

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
NELSON, BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 4TH DECEMBER 2023**

PRESENT –

Councillors

*F. Ahmad
S. Ahmed
Z. Ali
M. Ammer
R. Anwar
N. Ashraf
M. Aslam
M. Hanif
Y. Iqbal
M. Kaleem
A. Mahmood
Y. Tennant*

Co-optees

*N. Emery (Nelson Town Centre Partnership)
S. Munir (Reedley Hallows Parish Council)*

(An apology for absence was received from Councillor M. Iqbal).

Also in attendance:

Councillor Nadeem Ahmed

Officers in attendance:

*Neil Watson Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services
Jessica Robinson Committee Administrator*



The following people attended the meeting and spoke on the following items:

<i>Asum Ahmed</i>	<i>22/0014/HHO - Full: Erection of a two storey rear extension (Re-Submission) at 24 Reedyford Road, Nelson</i>	<i>Minute No. 108(a)</i>
<i>Claire Bradley</i>	<i>22/0423/FUL - Full: Erection of 9 portal frame industrial units for light industrial use (Use Class E (g) (iii)) on Land to the South East of 1 to 31 Pilgrim Street, Nelson</i>	
<i>Claire Bradley</i>	<i>23/0541/FUL - Full (Major): Demolition of existing building and the erection of a 100MW Battery Energy Storage Facility with associated infrastructure and works at Walshaw House, Regent Street, Nelson</i>	



101. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED

That Councillor F. Ahmad be appointed as Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2023/24.

102. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED

That Councillor S. Ahmed be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2023/24.

103. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the Declaration of Interests.

The following Councillors declared non-pecuniary interests on the items indicated: –

<i>F. Ahmad</i>	<i>22/0614/HHO - Full: Erection of a dormer window to rear at Edge End Hall, Edge End Lane, Nelson</i>	<i>Minute No. 108(a)</i>
<i>Z. Ali</i>	<i>23/0491/HHO - Full: Erection of a two storey side extension and a two storey rear extension and a balcony to the front elevation at 29 Romney Street, Nelson</i>	
<i>N. Ahmed</i>	<i>23/0623/HHO - Full: Erection of a single storey rear extension in retrospect at 350 Railway Street, Nelson</i>	

104. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The owner of a business on Scotland Road, Nelson spoke of issues with litter at the rear of their premises which were persistent and worsening. They also reported frequent sightings of rats in the area. There were also similar issues in Brierfield that needed addressing.

There would be a meeting between the Executive Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change and the Assistant Director Operational Services and these issues would be raised in order for the appropriate remedial action to be taken.

Further reports of littering and rats could be made via the Council's website at <https://www.pendle.gov.uk/environmentalwaste> and <https://www.pendle.gov.uk/xfp/form/409> respectively.

The business owner mentioned that another Council had provided skips once a month for its residents to dispose of unwanted items to prevent fly-tipping and felt this could work in Pendle. It was reported that a similar initiative had been launched in Pendle in September to tackle fly-tipping in some wards in Nelson and Colne. Approximately 13,000kgs of bulky waste had been collected during September and October and there were plans to relaunch the initiative in Spring

or Summer 2024 given its success. It was suggested that other wards in Pendle be targeted when the initiative was relaunched.

105. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 30th October, 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

106. PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report on actions arising from the last meeting of the Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee was submitted for information and was noted.

107. POLICE ISSUES

In the absence of the Police no issues were raised.

108. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications to be determined

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted the following planning applications for determination: -

22/0014/HHO Full: Erection of a two storey rear extension (Re-Submission) at 24 Reedyford Road, Nelson for Mr. Wakas M Begum

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services had been granted delegated authority to grant planning permission subject to the receipt of amended plans on 28th March, 2022. The Agent had been contacted but amended plans had not been submitted.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **refused** for the following reasons: -

By virtue of its scale and massing, coupled with the difference in ground levels between the application site and neighbouring property at No. 26 Reedyford Road, the proposed extension would result in an unacceptable overbearing effect upon both No. 22 and No. 26 Reedyford Road, contrary to Policy ENV2 of the Local Plan: Part 1 Core Strategy, the National Planning Policy Framework and the Design Principles SPD.

