

A summer of listening and talking

Local residents view the exhibition at Wallsend



Approximately 450 people visited exhibitions at Jarrow Community Centre and Wallsend Library this summer as part of the PTA's ongoing consultation on the New Tyne Crossing.

The PTA and its advisers held large scale exhibitions and focus group sessions at each location for two days before moving on to Simonside, Bede and East Howdon. The PTA invested nearly £35,000 in the exhibitions to ensure as many people as possible had an opportunity to express their views and, wherever possible, to ensure that any concerns people had

Let's Talk

Any group wishing to organise a meeting with representatives from the PTA and its lead advisers Arup to discuss the New Tyne Crossing should contact Paul Fenwick, Planning and Transportation, Newcastle City Council, Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8PD.

Questions can also be sent by e-mail to: ntc@newcastle.gov.uk

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could be addressed in plans for the final scheme.

Visitors to the exhibitions were also invited to complete confidential questionnaires addressing concerns about construction, traffic levels, tolls and junction options.

Feedback focused on the effects on noise and air quality during construction and after. While visitors to the exhibition had definite concerns about the impact during construction, the majority believed that there would be long-term environmental benefits including less pollution and noise, easier access to adjoining neighbourhoods and employment opportunities and increased economic benefits.

North Tyneside Cllr. and vice chair of the PTA, Muriel Green and South Tyneside Cllr. Tom Hanson, deputy vice chair of the PTA, were delighted to see local residents visit the exhibitions.

Commenting, Cllr Hanson said: "We were pleased to gain the views of so many local people and other interest groups. The PTA will now use this feedback to address people's concerns wherever possible in the final plan."



Letters go out to residents

Many residents and property owners in Howdon and Jarrow have now received letters under section 16 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act to register their interest in the properties affected by the New Tyne Crossing.

Some properties will be directly affected by the scheme and will need to be demolished.

Other properties have been identified as close enough to the works that they could suffer damage as a result. In these cases the PTA will need access in order to check the structural condition of the properties before work starts.

PTA spokesman Paul Fenwick said: "Some people have contacted me, concerned that their property has moved from one category to another. This is because the details of the scheme are being finalised and some changes have had to be made.

"If anyone has any questions about the letters they should contact me on (0191) 211 6058."