

# Town Action Plan

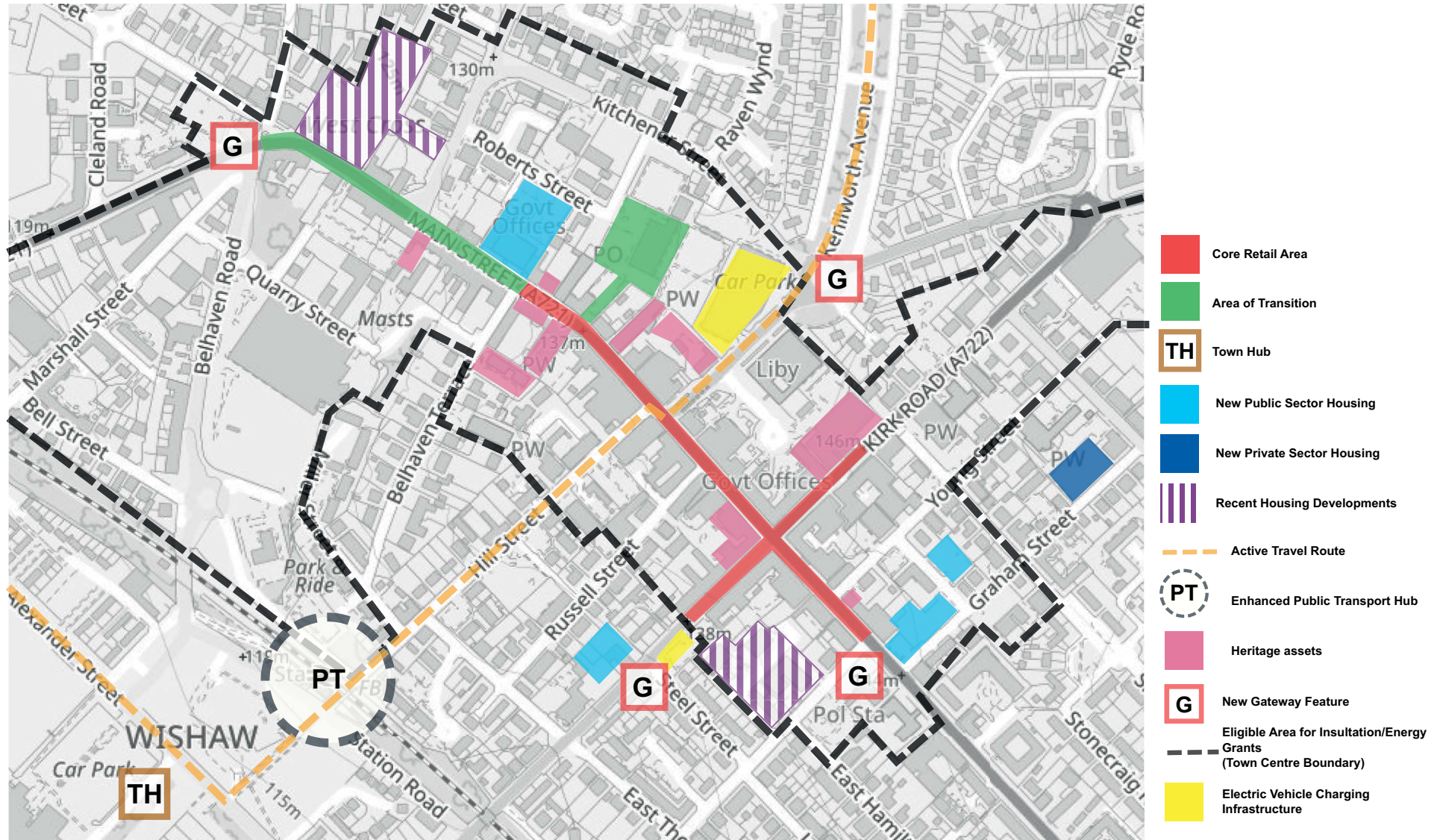
## Wishaw (Consultative Draft)



