

REPORT FROM: HOUSING, HEALTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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TO: Nelson Area Committee

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NELSON TOWN CENTRE WALKABOUT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update Members on progress made on issues identified on the town centre walkabout undertaken on 4th September 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That Members agree the date for a follow-up walkabout.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To inform Members of the current position and relevant actions/progress following Nelson Town Centre walkabout.

ISSUE

The Nelson Town centre Walkabout was undertaken on Monday 4th September 2017 to give Councillors the opportunity to discuss town centre maintenance issues and identify areas that may need some improvement/attention.

On Monday 4th September 2017, Councillors (George Adam, David Whalley and Sheila Wicks) along with relevant officers from Pendle Council (Neighbourhood Services/Economic development) undertook a walkabout through Nelson Town Centre. The aim of the walkabout was to identify any issues which need to be resolved; this included street furniture, buildings, and paving. This was the second annual walkabout held, following the first walkabout held in August 2016.

The walkabouts should take place periodically and aim to maintain a high standard throughout Nelson town centre.

Appendix 1 shows the comprehensive list of identified problem sites within the town, the relevant department which needs to deal with the problem and any actions/work undertaken.

Appendix 2 – Area covered by Nelson Walkabout – 4th September 2017.

Following the walkabout the action list has been circulated to the relevant department/authority for action/comment. A further update report will be submitted to the Committee in due course.

Further Town Centre walkabouts will be arranged in the early parts of 2018, to identify any further issues and areas for improvement.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: In line with the Council policy of improving the appearance of its town centres.

Financial: Some issues can be covered by the town centre maintenance budget.

Legal: The owners of some of the sites will need to be identified before work can be undertaken.

Risk Management: N/A

Health and Safety: ensure all workers are using the correct safety equipment and relevant risk assessments have taken place.

Sustainability: ensure the works use sustainable materials where possible and are done to a good standard that will last.

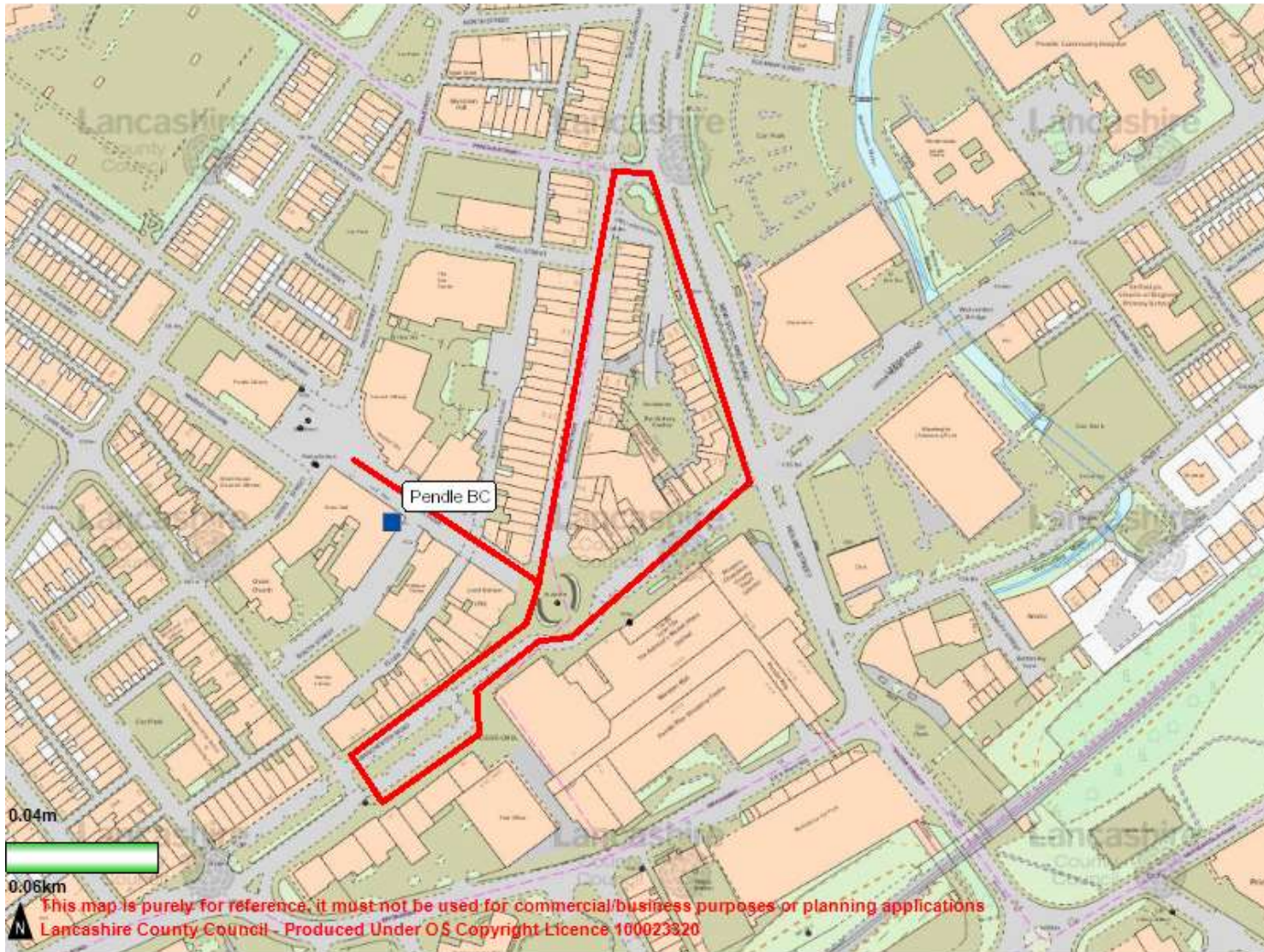
Community Safety: The actions aim to improve the town centre as a whole to improve the town's image and quality.

