

#### 4. 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 four new right-of-way names.

##### 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.

##### (a) 43 Crofton Road - Hack Family Trust

This subdivision will create eight residential allotments in a well treed site adjacent to the Styx River. The right-of-way will be formed and sealed and attractively landscaped. The existing trees on the property include an 80 year old lime tree. There are also two yew trees, although these are to be removed to allow the driveway to be constructed. There is also an empty water tank on the property which has been used for nesting by a pair of swallows for some years. Three names have been proposed for the lane - Lime Tree Lane, Yew Tree Lane and Swallow Lane. There is an existing Limes Avenue off Prestons Road (Burwood end) although it is felt there is sufficient difference between Limes Avenue and Lime Tree Lane to avoid confusion. There does not appear to be much point in naming the lane after the yew trees which are being removed, and Swallow Lane may be confused with the existing Sparrow Lane. The **attached** plan refers.

##### (b) Sir William Pickering Drive - Laing Contractors Limited

This is a business zone subdivision, creating four new allotments. All four allotments are generous in size, with many existing trees spread over the allotments. Several have been protected through the subdivision. The applicant has requested the name Sir Gil Simpson Drive be approved for use for this new cul de sac. Sir Gil is the founder and President of Jade Software Corporation Limited. He was awarded a knighthood in 2000 for his services to the computer industry and the broader community. He was also instrumental in the forming of the Canterbury Technology Park. He is recognised worldwide as an adviser and speaker on information technology, particularly in the field of electronic commerce. In April 2002, he received an honorary DSc (Doctor of Science) from the University of Canterbury to recognise his contribution to technological innovation. He is the immediate past President of the Royal Society of New Zealand, a member of the New Zealand Business Round Table, Chairman of the Christchurch City Mission Foundation and a Founding Patron of the Royal District Nursing Service in Victoria Australia. Sir Gil has been approached by the applicant and is very pleased with the proposal. While the name is a little long for a cul de sac, it is felt that this cul de sac is in a most appropriate location to acknowledge his contribution to Christchurch. The descriptive suffix "Drive" should not be used on a cul de sac, however the applicant has requested that the name Sir Gil Simpson be approved and the choice of descriptive suffix be discussed between the applicant and Sir Gil Simpson. The **attached** plan refers.

##### 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 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Approve the use of the names 'Lime Tree Lane' and 'Sir Gil Simpson' as proposed above.

##### CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That the above recommendation be adopted.