22/0423/FUL Full: Erection of 9 portal frame industrial units for light industrial use (Use Class E (g) (iii)) on Land to the South East of 1 to 31, Pilgrim Street, Nelson for Mr. M. Iqbal

RESOLVED

That determination of the application be **deferred** to the next meeting to allow for a site visit and for discussion regarding the number of units on site.

22/0614/HHO Full: Erection of a dormer window to rear at Edge End Hall, Edge End Lane, Nelson for Mr. Sabah Bapir

(Councillor F. Ahmad had declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item which was not a disclosable pecuniary interest as defined in the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 but was such that he considered that in view of the principles set out in the Council's Code of Conduct he should not take part in the debate and decision on the matter, therefore he withdrew from the meeting.)

Councillor S. Ahmed (Vice-Chair - in the Chair)

Determination of this application had been deferred from the meeting of 2nd October, 2023 to allow for amended plans to be submitted.

An update had been circulated prior to the meeting reporting that amended plans for the rear dormers had since been submitted. The proposed development would now not harm the character of the Conservation Area and the proposed materials and design were acceptable. The recommendation to refuse the application had altered, as a result, to approval subject to conditions.

RESOLVED

That the application be **approved** subject to the following conditions and reasons: -

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Site Location, Block Plan and Existing Plans LU259 – P02, Proposed Plan LU259-P04 A, Proposed Elevations LU259 – P05 A.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. The external materials used in the proposed development shall be as stated on the application form and approved drawings and shall not be varied without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: These materials are appropriate to the locality and in order to allow the Local Planning Authority to control the external appearance of the development.

REASON FOR DECISION

Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The proposed housing development would accord with Local Planning Policy and would be compliant with the guidance set out in the Framework, subject to compliance with planning conditions. The development therefore complies with the development plan. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

Councillor F. Ahmad (Chair)

23/0491/HHO Full: Erection of a two storey side extension and a two storey rear extension and a balcony to the front elevation at 29 Romney Street, Nelson for Mr. Muzaffar Ali

RESOLVED

That determination of the application be **deferred** to a future meeting to allow for negotiations between the Applicant and the Case Officer on a development that would comply with the Design Principles SPD.

23/0519/VAR Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 2 (Opening hours) of Planning Permission 13/11/0595P at 3 Burnley Road, Brierfield for Mr. Nasir Abbas

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be granted **delegated authority to approve** the application subject to the Applicant agreeing to vary the opening times to 11am to 12:30am and not 2am, Monday to Sunday and also the following conditions and reasons: -

1. The development must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the 10 February 2012.

Reason: In order to comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended).

2. The premises hereby permitted to be used as an A5 takeaway shall not be open to customers or any other persons not employed within the business operating from the site outside the hours of 11am and 12:30am Monday to Sunday. No cooking or operation of fume extraction equipment shall be undertaken outside those hours.

Reason: To control the hours that customers remain on the premises in the interest of residential amenity.

3. No part of the development hereby granted permission shall be commenced unless details of the means of ventilation and fume extraction (notwithstanding the details shown on the approved plans), including:

- a. the provision of odour filters;
 - b. the siting and design of any external ventilation stack; and;
 - c. details of any measures which are necessary to attenuate noise from the ventilation stack;
- shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved scheme shall be fully installed and operating prior to the development hereby permitted being first brought into use. It shall thereafter be retained and operated to the approved specification.

Reason: In order to ensure adequate means of control are provided so as to protect visual and residential amenity.

4. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Plan date stamped 10th January 2012 Rev A.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

REASON FOR DECISION

Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The proposed development raises no adverse policy issues. The development therefore complies with the development plan. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

23/0522/HHO Full: Erection of a two storey rear extension at 60 Rakes House Road, Nelson for Mr. Zaffer Iqbal

Determination of this application had been deferred from the last meeting to allow for amended plans to be submitted but none had been submitted.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be granted **delegated authority to approve** the application subject to a change in scale to reduce the impact on the Design Principles SPD.

