

REPORT FROM: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER

TO: COLNE COMMITTEE

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ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME UPDATE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform Members of the Environmental Crime action for 1st July to 30th September 2017 in the Colne area, (including spend on litter/ dog waste bins) along with annual totals for 2017/18, and to ask for feedback on any problems with substations in the committee area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) To note the report on environmental crime actions.
- (2) To provide feedback on any problems with substations in the committee area.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) Members are kept informed of any environmental crime action taken.
- (2) To bring problems to the attention of Environmental Services in order to help remedy any substation sites.

ISSUE

Section 215 notices

Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 allows a local authority to serve a notice on the owners and occupiers of land, requiring the site to be tidied up if the condition of any land is in such a state as to adversely affect the amenity of the neighbourhood.

Section 215s pending

The Section 215 process was started on the following 57 properties between July and September 2017.

IDNO	ADDRESS	COMMITTEE	COMMENCED
17/0677/S215ES	30 Allendale Street Colne	Colne	07-Jul-17
17/0681/S215ES	7 Short Street Colne	Colne	07-Jul-17
17/0682/S215ES	27 Atkinson Street Colne	Colne	07-Jul-17
17/0685/S215ES	84 Green Road Colne	Colne	07-Jul-17
17/0687/S215ES	23 Oak Street Colne	Colne	10-Jul-17
17/0689/S215ES	62 Oak Street Colne	Colne	10-Jul-17
17/0696/S215ES	104-106 Green Road Colne	Colne	14-Jul-17
17/0700/S215ES	87 Derby Street Colne	Colne	14-Jul-17
17/0710/S215ES	3 Greenfield House Greenfield Road Colne	Colne	21-Jul-17
17/0719/S215ES	35 Oak Street Colne	Colne	24-Jul-17
17/0720/S215ES	42 Glenroy Avenue Colne	Colne	24-Jul-17
17/0721/S215ES	66 Cleveland Street Colne	Colne	24-Jul-17
17/0724/S215ES	3 Craven Street Colne	Colne	25-Jul-17
17/0735/S215ES	29 Blucher Street Colne	Colne	26-Jul-17
17/0737/S215ES	276 Burnley Road Colne	Colne	26-Jul-17
17/0739/S215ES	11 Cross Skelton Street Colne	Colne	28-Jul-17
17/0764/S215ES	31 Belgrave Road Colne	Colne	01-Aug-17
17/0766/S215ES	63 Oak Street Colne	Colne	01-Aug-17
17/0770/S215ES	9 Hawley Street Colne	Colne	02-Aug-17
17/0787/S215ES	12-16 Dockray Street Colne	Colne	11-Aug-17
17/0796/S215ES	26 Essex Street Colne	Colne	14-Aug-17
17/0797/S215ES	55 Allendale Street Colne	Colne	14-Aug-17
17/0810/S215ES	13 Duke Street	Colne	15-Aug-17

	Colne		
17/0811/S215ES	20 Montague Street Colne	Colne	15-Aug-17
17/0817/S215ES	19 North Street Colne	Colne	15-Aug-17
17/0818/S215ES	47 North Street Colne	Colne	15-Aug-17
17/0819/S215ES	46-48 Glen Street Colne	Colne	15-Aug-17
17/0825/S215ES	6 Keighley Avenue Colne	Colne	17-Aug-17
17/0831/S215ES	13 Hawley Street Winewall Colne	Colne	21-Aug-17
17/0832/S215ES	24 Hawley Street Colne	Colne	21-Aug-17
17/0863/S215ES	3 Skipton Road Colne	Colne	01-Sep-17
17/0864/S215ES	12 York Street Colne	Colne	01-Sep-17
17/0876/S215ES	3 Glenroy Avenue Colne	Colne	05-Sep-17
17/0878/S215ES	14 Sutherland Street Colne	Colne	05-Sep-17
17/0879/S215ES	33 Cleveland Street Colne	Colne	05-Sep-17
17/0880/S215ES	39 Cleveland Street Colne	Colne	05-Sep-17
17/0881/S215ES	47 Cleveland Street Colne	Colne	05-Sep-17
17/0882/S215ES	53 Cleveland Street Colne	Colne	05-Sep-17
17/0887/S215ES	4 Townley Street Colne	Colne	06-Sep-17
17/0908/S215ES	33 North Street Colne	Colne	11-Sep-17
17/0909/S215ES	37 North Street Colne	Colne	11-Sep-17
17/0920/S215ES	13 New Market Street Colne	Colne	12-Sep-17
17/0921/S215ES	59 Allendale Street Colne	Colne	12-Sep-17
17/0934/S215ES	26 Cleveland Street Colne	Colne	13-Sep-17
17/0954/S215ES	42 Blucher Street Colne	Colne	19-Sep-17
17/0955/S215ES	50 Blucher Street Colne	Colne	19-Sep-17
17/0976/S215ES	16 Hargreaves Street Colne	Colne	22-Sep-17
17/0979/S215ES	2 William Street Colne	Colne	25-Sep-17
17/0981/S215ES	4 Cambridge Street Colne	Colne	25-Sep-17

