

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
Bellshill Local Area Partnership**

To: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan Update
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
Date: 21 February 2008	Ref: DPT/01/02/SP	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report seeks to update the Partnership and Committee on the progress made on the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 Consultants, Ironside Farrar Limited, were appointed in 2005, to prepare a design framework in the form of a Masterplan for Bellshill Town Centre. This Masterplan identified a scheme of works to address traffic management requirements and improve the streetscape within the town centre. The scheme will deliver a significant element of the initial Option 8 proposals which identified the basic traffic management requirements approved by the Council in 2002.
- 2.2 The works have been divided into 2 phases for implementation over the next 2 to 3 years. Mackenzie Construction Limited, contractors, were appointed at the end of February 2007, to undertake the Phase 1 works.

3 Progress

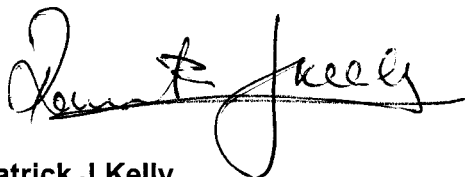
- 3.1 Mackenzie Construction Limited are currently implementing the Phase 1 works and are currently in the 43 week of the contract. It is anticipated that these works will be completed in early summer 2008.
- 3.2 Ironside Farrar Limited have finalised the detailed designs for the Phase 2 works which will be implemented on Main Street from Bellshill Cross to Emma Jay Road, part of Hamilton Road and part way along North Road This area is considered to be the core of the Town centre and this will be reflected in higher quality material including Caithness slabs on the footways defined by broad granite kerbs. Stainless steel street furniture and new street lighting will be installed. Focal points and artwork will also be incorporated in the overall design including floodlighting certain buildings of architectural interest such as churches.
- 3.3 It is anticipated that the tender documents will be issued to appropriate contractors in February 2008. It is envisaged that the Phase 2 works will be implemented over two financial years.

4 Summary

- 4.1 Over the course of this year and into next year, the Phase 1 works represent an investment of £1.8 million. It is anticipated that Phase 2 will be implemented over the following two years and will represent a further investment of £4 million in Bellshill Town Centre.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Partnership note progress made on the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan.



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