

REPORT FROM: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES MANAGER

TO: COLNE AND DISTRICT 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 note the new site added at 4(a).

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 Skipton Road roundabout	Part-LCC and part-unregistered	In March 2016 Horsfield ward councillors contacted Neighbourhood Services to establish what could be done about the land at Skipton Road roundabout as it looked untidy and yet was an important gateway into Colne	The site was cut back and tidied and it was agreed that Environmental Services would maintain the site under the County Highways Maintenance scheme	However, the unregistered part of the land is too steep for regular maintenance and so this has grown over with weeds again. There is a proposal to sow wildflower seeds on this section as it would only require one cut per annum and spot weed kill to keep tidy. However, there are issues with doing this on unregistered land that need to be looked into. A more detailed report will be submitted to the November meeting.

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.

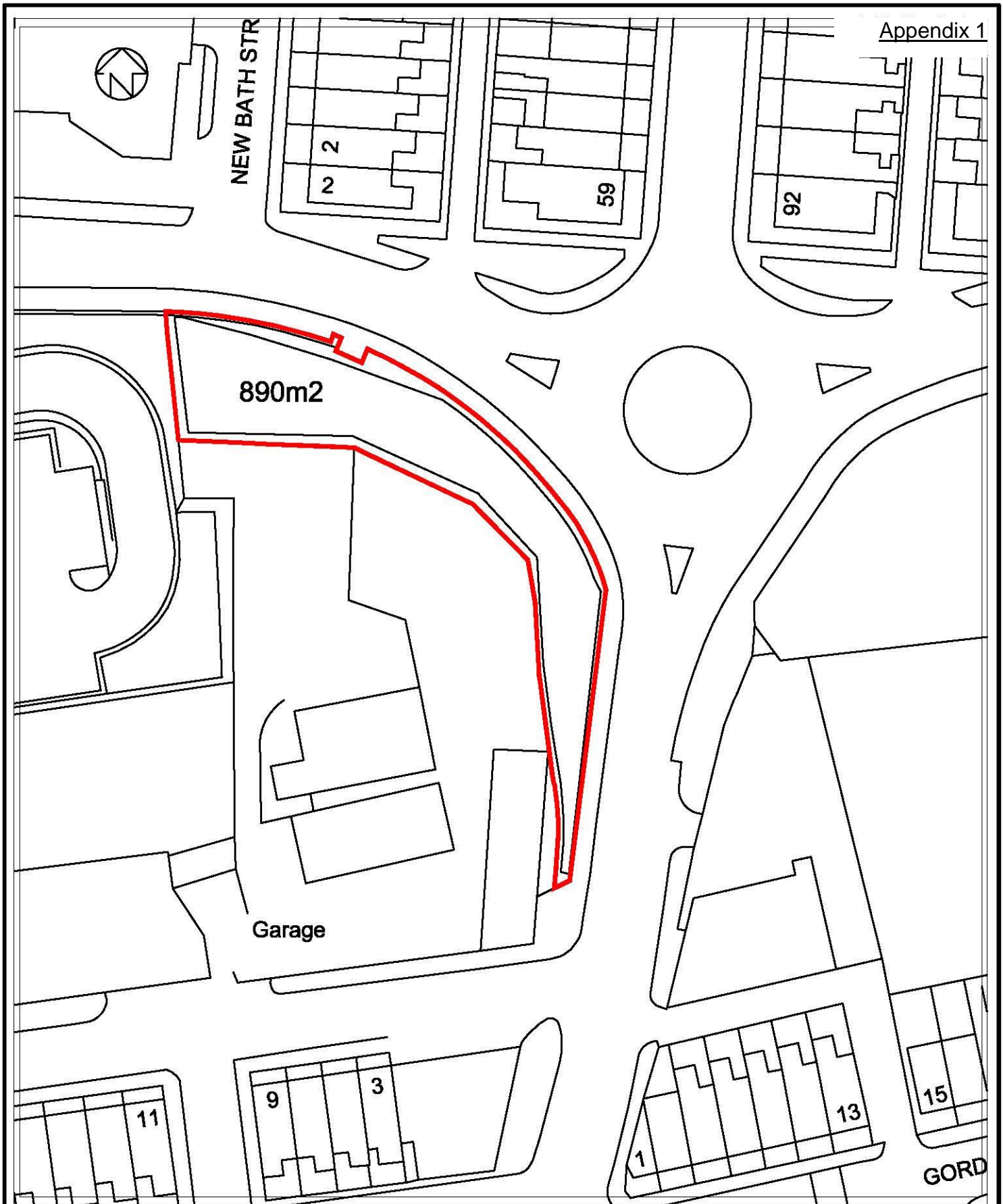
APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Site Plan of Land at Skipton Road Roundabout.

