

# Planning permission keeps Northumberland Line on track

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Planning permission has been granted for two new stations – bringing the Northumberland Line one step closer.

Permission was granted for stations at Bedlington and Seaton Delaval on 2 November.

SLC Property is working with Northumberland County Council, submitting and managing the planning applications and associated property aspects needed for the new line.

Rob Smart, Managing Director of SLC Property said: “The Northumberland Line will radically improve transport connectivity in the region and our team has been working very hard on these applications.

“All planning applications have now been submitted and we’re delighted that four out of the six stations have now been approved for construction.”

The reopening of the Northumberland Line will deliver 18 miles of upgraded track, 6 new stations, associated access improvements and new signal locations.

Ashington and Northumberland Line received planning approval earlier this year. Two further stations are planned at Bebside and Newsham in Blyth and will be considered by planners in due course.

SLC Property said the whole scheme is expected to deliver economic benefits of up to £470m. It is due to be open by 2024.