

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE
COUNCIL**

To: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN UPDATE
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
Date: 6 October 2011	Ref: SP/03/12/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 The Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan was approved by North Lanarkshire Council's Planning & Environment (Roads & Transport Sub Committee) in December 2001 as the basis for the regeneration of Bellshill Town Centre.
- 2.2 Environmental Services will continue to build on the successes that have been achieved to date in implementing the plan. Works as part of the current Action Plan are largely complete for Bellshill.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 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. These projects are detailed below. It is intended that these schemes will be delivered towards the end of this financial year subject to agreement on proposals and approvals where required.

3. Bellshill Gateways and Signage

- 3.1 This project aims to deliver high quality gateway entrance features to Bellshill Town Centre, on key approaches. The gateways will help reinforce the arrival at the town centre, presenting positive and welcoming entry points to Bellshill town centre.
- 3.2 The scheme proposes the installation of three gateway features, as illustrated in attached appendix 1 at locations on North Road, Hamilton Road and Motherwell Road. These features have been designed to reflect the design of the existing gateway feature at the east end of Main Street while still being complimentary to the more recent town centre improvement works.
- 3.3 In addition to these gateway features, works are progressing on feature lighting at Bellshill West Parish Church, as a gateway feature on the western approach to the town

centre. A contractor has been appointed to implement the architectural lighting works at Bellshill West Parish Church. It is aimed that installation work on site will commence in October 2011 and be completed within a four week timescale. Representatives of the church will be involved in supervision of the works.

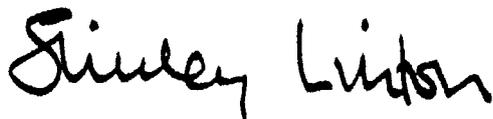
- 3.4 The above project also delivers town centre pedestrian wayfinding signage, in the form of fingerposts and orientation panels located at key points in the town centre. Fingerposts (standard detail shown in appendix 2) will be located at key locations on pedestrian routes, showing the best routes from main arrival points to key town centre destinations (see appendix 2 for general locations).
- 3.5 Key arrival points include Main Street bus stops and Bellshill Rail Station. Major destinations include the town centre, Sir Matt Busby Sport Centre, Police Station and the Cultural Centre.

4. Farmgate Square Roundabout

- 4.1 Tenders have been sought for the construction of a roundabout on Hamilton Road, at the junction of Farmgate Square, as approved as part of the Bellshill Town Centre Action Plan. Designs have been developed for a roundabout at this junction to help slow traffic speeds along Hamilton Road towards the town centre and improve access to Hamilton Road from the adjacent housing areas.
- 4.2 A community information event has been scheduled for 14th September to advise local residents of scheme details and allow them raise any questions to officers involved with letters being issued to residents closest to the proposed roundabout and a news release in the local press.
- 4.3 Following this event and appointment of contractor, an implementation programme will be developed for delivery of the roundabout within this financial year and local residents advised of timescales.

