

## NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

To: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP	Subject: BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN – OPTION 8 PROPOSED WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS
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 proposals for managing waiting and loading within Bellshill Town Centre on completion of the town centre action plan works.

**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. Although the major elements of the plan involved junction improvements and changes to the direction of flow of traffic, new Traffic Regulation Orders are required to ensure that provision is made for the needs of public transport, taxis, servicing for shops and businesses and access for the public.
- 2.2 The proposals, which are in draft at present, and still subject to extensive consultation are devised to give a proportion of access time to all road users and are much less onerous than the existing restrictions which in the main prevent on-street parking anywhere in the town centre and make insufficient provision for taxis.

**3. PROPOSALS/PROGRAMME**

- 3.1 The proposals which are intended to be issued for initial consultation are as shown on plan appended "Bellshill Town Centre Proposed Parking Provisions". The consultation will be issued for comments to representative groups of all road users, emergency services, North Lanarkshire Disability Forum, local members and community groups and those shops and businesses directly affected by the proposals.
- 3.2 Generally, the proposals along the length of Main Street will permit for 24 hour parking, restricted during daytime Monday to Saturday to half hour waiting and no return within 2 hours. This will allow for a high turnover of shoppers who do not require a lengthy trip to the shops and will also permit some short term loading at shops throughout the day. At the east end of Main Street, around the Academy the short term parking will allow parents to collect children from the schools, but restrict the waiting time to 30 minutes. It is proposed that no restrictions will apply in the Town Centre (other than bus stops and taxi ranks) after 6pm till 7.30am, and all day Sunday.
- 3.3 Within the prime shopping section of Main Street a "loading only" restriction will apply for 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon to allow further dedicated servicing facilities to shops and businesses. Longer term parking will still be available within the existing car parks.

- 3.4 Bellshill has two existing informal taxi ranking facilities in Glebe Street and Emma Jay Road. Both these facilities will remain and will be re-marked for use by taxis only. Presently these locations are advisory ranks only and are not licensed. In addition, the proposals include for three other sites identified as possible taxi ranks in Main Street west at the stopped up section, Motherwell Road at the railway bridge and Main Street westbound just west of Emma Jay Road. It is proposed that all five locations will be discussed with the taxi owners and licensing with a view to establishing the preferred sites for ranks.
- 3.5 Hamilton Road and Motherwell Road, being bus routes with the highest traffic flows do not have the capacity for providing on-street parking and as a result are restricted to loading bays and bus bays which have already been adjusted to accommodate servicing of shops.
- 3.6 It is considered that with the increased footway widths, improved environmental surroundings, provision for on-street parking, taxis, buses and loading that the orders proposed will maximise the availability of the town centre for all users. It is not considered that the proposals disadvantage disabled drivers as the quick turnover should mean that spaces are generally available for all. However, if necessary, the order can be amended to permit an extended waiting time for disabled drivers at times when loading restrictions do not apply.
- 3.7 It is proposed to commence the initial consultation immediately, which should allow at least one year in which to get the orders approved and tie in with the completion of the phase 3 streetscape works on Main Street. As the order is less restrictive than that which previously applied, it is anticipated that any objections should be few and resolvable.

