
REPORT 4
(1215/52/IM)

APPROVAL OF NAME FOR A NEW RIGHT OF WAY: SADDLEBACK GROVE

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of a name for a new Right of Way as shown on Plan F 3029.

2. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Committee:

1. *Receives the information.*
2. *Agrees to give approval for the name **Saddleback Grove** to be allocated to a private Right of Way built as a result of residential development off Hazlewood Avenue as shown on Plan F 3029 (Appendix A).*

3. Background

This development site is located on the eastern side of Hazlewood Avenue in south Karori. It is situated between Hazlewood Avenue on the western side, and Wrights Hill reserve on the eastern and southern sides. There will be eighty two residential allotments on the site. Access to the site is directly off Hazlewood Avenue. A new Right of Way has been formed to give access to these lots.

4. Discussion

4.1 *Various Names Considered*

The earthworks on the site have been completed and the building work has started. The proposed development of the site is occurring in stages, and the first stage is nearing completion.

The developer, Wayne Huxford, was approached by Council officers to propose a name for the development. The developer proposed two names:

- The Boundary
- Sanctuary Grove.

These two names did not meet the selection criteria because of the potential confusion with other similar names used in the Wellington region.

The Boundary - There is already a street called Boundary Road in Kelburn.

Sanctuary Grove - There is the Karori Sanctuary in Karori and there is risk of the location of Sanctuary Grove being confused with that. The Karori Sanctuary is at the opposite end of Karori.

The developer wanted the name of the Right of Way to indicate proximity to the adjoining reserve. He had started marketing the development using the name 'The Boundary' (because it bounded the reserve) and then 'Sanctuary'.

4.2 Recommended Name

The officers recognised that Karori street names do not follow a theme. Using the name of a prominent Wellingtonian was considered but officers felt it would be good to allow a name in keeping with the theme proposed by the developer. This also recognises that the name will only be used for a private Right of Way and not a public road. Officers recommended that names of trees or birds be considered and as an example suggested 'Saddleback' as this bird is being introduced back to the Karori Sanctuary and is a name that is not currently being used in the Wellington region. The developer has agreed to the name Saddleback as proposed by officers.

The name Saddleback has also been chosen as the development is located off south Karori Road in a relatively secluded area adjoining Wrights Hill Reserve with extensive native bush surrounding the site.

"Saddleback have distinctive orange/red wattles at the base of the bill and a bright chestnut saddle over the back and rump. North Island Saddleback were widely distributed in the North Island prior to European colonisation. It is assumed that Saddleback would have been naturally found in the Sanctuary valley and therefore Karori Wildlife Sanctuary has tried to bring the species back to the mainland". (Quote from Karori Wildlife Sanctuary website)

4.3 Implementation

The first stage of the plan has been deposited and the dwellings are ready to be occupied. It is important that a name be approved as soon as possible as new residents need to know their address so they can arrange services such as electricity, telephone and mail.

Traditionally, named Rights of Way have included the word 'Way'. In this case, the developer has requested that this Right of Way be 'Grove' rather than 'Way'. This development has 82 separate lots and no flats or units and the access serves considerably more properties than a normal Right of Way. There are already 109 named Right of Ways in Wellington, that are not 'Way' (138 are Way), so in this case the word 'Grove' is recommended.

4.4 Consultation

Consultation on this proposal has taken place with the developer, Wayne Huxford, who has agreed to the name Saddleback Grove.

Officers have received suggestions from the Karori Historical Society. Many names are already being used in the Wellington Region and none received the endorsement of the developer. However, they will be considered for other new roads in the future.

This name has been checked for duplication, similarity and suitability by the Wellington Regional Council which has advised that it has no objection to the use of this proposed name in Wellington Region.

The new Right of Way is not on or near any sites of significance to iwi and therefore this does not require consultation with Wellington Tenth's Trust.

5. Conclusion

Council Officers recommend that the name Saddleback Grove be approved for use for the new Right of Way as shown on Plan F 3029.

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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

Wayne Huxford, the developer has been consulted and has agreed to the name proposed by officers.

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

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.