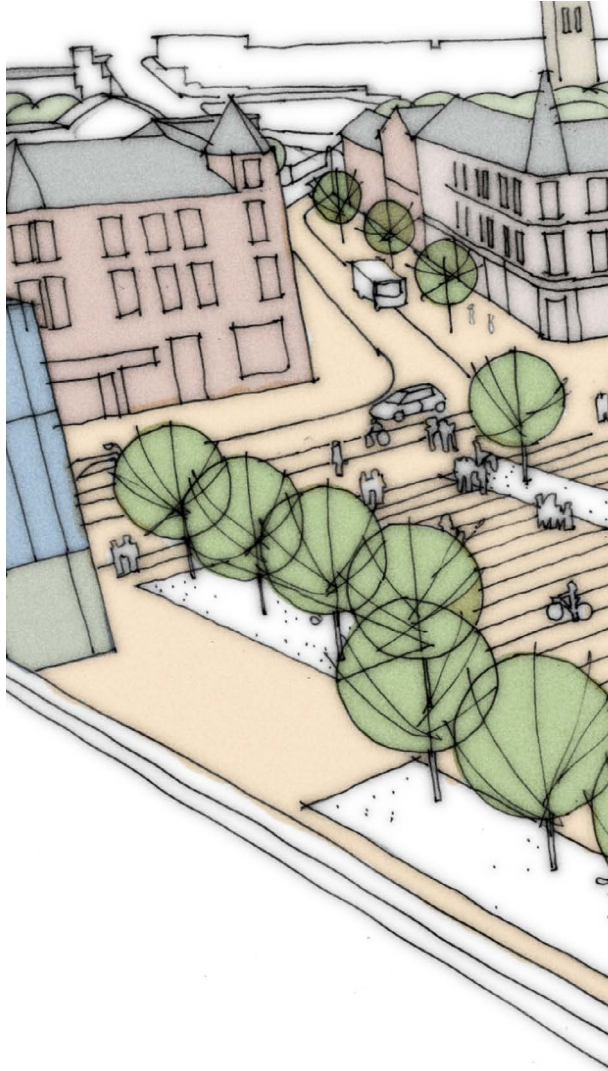
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# The Action Plan Proposals Map



# Key Developments



## Economic Prosperity

While the ambition for all of our town centres is to move towards a more mixed use offering to improve resilience and recognize the shift in how we use our town centres, the Council wants to retain and support the retail sector and assist it's recovery from the double impacts of an economic downturn and the Covid Pandemic.

We will identify a core area where we will seek to retain retailing and encourage traders from more marginal areas to relocate to these over time through potential grant assistance.

## Town Centre Living

Encouraging more people to live in town centres is a key policy aspiration for the Council underpinning more successful towns. More people living in town centres means more support for local businesses. It means keeping bus routes active. It means a safer environment thanks to passive policing. These all make a town more attractive to visitors which in turn means more benefits to the local economy.

The Council is developing pilot projects to promote town centre living on vacant sites at the former Methodist Church on Caledonian Road, on former offices at Graham Street and the demolition and redevelopment of the Anvil Block on Main Street to build on the work undertaken by local housing associations at the former Tesco and market square.. These demonstrator projects will hopefully kick start the private sector into investing in the wider town

## Movement & Active Travel

The connection between the town centre and significant developments such as the Town Hub and major education and leisure assets will be promoted through the introduction of walking and cycling routes.

The Council will continue to work with public transport providers to secure the retention of vital bus services to ensure that people can move to and from the town centre.

## Built Heritage & Place

The Council will secure its own heritage assets for the future by repurposing them towards sustainable uses such as housing and community use. We will also work with the private sector to protect and enhance buildings of character within town centres to encourage a sense of place.