#### 4. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 Committee is asked to note:

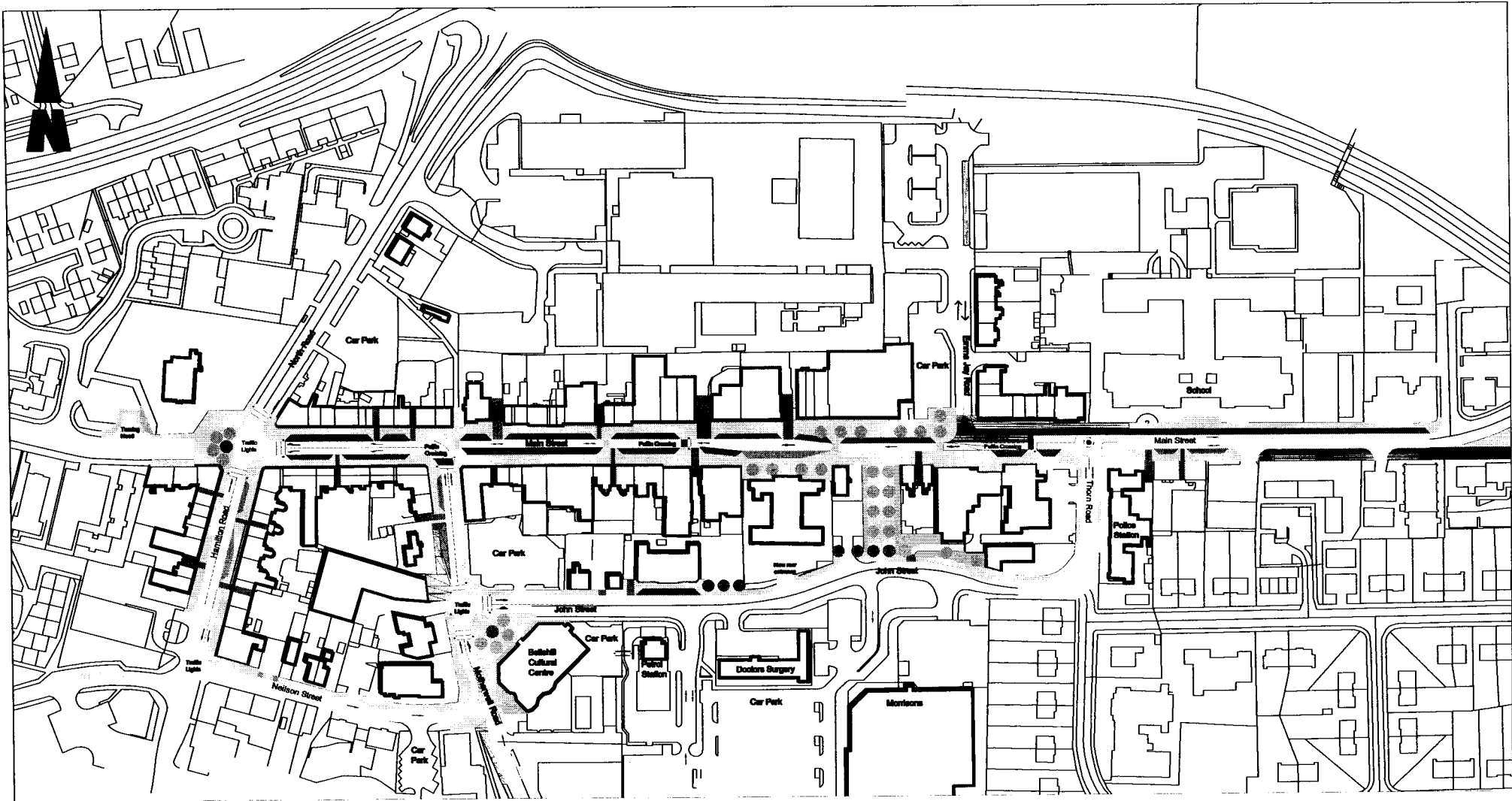
- a) The proposals for managing parking and loading in line with the Bellshill TCAP.
- b) The timescales for consultation and implementation of traffic orders..



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**Legend**

	Tree		Pavement		Vehicular Access		Parking - 1/2 Hour Waiting 2 Hour No Return 9.30am to 4pm Mon to Sat		Parking - 1/2 Hour Waiting 2 Hour No Return 9.30am to 4pm Mon to Sat		Loading - 7.30am to 9.30am 4.00pm to 6pm Mon to Sat		Proposed Taxi Rank Consultation to be carried out with Taxi Companies
	Planting		Bus Stop		Road		Loading - 7.30am to 9.30am 4.00pm to 6pm Mon to Sat						



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**PROPOSED PARKING PROVISIONS**

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