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## Muse reveals plans for South Shields 365 second phase



Plans for the next phase of the regeneration of South Shields town centre as part of the £100 million 365 masterplan are set to be revealed as South Tyneside Council and Muse Developments hold a public consultation on the proposals.

The consultation will provide an opportunity for the public to find out more about the development of a new transport interchange and changes to the road network, which are included in phase two of the town's redevelopment.

Extensive discussions have already taken place with Metro operator Nexus the main bus operators, the Hackney Carriage Association and the private taxi operators.

The partnership between South Tyneside Council and Muse Developments, one of the country's leading names in urban regeneration, has resulted in ambitious proposals to transform South Shields town centre and provide lasting improvements to the town.

The South Shields 365 vision will mean improvements are made to all aspects of community life - from the shopping and leisure offer, to the way people travel to, from and around the town centre.

The second phase of redevelopment in the town will build upon work already on-going including construction of The Word, the North East Centre for the Written Word, the region's state-of-the-art new cultural venue. In addition to this, improvements are currently being made to the adjacent Market Place.

Cllr Iain Malcolm, Leader of South Tyneside Council, said: “The development of a new transport interchange in South Shields is a fundamental part of our 365 masterplan and vision for the town centre.

“The integrated facility would bring together a new bus interchange and relocated, refurbished Metro station, improving the sense of arrival and connectivity for visitors.

“With the first phase of the 365 plan well underway, there has been significant work alongside Nexus and our other partners behind the scenes to develop the plans for this bespoke hub which aims to deliver the best possible transport public transport links for our town centre.”

David Wells, Development Director at Muse Developments, said: “We are delighted to reveal the proposals for the second phase of our redevelopment work in South Shields. We feel that the new transport interchange and travel plan will revolutionise the town, making it far more accessible and safer for pedestrians. We want more people to visit South Shields and this development will enable this. There will be improvements in the connections to the Riverside and Foreshore areas, making the town centre a more pleasant environment in which to visit and shop.

“We want to make South Shields a year round tourist destination and the improvements to access in the town will greatly improve the propensity for tourism and ultimately economic growth.”