



**REPORT FROM:** PLANNING, BUILDING CONTROL AND LICENSING SERVICES MANAGER

**TO:** BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE

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**BELGARTH CARE HOME, WHEATLEY LANE ROAD, BARROWFORD**

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

As requested by the Committee with regard to the possibility of adding the site to the Problem Buildings list.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

To note the report and agree the actions for the site set out in the report.

#### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Members are kept informed of any action taken on problem buildings.

#### **ISSUES**

The site is Belgarth Care Home sited just off Wheatley Lane Road within the settlement boundary of Barrowford.

There is some history to this site and it has now been vacant for some time with no sign of the site being brought into use or an alternative use in the near future.

The site has been visited and it was noted that it has been broken into and vandalized with a number of windows broken and generally in a [poor condition. At the time of the visit the site was insecure.

Given that the site has been vacant for a while and the condition of the site is not unreasonable. The site requires securing, a general tidy up and replacement glazing or boarding to the windows. It would be prudent to assist in getting the site re-development in order to avoid future issues.

Details of the owner have been obtained by Environmental Health and contacted to secure the site. We shall establish the current situation and offer assistance in bringing the building back into an appropriate use or consider serving a S.215 to repair the site until the site is brought back into use.

It is recommended that this site is added onto the Problem Building Report to ensure the site is improved and an optimum future use of the site sought.







## **IMPLICATIONS**

**Policy:** None

**Financial:** None

**Legal:** None arising directly from the report.

**Risk Management:** None arising directly from the report.

**Health and Safety:** None arising directly from the report.

**Sustainability:** None arising directly from the report.

**Community Safety:** None arising directly from the report.

**Equality and Diversity:** None arising directly from the report.