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Kirkintilloch Town Centre Masterplan







Cowgate Street Design Project

Ambitious work to regenerate Kirkintilloch town centre begins in February - kicking off an 18-month rolling programme of improvements and investment.

The Cowgate public realm project - a key part of Kirkintilloch Town Centre Masterplan - has been designed following extensive consultation with residents, community groups, businesses, charities and stakeholders.

Around £2million is being invested in the town centre's streets and pavements, with support secured via a variety of national and local organisations, including Sustrans and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

What is the Cowgate Street Design Project?

This is a public realm improvement scheme for the town centre developed through extensive engagement. This project involves:

- Creating high-quality public spaces
- De-cluttering the town centre
- Widening footways
- Narrowing the carriageway
- Reducing traffic speeds to under 20mph
- Improving crossing points to reflect preferred pedestrian movements
- Push-button controlled crossing points on Catherine Street and Kerr Street.

Benefits of such projects include:

- A vibrant, attractive and inclusive town centre
- Reduced vacancy rates and higher footfall, providing more choice and quality
- Increased inward investment and improved confidence in the town centre.

When does work start and when will work be complete?

Work will start on Monday 8 February with the closure of Cowgate, to all vehicles, between Townhead Bridge (at the Forth and Clyde Canal) and Catherine Street for 10-12 weeks.

The whole project is estimated to be completed within 18 months. Once the section between Townhead Bridge and Catherine Street is complete, work will progress north to West High Street where the works will end.

Access

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times, however, there will be local diversions in place for public transport and all vehicles. Diversion routes will be publicised on buses and in the wider area.

Local businesses in the town centre will be open for business as usual.

How is this project being funded?

This project is being funded through East Dunbartonshire Council's Capital programme - which is funded differently and completely separate from the revenue budget, which pays for day-to-day services and is under significant pressure. In addition, grant funding has been secured from Sustrans and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

