# 5. PROPOSED NEW RIGHT OF WAY NAMES

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## PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to obtain the Board's approval of 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. Street maps are attached.

## (a) 52A Cowlishaw Street - Horncastle Homes Limited

This subdivision will create 12 new residential allotments to be served by a formed and sealed right of way off Cowlishaw Street. The Avonmore Academy previously occupied the property. Cowlishaw Street and nearby Patten Street were both named after William Patten Cowlishaw. The home of William Cowlishaw and his wife Helen, was known as "Chaddesden". The applicant proposes to continue the link with William Cowlishaw, by naming the right of way **Chaddesden Lane**.

## (b) 5-13 Ocean View Terrace - S Langer & Others

An existing formed right of way serves six properties between 5 and 13 Ocean View Terrace. The owners are experiencing difficulties in directing deliveries and acquaintances to their properties, and feel their situation would be improved if their right of way was named. They have proposed three Maori names for the right of way: **Awaroa Lane**, Koromako Lane and Ara Lane. Awaroa is the Maori name for Godley Head (Translates as 'Long Water'.) Koromako is one of several spellings for the Bellbird, another version is Korimako, which is already in use. Koromako may be confused with Korimako and should not be considered. The third name Ara means path or track. There is an existing Arawa Street in Christchurch, but **Ara Lane** is sufficiently different in pronunciation.

# (c) 24 Settlers Crescent - Roc Mac Limited

This is a business zone subdivision, creating eight allotments to be served by a private right of way.

Six names were proposed by the applicants, however five of these are already in use in Christchurch. The other name proposed is Watts-Russell Lane after John Charles Watts-Russell. Watts-Russell was born at Ilam Hall in England in 1826. He arrived in Lyttelton aboard the Sir George Seymour in 1850, and was said to be the richest man in Canterbury when he arrived. He bought 22,000 acres near the Dean's station at Homebush, and a further 500 acre block at Riccarton. He named the block llam after his birthplace. He visited England in 1856 and returned in 1858 with 20,000 bricks, which he used to build his two storey home on the llam Estate. He served on the Canterbury Provincial Council, and the Legislative Council. He was also a sheep farmer and is reputed to have been largely instrumental in building up the Canterbury Flock, which had far reaching effects on the New Zealand economy. The applicant's reasoning behind the use of Watts-Russell's name for a right of way in Ferrymead, is that he was one of the first of the early settlers to stop in the vicinity of this subdivision. This officer's opinion is that as Watts-Russell was such a prominent Cantabrian, and his interests were more centred on Riccarton (Ilam) and Homebush, than Ferrymead, that the use of his name for this right of way is not appropriate, and another name should be submitted.

## (d) Omeo Crescent - Broadland Investment Trust

Thirteen Living Hills zoned allotments are being created by this subdivision. Access will be from Omeo Crescent via a fully formed and sealed right of way. Omeo Crescent will also be extended about 60 metres. Four names have been proposed by the applicant: Belvedere Lane; Kinsale Lane; St Remy Lane and Vernazza Lane. No background to the choice of names has been provided. Three of the names have slight similarities with names presently in use, (Belvedere-Glendevere, Kinsale-Kinsella and Vernazza-Palazzo) although all of them are probably distinct enough not to be confused.

#### 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 approve the use of the names Chaddesden Lane, Awaroa Lane or Ara Lane and St Remy Lane as proposed above, but request that the applicant of the Settlers Crescent subdivision submit a further name.

## CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.