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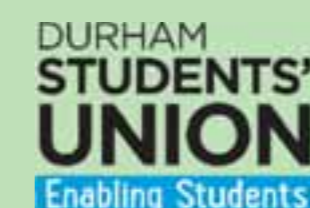
# Durham City Safety Group - An Overview



You may be aware that Durham City Safety Group was set up earlier this year to further improve public safety in Durham City.

The agencies involved are Durham County Council, Durham Constabulary, Durham University, Durham Students' Union and Durham Cathedral.

This multi-agency approach means that all partners can work together even more closely and take an informed and measured response to further improve safety in the city.





# What we have done

- Improved guardianship arrangements
- Pilot of breathalysers
- Education and awareness raising campaign
- Responsible alcohol training
- Agreement between a number of taxi operators and University
- Student volunteer group
- Durham Street Lights Volunteer Group support
- Communications/briefings
- Independent review of riverside safety



**Student volunteers**



**Pilot of breathalysers**



**Alcohol Retail Training**





# Independent Review of Riverside Safety

- As part of its work the Durham City Safety Group commissioned an independent review of riverside safety by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA)
- As well as looking at the work of the Durham City Safety Group, RoSPA carried out a series of inspections of riverbank areas at different times of day and night over several days
- The review took into account all aspects of riverside safety
- The findings of the review highlighted a range of physical and practical options for the group to consider
- Following receipt of these findings the Durham City Safety Group developed an action plan of works to implement a wide range of improvements
- The following information provides an overview of the proposed works to be carried out together with timescales, however these will be finalised following consultation and detailed design.





# Proposed Works

## Footpath Works

Resurfacing of footpath approaching Framwellgate Bridge (west bank)



**Before**



**After (artist's impression)**



# Fencing

A variety of different styles of fencing will be installed.

The style of fencing has been determined by the location and the need to match the existing surroundings and to be in line with heritage and conservation status.

## Birdsmouth Fencing

Example of birdsmouth fencing to be installed at a selection of locations along the riverbank.



**Artist's impression of birdsmouth fencing**





# Fencing

## Standard Pedestrian Fencing

Main location:  
between the  
boathouse and  
end of existing  
railings close to  
Framwellgate  
Bridge



**Before**



**After (artist's impression)**



**Before**



**After (artist's impression)**





# Fencing

## Standard Pedestrian Fencing



Before



After (artist's impression)

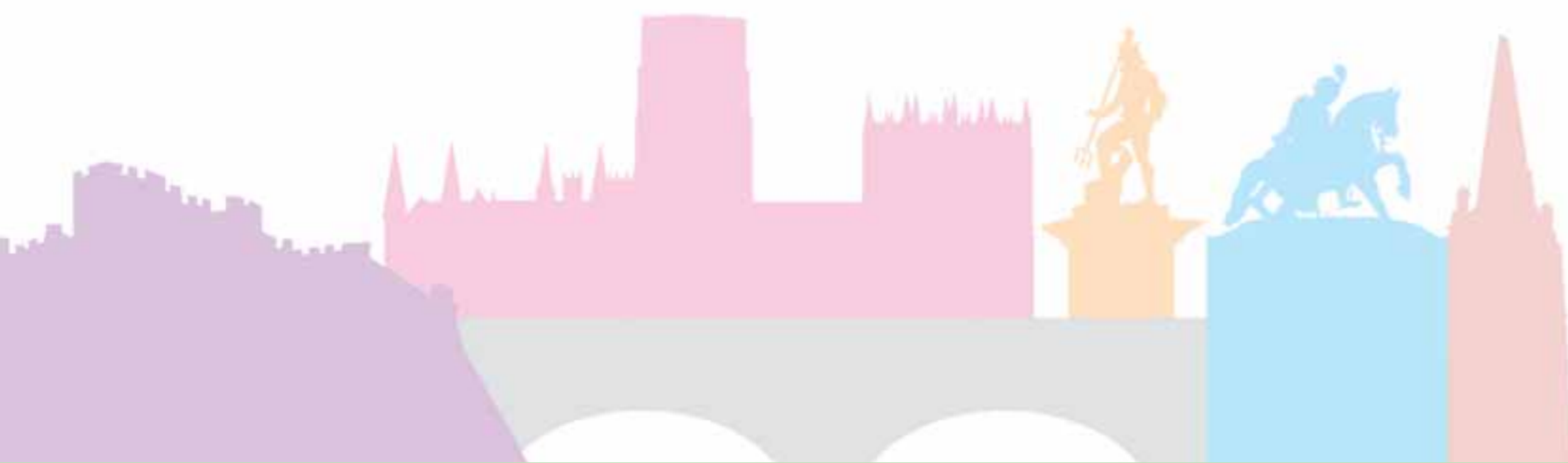




# Fencing

## Decorative Fencing

There will be short sections of bespoke/ decorative fencing where required for aesthetic reasons.





