

**REPORT FROM: HEAD OF ECONOMIC GROWTH**

**TO: NELSON, BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE**

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## **BRUNSWICK STREET, NELSON – PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To consider a further two options for Brunswick Street to alleviate the issues associated with parking and abandoned vehicles.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) That Members note the two new options and costs outlined in the report.
- (2) That Members agree on the preferred option.
- (3) That Members approve the funding outlined in paragraph 5 of the report, and in the Area Committee Budget bid elsewhere on the agenda, for their preferred option.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

To alleviate problems with parking and abandoned vehicles at Brunswick Street, Nelson.

### **ISSUE**

1. At the September 2023 meeting it was reported that there were issues with parked cars and abandoned vehicles on the triangular piece of land off Brunswick Street in Nelson, adjacent to number 44, near to the Sure Start Nursery.
2. The problem was referred to the Community Protection Coordinator who issued a Community Protection Warning to the garage owner. However, the problem has continued.
3. In November, Engineers met with Councillors on site to consider the following two options: Option 1: installation of bollards; and Option 2: installation of bow-top fencing along the edge of the triangular piece of land to prevent cars parking all over the site.
4. However, Members felt that more could be done to improve the site and asked that we consider a larger scheme perhaps including benches and planters and removing the car parking spaces.
5. Engineers met again with Councillors on site in December 2023 to discuss a larger scheme.

6. Councillors were happy with the suggestion of bow-top fencing for the site with the car parking spaces fenced off. They felt that would give them the option to remove the fence in the future if the problem of parked cars and abandoned vehicles improved.
  7. Engineers have now drawn up a further two options for the site using bow-top fencing. Please see attached drawings and costs below:
    - (a) **Option 1:** Installation of 1.0m high bow-top railings in relation to drawing number E0891 D01. Cost to supply and install is estimated at £4,480.75.
    - (b) **Option 2:** Installation of 1.0m high bow-top railings and gates in relation to drawing number E0891 D01B. Cost to supply and install is estimated at £5,232.83.
- If benches are requested, this is estimated at £500 for the supply and installation of one bench.
8. Members to agree on their preferred option and to approve funding from the Area Committee Budget. An internal bid form is included in the Area Committee Budget report elsewhere on the agenda.

## IMPLICATIONS

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

**Financial:** The estimated costs for option 1 and 2 are included within the report and in the internal bid form elsewhere on the agenda. There may be some funding towards these costs from the Problem Sites budget held by Engineers. The Engineers' Problem Sites Budget has money ring-fenced for named sites across Pendle. Brunswick Street/Railway Street is one of the sites on this list. However, there is not enough in this Budget to fund the full scheme.

**Legal:** The land belongs to Pendle Borough Council and so no permissions are required as long as the scheme is carried out within PBC land and does not encroach into the footway which belongs to Lancashire County Council Highways and is adopted.

**Risk Management:** None arising directly from this report.

**Health and Safety:** Both options will improve the site and will make it feel safer for residents in the area and for the Nursery staff, parents and children.

**Sustainability:** None arising directly from this report.

**Community Safety:** Introducing bow-top fencing to the site will prevent cars parking on the site, which will improve safety for people accessing the site and especially parents and children attending the neighbouring nursery.

