

## CiS/St. John's College Joint Conference, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2009

Leech Hall, St. John's College, 3, South Bailey, Durham, DH1 3RJ

### ***Map and directions***

The map below is taken from [www.streetfinder.co.uk](http://www.streetfinder.co.uk)

### ***By train***

Take the train to Durham station. This is served by GNER, Cross Country and local services.

From the station, either walk (about 15 minutes) if you don't mind some steps, or catch the Cathedral Bus to Palace Green and then walk the short distance to St. John's on South Bailey, or take a taxi.

**On foot:** If you arrive at Platform 2, take the steps down to the left to go under the tracks, then go down the steps at the other end and join Station Approach. If you arrive at Platform 1, leave the platform through the double doors, going past the ticket office, then join Station Approach heading down hill. Walk down Station Approach, past the viewing point for the cathedral, and turn left onto a footpath which takes you down steps past some fairly new houses. Go right across Highgate Bridge footbridge (it has blue railings) towards a church and then bear left down to cross the road in two stages at the pedestrian crossings. Walk across Milburngate Bridge (A690) over the river. The castle and cathedral can be seen on the hill over to the right. St. Nicholas' Church is ahead at the end of the bridge, on the right-hand side. The spire is clearly visible. Go around the church to enter the Market Place, then head up Saddler Street and North Bailey to South Bailey.

