

To: BELLSHILL LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: BELLSHILL TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN UPDATE
From: HEAD OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
Date: 31 May 2012	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 development of a new Town Centre Action Plan Framework for North Lanarkshire's town centres is currently being developed. Work will progress in due course on the framework for the Bellshill area, to guide the growth and change of the town centre, in line with Scottish Government policy and the Council's Corporate Plan. Future partnership meetings advised as this happens and partners involved accordingly. It is anticipated that initial survey work and consultation will be carried out this year as part of this process.

3. Bellshill Gateway – Bellshill West Parish Church

- 3.1 The feature lighting at Bellshill West Parish Church has recently been completed and the lighting has now been commissioned. The scheme involves floodlighting of the exterior of the building, focussing particularly on the church spire, and lighting of the feature stained glass window on the front elevation of the church. The design and implementation of the scheme has been developed in conjunction with representatives of the church. The new floodlighting will be operated on a timed basis, with the controls located within and operated by the church.

4. Farmgate Square Roundabout

- 4.1 The contractor began works on site mid February to construct the new roundabout and approach roads at the junction of Hamilton Road with Farmgate Square and Queens Crescent. When completed, this roundabout will contribute to the town centre action plan aims, as approved by committee and help reduce traffic speeds along Hamilton Road and traffic movement in the vicinity.

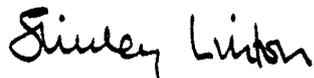
4.2 Works have progressed on site in phases to focus works on individual phases to deliver the roundabout more efficiently. Construction to Queens Crescent and Farmgate Square have been carried out initially followed by construction on road of the roundabout island, under traffic signal control. Final phases of construction are being completed and the project is anticipated to be completed in June 2012.

5. James Dempsey Way

5.1 Following completion of improvement works to James Dempsey Way, there have been some incidents of vandalism that have taken place. Contractors have been instructed to carry out repairs to the area, and North Lanarkshire Council services are liaising with police to find a solution to discourage inappropriate use of the space which is to the detriment of the wider community. In the meantime, all members of the community are asked to be aware of this issue and report any incidences of vandalism or anti-social behaviour witnessed in this area.

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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