

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.
- (3) Members to advise if further action is required for item 4(i)

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) Garage site at the junction of Nora Street and Higher Causeway	Privately owned	The site was very overgrown with trees and shrubs overhanging the footway	To write to the owner asking them to cut back the trees and shrubs	The Neighbourhood Services Project Coordinator wrote to the owner to ask them to cut back the trees and shrubs overhanging the highway. Following a recent site visit, it appears that the shrubs have been cut back as requested. Photograph and site plan attached at Appendices 1 and 2. Members to advise if further action is required

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.

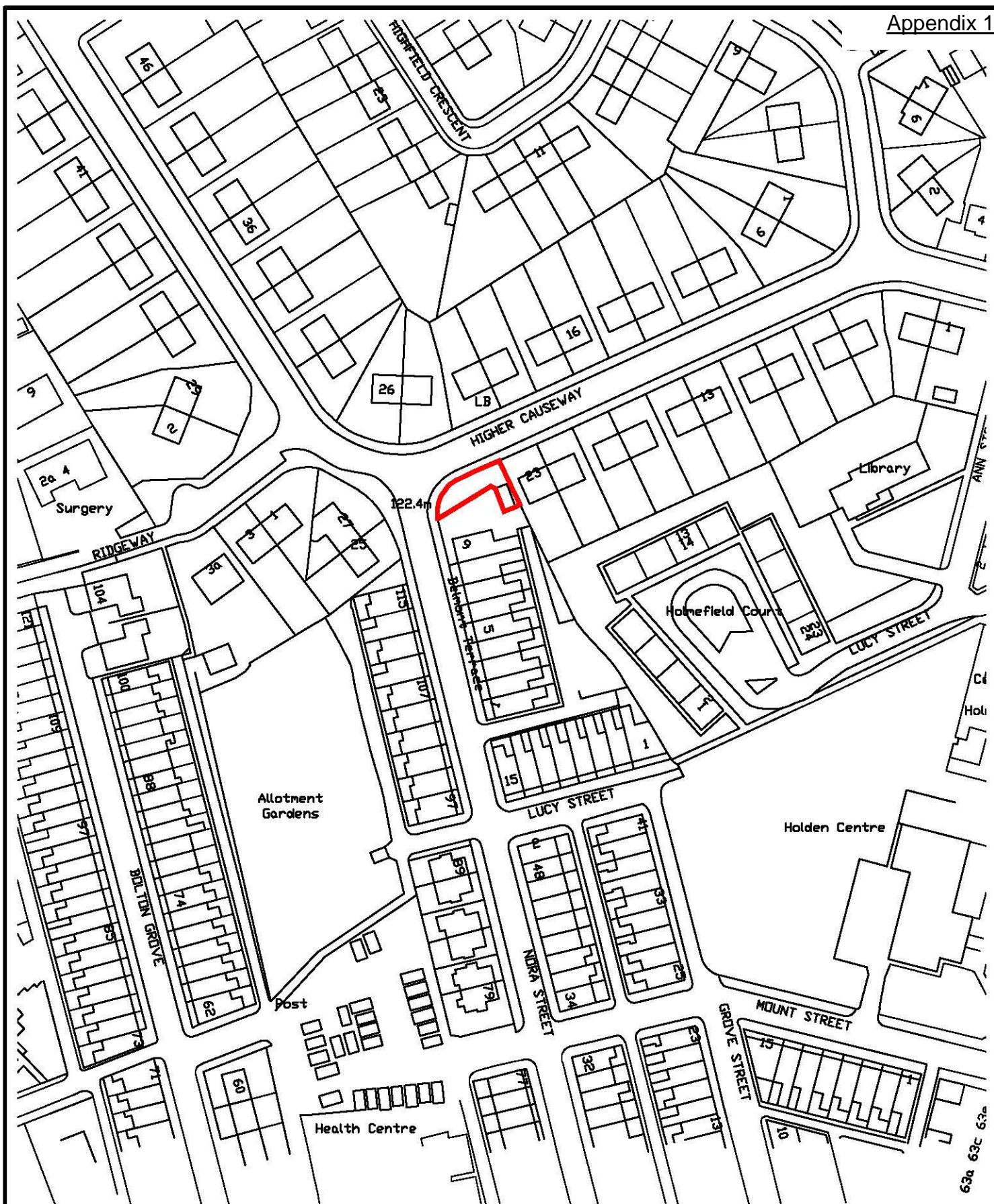
APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Location plan for garage site at junction of Nora Street and Higher Causeway.

Appendix 2: Photograph of garage site at junction of Nora Street and Higher Causeway.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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DRAWING NO

PROJECT
Environmental Blight

DESCRIPTION

Garage site at the junction of Nora Street
and Higher Causeway, Barrowford

SCALE

1:1250

DRAWN BY

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DATE

Sep 2015

Revisions

No.	Detail	Date

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Photo – Garage Site at Nora Street and Higher Causeway, Barrowford

