

**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 4c from the table as the site has been tidied.

### **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 maintains 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 the car park	The drainage works were completed last year 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. Area 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	Environmental Services has tidied the site

## 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.