

# Great North Cycleway

This route will run from Blyth in Northumberland to Darlington passing through Tyne & Wear and County Durham.

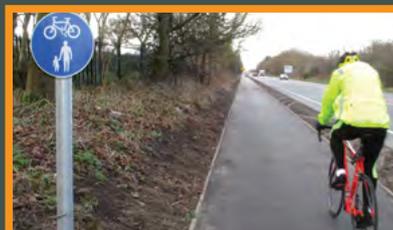
The concept for the 76km route was launched in June 2011 and was agreed in principle by all authorities along the route.

The route will be suitable for cyclists of all abilities (beginners to advanced), to provide a route for both commuting and leisure.

In order to create the overall route, a combination of existing routes, upgrading of existing infrastructure and the introduction of sections of route are all required.

The route will be delivered in stages as funding opportunities become available.

In order to deliver the Great North Cycleway, there needs to be the co-operation and ambition from all areas and stakeholders involved. The ultimate ambition is for this to be Sustrans promoted route National Cycle Network 725.



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## in County Durham

A large proportion (around 35.5km) of the cycleway will run through County Durham forming a North-South spinal route roughly following the A167.

In line with the County Durham Plan proposal, we have classified the Great North Cycleway as a Cycling Super Route.

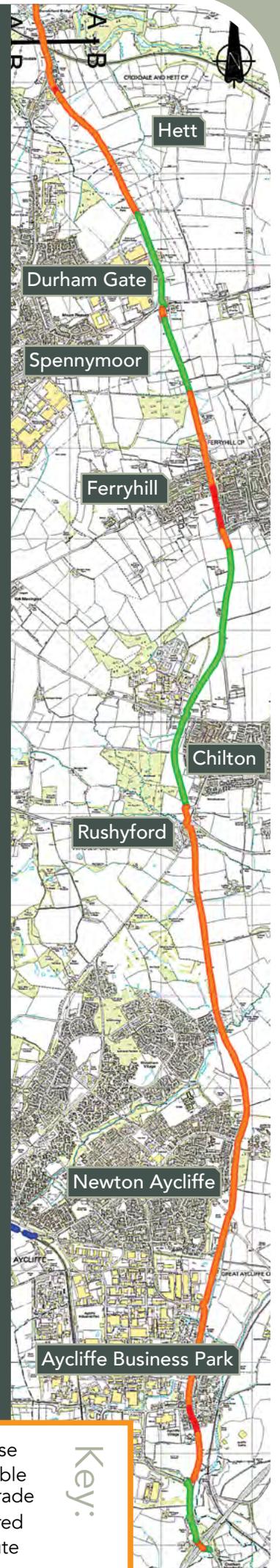
This Cycling Super Route will link a number of the County's main settlements and in conjunction with primary and secondary routes, will serve the wider cycle network. By doing so, the route facilitates for both the shorter local journeys as well as longer distance cycling.

As illustrated, there are various sections of the route already in place and others that need to be developed.

Where there are low pedestrian numbers between towns, the route will be a shared use path. This will be a 3m wide surface for its majority (where space allows). At busier locations or where more suitable, the route will be segregated or on-road.

The sections of the scheme which have recently been delivered, or are currently being developed, are funded by the Economic/Transport Corridors - Cycling Super Routes element of the Local Transport Plan and will continue to be when funding is available.

This route is achievable, however there are a number of obstacles and complexities to overcome to incorporate the route in the existing Highway network. This will require the support of local areas to successfully introduce this sustainable transport route.



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**Key:**

- Available for use
- Solution available - requires upgrade
- Solution required
- Alternative route