Equality and Diversity: Undertaking the actions will result in an improved town centre that can be enjoyed by the whole community

Appendix 1 – Nelson town centre: Actions

Location	Issue/action	Department	Progress
Nelson Town Hall	Weeds growing on roof and ledges	Liberata	Works undertaken periodically.
Trafalgar House	The building is beginning to fall into a bad state of repair. A number of the windows are damaged which is allowing unauthorised access to the building. Notice to be served on the property owner to secure the building.	Planning	On going discussion with the owners, with the aim of resolving the issues.
Market Street	Automated bollards	Engineering & Special Projects	
Market Street – Former public toilets	The former public toilets are falling into a state of disrepair. The Building was made surplus to requirement by PBC and sold.	Planning	Rubbish cleared by Environmental Services
Shuttle/Cubes	Temp surface needs to be replaced with stone flags following works undertaken by United Utilities	Lancashire County Council/United Utilities.	
Scotland Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removable bollard, restrictions were abused by road users with vehicles accessing the pedestrianised area throughout the day. The bollard is now permanently fixed in place Bollards to be added to paved areas to restrict unofficial parking Weeds to be sprayed Double yellow lines to be investigated Canopies on Scotland Road to be repaired/repainted 	Engineering & Special Projects Parks Lancashire County Council Engineering & Special Projects	
Wilko's	Display windows currently underutilised, posters need to be removed/updated	Pendle Rise/Wilko's management.	
17 Manchester Road (Formerly Slick)	Rubbish collecting in doorway and looking untidy	Neighbourhood Services	Rubbish cleared by Environmental Services
General Nelson Wide Issues			
Parking Restrictions	It was noted that in several areas cars are regularly parked on areas not allocated for parking e.g Outside the Lord Nelson, Wilko's loading bay, Scotland Road	Engineering & Special Projects and Lancashire County Council	Parking regulation orders may need to be revised.
Benches	Benches throughout the town centre to be repainted/repaired	Engineering & Special Projects	
Notice Boards	A number of notice boards in the town centre are currently underutilised. These could be adopted by the Town Council	Nelson Town Council.	

Appendix 2 – Nelson Town centre Walkabout Route.



Local Government Offices

- County Council**
- Borough or City Council**