5. Recommendations

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



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Appendix 1

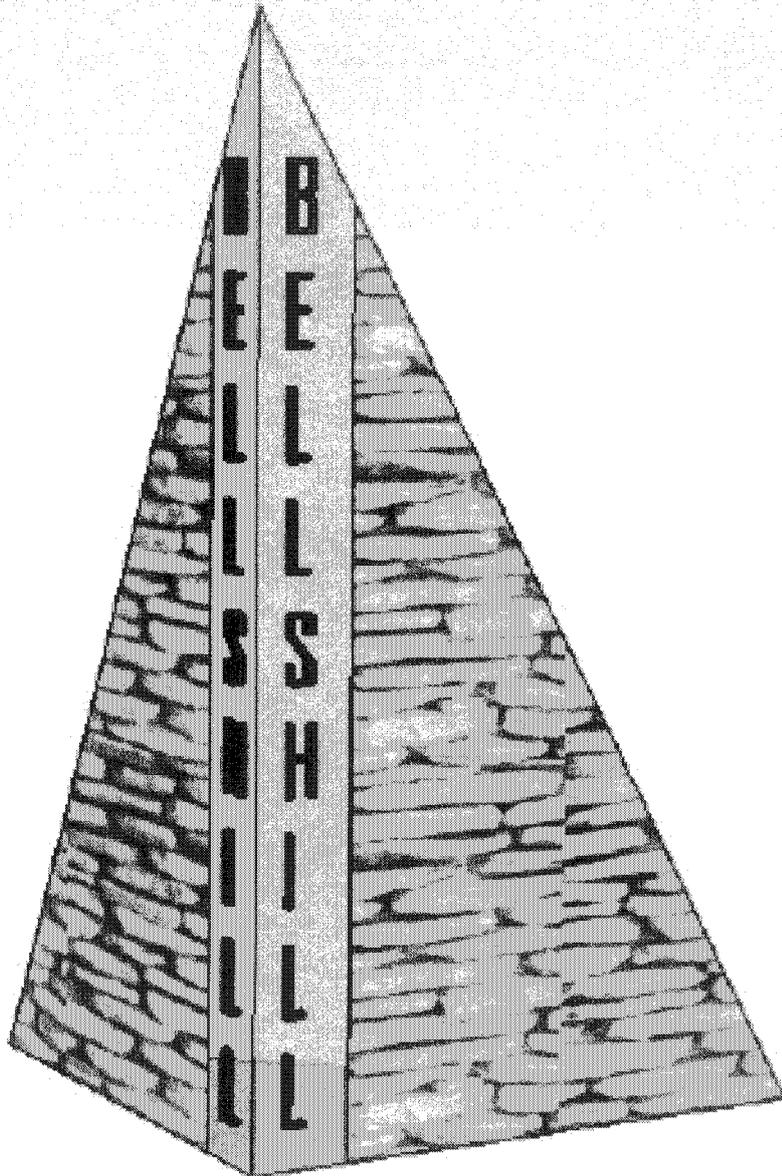
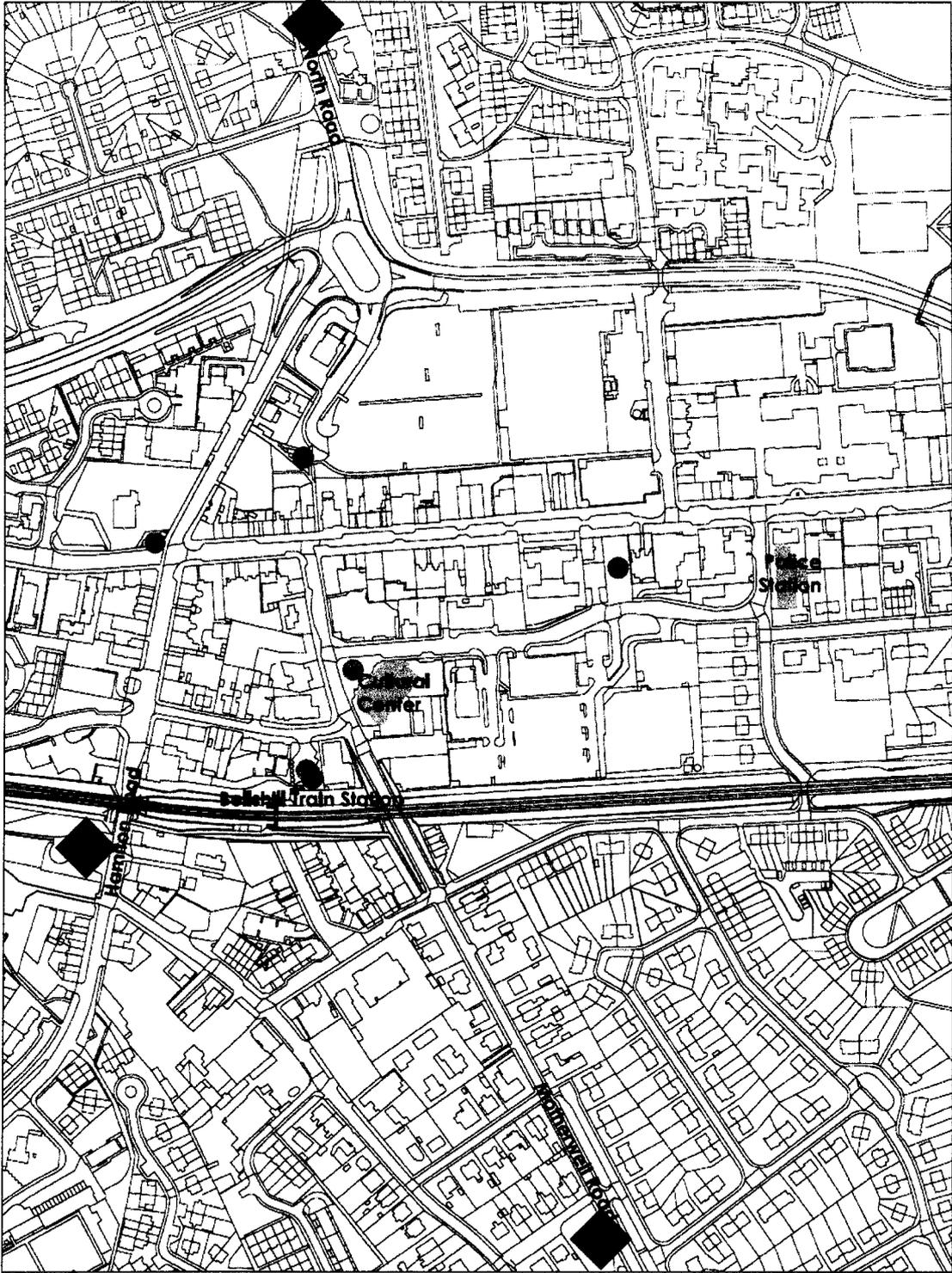


