

REPORT FROM: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES MANAGER

TO: WEST CRAVEN 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.
- (3) That members agree to remove item 4(b) as the barrier has been installed.

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
a) Land off Hill Street/Earl Street, Barnoldswick	PBC-owned	The site was being maintained by Parks but was transferred to Neighbourhood Services as part of the Problem Sites Review	It was resolved to retain this site on the Environmental Blight list to monitor maintenance	The site is on the Problem Sites list which EAG now maintains three times a year
b) Untarmacked part of Greenberfield Lane Car Park, Barnoldswick	Pendle Council	The land belongs to Pendle Council. Parks maintains the site twice a year but there is no budget attached to the site	Following a site visit it was agreed that the main issue for this site is antisocial behaviour. It was felt that this could be alleviated by the installation of a barrier to prevent cars getting into the overflow car park, which makes a good hiding place	The barrier has been installed
c) Cemetery Road Car Park, Earby	Pendle Council	The site belongs to Pendle Council and is managed by Liberata Property Services	Following a site visit it was agreed that drainage improvements were needed as well as resurfacing and removing the abandoned vehicle The container has been relocated to Bailey Street	Liberata Property Services has £500 towards the drainage works and West Craven Area Committee contributed £1,000 In addition, Cemetery Road is being considered as part of flood protection works for Selbourne Terrace, Red Lion Street and Cemetery Road The abandoned car was reported to our Environmental Services. However, the DVLA confirmed that the vehicle has a local keeper and therefore cannot be deemed abandoned. So a Community Protection Notice (CPN) was issued and it has been reported that the vehicle has now been removed

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None arising directly from the report.

Financial: No new financial implications arise from this report. Any action proposed that has additional financial implications would be the subject of a further 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

None.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.