

To: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE		Subject: Small Communities Projects
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the progress made on projects relating to the Small Communities Programme within the Bellshill & District area.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Area Committee of January 27th 2005 agreed to prioritise projects for delivery within 3 categories and that the Director of Planning & Environment proceeds with the delivery of those which fell within Category 1 & 2.
- 2.2 As a result of this commitment from the Area Committee, the Planning & Environment Department is progressing the design and details on a range of schemes with a view to further consultation with Communities prior to their implementation.

3. 2005/06 Projects

- 3.1 An update of all projects put forward to date is outlined on the attached Appendix. The Area Committee previously approved projects to achieve the £60,000 spend for this financial year 2005/6. The remaining projects will continue to be progressed and details reported to future Area Committees.
- 3.2 The brief to appoint a consultant was issued to three landscape architectural practices and following review of the returned quotations, David Wilson Associates were duly appointed to carry out the design work.
- 3.3 At this early stage in the financial year, the level of physical works is limited as projects are being worked through. However, the Area Committee has approved projects for this financial year and more suggestions and ideas are required for projects in 2006/7. The increased budget in 2006/7 will allow a greater number of projects to be delivered but time will be required to work up the ideas. As such suggestions are sought from the community and should be forwarded to the Director of Planning & Environment.
- 3.4 In addition to these works a project for the refurbishment of the Emma-Jay Road/Hattonrigg Road underpass is nearing completion. This will improve the quality of the environment and

enhance community safety in the area. The works comprise of the installation of new lighting and the re-tiling of the underpass.

4 Recommendations

- a) It is recommended that the Committee notes progress made on delivering Small Communities Projects in the Bellshill & District area.



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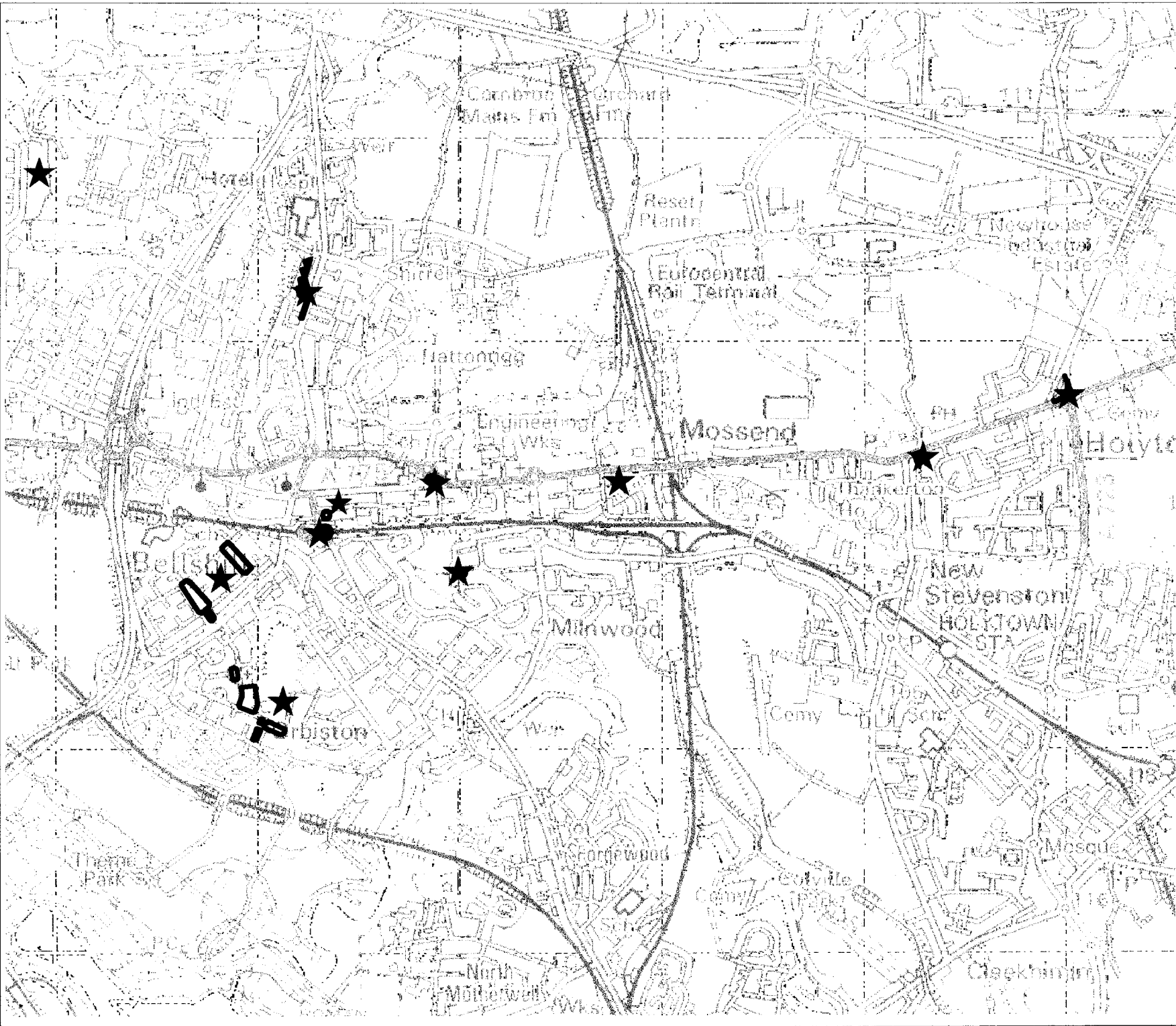
APPENDIX: SMALL COMMUNITIES PROJECTS