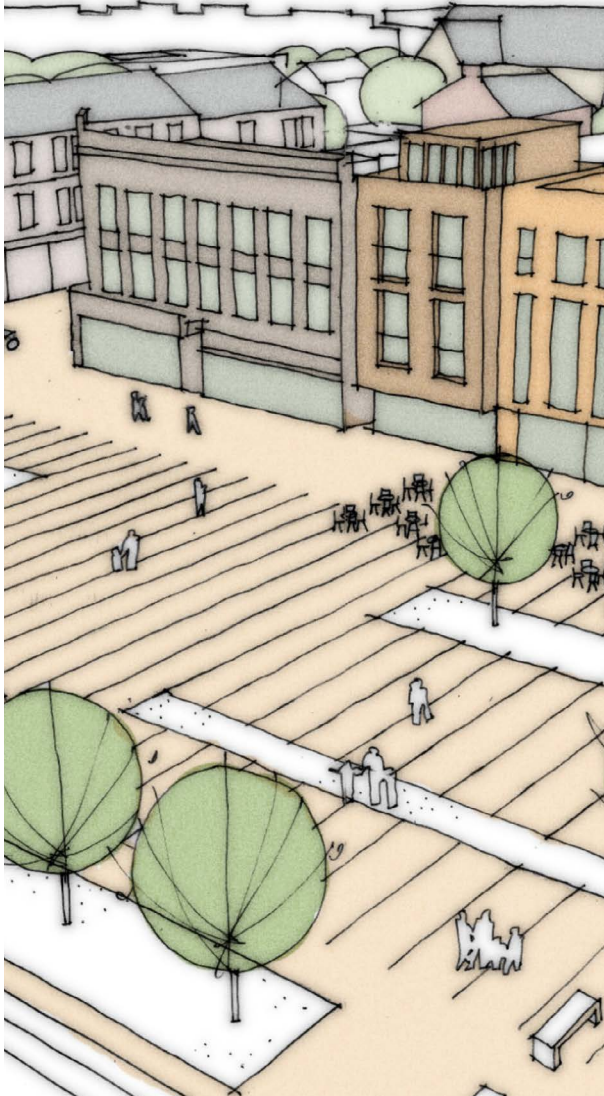
## Transition to Net Zero

The Council will ensure that all new build developments comply with the latest building regulations which seek to enhance the energy efficiency of buildings and reduce waste. We will also investigate the potential for grant assistance to allow owner occupiers to insulate their properties and introduce non carbon heating systems.

The shift away from carbon based fuels to electronic vehicles will be supported by the roll out of additional EV charging points throughout our town centre car parks and at public facilities.



# Wider Town Proposals



## Housing

The Council is seeking to develop additional housing for rent at the following locations:

- Castlehill Road, Gowkthrapple, 97 units, mix of flats and houses
- Graham Street, 13 units, flatted development
- King Street, 5 units, terraced houses
- Methodist Church, Caledonian Road, 9 units, terraced houses

The Towers Reprovisioning Programme is seeking to demolish high rise towers and block properties and replace with 97 low rise properties in Gowkthrapple.

## Employment

The wider Wishaw area has 168Ha of industrial and business land to be developed to generate local jobs.

## Education

In addition to the Town Hub mentioned earlier to include St Aiden's HS and its feeder primary schools, the wider Wishaw area has recently seen the opening of the new community hub in Newmains to accommodate Newmains and St Brigid's PS and new nursery provision. Other schools in scope for redevelopment include all schools built before 1996. New nursery provision has also been developed at Netherton, Abernethyn and Innerleithen.

## Public Transport

While a national conversation about the shape of future public transport is required, particularly in terms of cost, ticketing, coverage and responsiveness the council will work with partners to identify local gaps and how they can be filled to ensure the community has access to the town centre and its regional transport links throughout the day.

## Green Network

The area has significant green infrastructure in the form of Bellhaven Park, Greenhead Moss and Perchy Pond, Coltness and North Branchal Woods and Cambusnethan Woods. The Council will ensure that communities are connected to these assets through safe active travel routes.

## Council new supply programme - new build sites



Location	Units	Status	Completion date
Cambusnethan PS	20	Completed (Amenity)	2011/12
Walkerburn Dr, Coltness	20	Completed	2017/18
Meadowhead Rd, Ravenscraig (Keepmoat)	11	Completed (off the shelf)	2019/20
Dimsdale	61	On site	
Mossburn St, Waterloo	20	On site	
Gowkthrapple (Ph1)	97	Re-provisioning site	

## Schools - year built



School	Status	Completion date
Cambusnethan PS	Completed	2007
St Ignatius PS	Completed	2007
Wishaw Academy PS	Completed	2007
Coltness HS	Completed	2012
Calderbridge PS	Completed	2012
Clyde Valley HS	Completed	2016
Orchard PS	Completed	2016
Newmains and St Brigid's Community Hub	On site	2022
Netherton Family LC	Completed	2020
Abernethyn Family LC	Completed	2021
Innerleithen Family LC	Completed	2021

