

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 The partnership will recall that 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 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.

3.2 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.

3.3 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 includes the south side of Main Street, east side of Hamilton Road and west side of North Road. The third phase of works are ongoing and include completion of the southern area of Hamilton Road and carriageway resurfacing. Resurfacing works have required the complete closure of the sections of Main Street, Hamilton Road and North Road that are part of this phase of works for a period between 12 January to 31 January. While this complete closure obviously restricts vehicular access around the town centre, the alternative proposals to carry out resurfacing in a phased manner would require between 6 and 8 weeks of temporary traffic management in the town centre. On the basis of this, it was felt best to complete this element of works as soon as possible to allow the full reopening of town centre roads as quickly as possible.

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

- 4.1 The Draft Traffic Regulation Order, which will cover parking bays, loading facilities, taxi ranks and disabled parking for Bellshill town centre, was advertised for a period from October, ending mid November. Comments were received in relation to the order, following which contact shall be made with those individuals to seek to incorporate their input where possible.

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

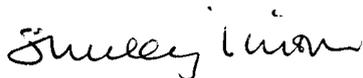
- 5.1 Written agreement with William Morrison Supermarkets PLC for the gap site at 278 – 286 Main Street, Bellshill was obtained in November, allowing works to proceed. Contractors took possession of this site shortly afterwards and began works as detailed in phase 4 plans. Completion of works will create an improved public space, new street furniture and lighting improvements to the space. It has been proposed by this partnership that this area be named James Dempsey Way. A consultation exercise was carried out to identify any impediments to this being the case. Following the end of this consultation period in December, no comments were received. It is now intended to proceed with recognising this space as proposed.

#### **6. Town Centre Action Plan**

- 6.1 The proposed approach to the development of a set of Frameworks for the growth and change of North Lanarkshire's town centres is currently being progressed. Work will progress in due course on the frameworks for the Bellshill area, with partnership meetings advised as this happens and partners involved accordingly.

#### **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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