17/0983/S215ES	8 Chapel Street Colne	Colne	25-Sep-17
17/0985/S215ES	11 Chapel Street Colne	Colne	25-Sep-17
17/0986/S215ES	14 Knowsley Street Colne	Colne	25-Sep-17
17/0987/S215ES	18 Peter Street Colne	Colne	25-Sep-17
17/0989/S215ES	26 West Street Colne	Colne	25-Sep-17
17/0991/S215ES	33 Midgley Street Colne	Colne	25-Sep-17
17/0992/S215ES	35 Walton Street Colne	Colne	25-Sep-17
17/0995/S215ES	54 Walton Street Colne	Colne	25-Sep-17
		Total	57

Section 215s completed

The following 44 properties were dealt with under Section 215, but were cleared and the process completed during 1st July to 30th September 2017.

IDNO	ADDRESS	COMMITTEE	COMMENCED	CLOSED
17/0595/S215ES	3 Seldon Street Colne	Colne	12-Jun-17	06-Jul-17
17/0629/S215ES	17 Oak Street Colne	Colne	21-Jun-17	06-Jul-17
17/0630/S215ES	19 Oak Street Colne	Colne	21-Jun-17	06-Jul-17
17/0395/S215ES	2 West Street Colne	Colne	24-Apr-17	10-Jul-17
17/0127/S215ES	28 Sutherland Street Colne	Colne	06-Feb-17	21-Jul-17
17/0361/S215ES	49 North Street Colne	Colne	10-Apr-17	21-Jul-17
17/0502/S215ES	8 Hawley Street Colne	Colne	22-May-17	21-Jul-17
17/0559/S215ES	50 Oak Street Colne	Colne	06-Jun-17	21-Jul-17
17/0626/S215ES	3 Glenroy Avenue Colne	Colne	20-Jun-17	21-Jul-17
17/0685/S215ES	84 Green Road Colne	Colne	07-Jul-17	27-Jul-17
17/0491/S215ES	28 William Street Colne	Colne	18-May-17	02-Aug-17
17/0696/S215ES	104-106 Green Road Colne	Colne	14-Jul-17	02-Aug-17
17/0700/S215ES	87 Derby Street Colne	Colne	14-Jul-17	02-Aug-17
17/0682/S215ES	27 Atkinson Street Colne	Colne	07-Jul-17	04-Aug-17
17/0126/S215ES	26 Sutherland Street	Colne	06-Feb-17	08-Aug-17

