

North Jesmond FOCUS

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ACORN ROAD - Point Of No Return

The changes to **Acorn Road** are underway and will undoubtedly bring some overdue improvements, with new pavements and less congestion on the road itself. We think they will also bring disadvantages: businesses on **Mistletoe Road** and residents of **St George's Terrace** are already complaining about increased congestion there, and two way cycling on a one way street is likely to cause problems, but it may be possible to fix some of these in time.



One Way Out Of The Jams - More Money For Cycling

Central Government has given Newcastle an additional £2.6m to improve cycling in three separate areas of Newcastle. Jesmond is one of those areas. The Council has said that it wants to work closely with residents and local groups before any proposals are decided upon. If it is used properly, this money could undoubtedly produce some significant improvements. We would encourage residents to get involved in the consultation at an early stage

Jesmond Dene Road - Point Of No Entry



Your councillors have been very busy dealing with residents in connection with **Jesmond Dene Road**. Council officers believe that in its current condition, a long stretch of the road is too dangerous for two way traffic. There was a well-attended public meeting and drop in session to discuss and comment on possible options in September. Following that meeting, the Council has decided to seek an Experimental Traffic Order which will close part of the road completely to cars. This can last up to a maximum of 18 months but can then be made permanent. The intention is that the effects of the order would be monitored during the first six months, so that these and residents' views can be taken into account before the order is made permanent. There is of course a danger that once the temporary order has been made, there will in reality be no turning back. *If the Council has to make a change, we think a temporary order is the right approach.* Getting the best possible outcome requires a good deal of thought and should not be rushed.

Lib Dem Action All Year Round In North Jesmond

Jesmond News Update Jesmond News Update ... Communal Bins Consultation

This has again been postponed, though the Council still refuses to change what we think is an unfair method of voting. Meanwhile, fixed penalty notices have been issued to a number of properties in the **Manor House Road** area, where rubbish has been dumped in the back lane, and these have had a beneficial outcome.

Forsyth Road/Great North Road junction

We contacted the Council about the danger of cars stopping in the wrong place at this junction. The Council has now put in a sign to alert drivers. We have also raised the problem of poor drainage at the pedestrian crossing, and the Council is investigating.



Blue House Roundabout to Haddricks Mill Road

The Council has secured funding for major work along the whole stretch of this traffic 'corridor'. Changes are planned to the Blue House roundabout, which is likely to become a traffic light controlled junction. At long last, there should also be money to provide a pedestrian crossing at the top of **Osborne Road**, which councillors and residents have been requesting for many years.

Consultations with residents and local groups regarding this work is likely to begin before Christmas. If you have questions about it, you should contact Ali Lamb, who is a Council Communities officer. Her email address is alison.lamb@newcastle.gov.uk

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Would you like to raise an issue, ask advice or report a problem affecting your neighbourhood?

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Our regular advice surgeries are held at
Jesmond Library, 10 a.m. on the third
Saturday of the month.



Putting Our Local Jesmond Planning To The Test

There have been two important applications in North Jesmond recently, which have tested the principles of the Council's planning policies.

1. An application for a hot food and restaurant outlet at **1 Thornleigh Road** (outside the designated commercial area) was refused, but is currently going through the appeals process.
2. The second was an application to convert a property in **Forsyth Road** to a House in Multiple Occupation. This was also refused.

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