

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

TO: BELLSHILL AREA COMMITTEE		Subject: Bellshill Traffic Management Study- Update Report
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
Date: 12 th June 2001	Ref: S/TT/78/08 & S/PL/03/14/DRM/LG	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Area Committee in respect of the ongoing public consultation with regard to the Bellshill Traffic Management Study.

2. Background

- 2.1 In March 2001 the Planning and Environment Committee agreed to undertake a public consultation exercise in respect of various options that had been prepared as part of the Bellshill Traffic Management Study. This study had identified a series of options, mainly for Bellshill Town Centre, which were designed to improve the pedestrian and shopping environment in the Centre. The aim of the study being to minimise unnecessary traffic movement, reduce congestion, optimise parking opportunities, enhance the pedestrian environment, improve the operating conditions for public transport, and improve road safety.
- 2.2 The consultation exercise was launched with press releases/notices and a public exhibition in Bellshill Cultural Centre from 17th-19th May which was attended by approximately 100 people. Subsequent meetings have been held with the Community Council, the Community Forum, and the Town Centre Forum. A further meeting has been arranged by the Town Centre Forum for 18th June to which all the owners of businesses within the Town Centre have been invited. In addition consultations have been undertaken with the relevant emergency services and public transport authority.
- 2.3 Given that the end date for consultation replies to be sent back to the Council is the end of June it is probably too early to gauge the extent of public reaction to the various options. Suffice to say that at this stage the Council's attempt to bring forward the Study has been generally welcomed and a number of constructive comments made in respect of the various options.
- 2.4 Upon completion of the consultation period the Department will report the results of the exercise to the Planning and Environment Committee with the intention of seeking approval of a Final Town Centre Action Plan before the end of the year.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That the Committee note the contents of the report and request the Director of Planning and Environment to consult the Area Committee on the Finalised Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan.



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