	Colne			
17/0710/S215ES	3 Greenfield House Greenfield Road Colne	Colne	21-Jul-17	08-Aug-17
17/0721/S215ES	66 Cleveland Street Colne	Colne	24-Jul-17	08-Aug-17
17/0724/S215ES	3 Craven Street Colne	Colne	25-Jul-17	08-Aug-17
17/0483/S215ES	41 Duke Street Colne	Colne	17-May-17	11-Aug-17
17/0658/S215ES	12 Lark Street Colne	Colne	30-Jun-17	11-Aug-17
17/0720/S215ES	42 Glenroy Avenue Colne	Colne	24-Jul-17	11-Aug-17
17/0735/S215ES	29 Blucher Street Colne	Colne	26-Jul-17	14-Aug-17
17/0739/S215ES	11 Cross Skelton Street Colne	Colne	28-Jul-17	14-Aug-17
17/0533/S215ES	15 Duke Street Colne	Colne	26-May-17	15-Aug-17
17/0532/S215ES	15 Basil Street Colne	Colne	26-May-17	16-Aug-17
17/0737/S215ES	276 Burnley Road Colne	Colne	26-Jul-17	16-Aug-17
17/0764/S215ES	31 Belgrave Road Colne	Colne	01-Aug-17	18-Aug-17
17/0811/S215ES	20 Montague Street Colne	Colne	15-Aug-17	18-Aug-17
17/0825/S215ES	6 Keighley Avenue Colne	Colne	17-Aug-17	18-Aug-17
17/0632/S215ES	54 Oak Street Colne	Colne	21-Jun-17	23-Aug-17
17/0796/S215ES	26 Essex Street Colne	Colne	14-Aug-17	23-Aug-17
17/0766/S215ES	63 Oak Street Colne	Colne	01-Aug-17	24-Aug-17
17/0818/S215ES	47 North Street Colne	Colne	15-Aug-17	25-Aug-17
17/0832/S215ES	24 Hawley Street Colne	Colne	21-Aug-17	25-Aug-17
17/0562/S215ES	76 Oak Street Colne	Colne	06-Jun-17	30-Aug-17
17/0687/S215ES	23 Oak Street Colne	Colne	10-Jul-17	04-Sep-17
17/0797/S215ES	55 Allendale Street Colne	Colne	14-Aug-17	04-Sep-17
17/0887/S215ES	4 Townley Street Colne	Colne	06-Sep-17	06-Sep-17
17/0787/S215ES	12-16 Dockray Street Colne	Colne	11-Aug-17	14-Sep-17
17/0879/S215ES	33 Cleveland Street Colne	Colne	05-Sep-17	25-Sep-17
17/0454/S215ES	64 New Market Street Colne	Colne	09-May-17	26-Sep-17

17/0876/S215ES	3 Glenroy Avenue Colne	Colne	05-Sep-17	27-Sep-17
17/0909/S215ES	37 North Street Colne	Colne	11-Sep-17	27-Sep-17
17/0878/S215ES	14 Sutherland Street Colne	Colne	05-Sep-17	29-Sep-17
		Total		44

Section 215 completed by Legal

There were no Section 215's served by legal from July to September 2017.

Section 46 Notices

Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) 1990 allows a waste collection authority to specify how waste is presented for collection, i.e. require an occupier to place waste for collection in receptacles of a kind and number specified. This is used to enforce separation of waste for recycling and also for the removal of containers from the public highway following the scheduled collection of waste.

There were no Section 46 Notice issued by Environmental Services between July and September 2017.

Section 79 Notices

Section 79 of the Public Health Act 1936 allows a Local Authority to serve notice where the owner of the land / property has accumulated noxious matter i.e. food waste and the notice gives the owner 24 hours to remove the waste. On failure to act upon the Notice the Local Authority can remove the waste and recover the expenses of any actions taken.

There were no Section 79 Notice carried out by Environmental Services between July and September 2017.

Community Protection Notice

CPN's can be used by the Council to target those responsible for specific ongoing problems or nuisance which negatively affects the quality of life in a community. Examples of behaviour covered by CPN's include owners allowing dogs to persistently stray and or cause a nuisance, owners of dogs persistently allowing dogs to foul without then removing the waste and vehicle repair garages parking vehicles for repair on residential streets.

The table below identifies the total number of cases within the Borough, including active cases, received since the CPN process began in February 2015:

Current	Barrowford & Western Parishes	Brierfield & Reedley	Colne & District	Nelson	West Craven	
Prosecution	0	0	0	0	0	0
Breached Notice	0	0	1	0	0	1
Under Notice	2	0	4	2	0	8
Resolved after notice	2	2	2	4	0	10

Under Statutory Warning	0	2	2	20	2	26
Resolved after warning	1	2	10	20	3	36
Under Investigation	4	10	15	27	2	58
Resolved before warning	4	19	25	55	4	107
Total Actions	13	35	59	128	11	246

The following actions were undertaken via a Community Protection process by Neighbourhood Services between July and September 2017.