## Towers programme



Name	Status	Completion date
<b>Fire risk assessments</b> - Birkshaw Tower, Allershaw Tower	Completed	2019
<b>Fire doors and fire stopping</b> - Birkshaw Tower	Completed	2018
<b>Fire doors and fire stopping</b> - Allershaw Tower	Completed	2020
<b>Emergency lighting</b> - Birkshaw Tower	Completed	2018
<b>Emergency lighting</b> - Allershaw Tower	Completed	2019
<b>Smoke detectors (installed alongside fire doors)</b> - Allershaw Tower	Completed	2020
<b>Sprinkler installations (pilot)</b> - Birkshaw Tower	Completed	2019
<b>Demolition</b> - Gowkthrapple Birkshaw Tower	Works still to commence	2023
<b>Demolition</b> - Gowkthrapple Allershaw Tower	Works still to commence	2024
<b>Demolition</b> - Gowkthrapple low rise	Works still to commence	2025

# WISHAW (cont.)



## Town centre / edge of town projects

Development	Objective	Completion date
<b>Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) projects</b>		
East Academy Street	Construction of 20 affordable homes at the former Wishaw Market site by Link Housing Association.	2020
Main Street	Construction of 42 affordable homes at the former Tesco site in Wishaw by Trust Housing Association.	2022
Robert Street	Construction of 16 affordable homes by North Lanarkshire Council.	2021
<b>Other town centre projects (acquisition of site / properties for future development)</b>		
Kings House	The acquisition and future demolition of an outdated office facility (and adjacent car park) on King Street (Wishaw) to enable the future development of 16 new town centre homes.	2023
Methodist Church	The acquisition of a derelict church on Caledonian Road (Wishaw) to support the regeneration of a key gateway site to the town centre and enable future residential development for approximately 9 new homes.	2023
Graham Street	Design development underway for 18 units.	



## Greenspace

Greenspace	Investment work 2014-21	
Braedale Hill	Local Nature Reserve	Small biodiversity action earth grant aided projects.
Cambusnethan Woodlands	Local Nature Reserve	Small signage project.
Greenhead Moss & Perchy Pond	Local Nature Reserve	Peatland restoration, path and boardwalks. Access improvement works and volunteering projects on wildflower meadow.
Coltness & North Branchal Woods	Key greenspace site	-

# Programme of Actions

Site/Address	Activity/Developer	Proposal	Timescale
Economic Prosperity & Stability			
Core Retail Area	Financial Grant Fund/NLC, Scot Gov't & Others	Investigate the establishment of a financial fund to enable the redevelopment of vacant retail/commercial spaces to a modern specification	SHORT
Town Centre Living			
Anvil Block, Main Street	Demolition & New Build Residential/NLC	Decant, demolish and then redevelop the site for the delivery of flatted and terraced residential units and associated car parking and amenity space.	MEDIUM
Methodist Church and Church Halls, Caledonian Road	Demolition & New Build Residential/NLC	Demolish church and then redevelop the site for the delivery of flatted and terraced residential units and associated car parking and amenity space.	SHORT
Kings House, Graham Street	Demolition & New Build Residential/NLC	Demolish offices and then redevelop the site for the delivery of flatted and terraced residential units and associated car parking and amenity space.	SHORT
Movement & Active Travel			
Town Centre to Ravenscraig via Wishaw General Hospital	Active Travel Route/NLC	Develop an active travel route	SHORT
Town Centre to Town Hub at Wishaw Sports Centre, Alexander Street	Active Travel Route/NLC	Develop an active travel route	MEDIUM
Heritage & Place			
Wishaw YMCA, Main Street	Refurbishment/WYMCA Trust	Redevelopment by private trust with Council advisory support to a Community Leisure Hub and lettable Venue	SHORT
Transition to Net Zero			
Town Centre wide	Financial Grant Fund/NLC, Scot Gov't & Others	Investigate the development of a grant for owner occupiers to improve the energy efficiency of their homes and to transition away from carbon fueled heating systems.	MEDIUM
Town & Community Hubs			
Wishaw Sports Centre, Alexander Street	Town Hub/NLC	Secure funding for the design development and delivery of a Town Hub campus on the site of the existing Sports centre and playing fields at Wishaw Sports centre off Alexander Street	MEDIUM



# HAVE YOUR SAY

The public response to this draft Town Action Plan is very important, we are seeking public support and buy in to the proposals. More importantly we want to promote discussion and debate to identify further actions which will deliver the town centre that the community want and deserve.

## CONTACT

We want your views on our plans for the economic regeneration of North Lanarkshire.

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