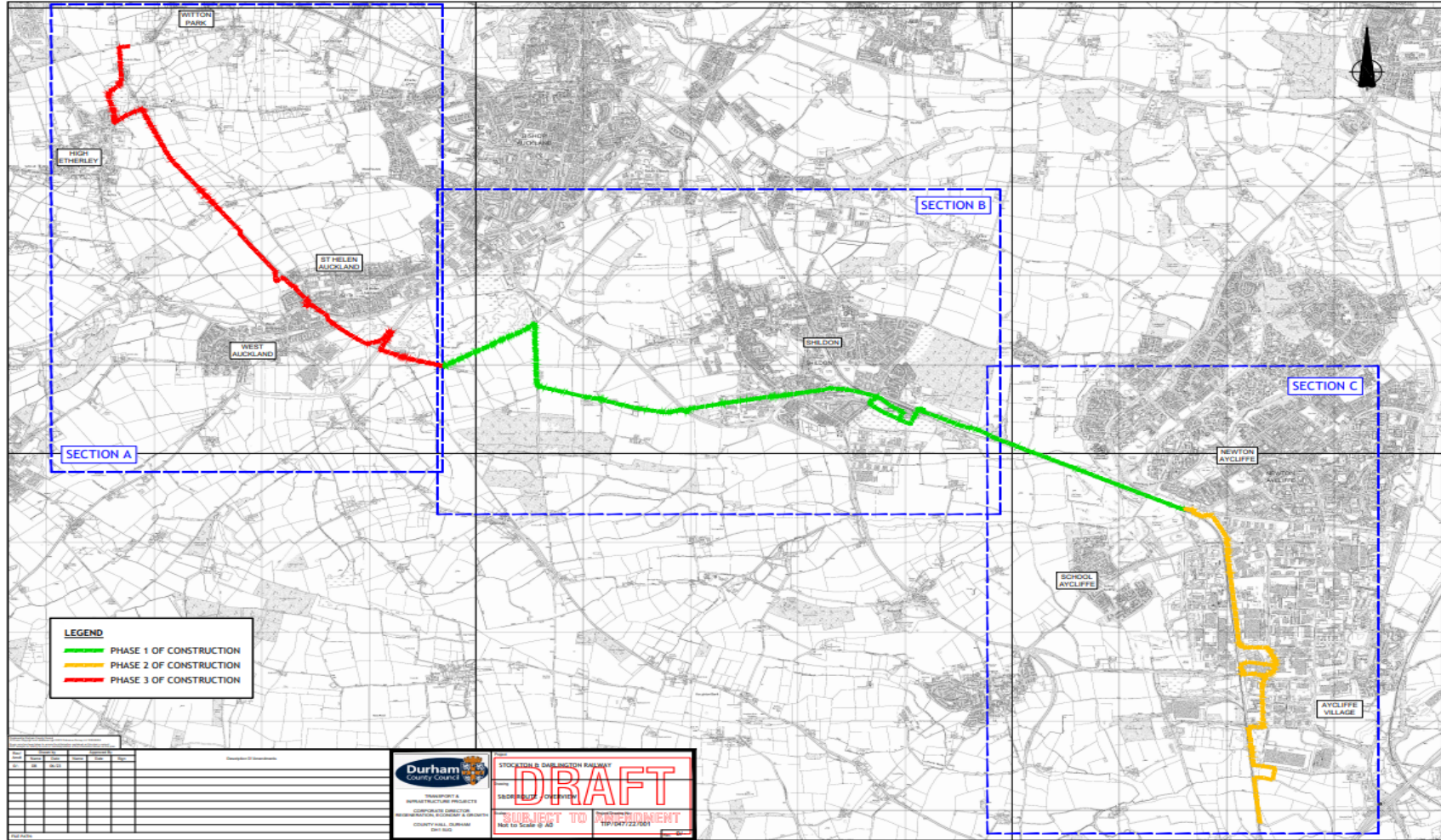


HAZ Legacy Projects (1/3)

- Gateway sites
- Walking and cycling route and interpretation (Physical and digital)
- NLHF - Community Fund, volunteering, community engagement and learning projects
- Bicentenary celebrations



HAZ Legacy Projects (2/3)



HAZ Legacy Projects (3/3)



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— Questions

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