4. NEW ROAD NAMES

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to obtain the Board's approval to one new road name.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The approval of proposed road and right of way names is delegated to Community Boards.

3. The Subdivision Officer has checked all proposed names against the Council's road name database to ensure they will not be confused with names currently in use. The names have also been discussed with staff at Land Information NZ who act on behalf of the emergency services in respect to road naming.

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4. Stage 1 of this subdivision will create nine new residential allotments, to be accessed via a new road off Hills Road near Queen Elizabeth II Drive. The subdivision will progress in stages, ultimately creating in excess of sixty new allotments. At the Board's April meeting, the name Queenswood Gardens was approved for a new road running south east off Hills Road on the south side of Queen Elizabeth II Drive. This new subdivision is situated on the opposite side of Hills Road. It also sits immediately north of the Ellington Subdivision. There wis also a second road on this subdivision, which will run south off the new main road and will link with Holiday drive (also approved at the Board's April 2005 meeting). It is logical to continue the name Holiday Drive for this new road. Two names have been proposed by the applicants, both of which reflect the history of the area.

5. Mr Grant McFadden, one of the three people carrying out this subdivision, has spent time at Canterbury University investigating the naming of streets in Christchurch as part of the record of first settlement purchases, and the first major farms in various parts of the City. Mairehau does recognise some of it's early residents in it's road names, for example Philpotts Road after an early orchardist, Walters Road and Park after the Walter family, and the name Mairehau itself, named by the Walter family after the middle name of one of Rhodes daughters. Rhodes was the first owner of the Marshland Block. There are other names in use, but the applicants believe that one notable omission in road names in the locality is that of the Haughey family, whose dairy farm "Rostrevor", was the first large farm in the area. The farm extended from Winters Road to St Albans Park, and Haughey delivered milk to most of the north side of Christchurch in the late 1800's. Haughey's first house in the 1800's, was situated on Lot 2 of the subdivision, on the corner of Hills Road and the new road in the subdivision. He also built a large dairy shed on the same site, and a second much larger house also called Rostrevor was built in 1900. This second house is still situated at 471 Hills Road, and has been restored together with the original building which Haughey's six dairy workers slept in. The McFadden Family carried out the restoration and live in the house.

6. The name "Rostrevor" originates from the village of that name that Haughey came from, on the east coast of Ireland on the current North/South Border. The applicants believe that it would be appropriate to preserve this connection by naming the new road off Hills Road as "**Rostrevor Drive** or **Haughey Drive**".

7. Both names are considered suitable for this location, and a check of the current road name listing for Christchurch did not show any names that could be confused in an emergency situation with the proposed names.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. 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 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve one of the names submitted above.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the name "Haughey Drive".