

REPORT 6
(1215/53/IM)

APPROVAL OF NAMES FOR NEW ROADS OFF MARK AVENUE

1. Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the names for the roads off Mark Avenue extension, as shown on Plan **F 3047**.

2. Executive summary

This is a proposal to name three new roads in Grenada Village and to confirm the temporary use of the name Mark Avenue for part of one road.

3. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Regulatory Processes Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to give approval for the names Havana Rise, Montego Place and Sandino Place to be allocated to the new roads built as a result of residential development in the Lincolnshire Farm area of Grenada Village, as shown on Plan F 3047 (Appendix A).*
- 3. Agree to give approval to temporarily use the name Mark Avenue for the section of new road from the intersection of Mark Avenue and Grenada Drive and it be renamed as Jamaica Drive as soon as this section is physically joined with Jamaica Drive, as shown on Appendix B.*

4. Background

Hunters Hill Ltd is developing the Lincolnshire Farm area and is proposing the creation of 52 new residential allotments. These allotments will be accessed either from the two new cul-de-sacs or from the 'key local road' which extends off the Mark Avenue extension in Grenada Village.

5. Discussion

4.1 Names Considered

The roads to the new cul-de-sacs of this development are within the boundary of the suburbs of Grenada Village and Grenada North. The names of roads in these suburbs follow a Caribbean theme. This theme has been followed since mid seventies.

The developer has been invited to suggest Caribbean names. Mr G Callender of Hunters Hill Ltd proposed the following names:

Havana
St Germain
Palmira
Montego
Sandino

These names were checked with the Wellington Regional Council for suitability. The name Palmira did not meet the selection criteria because of the potential confusion with a similar name used in the Wellington region.

A 'Google' search indicates that the names Havana, Montego, St Germain and Sandino are Caribbean place names.

Havana is the capital city, province, major port and leading commercial centre of Cuba. The city has a population of 2.1 million and it spans a total of 728.26 km square. It is the largest city by area, the most populous city and the fourth largest metropolitan area in the Caribbean region. The city is the centre of the Cuban Government, and home to various ministries and headquarters of businesses. Havana was founded by the Spanish in the 16th Century. The city attracts over a million tourists annually. The city is noted for its history, culture, architecture and monuments.

Saint-Germain has a very small population. It is situated in the country of Haiti which is located in the continent of North America.

Montego Bay is the capital of St. James Parish. It is the second largest city in Jamaica by area and the fourth by population. Montego Bay is known for its large regional hospital, port facilities and as a second home for many upper class Jamaicans. The city is backed by picturesque low mountains. It is a popular tourist destination with duty free shopping and aims to remain a top destination in the Caribbean.

Sandino is a municipality and city in the Pinar del Rio Province of Cuba, located close to the coast. Fishing is the main economic activity of Sandino.

4.2 Recommended Names

Council officers recommend Montego Place and Sandino Place to be approved for two of the cul-de-sacs and Havana Rise for the 'key local road'. Officers feel that these three names are generally recognised as Caribbean names while St Germain is associated with a small town in Haiti and is not generally known as a Caribbean location.

It is expected that the new 'key local road' will join up with Nassau Avenue in Grenada North within the next 20 years. Council officers recommend that this new road be named Havana Rise. In future, the northern end of the road may need to change to Nassau Avenue, as shown in Appendix C.

The new key local road, proposed to be named Havana Rise, will intersect two suburbs Grenada Village and Grenada North. A minor change to the suburb boundary would be required to keep all Havana Rise properties in one suburb. This could be done by the delegated authority at a later stage.

Mark Avenue

Normally an approval is not required when a road is extended and the same name is used. There is a proposal to join Jamaica Drive with Mark Avenue and this is likely to happen within the next 10 years. We considered using the name Jamaica Drive South but, considering the time delay expected before the two ends are joined, we think it would be less confusing for the public if the southern end is called Mark Avenue until the parts are physically joined, as shown in Appendix C. At that stage it would be logical for the Grenada Drive roundabout to be the intersection for both Mark Avenue and Jamaica Drive. Very few properties will be affected when the address becomes Jamaica Drive under this scenario.

5.1 Consultation and Engagement

Consultation on this proposal has taken place with the developer, Mr G Callender of Hunters Hill Ltd and he agrees with the proposal. The proposal has also been discussed with Kailua Ltd, who recently purchased land adjoining the Mark Avenue extension. They said the proposals are “all fine”.

The names have been checked for duplication, similarity and suitability by the Wellington Regional Council

Consultation with the Grenada Village Community Association has taken place. They have no objection to the names Montego Place, Sandino Place and Havana Rise.

Consultation with Liz Mellish, the representative of local iwi has been carried out and they do not want to propose any names for this subdivision. However, they would wish to propose names for new roads “adjacent to Takapu Stream which was a cultivation area for a chief called Te Patu-Kawenga”.

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 ***Havana Rise, Montego Place and Sandino Place*** be approved to be allocated to the new roads and approval given to use the name ***Mark Avenue*** for the new section of road.

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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) 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 319A of the Local Government Act.

5) Consultation

a) General consultation

Consultation with the developer and owners, Hunters Hill Ltd has taken place and an owner of adjoining land. They have no objection to the proposal.

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

Consultation has taken place with the Grenada Village Community Association. They have no objection to the proposal.

b) Consultation with Maori

Consultation with Liz Mellish, representative of local iwi, has taken place. There has been no objection expressed to the proposal.

6) Legal implications

Example: Council's lawyers have been consulted during the development of this report.

7) Consistency with existing policy

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