

1. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF NAME FOR PROPOSED RESERVE – BISHOP’S GREEN

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The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of an application by Eliot Sinclair on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch to have a new central reserve, in a subdivision south of the Aidanfield subdivision adjacent to Dunbar’s Road, named “Bishop’s Green”.

BACKGROUND

Eliot Sinclair has indicated the central reserve will contain two significant oak trees, incorporate a cycle linkage between Dunbar’s Road and the Aidanfield Subdivision, and provide an important vista and amenity for future residents who purchase property in the Bishop’s Green development. The Catholic Diocese of Christchurch will seek to vest the reserve as part of the first stage of the development of the subdivision to enhance sales in the future stages.

DISCUSSION

While at this stage the reserve has not been vested in the Council, the reserve is required to be given an appropriate name. This is to comply with the policy for the “Naming of Reserves and Facilities” as adopted by the former Parks and Recreation Committee on 27 July 1993. Normally names are approved by resolution of the Council. Where appropriate (if the reserve is of major status) it is approved by the Council, and is then referred via Land Information New Zealand for final approval by the New Zealand Geographic Board.

For reserves having local status, as is the case with this proposed reserve, the naming proposal was referred to the Community Board for a recommendation to the Council.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Community Consultation

Because the subdivision does not yet constitute an existing community, and the proposed name follows a theme already established by the approved road names, it is considered community consultation over the proposed name for the park is not necessary.

Appropriateness of the intended name “Bishop’s Green”

Eliot Sinclair on behalf of the applicant has indicated the Community Board had recently approved three road names associated with the subdivision, namely:

- Te Pihopa Way, the Maori translation (according to the applicant) meaning “The Bishop”
- Meeking Place, Basil Meeking being a Bishop Emeritus
- Cunneen Place, John Cunneen currently being the Bishop of the Diocese of Christchurch

It is considered the Diocese’s naming proposal of “Bishop’s Green” is in keeping with the street names approved for the new community being formed as part of the subdivision of the area, and is a fitting recognition of the long association the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch has had with the land, which has been in their ownership since the 1880’s

Parks and Waterways staff have checked, and found that there is no other park in Christchurch of a similar name.

Recommendation: That the Council name the proposed park, (being Lot 56 in the proposed Bishop’s Green Subdivision) “Bishop’s Green”.