

APPROVAL OF NAMES FOR NEW ROADS OFF AMESBURY DRIVE

1. Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of names for the roads off Amesbury Drive, Churton Park, as shown on Plan F 3051.

2. Executive summary

This is a proposal to name new roads off Amesbury Drive in Churton Park.

3. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Regulatory Processes Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to give approval for the names **Bickerton Rise** and **Foxham Terrace** to be allocated to the new roads built as a result of residential development in Churton Park as shown on Plan F 3051 (Appendix 1).*

4. Background

This residential development has been carried out in stages by Best Farm Limited over the last 25 years. This stage is an extension off Amesbury Drive, proposing the creation of 80 new residential allotments and two new roads. The new allotments will be accessed from Amesbury Drive, and the two new roads.

5. Discussion

Rod Halliday, on behalf of Best Farm Ltd, has proposed the names *Bickerton Hill* and *Foxham*. These names have been selected from the Council's Approved but Unallocated Street Names list. The name *Bickerton Hill* was approved by Council in 1994 and *Foxham* in 2004, for use in Churton Park.

Best Farm Ltd has a 25 year history with the development of the Churton Park area. The developer has kept to the theme of West Country English Village names for streets, matching other street names in Churton Park. Other previously approved English names, such as *Langridge* and *Brombam*, are reserved for use in Churton Park.

5.1 Consultation and Engagement

Consultation on this proposal has taken place with Rod Halliday, of Best Farm Ltd, who proposed the names *Bickerton Hill* and *Foxham*.

The names have been checked for duplication, similarity and suitability by the Wellington Regional Council. They have no objection to the use of these proposed names in the Wellington region.

Liz Mellish, Resource Manager, Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust, and Reina Solomon, Resource Manager, Te Runanga o toa Rangatira Inc., the representatives of iwi, have been consulted. Reina Solomon had no objection and supported the proposal of the developer. Liz Mellish proposed two further names. Her email regarding the translation of the proposed names is below:

“Kia ora Michael,

Mark has just come to the office. His translation goes like this.

Awanui – The use of this name reflects the eponymous ancestor for Te Atiawa, this is a simple form of Awanuiarangi, his name.

Aukati – really is a word used to describe a clear straight cut. This road is that.

Naku Noa Na

Liz Mellish”

Following further consultation, the developer indicated he does not support the use of the name *Awanui* for Churton Park, because of the 25 year history of following West Country English Village names in this suburb. *Awanui* has ancestral associations with Wellington, but not specifically for this part of Churton Park. There is an *Awanui Drive* in Kapiti, but no other duplicates in the region, so if “Drive” is not used, then the name *Awanui* could be used in Wellington without confusion. Officers feel that *Awanui* would be a good name to use in Wellington, but for something more significant than a small cul de sac in Churton Park. For example, we are about to start consultation on a name for the right of way off Ashton Fitchett Drive, Brooklyn, that provides public access to the wind turbine. Following a recent subdivision off the end of the right of way, it is now so long (about 7km) and there are so many dwellings off it, that the whole length of it needs a name. *Awanui* could be considered for this. I have spoken to Liz and she said she “loves the idea, ready happy with it”. (Brooklyn has some roads named after American Presidents, but there are already many exceptions in Brooklyn.) Attached to this report is a short item referring to Awanuiarangi:

“Story: Te Āti Awa of Wellington” (Appendix 2)

The name *Aukati* relates to topography and is not used as a street name anywhere in New Zealand. It could be used for a new road in an area where there is no ancestral name or theme name to consider, therefore. Officers feel it would be more appropriate to select a name that continues the theme used for the rest of the Churton Park in preference to *Aukati*.

Recent changes to the Australasian Standard for road naming mean that a new road cannot have “Hill” as a road name type. This means the name would need to be something like “Bickerton Hill Rise”. This is very long for a road name, so the developer has requested it be shortened to *Bickerton Rise*. Bickerton is a location in Cheshire.

5.2 Financial considerations

n.a.

5.3 Climate change impacts and considerations

n.a.

5.4 Long-term plan considerations

n.a.

6. Conclusion

Officers recommend that the names Bickerton Rise and Foxham Terrace be approved for the new roads as shown on Plan F 3051.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1) Strategic fit / Strategic outcome

Allocation of street names is a statutory function under section 319 (1) (j) of the Local Government Act 1974.

2) LTP/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 319 (1) (j) of the Local Government Act.

5) Consultation

a) General consultation

Consultation with Rod Halliday, on behalf of the developer, Best Farm Ltd, has taken place. The developer wishes to use West Country English names for the new roads to maintain the current theme.

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

b) Consultation with Maori

Consultation with Liz Mellish and Reina Solomon, representatives of local iwi, has taken place. Two further names have been suggested.

6) Legal implications

n.a.

7) Consistency with existing policy

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