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| To: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP   |                  | Subject:<br>BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE<br>ACTION PLAN – OPTION 8<br>UPDATE |
| From: HEAD OF ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION |                  |   |
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## 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the progress of phase 1 traffic management works and programme for future phases of the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan option 8.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 Option 8 of the Bellshill Action Plan, approved by the P&E committee in January 2002 was designed to ease the flow of traffic through the town, and originally included 6 roundabouts, 1 signalised junction and associated road closures and changes to the direction of traffic flow. The option proposals indicating completed work, work in progress and future works are shown in appendix 1.
- 2.2 In order to maintain traffic flows through the Town at all times, the programme of works for implementing option 8 required to be phased and carried out in a particular order. Phase 1 includes two roundabouts on Gartcosh Walk at Belgrave Street and North Road, signals at Hamilton Rd/Glebe St, closures on Main Street at the Cross and Sports Centre, refurbishment of the signals at Bellshill Cross and two-way traffic on Hamilton Road and Glebe Street. Phase 2 includes the remaining roundabouts/signals on Hamilton Road and Motherwell Road.

## 3. Proposals/Programme

- 3.1 Phase 1 works completed to date include the following:
- Roundabout at Gartcosh Walk/Belgrave Street with link to Main Street.
  - Design of Traffic signals for Hamilton Rd/Glebe St and Bellshill Cross.
  - Traffic regulation orders for stopping up Main Street West at Bellshill Cross, Revocation of one-way orders on Hamilton Road, Glebe Street and Crossgates, One-Way westbound on Main Street between Emma Jay Road and the Cross.
- 3.2 Phase 1 works currently under implementation for completion by end of July 2008.
- Removal of traffic islands and kerb adjustments at both ends of Glebe Street.
  - Installation of Traffic signals at Hamilton Road/Glebe Street/Neilson Street.
  - Refurbishment of signals at Bellshill Cross and removal of phase.
  - Removal of signals at Main Street/Motherwell Road with installation of puffin crossing on Motherwell Road.
  - Physical closure of Main Street (West) at the Cross.
  - Motherwell Road/John Street, installation of new traffic signals and removal of puffin crossing. Although not originally part of option 8 works, further traffic studies determined that this facility enhanced traffic flow and improved pedestrian movement within the Town Centre.

- Kerb adjustments at the junction of Crossgates/ Motherwell Road to permit future two-way traffic movement.

### 3.3 Phase 2 of option 8 traffic management works:

A consultants brief is under preparation for the design of the signals at Crossgates/Hamilton Road and the remaining three roundabouts on Hamilton Road (2 no) and Motherwell Road (1 no) and this will be issued before the end of May 2008 for an appointment to be made by August. The design completion date will be March 2009, following which, subject to availability of funding, contracts can be let for site construction work, including public utility investigations, service diversions and the main contract. With construction estimated to take one year, completion can be achieved by June 2010 if all sites are worked on simultaneously. With phasing, which may be required to maintain traffic flow, the works are likely to extend to December 2010. It is expected that some ground and public utility investigations can be undertaken during the current financial year as a degree of information will be required for completion of the design.

3.4 Costs for the phase2 consultants design work for the roundabouts/ traffic signals are estimated at £250,000 and the construction work (including PU diversions and traffic management) will be in the order of £2.5 million depending on the extent of the services work required.

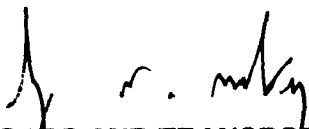
3.5 Simultaneous with the above programme for the remaining option 8 works within the control of the Council, will be the construction of the Gartcosh Walk/North Road roundabout to be undertaken by Tesco for which a start date is unknown at present. This will be a major construction project at an extremely important traffic node within the Town and the associated traffic arrangements will require detailed management. The processing of the traffic order for the closure of Main Street at the Sports Centre will also commence at this stage as Main Street is required to stay open until the Tesco roundabout is complete.

