

12. PROPOSED NEW ROAD NAMES

19 AVOCA VALLEY ROAD & 471 WHITELEIGH AVENUE

RR 10419

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Corporate Plan Output: Subdivisions	

The purpose of this report is to obtain the approval of the Board to two new road names

1. HEA/98/143 W J Mauger 19 Avoca Valley Road

This subdivision creates eleven allotments served off a new cul de sac . Three proposed names were submitted to the June Board meeting, and were declined as being unsuitable. The following names are submitted for the Board's consideration :

GILDERS GROVE Digby Gilders was a private surveyor practicing in Christchurch from the 1930's to the early 1970's. He was the surveyor who carried out the subdivision forty years ago which created the allotment that is presently being subdivided.

CARTMAN CLOSE C F Cartman was a landowner in Avoca Valley Road fifty years ago.

2. SPR/97/1293 Calder Stewart Industries Limited 471 Whiteleigh Avenue

This subdivision creates a new cul de sac serving a business zone subdivision. Quite extensive research has been carried out to find a suitable name for the cul de sac, but nothing suitable was found from searching old titles and plans. The subdivision is situated alongside the main south railway line, so names associated with railways are proposed:

O'SHANNESSEY PLACE is the applicant's first preference. Jack O'Shannessey was employed by NZ Rail all his working life, which culminated with the presentation to him of the Queen's Service Medal for services rendered to rail. He was recalled from retirement to act as Clerk of Works to the construction of the Christchurch Railway Station in Moorhouse Avenue. He passed away in 1987.

Two other options are STEAMSIDE PLACE and PASSCHENDAELE PLACE. The latter was originally suggested for the access road to the new Christchurch Railway Station, but Troup Place was chosen instead. Passchendaele was the name given to a locomotive to commemorate railway workers killed in action in the battle of Passchendaele in the First World War. A commemorative plaque from the locomotive is mounted on the wall at the railway station. While this name may create spelling difficulties for some, it is unlikely to be a problem for addressing mail as this is a business zone subdivision, and it is anticipated that all businesses in the road will be using postal boxes.

Recommendation: That the Board select one of the above names for approval for each subdivision.