

REPORT FROM: HOUSING HEALTH AND ENGINEERING

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.

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	The fly-tipping reported in October has been dealt with Staff in Environmental Services are aware that this site is prone to fly-tipping and are regularly monitoring the site
b) West Close Road Lorry Park	Pendle Council	At the January meeting members asked if this site could be added to the Environmental Blight list for monitoring purposes	Members reported that fly-tipping had increased on this site since the introduction of reduced opening times by the neighbouring County's Household Waste Recycling Centre	Environmental Services confirmed that they are monitoring the site on a regular basis in a similar way to the Dam Head Road Garage Site above

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.

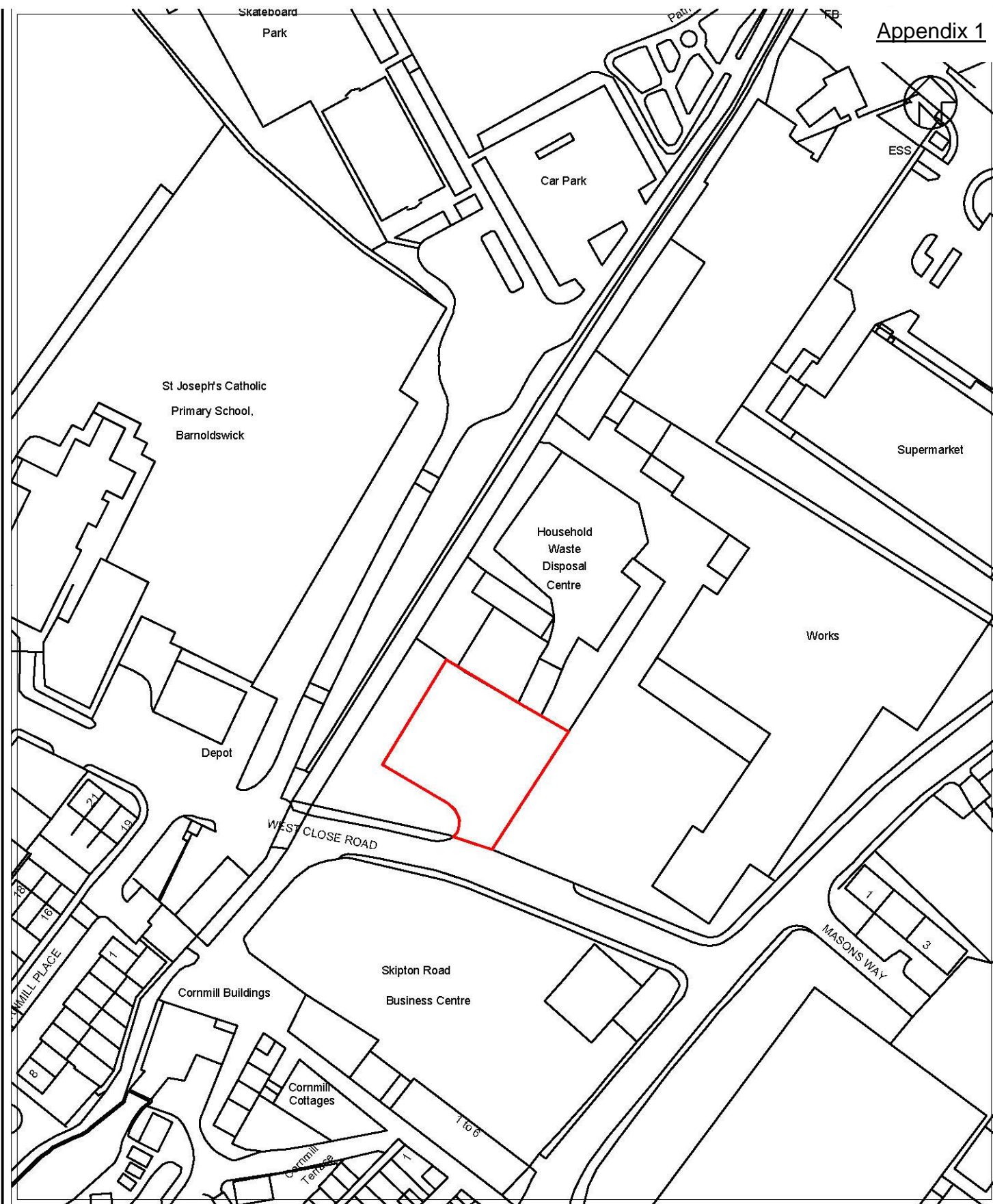
APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Location Plan – West Close Road Lorry Park.

Appendix 2: Photographs – West Close Road Lorry Park.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.



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