

Image: Zelkova Seratta
'Green Vase'



Image: Pink Crepe Myrtle



Tree selection

Growing conditions, microclimate and surrounding infrastructure (eg powerlines) was taken into account when selecting appropriate tree species for Beresfield. Selected species also have to be commercially available in appropriate sizes and to NATSPEC quality.

Deciduous trees, which provide shade in summer and allow the sun to shine through in winter, are appropriate for Beresfield's microclimate.

The community's preferred species for sections of Lawson Avenue, Newton Street and Addison Street, within the local centre, was Pink Crepe Myrtle.

Pink Crepe Myrtle is an excellent street tree, which is tolerant of a wide range of urban growing conditions. With a mature height of less than 8m, it is suitable for use under powerlines, allowing it to be planted in an avenue on both sides of the street.

On Beresford Avenue, new trees will be provided in large raised planters to overcome the drainage problems that have prevented existing street trees from growing.

The selected species is *Zelkova seratta* 'Green Vase', which is a fast growing medium sized tree, appropriate for shading the wide footpath on the northern side of Beresford Avenue.

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Newcastle City Council's local and neighbourhood centres program aims to improve the visual amenity, community and safety functions of our local and neighbourhood centres. This is achieved by redesigning the layout of the local roads and improving the footpaths, walkways, lighting and landscaping within the centre.

For all project and construction related enquiries please call **4974 2000**.

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Beresfield local centre renewal



Image: Beresfield local centre (artist's impression)



- **LEGEND**
- ① Entry Marker
 - ② Shade Structure
 - Ⓐ Feature Planting
 - Ⓑ Beresford Avenue Tree Planting
 - Ⓒ Lawson Avenue Tree Planting
 - Ⓓ Newton Street Tree Planting

Impacts

The impacts to Beresfield residents and businesses during the first stage of work will be minimal.

Our project and civil works team will work closely with businesses and residents to minimise disruptions during construction.

More information will be provided as work progresses.

Image: Beresfield local centre (artist's impression)



Beresfield local centre renewal

Beresfield local centre is one of the first centres to be renewed in 2018 as part of Newcastle City Council's local and neighbourhood centres program.

A public domain plan was developed for Beresfield local centre, which involved community consultation to identify issues and possible solutions. The plan also considered ongoing traffic issues within the centre. This renewal project includes:

- A 40km/h zone and associated traffic calming devices to reduce speed and increase safety

- Road and pedestrian lighting upgrade, including lighting to the railway station
- Drainage renewal and rain garden which will improve the quality of water run-off that enters Hexham Wetlands
- New site appropriate street trees
- New street furniture, including seats, bike racks and bins
- New kerb, gutter and footpath
- Renewed road pavement
- Retention of on street parking
- Free WiFi.

Timeframe

Construction will commence in February/March 2018 and will be carried out in stages. The first stage includes the installation of the traffic calming devices at the entries to Beresfield local centre. Completing this section first will help reduce traffic speeds through the centre while construction is underway. This stage will take approximately three to four weeks.

Work will then start on the drainage improvements, commencing near the railway station in Addison Street and progressing to Beresford Avenue. This work will take approximately two to three months to complete.

Once the drainage is installed, the renewal of the roadway and footpath will commence. This work will be undertaken progressively throughout the local centre and will take up to nine months to complete.

It is anticipated the project will be completed in the second half of 2018, weather permitting.

Façade Improvement Scheme

The Local and Neighbourhood Centres Façade Improvement Scheme is a new grant program for business owners to help them carry out facade improvement work, such as painting of shopfronts. Beresfield Local centre will be one of the first local centres to be part of this scheme, which aims to create active shopfronts in local and neighbourhood centres, evoking pride, enhancing our city's presentation and engaging the community in city revitalisation.

Council will provide information on the Façade Improvement Scheme and how to apply when the scheme commences in the first half of 2018.