

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 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 agree to remove item 4(a) from the table as the site is being maintained on a regular basis.
- (4) That members note the new site at item 4(c).

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 maintains three times a year |
| b) Cemetery Road Car Park, Earby | PBC-owned | 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 the car park | West Craven 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 It was estimated that resurfacing the car park would cost in the region of £6,000. A bid was submitted to Pendle Council's central funding for the full amount. However, this bid was unsuccessful. West Craven Committee may want to allocate funds from the 2018/19 Capital Programme |
| c) Lorry Park on West Close Road, Barnoldswick | PBC-owned | The site is untidy | To arrange for the lorry park to be tidied | The site is on the Environmental Services list for tidying. There were delays due to the weather but the tidy is now nearly complete. |

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.

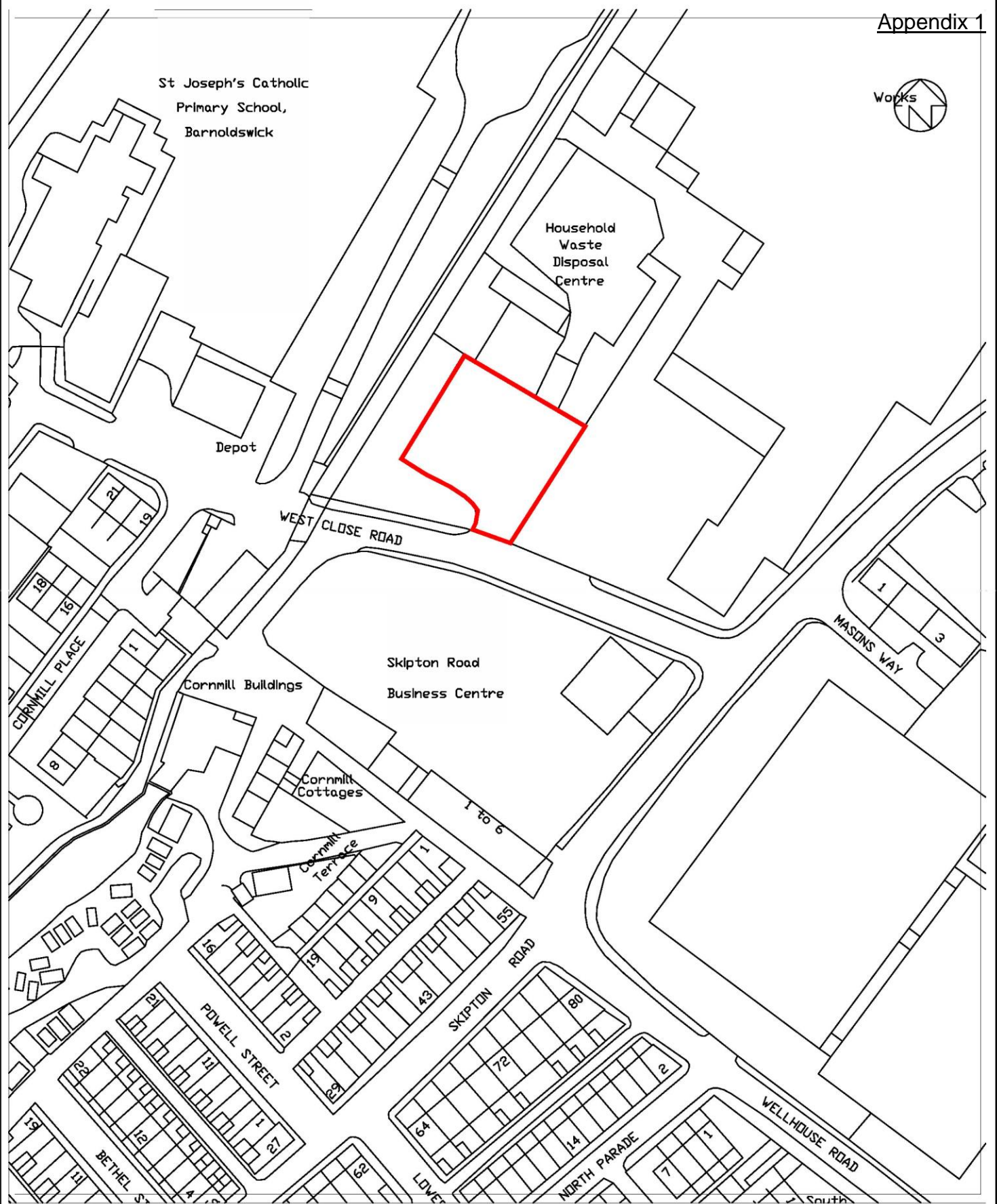
Equality and Diversity: This will be considered for each individual scheme.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Lorry Park, West Close Road location plan.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.



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 Lorry Park, West Close Road

Date
 March 2018