# Street Lighting

In response to the recommendation regarding a lighting policy, the group has chosen to use signage to direct path users to safe, lit night time routes.



**Before**



**After (artist's impression)**



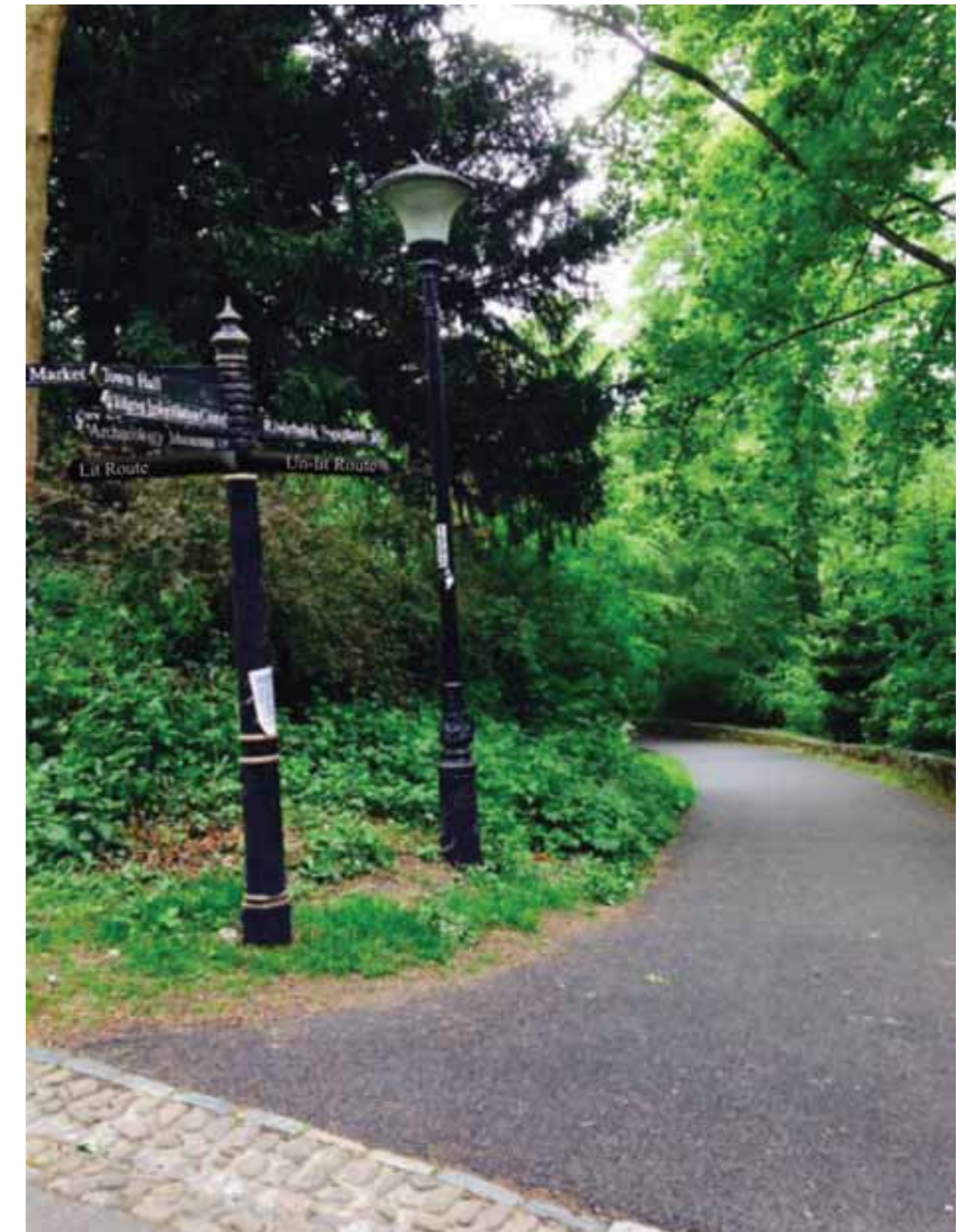


# New Directional Signs

Improved directional signs will be installed at a variety of locations directing footpath users towards 'lit' routes.



**Artist's impression**



**Artist's impression**





# Public Rescue Equipment

There will be new housing for a variety of Public Rescue Equipment





# River Erosion Prevention

The recommended method of riverbank erosion prevention is willow spiling to minimise environmental impact. This will be a live willow flood barrier.



**As planted**



**Matured**



# Timescales

- You will see construction work taking place along the riverside from 6th July 2015.
- This work will continue throughout the Summer months and into the Autumn
- Willow spiling, which is part of the river erosion prevention works, is seasonal (November 15 - April 16) and is also weather dependent.







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