Appendix 2: Photographs of Land at Skipton Road Roundabout.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

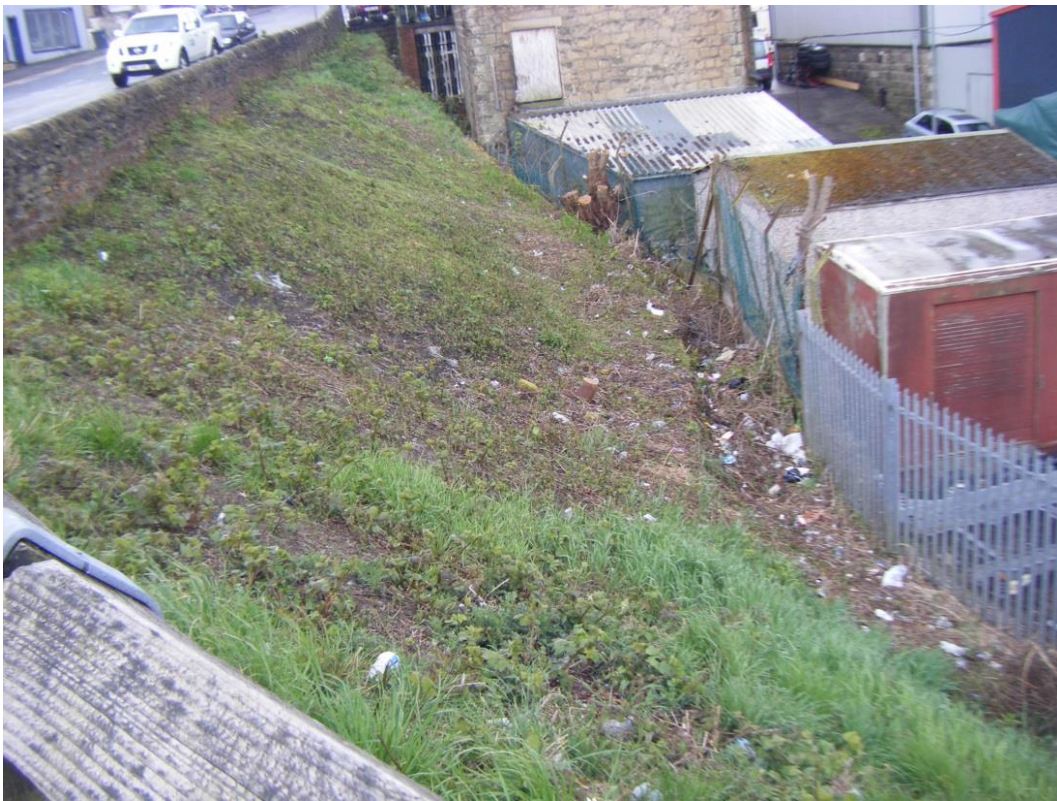
None.



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	Project Colne and District Area Committee	Drawn By TW	Checked By	No.	Detail
Drawing No	Description Land at Skipton Road Roundabout	Date September 2017			

Photographs – Land at Skipton Road Roundabout

Unregistered section



Land belonging to LCC

