7 PROPOSED NEW ROAD AND RIGHT OF WAY NAMES

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The purpose of this report is to obtain the Board's approval to two new right of way names, one new road name and one pedestrian accessway name.

Calder Stewart Industries, 60 Lunns Road

A business zone subdivision located on the corner of Lunns Road and Curletts Road, and immediately south of the main south railway line, will create eight new allotments. The majority of the allotments have existing buildings erected, and the carriageway for the road was largely constructed some time ago.

It has proved difficult finding a suitable name for the road, which runs off Lunns Road. Southpark Place had been suggested, but this was objected to by some of the established buildings using the road. Calder Stewart have proposed the name **Baigent Way**, after Steve Baigent a former owner of the site. This does not conflict with any existing name.

Ling Sie Ming & Wong Toh Mee, 174-178 Racecourse Road

This subdivision will create nine new residential allotments to be served by an access allotment. While the subdivision is situated across the road from the Riccarton Racecourse, the applicant is apparently adamant that he does not want to use the name of a horse for the access.

The developer has proposed three names in order of preference for the lane : Shiloh was an ancient Israelite religious and political capital, from about 1400BC to about 1100BC. The name means peaceful or tranquil in Hebrew. The second preference is Sibu, apparently Mr Ling's birthplace in Malaysia. The third preference is Foochow, a dialect Mr Ling spoke as a boy. There has been some suggestions and correspondence in recent years, that perhaps the backgrounds of some of our more recent settlers in Christchurch should be recognised in our road names. Propose **Shiloh Lane**, **Sibu Lane** or **Foochow Lane** for the access lot.

Epsom Road Developments Ltd, 52A Epsom Road

This subdivision creates ten new residential allotments, which will gain access via a formed and sealed right of way from Epsom Road. The subdivision consent imposed a requirement to name this right of way, as there were insufficient property numbers available for the new allotments.

After several other names were rejected as duplicating existing names, the developer proposed the name Carmel Lane, however this was considered to have the potential for confusion with Carmen Road. The Epsom Racecourse near London is situated in the Borough of Epsom & Ewell. There is also another racecourse situated about five miles away from Epsom at Ashtead. Either **Ewell Lane** or **Ashtead Lane** is proposed for this right of way.

Pedestrian Accessway Uldale Place – Happy Home Road

There is an existing pedestrian accessway linking Uldale Place and Happy Home Road, vested in the council about 1987. A request has been received to name the accessway Briar's Track. Briar was a much loved family pet dog, who walked a circuit which included the accessway daily, until her death three years ago. Her footprints are permanently etched in a patch of concrete at the Happy Home Road end of the accessway where she walked some years ago when the concrete was still wet. Her owners still walk the circuit and refer to the accessway as "Briar's Track."

The naming of a pedestrian accessway does not carry the same statutory responsibilities as naming a legal road that will form part of the address of a property. There are precedents in Christchurch, a name was approved recently for a pedestrian walkway (Richard's Walkway) that links Fleming, Cygnet Streets and Leaver Terrace. An access between Rocking Horse Road and the beach was named Whimbrel's Way and there are several older named walkways, such as Mulgans Track that links Kinsey Terrace and Main Road Sumner.

While no addresses are affected by this proposal, there may be a feeling of "ownership" from the owners of neighbouring properties to the accessway, so the Board may wish to consider whether the residents of neighbouring properties should be canvassed for their thoughts on the proposal.

The naming of a pedestrian accessway does provide a benefit to the council, as it enables their location to be easily identified for maintenance purposes. It also readily identifies their location by emergency services. This proposal has been consented to by the Transport & City Streets Unit who are responsible for the accessway.

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endation:	1	That the Board approve Baigent Way for the business development at
		60 Lunns Road

- 2 That the Board approve Shiloh Lane for the residential development at Racecourse Road.
- 3 That the Board approve Ewell Lane for the residential development at Epsom Road.
- 4 That the Board give consideration to the naming of the pedestrian accessway linking Uldale Place and Happy Home Road as Briar's Track, and whether adjoining neighbours' consent should be canvassed prior to final decision.

Chairman's Recommendation:

That the above recommendations be adopted.