3.6 In parallel with the current phase 1 traffic management works, phases 1&2 streetscape works in Main Street and John Street are ongoing and scheduled for completion by end of May 2008. Temporary asphalt patches have been laid at locations where new lighting columns are erected and new manholes have to be constructed to ensure no trip hazards are left. These will be removed and the slabwork completed before the end of the phase. The tenders for the phase 3 streetscape works through the main shopping section of Main Street will be issued as soon as possible. The works are of a value which requires advertising through the European Journal for which the timescale is presently unknown but is likely to be several months. The one-way traffic order is already in place for this section and just requires to be implemented on completion of the streetscape work. Phase 4 being the remainder of Main Street, North Road and Hamilton Road, will follow. The phasings for the streetscape works are shown in appendix 2.

## 4. Recommendations

### 4.1 Committee is asked to note:

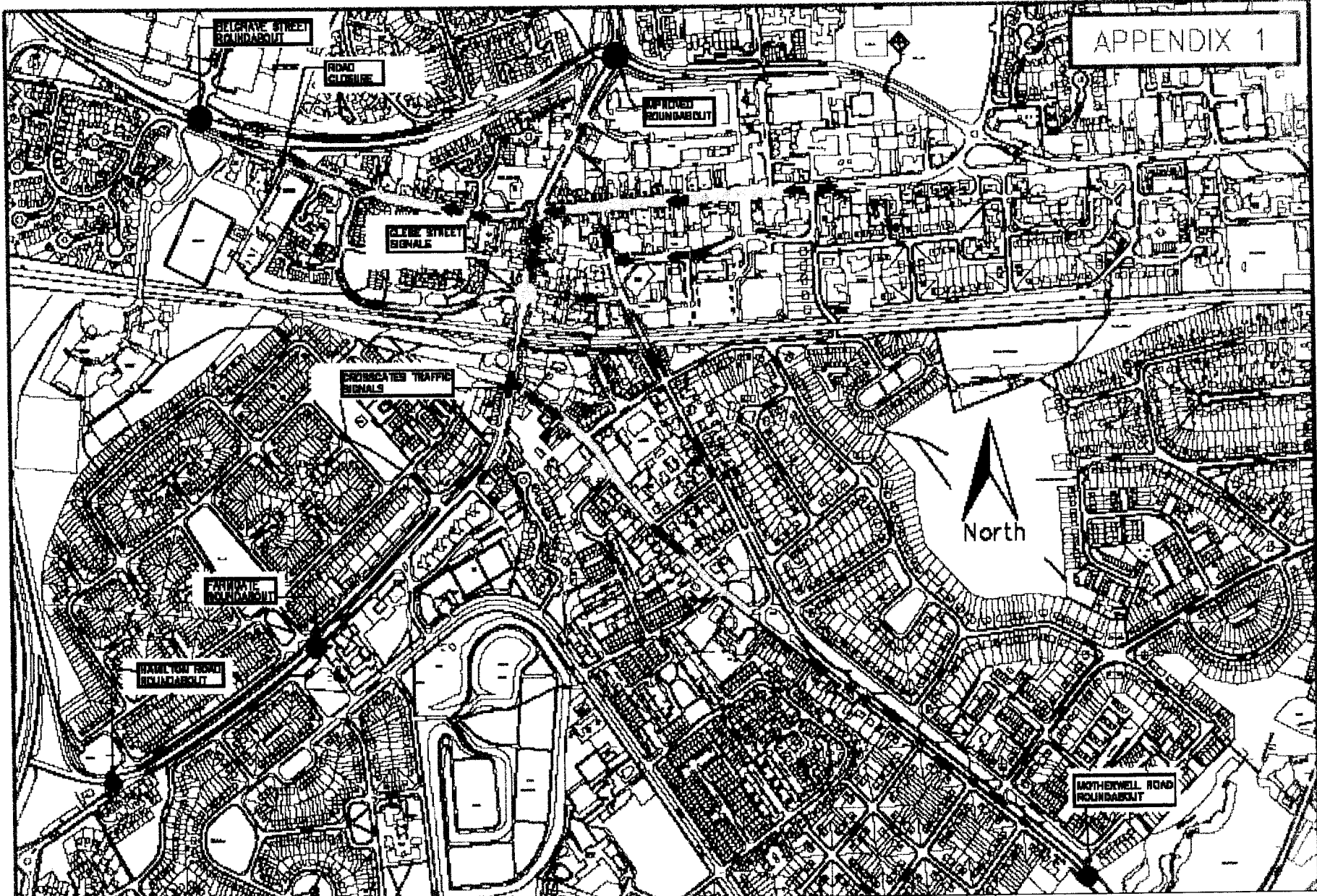

- a) The ongoing status of the various Traffic projects in Bellshill.
- b) The future proposals and timescales to take the works to completion.