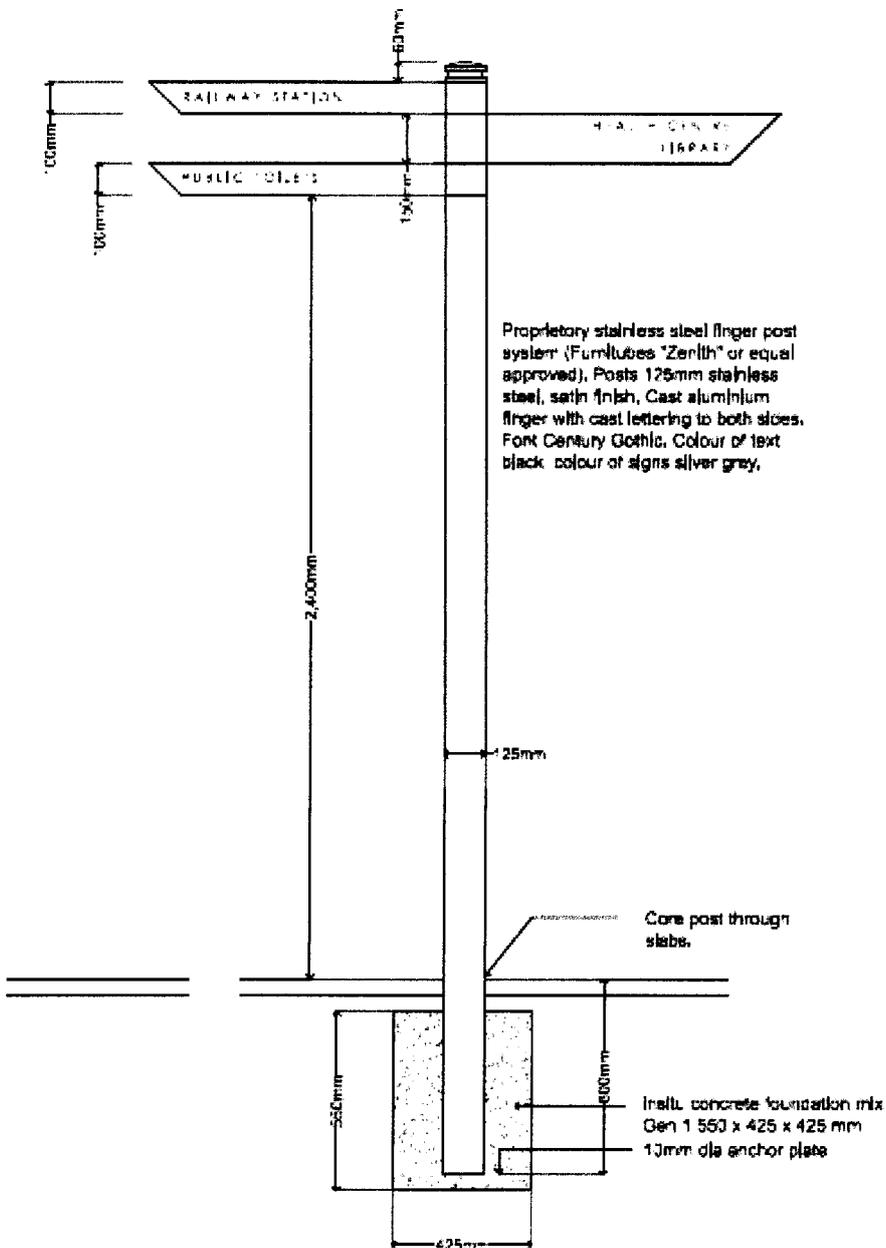
Illustration of gateway features



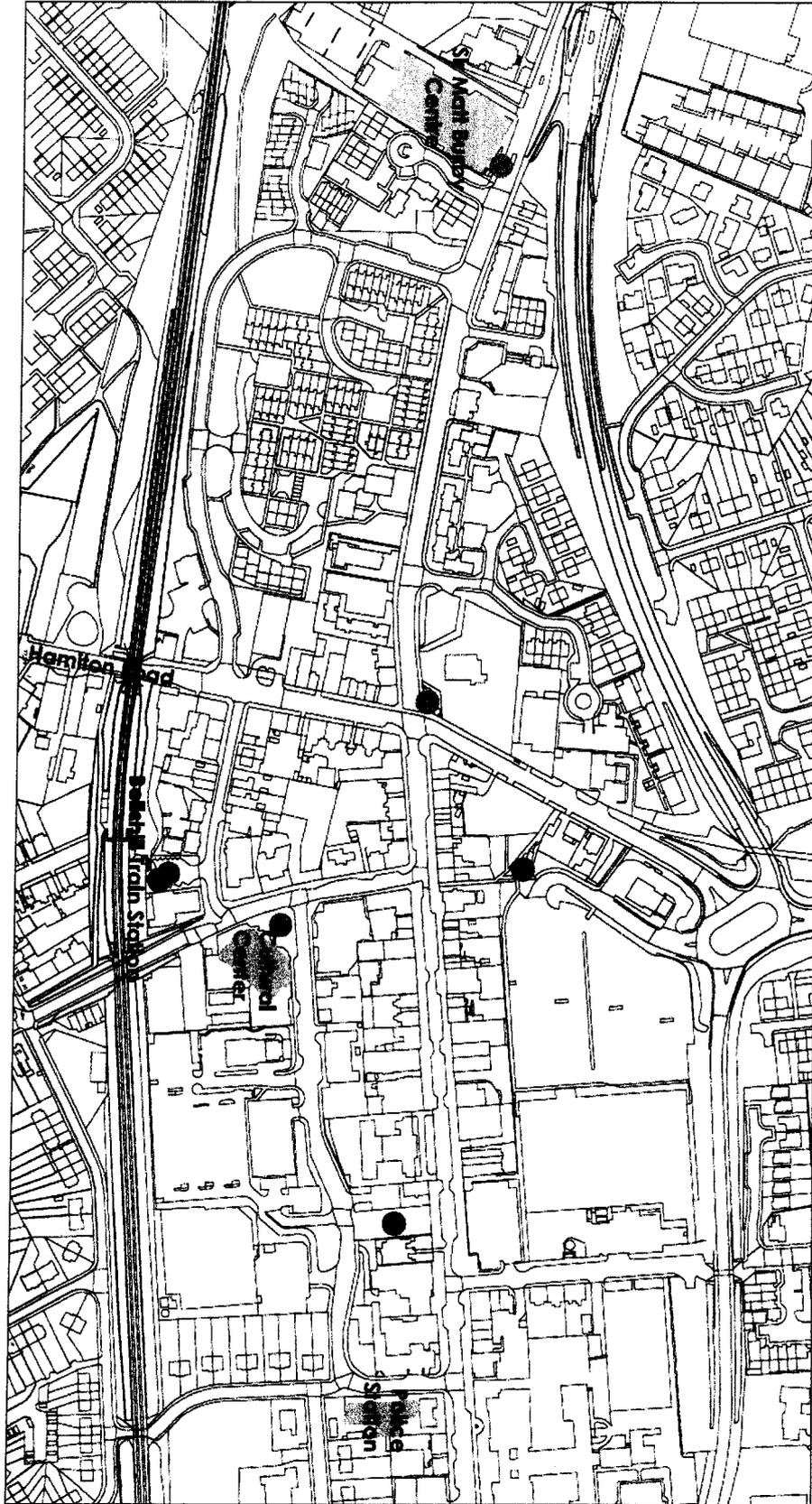
◆ gateway signage feature locations

Location Plan of gateway features

Appendix 2



Standard Fingerpost Detail



Location Plan of signage