

**REPORT**

To: AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE		Subject: AIRDRIE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – PROGRESS REPORT
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
Date: 10 April 2001	Ref: C/PL/81/04/IJ/JW	

**Purpose of Report**

1. To advise Members of progress on the Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan.

**Background**

2. Members will recall previously being advised that the Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan Consultative Draft was approved for consultation by the Planning and Development Committee on 9 December 1998 and that the consultation exercise took place until late April 1999.
3. Members will also recall that money was allocated for Airdrie Town Centre Improvements in the Capital Programme to March 2000 and that in the interests of achieving both an early start and a commitment to spend prior to March 2000, it was agreed that Phase 1 would affect the Graham Street Precinct, as this was in Council control and the Action Plan did not propose removing its pedestrianised status. This view was reinforced by the consultation exercise.
4. In June 1999 a Brief was produced and circulated to an agreed list of Urban Design/Landscape Architects inviting submissions for the design and implementation of works to upgrade the streetscape of Phase 1 – Graham Street Precinct and to set the design principles for future phases. Following receipt of four design submissions the Planning and Environment Committee agreed at their meeting of 8 September 1999 to appoint Abbey Holford Rowe Associates to implement Phase 1 of the Airdrie Town Centre Environmental Improvements.
5. In accordance with the terms of their appointment Abbey Holford Rowe Associates produced detailed design proposals for Airdrie Town Centre Phase 1 area. These proposals have now been taken forward by the appointed contractor Land Engineering (Scotland) Ltd. under the supervision of Abbey Holford Rowe Associates and the scheme for Phase 1 is now essentially complete. The consultants have, as required under their appointment, produced a detailed concept design for the other parts of the Town Centre which will form the basis of the subsequent phases of the Action Plan.

**Current Situation**

6. Following completion of the Town Centre Phase 1 Scheme it is now proposed to extend the Environmental Improvement Works to the Phase 2 Area (Graham Street: Buchanan Street to New Cross) as identified in the Action Plan. The improvement works will encompass the principles set down in Phase 1 in terms of design and finish of replacement surface materials, street furniture, lighting etc. In terms of traffic management proposals for this section of Graham Street, the design concept produced by Abbey Holford Rowe incorporates option 4 of the initial Consultative Draft Action Plan with the reverse flow of traffic in Graham Street from the New Cross to Buchanan Street.

### Additional Information

7. Members are advised that a report will be considered at the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting of 11 April 2001 seeking the retention of Abbey Holford Rowe Associates as Consultants to implement the subsequent phases of the Airdrie Town Centre Action Plan. Justification for this request is based on the high quality of design and material already exhibited in the Phase 1 Area and the desire to provide a continuation of both concept and theme throughout the Town Centre.
8. Should Committee accede to that request then the Consultants will thereafter be appointed to produce detailed proposals for Airdrie Town Centre Phase 2 Area.
9. A detailed consultation exercise will then be undertaken followed by a Tendering exercise.

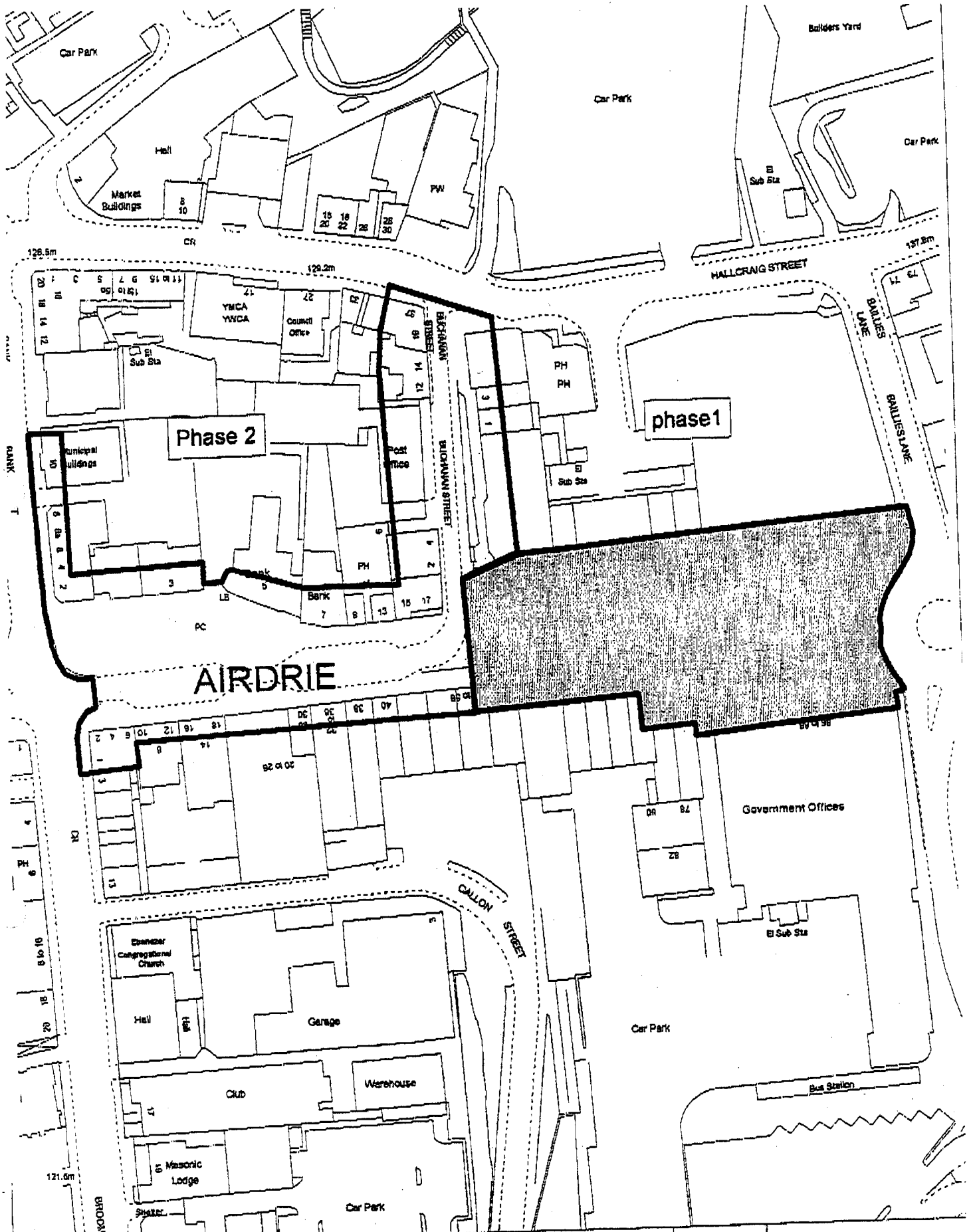
### Recommendation

10. That Members note the contents of this report.



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**Phase 2 Redevelopment,  
Stirling Street, Airdrie  
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