

**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.

### **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 was previously on the Environmental Blight Report in 2015	The site had become overgrown once more	Following the October meeting, it was resolved to serve a Section 154 Notice of the Highways Act asking the owner to cut back the trees that were overhanging the footway. We reached Stage 3 of this process without compliance and so asked Legal Services to serve notice instructing the owner to cut back the trees and shrubs and to advise that if they did not cut them back within 14 days we would cut them back and charge for the works. Following a recent site inspection we observed that the trees have now been cut back (see attached photos) This issue is now resolved

## 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.

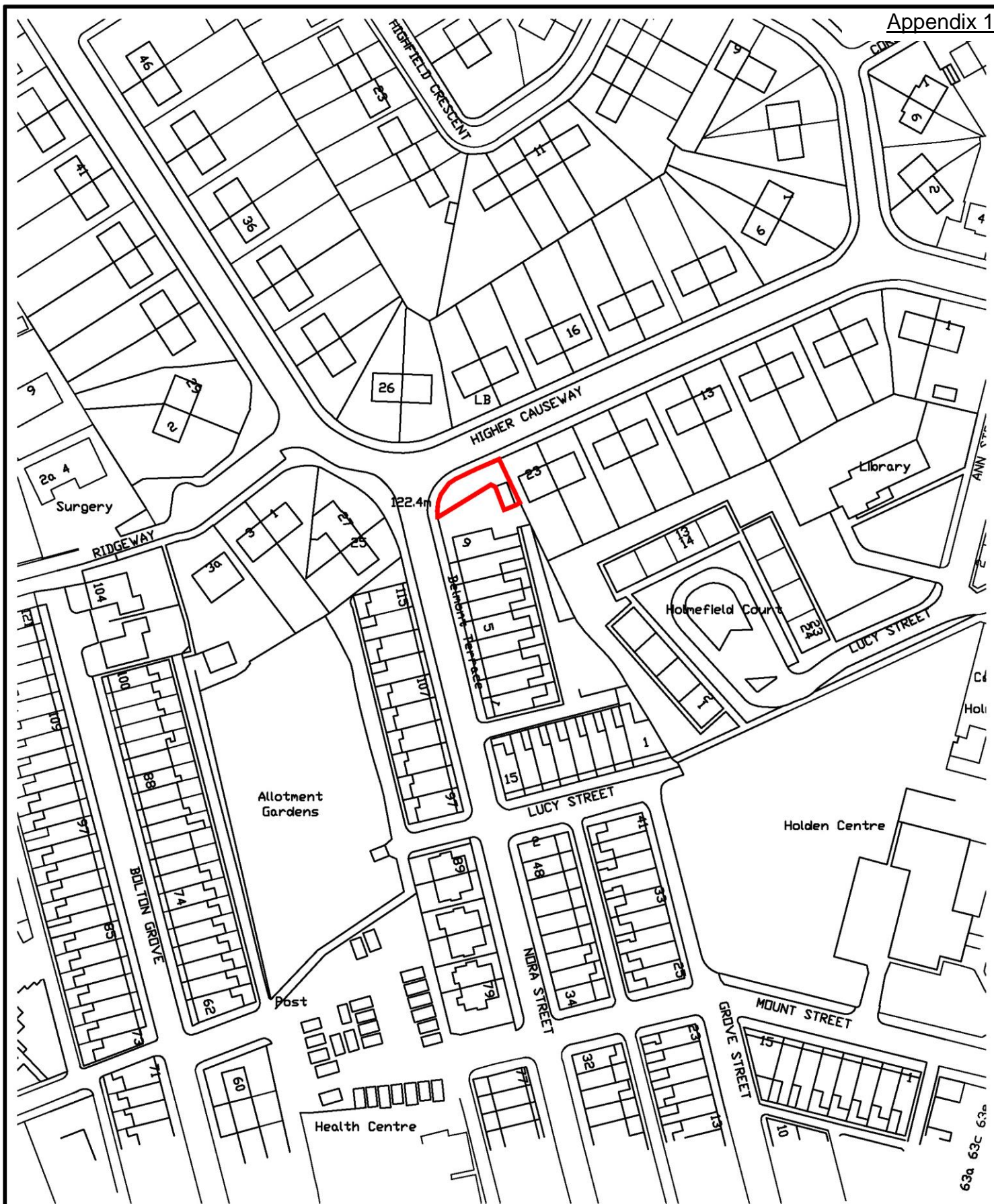
## APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Site plan – garage site at the junction of Nora Street and Higher Causeway.

Appendix 2: Photographs – garage site at the junction of Nora Street and Higher Causeway.

## LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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**PROJECT**  
Environmental Blight

**DESCRIPTION**

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

**SCALE**

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**DATE**

Sep 2018

**Revisions**

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