

8. ROAD NAMING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The approval of proposed road and right of way names is delegated to community boards.
3. The Subdivisions 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.

(a) Christchurch City Council - Aldershot Street and Wainoni Park

A new legal road is being constructed within Wainoni Park, running between the two ends of Aldershot Street. The Aranui Community Trust was invited to submit a list of possible names for the new road. A list of names was submitted by the Trust, of which some were too similar in pronunciation or in the written form to names currently in use. Of the remainder, the name "**Ben Rarere Avenue**" was deemed the most appropriate. This was the first name submitted by the Trust. The late Ben Rarere was a former resident Maori Waranui known for his hangis, and for watching over the Wainoni Park. The Rarere Whanau have provided their written permission for the use of Ben's name for the new road.

(b) Mrs NC Dixon & KB Quarries Ltd - Kingsbridge Drive

Stage 1 of this subdivision extends Kingsbridge Drive and Corserlan Street, and creates a new cul-de-sac off Kingsbridge Drive. Six new allotments will access off the new cul-de-sac. The name proposed for the cul-de-sac is "**Schumacher Place**". Eith Amelia Schumacher was Norma Dixon's mother. Norma Dixon is the current landowner. In 1928, Eith Amelia Schumacher married Horace Alexander Donnell. They farmed the land adjoining the present subdivision until Horace's death in 1956. Eith Amelia Donnell purchased the land on which the "Longview" subdivision is situated in 1942 and held it with the farm. The land was understood to have been purchased from the Corser family. Eith Amelia continued living on the property until her death in 1982. The Dixon family feel it would be a fitting tribute to Eith Amelia's contribution to the viability of the farm, that a street be named after her.

(c) Change of Road Name 5 - 37 Bexley Road

When the new expressway, ANZAC Drive was constructed, three pockets of Bexley Road remained. The properties contained in a triangle immediately south of Wainoni Road were left with a single access off ANZAC Drive. Their location has proved difficult to identify by visitors. There have been several attempts in the past two years to change the name of the road but until now, agreement on a replacement name by the residents has not been achieved. (The Council's minimum criteria before changing the name of a road is 85% of the residents to be in favour of the proposed change.) Previously, Avon View Place was proposed and rejected, and simpler options such as changing the name of the descriptive suffix to Bexley Grove, Place, and Close etc to more clearly identify the location of these properties did not have sufficient support from the residents to proceed.

The latest proposal offered to the residents was a simple choice of "**Bexley Gardens**" or "**Falconwood Grove**". Falconwood is a locality within the London Borough of Bexley. The residents were sent a questionnaire for completion and return by 18 October 2004. There are 18 affected properties, and with four of them being rented, so the total number of questionnaires sent out to the owners and tenants totaled 22. The questionnaires however were slow to return, and by the end of January this year, seven of them had still not replied. An interested resident then canvassed the residents, and obtained further support for a change. The result is that 16 favoured "Falconwood Grove", and four favoured "Bexley Gardens", two others favoured "Bexley Close" and "Pahauwera Place".

(These latter two names were not an option, and the background to the name Pahauwera was not provided). Changing a road name involves several steps. The Board must firstly approve the new name. The proposed change is then submitted to Council, and if the Council is supportive of the change, special order provisions are instigated which will require the proposed change to be publicly notified a minimum of two times before a second Council meeting. If no valid objections have been received, the Council will approve the proposed change at the later meeting. Once approved, an effective date for the change to take place is determined (usually five to six weeks from approval, to allow the residents time to notify their change of address, and for the manufacture of the new name plates). The residents, together with critical services such as NZ Post are advised of the date of change.

() **Change of Road Name Rothesay Road to Aston Drive (Information only)**

The Council has constructed a link between the northern ends of Aston Drive and Bower Avenue, within the alignment of the existing paper road. This part of Rothesay Road has been unformed, and the link was provided to reduce the "bottle neck" situation in Bower Avenue and Aston Drive, and to provide a better traffic flow in the area. The Transport and City Streets Unit has requested that as the new construction appears to be a continuation of Aston Drive, that the continuation of Aston Drive to Bower Avenue currently known as Rothesay Road have the name change to Aston Drive. (Rothesay Road will continue as the name for that part of the road from Burwood Road to Regalwood Close, and Queenspark Drive.) As there is no new road name proposed, this advice is presented to the Board for information only, no decision is required from the Board.

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 names "Ben Rarere Avenue", "Schumacher Place" and "Falconwood Grove" as submitted above.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.