

**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.

### **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](mailto:tricia.wilson@pendle.gov.uk)) or Julie Whittaker ([julie.whittaker@pendle.gov.uk](mailto: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	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. 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 patch repaired  The broken missing panel from the fencing was found on site and the contractor has confirmed that it could be repaired. This will be done using some of the Problem Sites budget, which is ring-fenced for specific sites. However, there is no funding left in this year's budget. The repair has, therefore, been postponed until April

## 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

None.

## LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.