
APPROVAL OF NAME FOR A NEW ROAD

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of name for a new road as shown on Plan F 3013.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to give approval for the name McLintock Street North to be allocated to the section of a new road built as a result of residential development off Cortina Avenue & Ohariu Valley Road as shown on Plan F 3013 (attached at Appendix A to this report).*
- 3. Agree that the name McLintock Street North can be shortened to McLintock Street as soon as McLintock Street North and McLintock Street are physically joined (see overall McLintock Street map attached at Appendix B to this report).*

3. Background

This residential development is being built in stages. The land is situated on the western side of Cortina Avenue in Johnsonville. This is the first stage of a total 66 residential lots subdivision.

4. Discussion

Prior to an amendment to the Local Government Act, Road Naming was delegated to the Chair of the Regulatory Committee and a ward Councillor. The change now requires a Resolution of Council which has been delegated to the Strategy & Policy Committee for all road names. In addition, road names need to comply with the criteria in the Council's Road Naming Policy.

The proposed development of the site would be occurring in stages. The land has already been earthworked to be developed into residential allotments and a new road is formed through these lots. This road is eventually going to join McLintock Street as shown on the District Plan.
(Appendix C)

Initially, when Land use and a subdivision consent were lodged with Council it seemed that it may be many years before this portion of newly formed road would be joined to McLintock Street. The developer was therefore approached to propose a name. After recent discussions with Transport – New Roads Business Unit it seems feasible that this road may be connected with McLintock Street within five years. If it happens within this time frame then it would be better to name the new road as **McLintock Street North** rather than allocating another name and then having to rename the street later.

By allocating McLintock Street North to this new road, Council will only have to change the street name plate to McLintock Street after the two parts are connected.

Officers are concerned that if the new road is not named McLintock Street North, people buying new sections may not realise that there is a plan to join the road to McLintock Street and that this could happen within five years. While it may look like a quiet cul de sac at present, it may not be long before it becomes an important collector road. If purchasers realise this now, they are less likely to object or be surprised when the roads are joined. The two roads will not join at an intersection and it will not be practical to have a road name change in the middle of a continuous section of road.

If the Committee did not want the new road to be named McLintock Street North, then we would recommend the name **Longford Drive**, which was proposed by the developer.

The developer, McDonnell family, has been involved with the development of land in Johnsonville since 1964. They have at least a twenty year history with the development of Cortina Avenue and the roads leading from Cortina Avenue. James McDonnell and his brothers Anthony and Martin McDonnell have lived in Johnsonville from the 1960's. James McDonnell is nearing the end of his working life and would like an Irish name to be allocated to this road.

McDonnell family has proposed several names which originate from Eire (Ireland) the country of birth of the owner of the land - James McDonnell. All these names have deep cultural and sentimental significance to their family.

The proposed names in order of preference are:

Longford
Killala
Merview
Eire

Castlegar
Mayo
Ceide Fields

All proposed names have been checked against the Council's Road Naming Policy. The name **Longford** seems to be more appropriate and is in line with selection criteria documented in the Road Naming Policy.

Longford is a county in Eire dating back to the year 1014. Longford is a focal point of the northern midlands where the provinces of Leister, Ulster and Connaught all converge. Longford took its name from the ancient stronghold of the O'Farrell family (Long Fort – Fort of the O'Farrells) who ruled from the 11th Century. Longford is a county of rolling plains and picturesque stretches of water.

More detailed information on the name Longford has been appended with this report at Appendix D.

There are several other street names with Irish origin in the vicinity of this development such as Erris Street, Tralee Place, Rossport Terrace, Flinders Place. It would certainly be appropriate to use this name in the event that the name McLintock Street North is not acceptable to the members of the Committee.

4.1 Consultation

When the initial consultation took place with the developer, he proposed an Irish name to be allocated to the new road. Johnsonville Residents Association was approached for their views on the proposal and they had no objection to use an Irish name.

The name had also been checked for duplication, similarity and suitability by the Wellington Regional Council, who had advised that they have no objection to the use of this proposed name in the Wellington Region.

However, this was done before the recent discussions with Transport – New Roads Business Unit, which indicated that the connection between these two roads might take place within five years. From that discussion, officers decided to propose McLintock Street North and the developer Mr McDonnell was advised of this change.

Mr McDonnell disagrees with this proposal and his comments are:

"We are very disappointed that having been told that we would be able to influence the name for our new road and having spent considerable time in correspondence with you that it was all a waste of time and effort.

We can not give any guarantee that we will carry on with the development of our land to the west to meet up with Wellington City Council owned land there. (McLintock Street)

Can Wellington City Council guarantee that they will develop their end of McIntock Street within even 10 years?

We see no problem having our road as a different name especially in that the Wellington City Council owned land through which McIntock Street will be extended is planned to be a reserve to the north of Old Coach Road.

A compromise would be to have the road change name at the reserve.

We emphasis our strong disagreement to call our new road McIntock Street north."

Consultation on the proposal to name McIntock Street North has taken place with Malcolm MacFarlane of Fire Services. Mr MacFarlane has no objection to this proposal and believes that this approach seems consistent with other Territorial Authorities who deal with similar issues.

5. Conclusion

Council Officers recommend that the name **McLintock Street North** be approved for use for the new road as shown on **Plan F 3013**.

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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

The developer owns most of the land on the western side of Cortina Avenue and has proposed an Irish name to be used for the new road.

Johnsonville Residents Association had been consulted and they supported the idea to use an Irish name in appreciation of the McDonnell family's contribution to develop the area. However this had taken place before we knew how soon the two roads would be joined.

Fire Services have been consulted and they support the proposal to use the name McLintock Street North and rename this portion to McLintock Street after the two sections are joined.

Consultation has taken place with Cr Foster, Urban Development Portfolio leader who supports the proposal.

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.

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX B

APPENDIX C

APPENDIX D