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APPENDIX 1

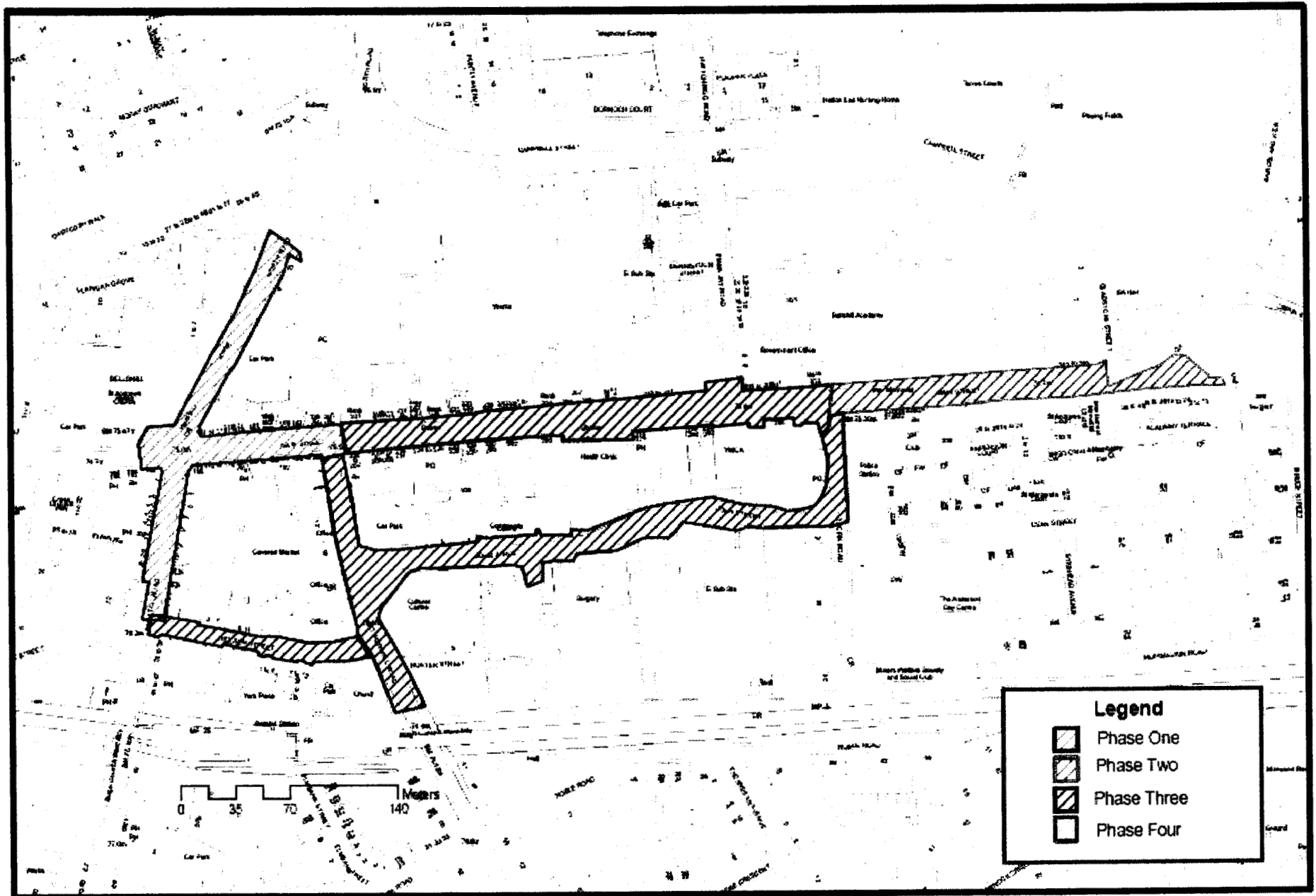
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