

CONSULTATION FOR NEW STREET NAMES OFF WOODMAN DRIVE

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to consult with the Tawa Community Board on the proposed names to be used for two new roads off Woodman Drive. A copy of the proposal for the street names by the Walsh family is attached.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Tawa Community Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Note the recommendations from the Walsh family.*
- 3. Suggest what names the Board would like to be considered by Strategy & Policy Committee for the new roads built as a result of residential development off Woodman Drive. (Plan attached as appendix 1)*

3. Background

This residential development has been done in stages by the Walsh family over recent years. The site is located to the south at the end of Woodman Drive.

4. Discussion

Road names are assigned to all new roads and the naming of the roads should be completed before the new buildings are constructed. The Council is responsible for assigning the names to all roads. The name can either be selected from the Council's Approved but Unallocated Street Names list or the developer can propose a name in consultation with local Community Board.

Road Naming in Wellington City has been governed by the Procedures for Road Naming since 1996 and these procedures were revised in 2003. In the revised procedures it was described that:

The Developer

The developer may wish to:

- *suggest a name off Council's 'List of Approved but Unallocated Names' (the process for allocating a road name is likely to be much quicker if the name has already been approved by Council), or*
- *recommend a new name that has not already been approved. In doing this, the developer may wish to consult with people who are connected to the local area, such as:*
 - *Local historians*
 - *Local community groups*
 - *Community Boards (Makara/Ohariu and Tawa) in their respective areas*
 - *Members of the public.*

In accordance with these procedures the Walsh Family was requested to consult the Tawa Community Board but we have not received any response from the applicant. Council officers now request the Board to give their views on the Walsh family's proposal or any other suggestions in relation to the naming of these two roads.

Some areas of Wellington have street names that follow a theme. The Woodman Drive part of Tawa has no theme for names.

Cardno TCB on behalf of the developers, the Walsh family, has proposed four Irish names to be considered and seek Council's approval for two names, which would subsequently be allocated to the new roads.

The Walsh family came from Ireland to settle in New Zealand. They have worked and lived in Wellington for nearly 40 years. The proposed Irish names are of cultural significance to the family.

The proposed names are:

Galway Bay (already in use in Lower Hutt)

Inverin (could be confused with Inverell Way in Seatoun)

Cavan (refer proposal)

Abbeyside (refer proposal)

The names Galway and Inverin do not meet the selection criteria because of the potential confusion with the other similar names used in Wellington region. The other two names **Cavan** and **Abbeyside** have not been used and been checked for duplication, similarity and suitability in Wellington region. These two names can be considered.

In the event Council does not approve the Irish names, Cardno TCB in consultation with the Walsh family, has also selected two more names **Lindauer** and **Tait** from the Council's Approved but Unallocated Street Names list. However, the Walsh family's preference is to use Irish names for the new roads.

Lindauer (From the list of Painters)

Gottfried Lindauer (1839 – 1926) was one of the famous New Zealand painters and photographers.

Tait (from the list of Town Clerks of Wellington) - R Tait was an Acting Town Clerk from October 1925 to November 1926.

Or do Board Members have any other suggestions?

5. Consultation

These four names have been checked for duplication, similarity and suitability by the Wellington Regional Council who has advised that they have no objection to the use of any of these four names in Wellington Region.

6. Conclusion

Council Officers now seek the Tawa Community Board's views & suggestions on the names, which would be included in the report to be presented to Strategy and Policy Committee for their approval. Do Board Members like any two of these following names, Cavan, Abbesside, Lindauer, Tait or do Board Members have any other suggestion?

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Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

Allocation of street names is a statutory function under section 319A of the Local Government Act 1974.

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

No relevant annual plan project reference.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

There are no obvious Treaty of Waitangi implications in this proposal.

4) Decision-Making

The proposal to name is in accordance with Section 319A of the Local Government Act.

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

Cardno TCB, on behalf of the developers, has been consulted. The developer wishes to use Irish names for the new roads off Woodman Drive and have proposed four Irish names.

Alternatively, the developer would like to adopt names from the *Approved but Unallocated Street Names* list.

Consultation has taken place with Regional Council for the suitability of the proposed names.

b) Consultation with Maori

This report does not require consultation. There are no known Maori precincts, tracks or sites near this road.

6) Legal Implications

There are no legal implications.

7) Consistency with existing policy

This report is consistent with the Council's Road Naming Policy.