
REPORT 1
(1215/53/IM)

APPROVAL OF NAME FOR SLIP ROAD IN WELLINGTON CENTRAL: MARKET LANE

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the name for the road shown on Plan **F 3046**.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Regulatory Processes Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to give approval for the name Market Lane for the slip road between Taranaki Street and Cable St, as shown on Plan F 3046 (Appendix A).*

3. Background

Willis Bond & Co are developing the John Chamber Building and the adjoining site where the ‘Wellington Markets’ building was previously located. The slip road is off Taranaki St and adjacent to Jervois Quay. It is currently known as part of Jervois Quay. To avoid confusion, it would be better if it had its own name. The developer has requested that the slip road be known as Market Lane.

The developer has advised that the primary reason for using the name Market Lane is its historical significance. The building previously located on the site was commonly known by Wellingtonians as the “Wellington Markets’ Building”. Willis Bond have also advised that should their request of Market Lane not be approved, their preference would be for the slipway to remain part of Jervois Quay, with the address unchanged. More information and background is contained in Appendix B.

4. Discussion

The name has been checked against the Council’s Road Naming Policy. The Wellington Regional Council has advised that the proposed name should be rejected because there is a Market Grove in Lower Hutt and a Market Road in Greytown. The draft new Australasian Standard for road naming suggests that the same name should not be used in the same suburb or an immediately adjoining suburb.

As the slip road is in the suburb of Wellington Central which does not adjoin these other roads, and the proposed use would not be Grove or Road, the name can be considered.

Council officers feel that, in the event of an emergency, it would be advisable for the slip road to have a name and numbering distinct from Jervois Quay. It is important to note that there is no direct vehicle access from Jervois Quay.

The Council's Road Naming Procedure requires consideration of whether the area surrounding the road is recognised as a Maori heritage precinct or has significance for Maori. The Wellington Tenth Trust have carefully considered the suggestion that the road be called Market Lane and they have said they support the application from Willis Bond.

5. Consultation

The name has been checked for duplication, similarity and suitability by the Wellington Regional Council, which has advised that it thinks the name should be rejected, but we feel it is acceptable because other instances of the use of Market as a road name are not near Wellington Central.

Willis Bond & Co have carried out extensive consultation with the representative of local iwi and with owners and representatives of property owners in the area. They all support the name Market Lane. Copies of these approvals are all attached as Appendix B.

A resident in Wakefield Street, Jenny Clark, has written to Council and recommended that the Slip road be called Te Aro Lane or Te Aro Pa Lane. A copy of her submission is attached as Appendix C. These proposals were discussed with the Tenth Trust, but they decided to support the name Market Lane.

6. Conclusion

The Enterprise Data Management Team recommends that the name Market Lane be approved for the slip road off Taranaki Street.

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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

Consultation with Willis Bond & Co, current owners and representatives of property owners in the adjacent area has taken place. They have no objection to the proposal.

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

(b) Consultation with Maori

Consultation with Liz Mellish, representative of local iwi, has taken place.

6) Legal Implications

There are no legal implications.

7) Consistency with existing policy

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