

To: BELLSHILL AREA COMMITTEE		Subject: BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
Date: 8 September 2005	Ref: HQ/TT/03/14	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the progress of the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan to the end August 2005.

**2. Background
Current Status of Works**

- 2.1 The previous report of 2 June advised of the delays, the proposed programme of works commencing with the roundabout at Gartcosh Walk/Belgrave Street, and the reasons why works had not commenced on site by the Committee date.
- 2.2 Planning approval with conditions was granted for the construction of the Roundabout at Gartcosh Walk/Belgrave Street at the Planning & Environment Committee of 22 June. The conditions refer to design matters that can be resolved with minor changes in the design. The contract for site investigation works and trial holes to prove services has been let to Ritchies, and works commenced on site with the first trial holes on 12 August. This contract is expected to last for 4 weeks, and the information obtained from the investigation will be used for the services diversion works and will enable the completion of the tender document for the main construction contract.
- 2.3 Costs for public utility diversion works are being received and processed, although final costs will not be known until the above investigation works are complete. Advance payments have been made to Utility Companies to undertake design and diversion works and considerable negotiations have been undertaken with the Utility Companies, which should see a reduction in the original estimated cost of £900,000 for this work.
- 2.4 The spend confirmed to date on the phase 1 project are summarised as follows:
- Consultant Design fees £42,600
 - Site Investigation/trial hole contract £49,000
 - PU design & Diversion advance payments £92,000

The Department is working towards the completion of the roundabout at Gartcosh Walk/Belgrave Street and the traffic signals at Hamilton Road/Glebe Street by the end of the 2005/06 financial year.

3. Future Proposals

- 3.1 No further works are currently being undertaken on the Gartcosh Walk/North Road junction, awaiting the decision of the Tesco application for the adjacent site, which will have a significant effect on the junction.
- 3.2 The Traffic Order consultations for the traffic movement changes in Main Street West, Hamilton Road and Glebe Street have been held back till after the holiday period. There is no advantage in promoting the Orders too early, as they cannot take effect until the roundabout at Belgrave Street is completed. Similarly the traffic signals at the Hamilton Road/Glebe Street junction will be programmed for installation to coincide with the completion of the roundabout.
- 3.3 A brief was issued to consultants at the end of August 2005 inviting them to tender for the preparation of the detailed designs for the public realm works in Bellshill town centre. These improvements will comprise the traffic management and environmental improvements in Main Street. Together these works will form the major components of the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan and will provide the opportunity to revitalise the streetscene through re-paving in high quality materials, new street furniture, lighting, artwork and planting.
- 3.4 The consultants have been requested to prepare the detailed drawings and tender documents necessary to implement these works. It is anticipated that the consultants will complete this task in late January / early February 2006. This will enable the Council to go out to tender with contractors early in the new financial year with a view to implementing the works later in 2006/07.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Committee as asked to note:
- a) The ongoing status of the design works.
 - b) The efforts being made to overcome difficulties and move the project to construction stage.
 - c) The progress being made, in the delivery of phase 1 in 2005/06.



David M. Porch
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
(23 August 2004)

Local Government Access to Information Act: for further information about this report, please contact Tom Peebles on 01236 616406.