

Final Northumberland Line station now approved

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Approval has been given to the last station for the Northumberland Line.

This is for the construction of a new station at Newsham in Blyth – meaning all six new stations now have the go-ahead for the project.

The station, on land south of the A1061 South Newsham Road, will include two platforms, pedestrian lifts, road junction improvements and parking for buses, cars, electric vehicles, motorcycles, cycles, and taxis.

There'll also be lighting and landscaping improvements.

Construction work is due to get underway this summer.

The whole scheme, which will deliver 18 miles of upgraded track, access improvements and new signal locations, is expected to deliver economic benefits of up to £470m and is due to be open in December 2023.

The half hourly service between Newcastle and Ashington will have an anticipated journey time between Blyth and Newcastle of around 25 minutes.

Northumberland Line programme delivery director Neil Blagburn said: "This is another major milestone for the project and paves the way for the main construction work to start in the coming months.

"Work to replace the track started on the line last year and other preparations, such as clearing vegetation and mining remediation are getting underway on parts of the line ahead of the main construction starting on this transformational project – which will bring about new opportunities for work, education and leisure in this part of the county and the wider region."