

REPORT FROM: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES MANAGER

TO: BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE

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ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To report any new environmental blight sites and provide updates on existing sites.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That members note the report.
- (2) That members report any new environmental blight sites to the Neighbourhood Services Manager for inclusion in future reports including a contact name and contact details with a brief description of the site and problem.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To deal with environmental blight in the area.

ISSUE

1. The definition of environmental blight is:
 - Untidy/derelict piece of Council land requiring tidying up.
 - Untidy/derelict piece of unregistered land requiring tidying up.
 - Untidy/derelict piece of **Council-owned or unregistered land** which needs a scheme to regenerate the site (eg a former garage colony converted to a landscaped parking area).

Private pieces of land requiring tidying are best not dealt with under environmental blight as they may require enforcement. These should be reported to Planning and Building Control to be included on the Problem Buildings List for Section 215 enforcement if the problem is persistent.

2. Any new sites should be reported to Tricia Wilson or Peter Atkinson including a contact name and contact details, exact location and a brief description of the site and the problem.

3. Plans and photographs of the sites will only be included for new sites unless clarification is needed.
4. Please see table below.

Site	Owner	Issue	Area Committee Resolution	Current Position
i) Electricity substation close to Booths supermarket	United Utilities	Overgrown with weeds	This site was put forward by the Area Committee on 31/3/2016	The substation has been referred to Environmental Services Department, which will report the issue to United Utilities
ii) Piece of land at the bottom of John Street	Part of the land belongs to E H Booth & Co Ltd	Could Booths do up the pathway through this piece of land and make it look a bit tidier?	This site was put forward by the Area Committee on 31/3/2016	A site visit to be arranged to determine what the issues are and to agree on a solution and invite the landowner

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None arising directly from the report.

Financial: No new financial implications arise from the recommendations in this report. There is no specific allocation for environmental blight sites.

Legal: None arising directly from the report.

Risk Management: None arising directly from the report.

Health and Safety: These issues will be considered when the schemes are progressed.

Sustainability: This will be considered for each individual scheme. Long-term maintenance may be an issue.

Community Safety: This will be considered for each individual scheme.

Equality and Diversity: This will be considered for each individual scheme.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Location plan for electricity substation close to Booths Supermarket.

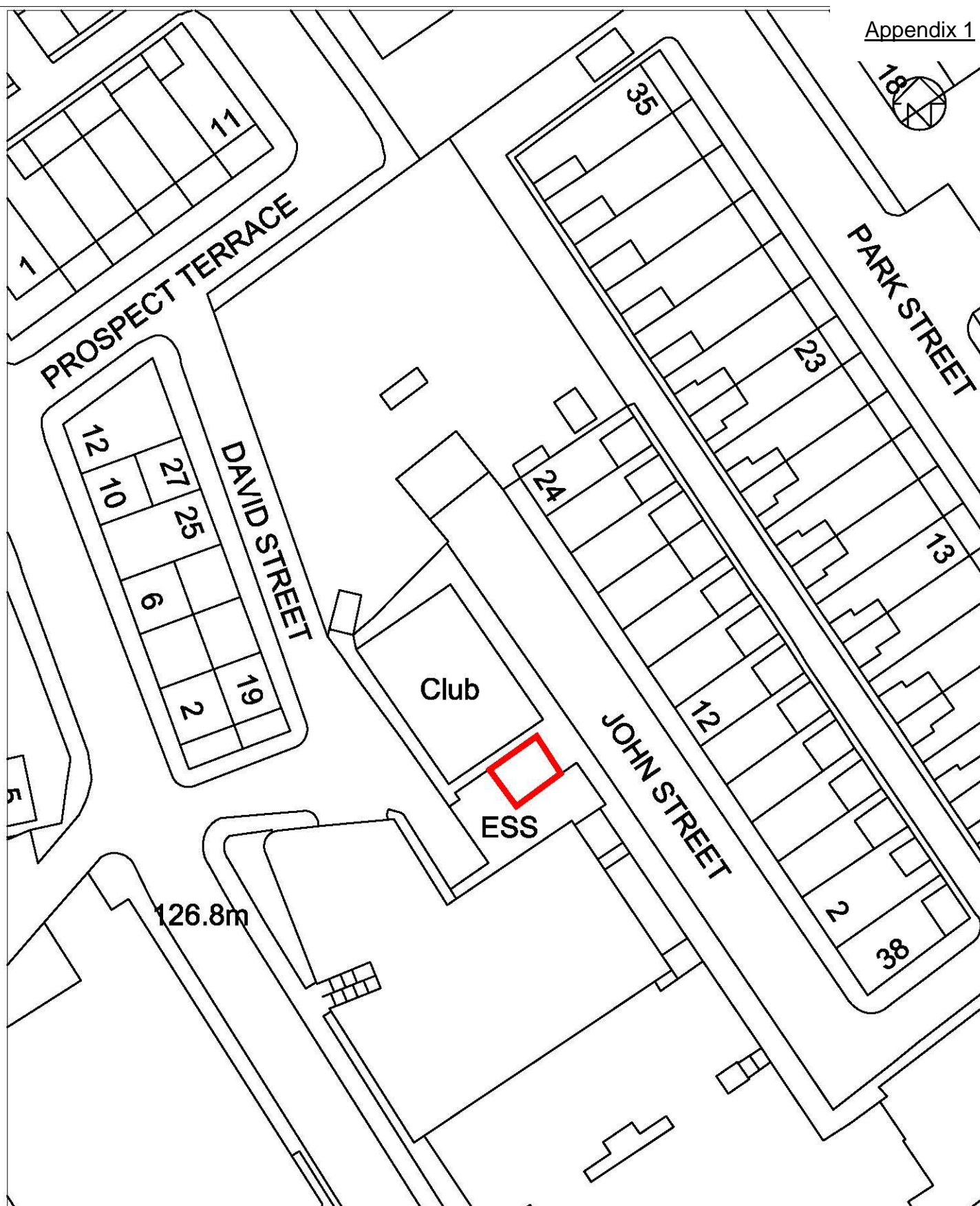
Appendix 2: Photographs of electricity substation off John Street.

Appendix 3: Location plan for piece of land at the bottom of John Street.

Appendix 4: Photograph of piece of land at the bottom of John Street.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.



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