Quarter 2 Actions	Colne & District
Prosecuted	0
Breached Notice	0
Notice Served	2
Resolved after notice	0
Statutory Warning Letter	1
Resolved after warning	2
Resolved before warning	3

The following list shows all the current cases; and the resolutions during quarter 2:

Description	Action
Accumulation of building waste, burning waste and non-removal of dead animals	Failure to Comply with Notice
control of dogs and dog fouling	Community Protection Notice Served
dog escaping from back yard	Community Protection Notice Served
unauthorised caravans	Community Protection Notice Served
unauthorised caravans	Community Protection Notice Served
feeding wildlife attracting vermin	Warning Letter Served
unauthorised caravans	Warning Letter Served
occupied caravans	Resolved after Warning
condition of vehicle outside house and condition of garden	Resolved after Warning

condition of property and garden	Under Investigation
Parking vehicles awaiting repair on street	Under Investigation
repairing vehicles	Under Investigation
condition of yard	Under Investigation
untidy land	Under Investigation
property damaged by gas explosion	Under Investigation
scrap metal dealing -	Under Investigation
condition of land	Under Investigation
condition of land	Under Investigation
condition of land	Under Investigation
ivy and dead confirer tree on allotment land affecting residents	Under Investigation
empty property being vandalised	Under Investigation
blocking access to neighbours' drives and the back street	Under Investigation
storing and burning household refuse on land	Under Investigation
noise nuisance and abuse	Under Investigation
graffiti on gate	Resolved before Warning
caravans parked on the front street/repeat S215	Resolved before Warning
large dog with no back wall to yard	Resolved before Warning

Fixed Penalty Notices

The Council has various powers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) for offences such as littering, failure to remove dog fouling, graffiti and fly tipping.

There were 16 FPNs served in the period between July and September 2017 in the Colne area by both Environmental and Neighbourhood Services.

IDNO	ADDRESS	COMMITTEE	COMMENCED	TYPE
17/044828/EC2_DO		Colne & District	04/08/17	Duty of Care - Business
17/050147/EC2_DO		Colne & District	04/09/17	Duty of Care - Business
17/052862/EC2_DO		Colne & District	19/09/17	Duty of Care - Householder
17/040473/ES1EF		Colne & District	03/08/17	Flytipping

17/045115/EC1EF		Colne & District	07/08/17	Littering
17/046296/EC2_LL		Colne & District	14/08/17	Littering
17/051581/EC2_LL		Colne & District	12/09/17	Littering
17/052758/EC2_LL		Colne & District	19/09/17	Littering
17/054566/EC2_LL		Colne & District	28/09/17	Littering
17/054574/EC2_LL		Colne & District	28/09/17	Littering
17/049217/EC2_LV		Colne & District	31/08/17	Littering from vehicle
17/050039/EC2_LV		Colne & District	04/09/17	Littering from vehicle
17/044056/EC1LV		Colne & District	08/09/17	Littering from vehicle
17/00018/DG_MCH		Colne & District	06/07/17	Microchipping of dogs
17/00020/DG_MCH		Colne & District	09/08/17	Microchipping of dogs
17/00027/DG_MCH		Colne & District	15/09/17	Microchipping of dogs
			Total	16

Annual Summary of Environmental Crime Actions for 2017/18

Sec 215 (P)	Sec 215 (C)	Sec 46	Sec 79	Fixed Penalty Notices								
				FPN Duty of Care Business	FPN Duty of Care House hold	FPN Dog Foul ing	FPN Micro chip Dogs	FPN Fly Tip	FPN Dog not on a lead	FPN Litter from a vehicle	FPN Litter	Total
108	97	8	1	2	1	3	3	3	2	4	8	26

The table above summarises the total number of actions taken by both Environmental and Neighbourhood Services in 2017/18.

Provision of litter / dog waste bins

Members approved a total allocation of £501.00 inclusive of slippage from 2017/18. There was no spend in Quarter 1, or Quarter 2, therefore, the balance remains at £501.00.

Members are advised that due to wear or damage, 4 bins have been replaced by Environmental Services at no cost to the area committee budget within the period July to September.

AREA	DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF BIN	COST PER BIN
Gill Street, Colne	Replace the outer cover of F/S litter bin	LITTER	111.33
Primet Bridge, Colne	Replaced the outer cover	LITTER	111.33
Knotts Lane, Colne	Replace missing dog bin at junc of Knotts Lane and South Valley Drive	DOG	126.52
Kingsley Road, Laneshawbridge	Reinstate dog bin next to telephone box	DOG	20.00

Substation Sites

Following the scrutiny review of Litter and Detritus carried out in 2008, all area committees are encouraged to report if there are any substations within their area that may need tidying up. Members are asked to provide location details of any substations that are causing a problem with litter and/or fly tipping to Environmental Services.