

REPORT FROM: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES MANAGER

TO: COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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NICHOLAS STREET, COLNE – UPDATE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform members of works needed at Nicholas Street, Colne, in order to tidy up the site.
2. To request funding to do the works.

ISSUES

Background

1. The Nicholas Street site shown at Appendix 1 was on the Environmental Blight list and report in 2009.
2. The problem at the time was caused by a concrete base of a demolished building which hindered the Parks Department from mowing the whole site. So, although Parks regularly mowed most of the site there was one small area that became overgrown with weeds and looked messy. The rest of the site at the time was in good condition.
3. The Environmental Action Group (EAG) removed the concrete base which enabled Parks Department to mow the whole site, which made it look tidy, and the site was removed from the Environmental Blight list.
4. In November 2015 Nicholas Street was one of the miscellaneous pieces of land on the list of sites brought before the Transfer of Services and Facilities Committee.
5. At the time the Colne and District Committee was asked for comments prior to the sites being offered to the Town Council for possible transfer.
6. However, the Town Council did not agree to the transfer and the site now looks neglected and in need of attention despite it being regularly mowed.

Current Situation

7. At the May meeting the Neighbourhood Services Manager was asked to bring back to a future meeting a list of jobs which needed to be done to tidy the site along with an estimate for the works.
8. The Environmental Action Group (EAG) was asked to price up the following list of works:
 - Replace 2 posts
 - Creosote posts
 - Replace approximately 11 metres of scaffolding posts (fence)
 - Rub down and paint green or black 4 panels
 - Weed kill path
 - Patch repairs to footpath**
 - Remove shrubs and chip on site
 - Litter pick
 - Replace and re-set edging where required
 - Paint 2 benches
 - Dig out fire-damaged turf, top soil and re-seed
 - EAG labour

Cost: £2,009.11

VAT @ 20%: £401.82

Total £2,410.93

** Patch repairs to the footpath are estimated at 8 bags of cold lay tarmac. EAG will not be able to estimate fully the repairs required until the shrubs have been removed.

9. The bus shelter would benefit from a repaint and tidy up but bus shelters are now the responsibility of Colne Town Council.
10. Environmental Services has contacted United Utilities to ask them to make repairs to the steps leading up to their sub-station.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None directly arising from this report.

Financial: Funding would need to be secured to complete the necessary works.

Legal: None directly arising from this report.

Risk Management: The site belongs to Pendle Council and so we have an obligation to ensure there is no risk to the general public.

Health and Safety: None directly arising from this report.

Sustainability: None directly arising from this report.

Community Safety: None directly arising from this report.

Equality and Diversity: None directly arising from this report.

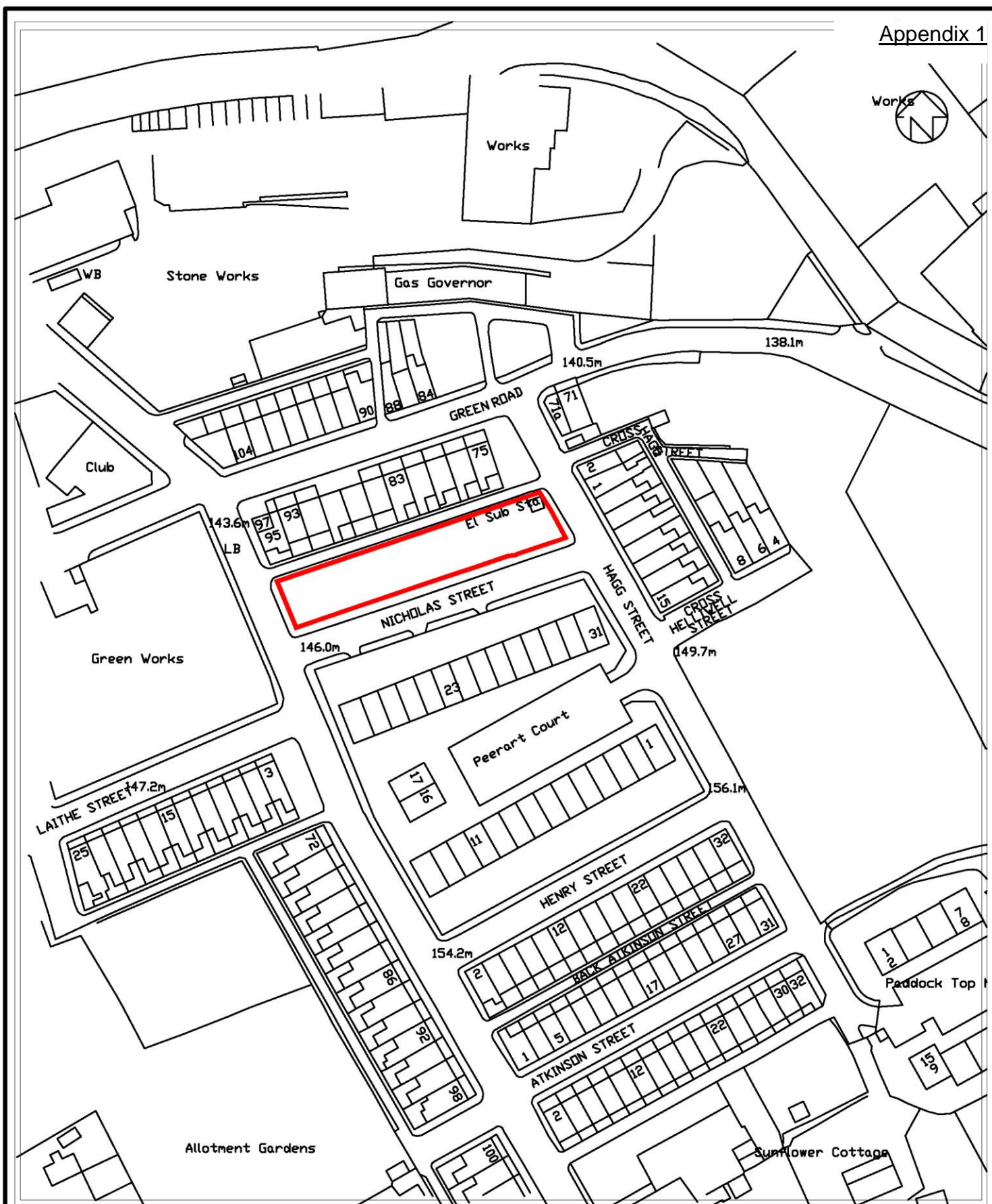
APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Site plan.

Appendix 2: Photographs.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.



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Description
 Nicholas St Location Plan

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Revisions

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Drawing No

Nicholas Street – Photographs