23/0541/FUL Full (Major): Demolition of existing building and the erection of a 100MW Battery Energy Storage Facility with associated infrastructure and works at Walshaw House, Regent Street, Nelson for R B Business Park Ltd.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be granted **delegated authority to approve** the application subject to an acceptable drainage strategy being received and also the following conditions and reasons: -

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: 1507-1, 1507-4B, 1507-5A, 1507-6A, 1507-7, 1507-8, 1507-9, 1507-10, 1507-11A, 1507-12, C211643-A-04_00.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. No development shall take place, including any works of demolition, until a construction method statement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. It shall provide for:

- i) The parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors
- ii) The loading and unloading of plant and materials
- iii) The storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development
- iv) The erection and maintenance of security hoarding
- v) Wheel washing facilities
- vi) Measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during construction
- vii) A scheme for recycling/disposing of waste resulting from demolition and construction works
- viii) Details of working hours
- ix) Routing of delivery vehicles to/from site

Reason: In the interest of highway safety.

4. No development approved by this planning permission shall commence until a remediation strategy to deal with the risks associated with contamination of the site in respect of the development hereby permitted, has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. This strategy will include the following components:

- 1. A preliminary risk assessment which has identified:
 - All previous uses
 - Potential contaminants associated with those uses
 - A conceptual model of the site indicating sources, pathways and receptors
 - Potentially unacceptable risks arising from contamination at the site
- 2. A site investigation scheme, based on (1) to provide information for a detailed assessment of the risk to all receptors that may be affected, including those offsite.
- 3. The results of the site investigation and the detailed risk assessment referred to in (2) and, based on these, an options appraisal and remediation strategy giving full details of the remediation measures required and how they are to be undertaken.
- 4. A verification plan providing details of the data that will be collected in order to demonstrate that the works set out in the remediation strategy in (3) are complete and identifying any requirements for longer-term monitoring of pollutant linkages, maintenance and arrangements for contingency action.

Any changes to these components require the written consent of the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be implemented as approved.

Reason: To ensure that the development does not contribute to, and is not put at unacceptable risk from or adversely affected by, unacceptable levels of water pollution.

5. The development hereby permitted shall not be commenced until such time as a scheme to dispose of foul and surface water and any contamination from fire suppression activities has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be implemented as approved prior to the commencement of the use of the development unless an alternative timing had been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure a safe form of development posing no unacceptable risk of contamination to the water environment in compliance with the North West River Basin Management Plan which requires the protection, restoration, and enhancement of water bodies to prevent deterioration and promote recovery of water bodies.

6. The development shall be carried out and maintained in strict accordance with the response to the concerns of Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service received 31/10/2023 or alternative details that have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interest of fire safety.

7. The development shall be carried out in strict accordance with the recommendations of the submitted Preliminary Ecological Appraisal.

Reason: To preserve and enhance the ecological value of the site.

8. Prior to the commencement of the use of the development an acoustic barrier in strict accordance with the recommendations of the submitted Noise Assessment (Ref: 103038) shall have been erected, the acoustic barrier shall be maintained at all times thereafter while the site is in operation.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

9. No siting of plant on the site shall commence unless and a detailed landscaping scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall include the following:

- a. the exact location and species of all existing trees and other planting to be retained;
- b. all proposals for new planting and turfing indicating the location, arrangement, species, sizes, specifications, numbers and planting densities;
- c. an outline specification for ground preparation;
- d. all proposed boundary treatments with supporting elevations and construction details;
- e. all proposed hard landscape elements and pavings, including layout, materials and colours;
- f. the proposed arrangements and specifications for initial establishment maintenance of all planted and/or turfed areas.

The approved scheme shall be implemented in its entirety within the first planting season following the commencement of the operation of the development. Any tree or other planting that is lost, felled, removed, uprooted, dead, dying or diseased, or is substantially damaged within a period of five years thereafter shall be replaced with a specimen of similar species and size, during the first available planting season following the date of loss or damage.

Reason: To ensure that the development is adequately landscaped so as to integrate with its surroundings.

REASON FOR DECISION

Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The proposed development is acceptable in all relevant regards. The development therefore complies with the development plan. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

23/0561/HHO Full: Erection of a detached single storey outbuilding and the provision of hard surfacing at 130 Hallam Road, Nelson for Mr. Patrick Nolan

RESOLVED

That the application be **approved** subject to the following conditions and reasons: -

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Site Location Plan PLN-D-A-2003, Proposed Site Layout PLN-D-A-1000 Rev 1, Dimensioned Elevations and Plan PLN-D-A-1004, Tree Plan PLN-D-A-1006, Proposed Ecology PLN-D-A-1007, Visual Architectural Impression PLN-D-A-1008.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

REASON FOR DECISION

Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The proposed housing development would accord with Local Planning Policy and would be compliant with the guidance set out in the Framework, subject to compliance with planning conditions. The development therefore complies with the development plan. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

23/0603/HHO Full: Erection of timber fencing to front garden area at 41 Carr Road, Nelson for Mr. Mohammad Ayub

(Before the vote was taken, the Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services advised that a decision to approve the application would represent a significant departure from policy ENV2 of the Core Strategy. The matter would therefore be referred to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Development Management Committee).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Development Management Committee be recommended to **grant** planning permission subject to appropriate conditions and reasons.

