

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE
COUNCIL**

To: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN UPDATE
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
Date: 7 July 2011	Ref: DPT/01/02/DOK	

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 majority of Phase 4 works have been completed within the programmed 48 weeks identified within the project contract. These works have provided a complete programme of streetscape improvements, including footway and carriageway resurfacing alongside enhanced town centre street furniture provision.
- 3.2 Final snagging elements of works are now being completed in relation to landscaping works and reinstating of wall copes and other minor repairs, as required, in isolated locations.
- 3.3 Feature lighting enhancements to a number of key buildings in the town centre as part of this phase of works are also now completing. Lighting installations at St Andrews Church, 171 Main Street at the cross, Bank of Scotland, Airdrie Savings Bank are now all complete. Final installation works are being carried out at Bellshill Academy, which also includes provision to light the war memorial. It is hoped that the completed lighting schemes will enhance the particular features of each building specifically and in general, improve the overall appearance of the town centre when taken together.
- 3.4 Separate to the above scheme, feature lighting proposals are being developed to enhance the Bellshill West Parish Church building. Tenders have been sought from appropriate contractors and subject to an appropriate tender being accepted, an implementation programme will be developed in agreement with the contractor and church representatives.

4. Hamilton Road Roundabout/ Farmgate Square Roundabout

- 4.1 Works at Hamilton Road West Roundabout have now completed. Contractors completed all work elements by mid June. Roads remained open throughout the construction of the roundabout, using signalised traffic management as necessary, minimising traffic build up as far as possible. The completed roundabout contributes to improved traffic flow through the town, helping improve road safety in the Hamilton Road area.
- 4.2 Tenders will be sought for the construction of a roundabout on Hamilton Road, at the junction of Farmgate Square. Designs have been developed for a roundabout at this junction to help improve access to Hamilton Road from the adjacent housing areas. Current proposals are for a four armed roundabout at junction of Hamilton Road with Farmgate Square and Queens Crescent. Subject to a suitable tender being accepted, an implementation programme will be developed for delivery of the roundabout within this financial year and local residents consulted on the proposals.

5. Town Centre Action Plan

- 5.1 The proposed approach to the development of a new Town Centre Action Plan for North Lanarkshire's town centres is currently being developed. Work will progress in due course on the frameworks for the Bellshill area, with partnership meetings advised as this happens and partners involved accordingly.
- 5.2 A number of potential projects have been identified for implementation in the Bellshill area within this financial year, as highlighted at the previous partnership meeting (see appendix 1). These projects are currently being developed and consultation with partnership members will be carried out as these progress. At the previous partnership meeting, a request was raised that James Cleland Richardson, V.C. be recognised within the town for his achievements. In development of schemes noted above, we will seek to provide appropriate recognition within a suitable project.

6. Recommendations

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

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Appendix 1

Project	Year	Comments
Gateway features approaching town centre	2011/12 – 2012/13	There exists an opportunity to build upon the current environmental enhancement works completing in the town centre, to provide enhanced gateway points, defining the identity of and arrival in the town centre. A number of locations approaching the town centre may be appropriate for location of gateway feature signs.
Pedestrian Directional Signage	2011/12	Provide a consistent fingerpost signage scheme for town centre, directing pedestrians between the key destination points in town centre.
Construction of Farmgate Square Roundabout	2011/12	As identified in Bellshill Town Centre Action plan, creation of a roundabout at junction of Farmgate Square/Queens Crescent and Hamilton Road to improve traffic movement and safety within Bellshill and complete delivery of selected traffic management option.
Closure of Main Street and associated works	2011/12 – 2012/13	As identified in Bellshill Town Centre Action plan, works required to close Main St at Sir Matt Busby Centre and complete delivery of selected traffic management option.