**Bus:** The **Cathedral Bus** (40) stops at Palace Green. The route forks, so make sure you catch the right bus!

**Taxi:** Taxis tend to queue at the exit from Platform 2.

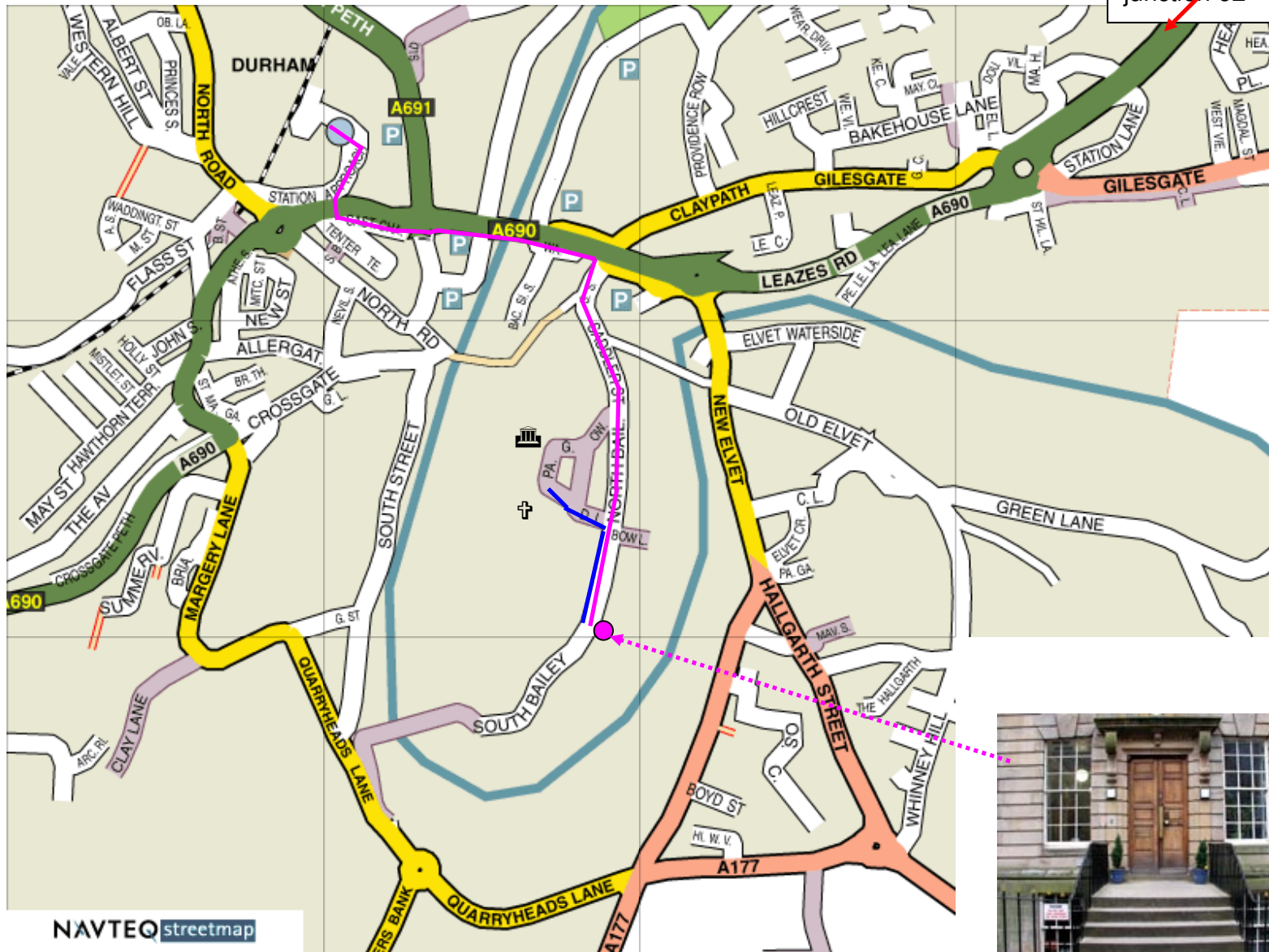
### ***By car***

There is a **Park and Ride scheme** (£1.70 all day ticket) from near Junction 62 of the A1/A1(M). This is cheaper than parking all day in Durham.

If you wish to drive into the city, leave the A1/A1(M) at junction 62 to take the A690 into Durham. At the first roundabout, continue on the A690 down the hill to the second roundabout (don't get distracted by the view of the cathedral!). From here, you will see a large brick-and-stone structure which is Prince Bishops shopping arcade (BHS on the end). If you take the second exit off the roundabout, you can enter Prince Bishops car park. If you elect the third exit which heads towards Milburngate Bridge over the river, you can turn left off this immediately after going under the overpass, then going down and bearing right to reach parking on Freeman's Place or The Sands.

If you happen to take the first exit off the second roundabout, you will cross the river and have the cathedral up to your right. In that case, I suggest you take the next left into Old Elvet (The Marriot Three Tuns hotel is on the corner) and either try to park on that street or turn around to come back to Prince Bishops parking or Freeman's Place/The Sands.

From A1 junction 62



NAVTEQ streetmap

- Walking route from the train station
- Walking route from Palace Green
- St. John's College.

- † Cathedral
- 🏰 Castle



St. John's College

## ***Accommodation***

Durham Tourist Information: <http://www.durhamtourism.co.uk/tourism.html>, telephone (0191) 384 3720; <http://www.durham.gov.uk/durhamcc/usp.nsf/pws/Tourism+-+Tourism+Welcome+to+County+Durham>

University B&B accommodation may be worth checking, but the CiS northern conference is being held in term time. See <http://www.dur.ac.uk/conferences/tourism/>.

These sites have links to accommodation information and other local information such as attractions and events.

## ***Local attractions***

There are many things to see and do in and around Durham, information about which is available from the Tourist Information service, <http://www.durhamtourism.co.uk/tourism.html>, telephone (0191) 384 3720, or visit the office in the Gala Theatre complex in Millennium Place at the bottom of Claypath, across the overpass from the conference venue.

The sea is not far east; hills, valleys, rivers, waterfalls, and historic market towns to the west, south and north; castles and various National Trust, English Heritage and independent places to see, including the Alnwick Garden and Castle, Hadrian's Wall and various Roman sites.

Gala Theatre and Cinema, Durham: [www.galadurham.co.uk](http://www.galadurham.co.uk). 0191 332 4040 for information, or 0191 332 4041 for box office (for both theatre and cinema). This theatre is less than ten minutes' walk from the conference venue.

Newcastle Theatre Royal: [www.theatreroyal.co.uk](http://www.theatreroyal.co.uk)

The Sage, Gateshead (concert venue): [www.thesagegateshead.org](http://www.thesagegateshead.org)

For those who like shopping: Metro Centre, Gateshead: <http://www.metrocentre-gateshead.co.uk> ; or Newcastle City Centre.