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| Director of Public Protection Streetscene and Community | Development Control Committee | 14 July 2015 |

ENFORCEMENT ITEM

SITE OF FORMER BROOKES ARMS PUBLIC HOUSE EAVES LANE CHORLEY

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To recommend action by the Council under Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That a Section 215 Notice be served on those persons with an interest in the land in order to remedy the harm caused to the amenity of the area. The period for compliance shall be within 28 days of the date which the notice takes effect.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- The issue for consideration in this case is whether the condition of the land adversely affects the amenity of the area and if so what steps are required for remedying the condition of the land. The condition of the land has been left in an untidy state following demolition works and this has adversely affected the amenity of the area. It would be appropriate therefore for the Council to use its powers to remedy the harm caused.

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| Confidential report Please bold as appropriate | Yes | No |
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CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

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| Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all | | A strong local economy | |
| Clean, safe and healthy communities | X | An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area | |

BACKGROUND

- This report relates to the site of the former Brookes Arms public house which was demolished last year. Following demolition the site was fenced with Harris fencing to prevent access, however the site has been left in an untidy condition with bricks and other materials littering the site which is in a prominent position at the junction of Eaves Lane and Brooke Street Chorley.

6. I have written to the landowner to seek his co-operation in carrying out works to remedy the appearance of the site on two occasions; however no response has been received.
7. Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 allows local planning authorities to serve a notice as a means of remedying the unsightly nature of land which has an adverse effect on the amenity of the area .I consider that the appearance of this site does adversely affect the appearance of the area and a notice would therefore require the owner to clear the site of loose bricks and other materials and to blind off the surface with a layer of cold planings or other such material to seal the surface in order to remedy the harm caused.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

8. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

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| Finance | | Customer Services | |
| Human Resources | | Equality and Diversity | |
| Legal | | Integrated Impact Assessment required? | |
| No significant implications in this area | X | Policy and Communications | |

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

9. There are no budgetary implications at this stage.

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

10. The proposed action is proportionate in this instance.

Jamie Carson
 Director of Public Protection Streetscene and Community

There are no background papers to this report.

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