

### 3. ROAD NAMING - PROPOSED NEW ROAD AND RIGHT OF WAY NAMES

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#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to obtain the Board's approval to three new right of way names, and 10 new road names (refer attached maps).

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The approval of proposed road and right of way names is delegated to Community Boards.
3. All proposed names have been checked against the Council's road name database to ensure they will not be confused with names currently in use. Land Information New Zealand who represent the interests of the emergency services have also been consulted.

##### (a) **220C Kennedys Bush Road**

This proposal was presented to the previous Board meeting. However, the names were declined by the Board on the basis that "the suggested name Stowe Drive could lead to confusion with an existing right of way Stour Lane". The proposed name was Stowe Lane, and there is an existing road (not right of way) called Stour Drive, not Stour Lane. The pronunciation of the two names has quite a different sound, "Stowe" as with low or mow, and "Stour" as with hour or shower. In light of this, the applicant has requested that the Board reconsider the following proposed name.

This subdivision creates eight new residential allotments and a reserve to vest, all of which will gain access from a fully formed and sealed right of way running south-west off the lower part of Kennedys Bush Road. Two names have been proposed for the right of way. The first is **Stowe Lane**. Apparently the Stowe name has had a long association with the land being subdivided.

The second name proposed is Hogans Lane, being the family name of the subdivider. This latter name does not comply with the Council's Road Naming Policy which states: "Personal names are to be discouraged, unless the name submitted has an historical connection with the property being subdivided or that of a well known local identity, or prominent Cantabrian or New Zealander."

##### (b) **310 Worsleys Road/Pentonville Close**

This developer has also requested the Board reconsider the names as proposed. The Board will recall seeking confirmation that the recommended names would not create confusion. Clause 3 of the Executive Summary stated that: "All proposed names have been checked against the Council's road name database to ensure they will not be confused with names currently in use." Prior to this statement being made, the following checks were made:

**Hadleigh Lane** – No existing Lane names end with "...eigh". Five existing Lane names end in "...ey" Hockey Lane, Ibsley Lane, Pateley Lane, Selsey Lane and Sopley Lane, none are deemed capable of being confused with Hadleigh Lane. Five existing Lane names end in "...ee". Cherrytree Lane, Fir Tree Lane, Galilee Lane, Lime Tree Lane and Peartree Lane. Again, none of these should be confused with Hadleigh Lane.

**Rushden Rise** - Rushmore Drive in Belfast is the only other name beginning with "Rush". Fourteen names end in "...den", none of which are similar to Rushden.

**Holbrook Way** – Nine names commence with "Hol", the nearest being Hollyford Avenue. Twelve names end in "brook" the nearest being Hornbrook Street. This subdivision has now reached a critical stage in respect to the lodgement of the subdivision title plan at Land Information New Zealand.

The applicants request that the Board give further consideration to the proposed names in light of the checks that were made and outlined above.

This subdivision will create 99 residential allotments, and several reserves, to be served by two new roads, two extensions to existing roads, and several rights of way, one of which is proposed to be named.

Pentonville Close and Ravensdale Rise are the two roads being extended. Names proposed for the two new roads and right of way continue the Westmoreland theme of small English village names. The proposed names are **Holbrook Way**, **Rushden Rise** and **Hadleigh Lane**

(c) **Jones Road/Suburban Estates Limited**

This subdivision will create eighty-three residential allotments and two large reserves, to be served by three new cul de sacs off Jones Road. The applicant company has been discussing the proposed names with the local residents association, who have requested that names of prominent pacers and trotters be used in keeping with the numerous training establishments in Templeton.

A prominent local trainer, Jack Carmichael and Peter Petersen of the Templeton Residents Association have assisted in the choice of names. The names proposed are **Globe Bay Drive**. Names similar but which are considered unlikely to be confused are Cardigan Bay Place and Dinglebay Place.

The second name proposed is **Iraklis Close**. The only name similar is Inglis Place, in Phillipstown and again this should not cause any confusion.

The third name proposed is **Micron Close**. No other "Close" in Christchurch finishes with "...ron".

The applicants also wish to name a proposed formed and sealed right of way, and have proposed the name **Blossom Lady Lane**, as suggested by Peter Petersen of the Templeton Residents Association. There is a Blossomdale Place in Bishopdale, but there is unlikely to be confusion between Blossom Lady Lane in Templeton and Blossomdale Place in Bishopdale.

(d) **Halswell on the Park - The Neil Group Limited**

This subdivision is stages 4B and 5 of this subdivision, creating over 90 residential allotments and several new reserves. The major road will link the two separated sections of William Brittan Avenue. Three other new roads will be constructed in these stages. The applicant company wishes to continue the theme of the previous stages and use the names of prominent citizens and identities from early Halswell.

The names proposed are **James Hight Drive**. James Hight was a university professor and historian who was born in Halswell in 1870, and taught at Auckland College and Grammar schools before returning to Christchurch and taking a position as lecturer in political economy and constitutional history at Canterbury College. Jameson Avenue and James K Baxter Place should not be confused with the proposed name.

The second proposed name is **Cridland Place**. Henry Cridland was a member of the first Halswell District Road Board, a prominent farmer in the district, and a superintendent of public works to the Canterbury Association. He held 800 acres in the Hoon Hay Valley in the 1850s. There is a Cridland Street in Kaiapoi and another in Rakaia, but nothing similar in Christchurch. Land Information NZ, acting on behalf of the emergency services are happy that no confusion will arise.

The third name proposed, **Dunsford Close**, is named after an earlier road name, no longer in use, Dunsford's Valley Road. Two names in use, Dunster Street and Dunstan Crescent should not be confused, particularly with the use of the suffix "Close".

There is a new sixth stage to the subdivision. The name **Parklea Avenue** was chosen because of the proximity of parks and reserves to the subdivision. Parklands Drive and Smartlea Street exist and again should not be confused with Parklea Place.

The last name proposed, **Hyde Place** takes its name from the "William Hyde", the 21<sup>st</sup> early settlers ship which arrived on 5 January 1852.

#### **FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

4. The administration fee for road naming is included as part of the subdivision consent application fee, and the cost of name plates is charged to the developer. There is no financial cost to the Council. Local authorities have a statutory responsibility to approve road names.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Board consider and approve the use of the names as proposed above.

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendation be adopted.