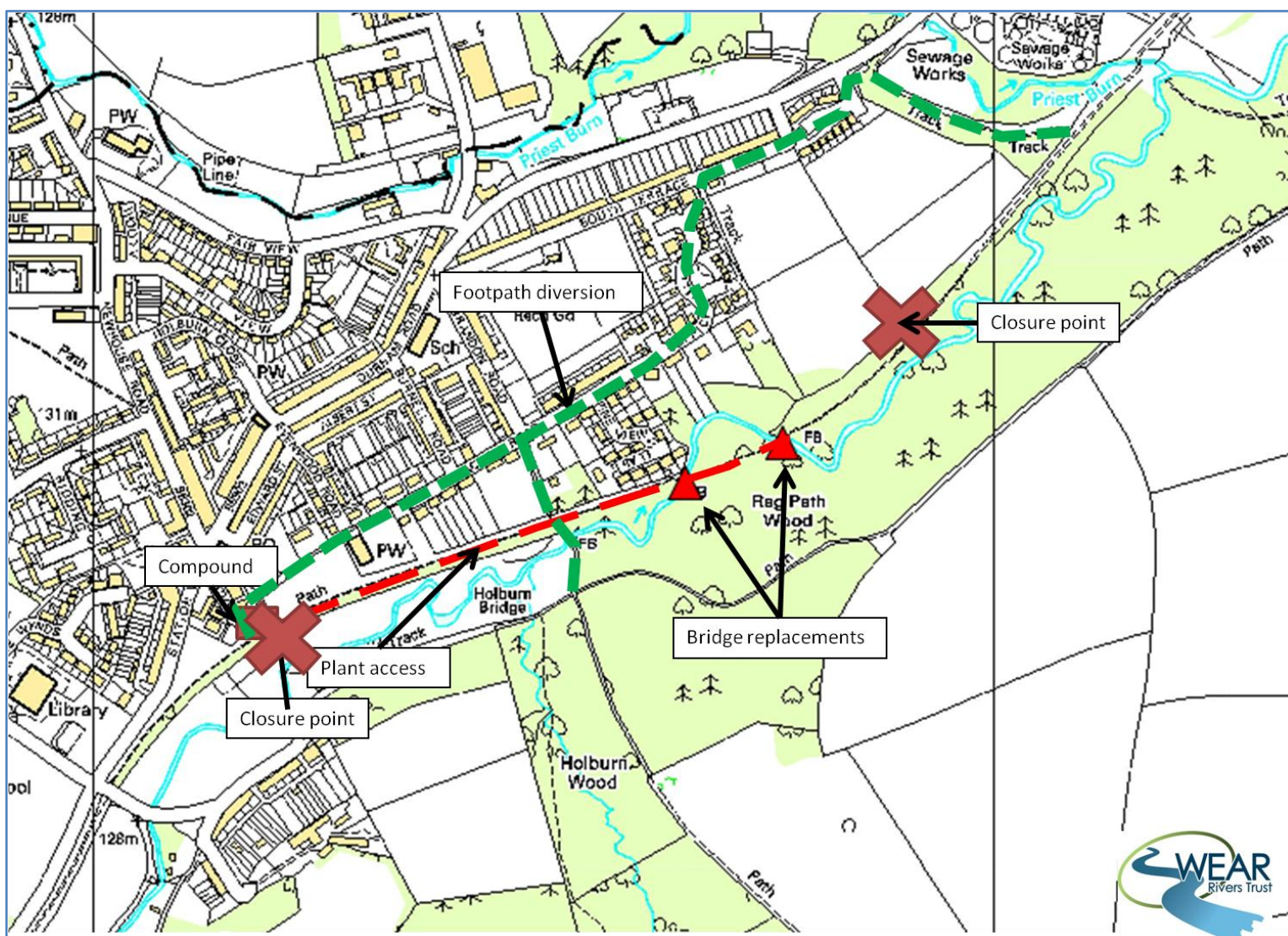


River Deerness Restoration Project Holburn Ford Replacements



The Deerness Restoration Project is a three-year project working to restore habitat connectivity for fish species in the River Deerness. In partnership with Durham County Council and Durham University, the Wear Rivers Trust are tackling man-made barriers to fish migration and monitoring the effectiveness of the solutions delivered.

Fish play a crucial role in the river ecosystem, as many other species rely on them as their primary food source. In order to have healthy fish populations, various habitats must be accessible during the different life cycles of fish. Both the Dutch Fords at Holburn Woods act as significant barriers to fish moving upstream and downstream between these habitats. To enable fish and debris to pass both these crossings, the Dutch Fords will be replaced with single span bridges.



FOOTPATH CLOSURE

For health and safety reasons a section of the Deerness Valley Cycle and Footpath will be closed during the replacement of the Dutch Fords. We anticipate the work will take up to 16 weeks to complete. During this time a footpath diversion will be in place as shown on the left. We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause and thank you for your cooperation.

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