

## NORTH LANARKSHIRE

## COUNCIL

To: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject:  BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN UPDATE
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
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**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 Phases 1, 2 and 3 of the 4 phase streetscape works approved for Bellshill Town Centre have been completed. RJ MacLeod were appointed in early March 2010 as contractors to implement the fourth and final phase of the streetscape improvement programme. The contract will be administered and supervised by Land Use Consultants on behalf of the Council.

**3 Progress**

- 3.1 Phase Three of the streetscape works is now complete. Fountains are scheduled to return to site in June 2010 to complete some final paving works. Installation of street furniture and the planters have now been completed along with road resurfacing works. The completion of phase three of the streetscape improvement programme has seen an investment of £1.9 million in Bellshill Town Centre over a 15 month period.
- 3.2 RJ MacLeod were appointed contractor for Phase Four works in early March 2010. Phase 4 comprises the remainder of Main Street from its junction with Motherwell Road to the Cross, part of North Road extending from the Cross to the entrance to the Council's car park, and Hamilton Road from the Cross to the railway bridge. The footways will be re-surfaced in Caithness slabs and edged with wide granite kerbs to match Phase 3. A focal point will be created in front of St Andrew's Church to accommodate turning facilities and delivery vehicles. The pedestrian link between Tesco and Main Street will also be improved. The contractor took possession of North Road car park on 24<sup>th</sup> May for use as a site compound for the duration of the contract
- 3.3 The Phase Four contract also includes provision for architectural lighting on a number of the feature buildings in the Town Centre. Discussions are on-going with the relevant owners of the buildings to secure their agreement to carry out these proposals. It is anticipated that, subject to owner agreement, these works can begin autumn 2010.
- 3.4 The Phase 4 contract commenced May 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 and is programmed to complete late April 2011. The contractor's working hours specified in the tender document have been extended to 8am to 8pm, Monday to Friday. There is also scope for contractors to work Saturdays from 8am to 4pm, however this facility has not been requested by contractor at this time. No working will take place on Sundays or public holidays except in special circumstances and as approved by North Lanarkshire Council.

- 3.5 Phase Four works will take place in three stages, the first including the north side of Main Street, west side of Hamilton Road and the western part of Main Street at St Andrew's Parish Church. The second stage will include the south side of Main Street, east side of Hamilton Road and west side of North Road. The third stage will include the road surface on Main St, Hamilton Road and North Road.

#### **4 Town Centre on Street Parking Restrictions Update**

- 4.1 The informal consultation period on the proposed restrictions within the newly created bays within the town centre is ongoing. A number of comments have been received and will be reviewed and responded to accordingly. On completion of this process, the proposals will be formally advertised to allow objections to the scheme. The consultation has covered parking bays, loading facilities, taxi ranks and disabled parking.

#### **5. Town Centre Regeneration Fund Bid**

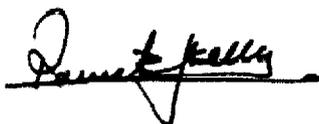
- 5.1 Funding of £150,000 has been secured from the Scottish Government's Town Centre Regeneration Fund for the acquisition of gap site at 278 – 286 Main Street, Bellshill from William Morrison Supermarkets PLC, on basis that works were included in phase 4 programme, which is the case.
- 5.2 Discussions have taken place between the Council and Morrison's agents to finalise terms for the land in question. Paperwork is currently being finalised, which will then allow the proposed works to progress. Works will involve the creation of an improved public space through re-paving, new street furniture and new lighting using a quality palette of materials, as throughout the streetscape improvement programme.

#### **6. Motherwell Road Roundabout**

- 6.1 Works to the roundabout have been completed by contractor MacLay Civil Engineering with minor snagging elements being addressed. Landscaping works are scheduled to complete by 11<sup>th</sup> June. The roundabout forms part of the measures contained within Option 8 of the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan as approved by the Planning and Environment Committee in January 2002, and will lead to improved road safety along this important approach to the town centre. The new roundabout will facilitate the closure of three gaps in the central reservation along Motherwell Road.

#### **7 Recommendations**

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



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