

**REPORT FROM: HOUSING, HEALTH AND ENGINEERING 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 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 item 4a be removed from the list as the issue has been dealt with.

### **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 for progress made on West Craven environmental blight sites.

Site	Owner	Issue	Area Committee Resolution	Current Position
a) Dam Head Road Garage Site	Pendle Council	At the October meeting, members reported that there was regular fly-tipping at this site	Members asked that the site be tidied	Following a recent site visit it appears that the issue has been dealt with as there is no evidence of fly-tipping. The Project Coordinator (Engineering) will check that Environmental Services is aware that this site is prone to fly-tipping and that they will monitor the site. See attached location plan and recent photographs

## IMPLICATIONS

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

**Financial:** No new financial implications arise from the recommendations in this report. There is no budget allocation specifically for environmental blight sites and therefore any financial implication needs to be met from existing resources.

**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.

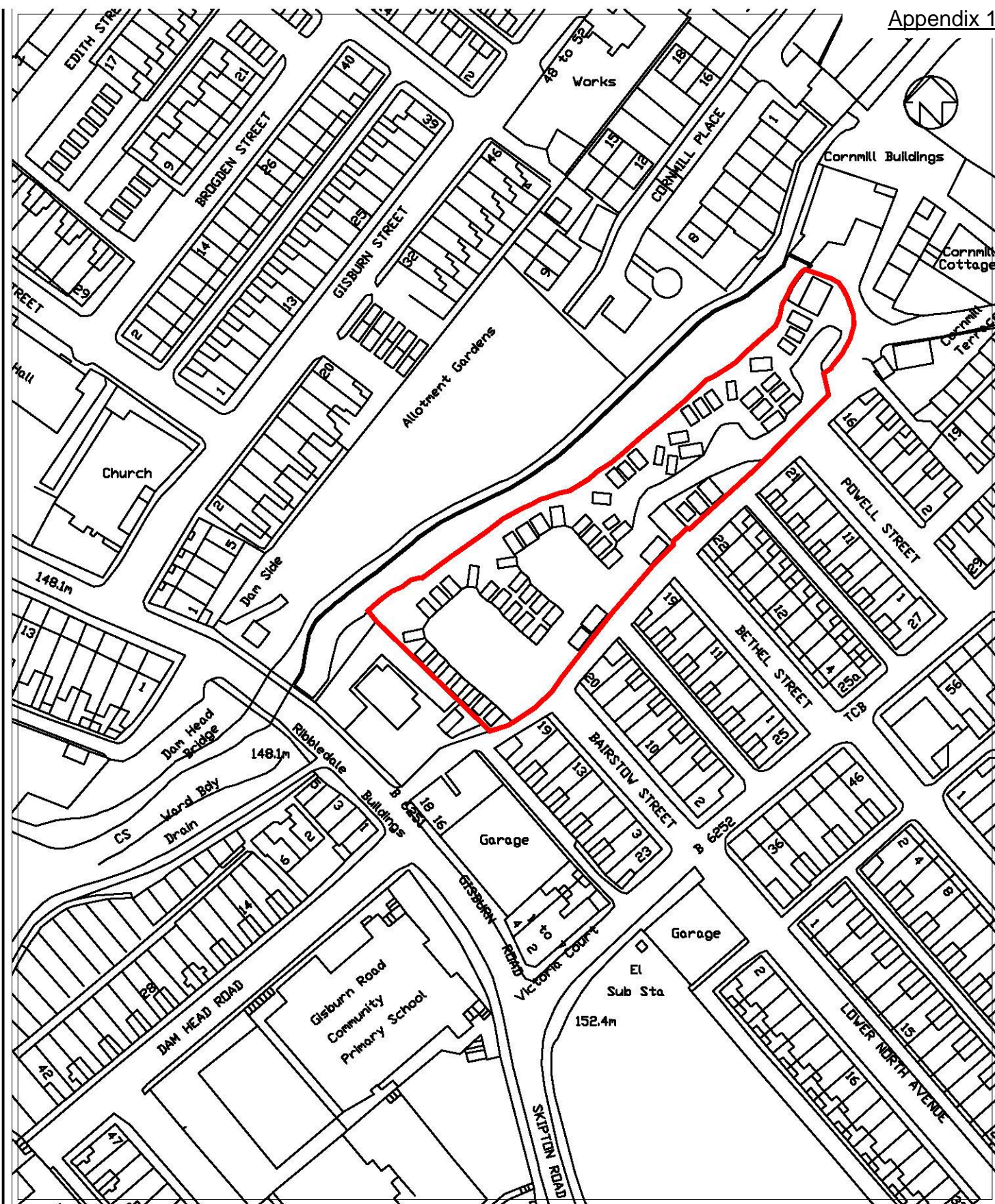
## APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Location Plan – Dam Head Road Garage Site.

Appendix 2: Photographs – Dam Head Road Garage Site.

## LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.



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	<b>Project: West Craven Area</b> <b>Committee Environmental</b> <b>Blight</b>	<b>Drawn</b> By TW	<b>Checked</b> By	<b>No.</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>Drawing No</b>	<b>Description</b> Dam Head Road Garage Site	<b>Date</b> Dec 2019	