



REPORT FROM: HOUSING, HEALTH AND ENGINEERING MANAGER

TO: BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES 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 Housing, Health and Engineering 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 advise how they would like to proceed with item 4(i)

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 Julie Whittaker 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
i) Garage site at the junction of Nora Street and Higher Causeway	Privately owned	This site has previously been on the Environmental Blight Report in October 2015	It was reported that the site was overgrown again. Area Committee members requested that it be tidied	Housing, Health and Engineering wrote to the owner asking them to cut back the trees and shrubs. Following a recent site visit (see attached photographs), it appears that some of the shrubs have been cut back from the footway but the site still looks overgrown. Members to decide: (a) whether the site is now acceptable to them; (b) to send a further letter asking the owner to cut back the trees; or (c) to forward the issue to Planning for them to serve a Section 215 Notice

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None arising directly from the report.

Financial: No new financial implications arise from the recommendations in this 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.

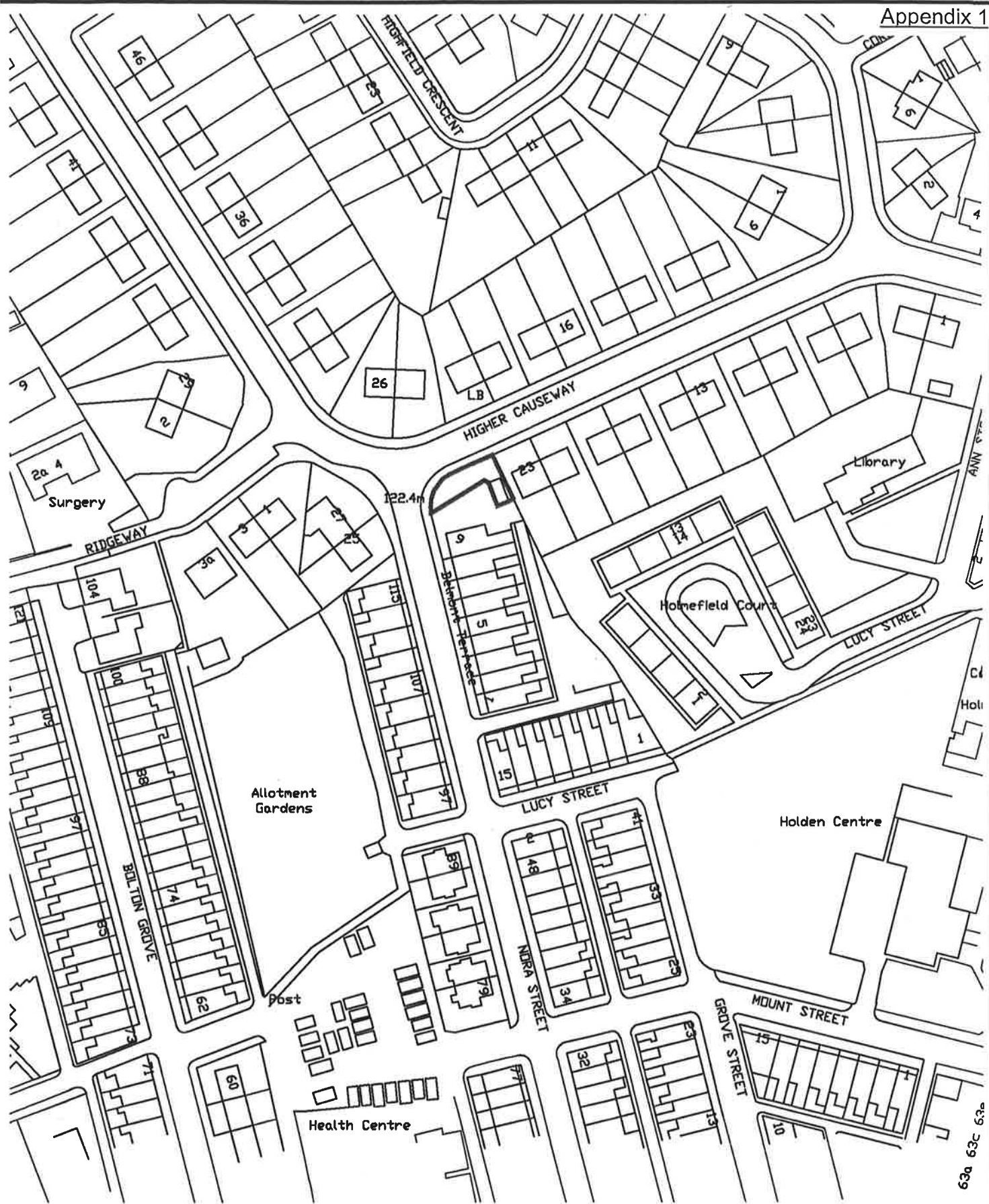
APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Nora Street Site Location Plan.

Appendix 2: Nora Street Recent Photographs.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.



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DRAWING NO /

PROJECT
 Environmental Blight

DESCRIPTION
 Garage site at the junction of Nora Street
 and Higher Causeway, Barrowford

SCALE
 1:1250

DRAWN BY
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DATE
 Sep 2018

Revisions		Date
No.	Detail	

Borough of Pendle

Nora Street Photographs from 14 June 2019



