

**REPORT FROM: HOUSING, HEALTH AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
MANAGER**

TO: COLNE AND DISTRICT 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 note the new site put forward at the September meeting in paragraph 4.

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 (tricia.wilson@pendle.gov.uk) or Julie Whittaker (julie.whittaker@pendle.gov.uk) 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 Colne environmental blight sites.

Site	Owner	Issue	Area Committee Resolution	Current Position
a) Cobbled area of Duke Street leading to Shaw Street (see attached location plan)	PBC-owned land; unadopted cobbled road	It was reported that rubbish was being dumped in an area that was being accessed due to a collapsed wall and fencing. Where the fencing was missing, people were fly-tipping	Following a site visit, it was agreed that we would price up for fixing the wall on Duke Street leading down to Shaw Street which needed repairs in a number of places to make it safe and to prevent it from further collapse. We would also get a price for repairing and refitting the missing fence panel which was found on site	The wall on Duke Street leading to Shaw Street has now been repaired/patched. We are waiting for a price to fix the fence panel

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.

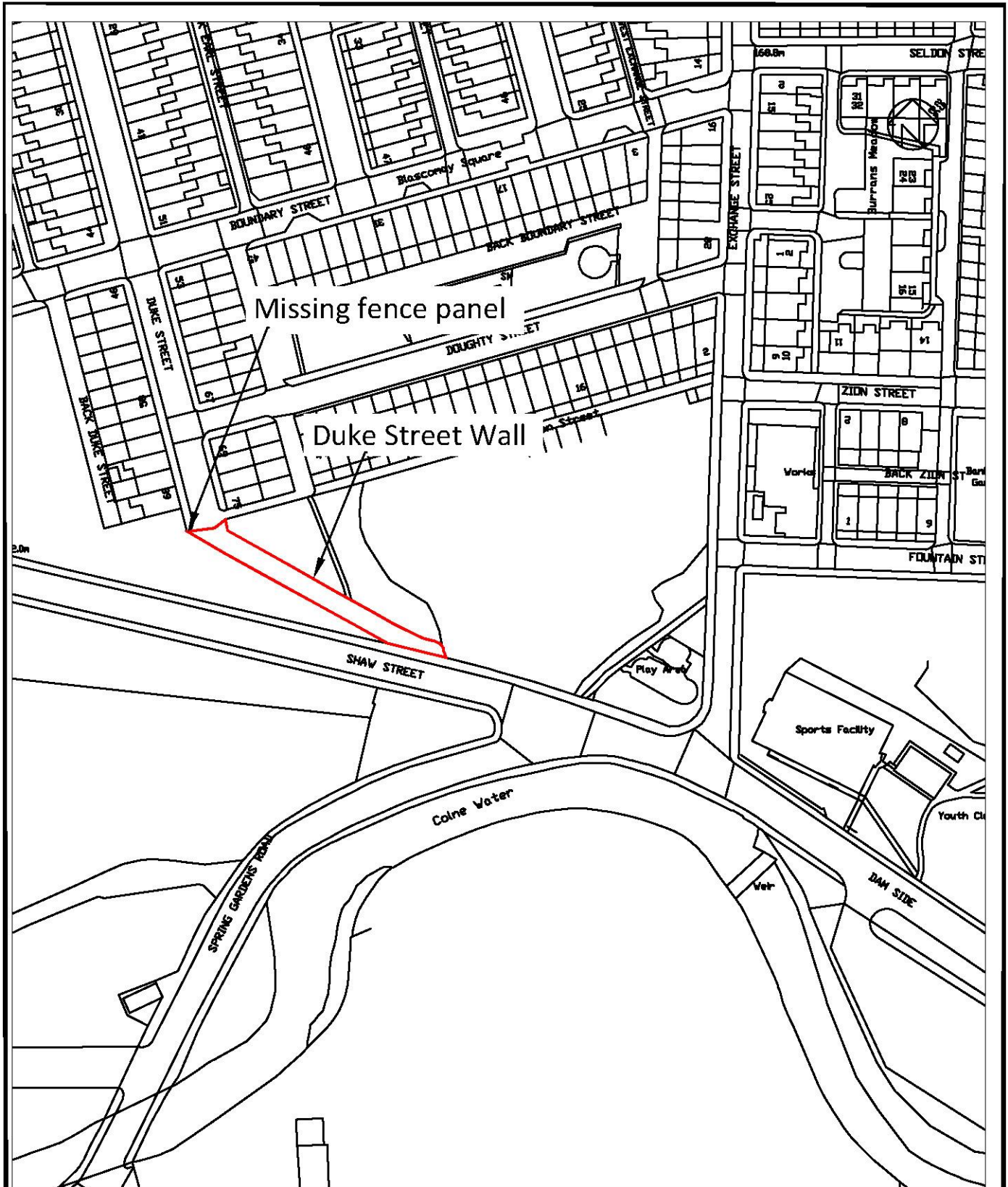
APPENDICES


Appendix 1: Location Plan – Duke Street leading to Shaw Street.

Appendix 2: Before and after photographs of the collapsed wall.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.



Engineering Engineering Manager: Scott Whalley Nelson Town Hall, Market Street, Nelson, Lancashire, BB9 7LG Tel: (01282) 661661	Service Housing, Health & Engineering	SCALE 1:1250		Revisions	
	Project Environmental Blight Report	Drawn By TW	Checked By	No.	Detail
Drawing No	Description Duke Street Wall, Colne - Location Plan	Date November 2021			

Duke Street Wall – Before and After Photographs