**Equality and Diversity:** None arising directly from this report.

## APPENDICES

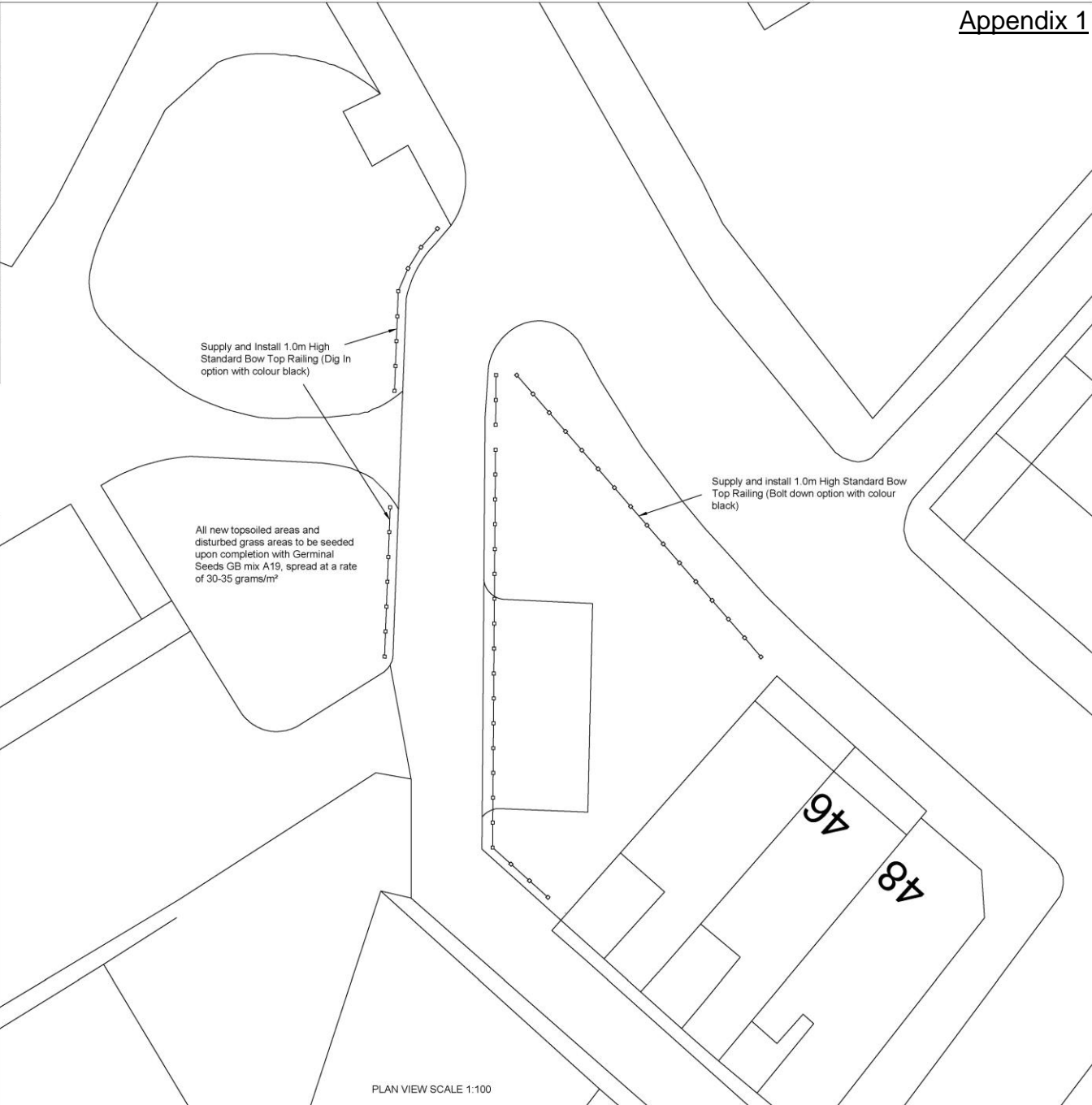
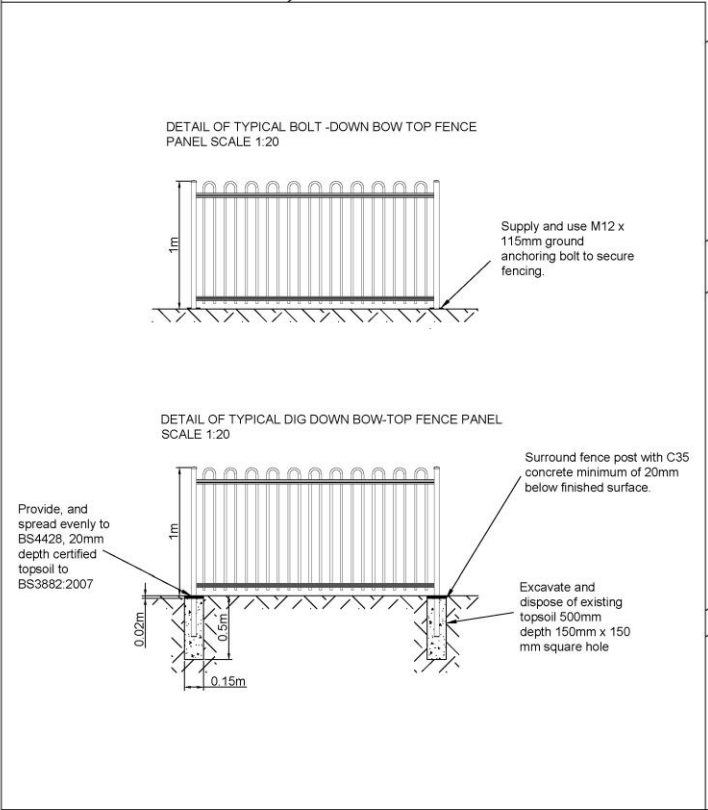
Appendix 1: Option 1 – Drawing No E0891 D1.

Appendix 2: Option 2 – Drawing No E0891 D01B.

## LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Minute 65(a) of Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Minutes of 04.09.2023.

Item 12 and Minute 112 of Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Meeting of 04.12.2023.

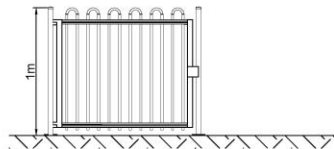


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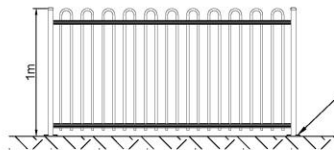


LOCATION PLAN SCALE 1:1250

DETAIL OF TYPICAL BOLT-DOWN BOW TOP FENCE GATE SCALE 1:20

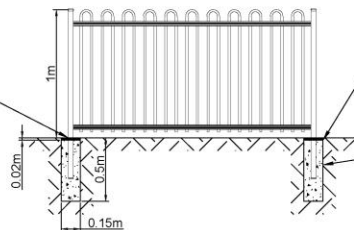


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Supply and use M12 x 115mm ground anchoring bolt to secure fencing.

DETAIL OF TYPICAL DIG DOWN BOW-TOP FENCE PANEL SCALE 1:20



Provide, and spread evenly to BS4428, 20mm depth certified topsoil to BS3882:2007

Surround fence post with C35 concrete minimum of 20mm below finished surface.

Excavate and dispose of existing topsoil 500mm depth 150mm x 150 mm square hole

Supply and install 1.0m High Standard Bow Top Railing (Dig In option with colour black)

All new topsoiled areas and disturbed grass areas to be seeded upon completion with Germinal Seeds GB mix A19, spread at a rate of 30-35 grams/m<sup>2</sup>

Supply and install 1.0m High Standard Bow Top Railing (Bolt down option with colour black)

Supply and install 1.0 High Ball-top Fence Gate (Bolt down option with colour Black)

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