23/0623/HHO Full: Erection of a single storey rear extension in retrospect at 350 Railway Street, Nelson for Mr. Omar Raza

RESOLVED

That the application be **approved** subject to the following conditions and reasons: -

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.
Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following Drawing Nos. – 00, 01, 02 and 03.
Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.
3. Notwithstanding details shown on the approved plans, no openings shall be made in the north-west facing elevation of the extension hereby approved without the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority. Any opening added with the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority shall at all times conform strictly with the approved details.
Reason: To avoid potential overlooking of a neighbouring property in the interests of amenity.

REASON FOR DECISION

Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The proposed housing development would accord with Local Planning Policy and would be compliant with the guidance set out in the Framework, subject to compliance with planning conditions. The development therefore complies with the development plan. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

23/0632/ADV Advertisement Consent: Installation of a 1no. free standing illuminated digital signage at 18A Netherfield Road, Nelson for Pendle Wash & Glow Hand Car Wash

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **refused** for the following reasons: -

1. The proposed digital screen would have an unacceptable effect on highway safety, this is due to the proximity of the proposed digital screen to the roundabout junctions on Netherfield Road and Railway Street and Netherfield Road and Brunswick Street, the impact would be that of distracting drivers where drivers need to take more care. Therefore, the proposal would have an unacceptable impact on highway safety and so harm public safety, the proposal would be contrary to Paragraph 111 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
2. The proposed digital advertisement would face towards the dwellinghouses opposite the application site on Netherfield Road and would have an unacceptable impact on the amenity of the occupants due to the illumination of the digital screen facing towards the habitable room windows. The proposal would result in unacceptable residential amenity impact and would not comply with Policy ENV2 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1 Core Strategy.
3. The signage represents poor design and would result in an adverse impact upon the visual amenity of the area. It is out of keeping with the area and is inappropriate in this location. The proposed advertisement would be harmful to the amenity of the area. The signage therefore adversely impacts on the visual amenity and conflicts with Policy ENV2 of the Pendle Local Plan: Part 1, the Design Principles SPD, and paragraph 134 of the Framework.

23/0671/HHO Full: Erection of a single storey rear extension in retrospect at 5 Wharfedale Avenue, Reedley for Mr. S. Hussain

RESOLVED

That the application be **approved** subject to the following conditions and reasons: -

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.
Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following Drawing Nos. – 2150/01.
Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.
3. Notwithstanding details shown on the approved plans, no openings shall be made in the north-facing elevation of the extension hereby approved without the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority. Any opening added with the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority shall at all times conform strictly with the approved details.

Reason: To avoid potential overlooking of a neighbouring property in the interests of amenity.

REASON FOR DECISION

Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The proposed housing development would accord with Local Planning Policy and would be compliant with the guidance set out in the Framework, subject to compliance with planning conditions. The development therefore complies with the development plan. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

(b) Planning applications for comment

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report which invited comments on the following planning applications: –

23/0301/FUL Full (Major): Erection of 129 dwelling houses, with open space provision, estate roads and landscaping on Land at Further Clough Head, Bamford Street, Nelson on Land at Further Clough Head, Bamford Street, Nelson for PEARL Together Ltd.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Development Management Committee be advised of the following comments: -

- There should be assurances relating to the stability of the road;
- Negotiating a Section 106 Agreement should be considered;
- Affordable housing should be provided on the site;
- There should be a mix of housing types on the site to be reflective of the local community.

23/0557/VAR Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 24 (S.106 Planning Obligation for education contribution) of Planning Permission 22/0774/OUT on Site of Former Riverside Mill and Land Bordering with Charles Street and Baker Street, Reedyford Road, Nelson for Foxfield Developments Ltd.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Development Management Committee be recommended to **approve** the application for the following reasons: -

- The lack of viability for the provision of an education contribution had been clearly demonstrated;
- The viability of the development should not be jeopardised.

