3. ROAD NAMING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to obtain the Board's approval for one new road name, and to provide the Board with information in respect to a proposed road name change (refer attached).

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) 183 and 183A Moncks Spur Road - HRV Limited

This subdivision will create six new allotments. Access to the allotments from Moncks Spur Road will be via a fully formed and sealed right of way. The applicants' first preference for a lane name is Bellbird Lane. Bellbird has been proposed as a name in the past, but has never been used. A second name Ataahua Lane is the second preference. Ataahua means beautiful or pretty.

(b) Change of Road Names - Information only

The subdivision "The Ridge" has constructed two narrow carriageways over previously unformed parts of Major Hornbrook Road. There was an initial proposal that a triangular portion of the unformed part of Major Hornbrook Road was to be legally stopped, and to be replaced with a new section of road uphill from the triangular part. Half the width of the stopped road was then to have a right of way constructed over it on two of the sides of the triangle. While the road stopping has not taken place, the two narrow sections of carriageway have been constructed and names were approved for these by the Board at the meeting in May 2004. The names approved were Clearview Lane and Ridgeview Lane.

In June 2001, a proposal to change an isolated small section of Major Hornbrook Road to Signal Hill Road did not succeed, and Upper Major Hornbrook Road replaced it. This new proposal retains the name Major Hornbrook Road. The changes affect two narrow strips approximately 9 metres wide, and which will leave a balance of approximately 11 metres wide as Major Hornbrook Road. The proposal is practical, and necessary to allow emergency services the ability to locate any emergency call out promptly and without any chance of confusion.

As no new names are being proposed, the responsibility for approving a change of road name belongs to the Council. The formal changes will take place using special order procedures through two council meetings, the consent of the Board is not necessary to effect these proposed changes. This report has been provided for Board member's information.

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 consider and approve the name Bellbird Lane as proposed.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.