

**REPORT FROM: HEAD OF ECONOMIC GROWTH**

**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 consider whether or not to make further enquiries with Lancashire County Council for item 4(a).
- (3) That members note the enquiries made by residents of Clayton Street at item 4(b).

### **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)) 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) West Close Road Lorry Park	Pendle Council	Site added to Environmental Blight list for monitoring purposes in January 2020	Site to be monitored due to fly-tipping	Operational Services continues to monitor the site with regular inspections and clearance when necessary  LCC has given us a contact from the Burnley Recycling Centre so that we can make enquiries about the possibility of erecting a fence at the Barnoldswick site to prevent fly-tipping. However, LCC has so far stated that as there is already a fence around the whole site it is unlikely that they would be willing to erect another fence around third-party land
b) Clayton Street, Barnoldswick	Pendle Council	New site added September 2023	To look into the possibility of replacing the fence at the back of the parking area at Clayton Street, Barnoldswick	A new fence has been erected at Clayton Street (see attached photographs). This was completed in March  Whilst erecting the fence, there were two enquiries from residents about purchasing the land behind their house. One is behind No 3 which is PBC-owned land. The other is behind No 1 which is now in Barnoldswick Town Council ownership. Residents explained that they had been offered the opportunity to purchase the land when the car parking spaces were originally created. Engineers to discuss this with PBC Property Services and Barnoldswick Town Council

## 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: Photographs of new fence at Clayton Street.

#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

Clayton Street Fence – Completed

