

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 Engineering and Special Projects 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
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 maintain three times a year.
b) 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.	<p>West Craven Area Committee contributed £15,000 towards drainage works at Cemetery Road car park together with flood protection works for Selbourne Terrace. The drainage works to the car park have now been completed.</p> <p>The abandoned white car was finally removed. However, a blue car was reported as being abandoned on the car park at a later date. Our Environmental and Recreation Services put a notice on the car and it was removed.</p> <p>It was estimated that resurfacing the car park would cost in the region of £6,000. A capital bid was submitted for this to the Council's central pot but this was unsuccessful and so there is currently no funding allocated towards this.</p>

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.