Category	Site Location/Name	Progress Update
1	Mossend, Holm Gardens/Burnside Road.	Consultants have been appointed to take forward the project and prepare detailed designs for environmental and pedestrian improvements .
1	Bellshill, Mansfield Road.	Consultants have been appointed to take forward the project and prepare detailed designs for improvements to open spaces.
1	Orbiston, Community Road and Surrounding Areas.	Following further assessment this proposal has been adjusted to allow environmental works to be implemented this financial year. Consultants have been appointed to take forward the project and prepare detailed designs.
1	Bellshill, Motherwell Road.	Consultants have been appointed to take forward this environmental improvement project and prepare detailed designs.
1	Bellshill, Rockburn Crescent.	Consultants have been appointed to take forward the project to improve the appearance and amenity of this area and to prepare detailed designs.
1	Holytown, Alexandria Quadrant.	Following further assessment this proposal has been adjusted to allow environmental works to be implemented this financial year. Consultants have been appointed to take forward the project and prepare detailed designs.
2	Holytown, Jerviston Street, Holytown Station.	This site is made up of a poorly maintained road and associated makeshift car parking area. The land in question is owned by Railtrack and would require their input to ensure that improvements to the appearance and function of this site can take place.

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2	Viewpark, Laburnum Road.	This is a large area of open space that has been identified as a problem area. Whilst the Small Communities budget may provide some financial assistance the scale of such a project would require other funding streams to develop this project.
2	Holytown, Bo'ness Road / Edinburgh Road.	The upgrading of the fencing around this small park would further enhance the environment on this main route. However, if the condition of the fencing is poor then other funding resources may be required. This could allow this proposal to be further developed into a 'gateway' type project leading into Holytown.
2	Mossend, Holytown Road – King George V Park.	The boundary fence of the public park adjacent to Holytown Road is structurally sound but in need of repainting works. Given the location along this main route corridor the proposed works would contribute to enhancing the general environment. Further investigations are underway to access additional funding so that the project can be taken forward.
3	Bellshill, Town Square.	The proposal to create a well used pedestrian area that would act as a focal point for the town may be a desirable project however, the delivery may be from a more appropriate funding source given its proximity to the town centre.
3	Bellshill, Main Street.	This is a well maintained area of open space, which displays a good example of artwork signage (Obelisk). There is the potential to light the Obelisk to further enhance this piece of artwork however, this should be pursued through other funding resources.
To be delivered in 2004/05	Hattonrigg, Emma Jay Road, Hattonrigg Road.	The Small Communities project for extensive refurbishment works to the Emma-Jay Road/Hattonrigg Road underpass is nearing completion. This will improve the quality of the environment and enhance community safety in the area. The works comprise of the installation of new lighting and the re-tiling of the underpass.

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