(c) Planning Appeals

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report, for information, on planning appeals, which was noted.

109. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted an update on enforcement matters, which was noted.

110. PRIORITY SIGN AT THE JUNCTIONS OF EVERY STREET / MOSELEY STREET, NELSON AND EVERY STREET / MACLEOD STREET, NELSON

At the last meeting it was resolved that Lancashire County Council (LCC) be again requested to erect a priority sign outside Whitefield Infant School and Nursery, between the two junctions of Every Street / Moseley Street, Nelson and Every Street / Macleod Street, Nelson.

Members noted that this request was made and was considered at LCC's Traffic Liaison Meeting held on 20th November, 2023. The erection of a sign at the location was again not supported as the distance between the junctions of Moseley Street and Macleod Street was too great for a priority throttle.

Officers from LCC, Pendle Council and the Police had met on site at this location previously and were happy with the design and layout of the road and associated speed reduction features.

111. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2023/2024

The Head of Housing and Environmental Health reported that the unallocated sum of the Committee's Budget was £32,553 and that a full report would be submitted in due course.

Members were then asked to consider a bid of £3,450 from Pendle Council for Heyhead Park Surfacing.

RESOLVED

- (1) That it be noted that £32,553 of the Committee's 2023/24 Budget was unallocated.
- (2) That £3,450 be allocated to Pendle Council for Heyhead Park Surfacing.

REASON

To enable the Committee's Budget to be allocated effectively.

112. LAND AND PARKING AREA BY SURE START NURSERY, BRUNSWICK STREET, NELSON

The Head of Economic Growth submitted a report outlining two options for Members' consideration to help alleviate the issues associated with parking and abandoned vehicles on the Council owned triangular piece of land off Brunswick Street, Nelson near to the Sure Start Nursery.

The first option proposed the erection of bollards to stop people parking on the paving at an estimated cost of £1,500 and further information was provided at Appendix 1 attached to the report. Whilst the second option proposed fencing off the area, including the car parking area, with bow-top fencing at an estimated cost of £3,200 and further information was provided at Appendix 2 attached to the report.

There was some ringfenced funding that could be used for this site as it was on the Problem Sites List held by the Engineering Department but funding would need to be sought from elsewhere or a bid submitted to this Committee's 2023/24 Budget should a larger scheme be preferred.

Members indicated a preference for Option 2 subject to the inclusion of a gate but expressed concerns that it might lead to the issues being moved to the grass verge. As a solution Members proposed that bollards be installed on the grass verge using the Problem Sites Budget, where possible.

Members emphasised the importance of the area also being aesthetically pleasing and suggested that Nelson Town Council be requested to consider providing the additional funding required for the planting of trees and the siting of benches to achieve this.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That Option 2 (bow-top fencing) be pursued, subject to the inclusion of a gate, to prevent any parking on the triangular piece of land off Brunswick Street, Nelson near to the Sure Start Nursery.
- (3) That bollards be erected on the grass verge using the Problem Sites Budget, where possible.
- (4) That Nelson Town Council be requested to consider providing the additional funding required for the planting of trees and the siting of benches.

REASON

To alleviate problems with parking and abandoned vehicles on the Council owned triangular piece of land off Brunswick Street, Nelson.

113. REINSTATING TRANSDEV X43 SERVICE PROVISION FROM NELSON BUS STATION

At the last meeting it was resolved that a meeting between Members of this Committee and Transdev's Commercial Director be arranged to discuss reinstating Transdev X43 service provision from Nelson Bus Station. This meeting took place on 20th November, 2023.

Members noted that Transdev could not agree to reinstating the X43 service provision from Nelson Bus Station at this time due to costs but that they would keep the situation under review. As reported at the last meeting Transdev did provide some direct trips to Manchester from Nelson Bus Station in the morning peak and would continue to do so even though they were not particularly well used by passengers. Three trips were operated on weekdays at 5:45am, 6:15am and 6:35am. In addition to this, there was a frequent Mainline service which allowed interchange between buses at Burnley Bus Station.

114.

ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

Members were advised that there were currently no Environmental Blight sites in Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley.

Any new sites should be reported to Tricia Wilson (tricia.wilson@pendle.gov.uk) with a brief description of the site and the problem along with contact details.

Chair _____