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## **APPROVAL OF NAME FOR NEW ROAD OFF GRENADA DRIVE**

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### **1. Purpose of report**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the name for the road off Grenada Drive, as shown on Plan F 3050.

### **2. Executive summary**

This is a proposal to name a new road in Grenada Village.

### **3. Recommendations**

Officers recommend that the Regulatory Processes Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to give approval for the name Aruba Grove to be allocated to the new road built as a result of development in Grenada Village, as shown on Plan F3050. (Appendix 1).*

### **4. Background**

In 2008, Hunters Hill Ltd established clean fill and topsoil recovery operations in the vicinity of the Northern Landfill site. The screened topsoil has since been available for sale to local contractors.

An access track was built to the topsoil recovery site and has been known as Topsoil Terrace. This was an unapproved name used by a company leasing this site which does not comply with the suburb's Caribbean theme. The track has never been assigned an official name.

As a result of the development and subdivision of the site, the developer, Hunters Hill Ltd, vested this track as a public road in July 2013. Consequently it now needs to be formally named.

### **5. Discussion**

#### **5.1 Name Considered**

This new road is within the boundary of the suburb of Grenada Village. The names of roads in this suburb have followed a Caribbean theme since mid seventies, with the exception of Mark Avenue. The developer, Mr G Callender of Hunters Hill Ltd, has proposed the name Aruba for this road.

The name has been checked with the Wellington Regional Council for suitability.

A 'Google' search indicates that Aruba is the name of one of the Caribbean islands.

## Aruba

Aruba is a 33 kilometre long island in the Leeward Antilles island arc of the Lesser Antilles in the southern part of the Caribbean, located 27 km north of the coast of Venezuela. Together with Bonaire and Curacao, it forms a group referred to as the ABC islands of the Leeward Antilles, the southern island chain of the Lesser Antilles. Collectively, Aruba and the other Dutch islands in the Antilles are commonly referred to as the Netherland Antilles or the Dutch Antilles.

Aruba has a land area of 179 square kilometres and is densely populated. It is a generally flat, riverless island. Its white sandy beaches on the western and southern coasts of the island are relatively sheltered from fierce ocean currents. This is where most of tourist development has occurred. The northern and eastern coasts, lacking this protection, are considerably more battered by the seas and are only sparsely occupied.

The hinterland of the island features some rolling hills, the best known of which are Hooiberg at 165 metres and Mount Jamanota, the highest on the island at 188 metres above sea level. The capital of Aruba is Oranjestad.

Unlike much of the Caribbean region, Aruba has a dry climate and arid, cactus-strewn landscape. This climate has helped the tourism industry, as visitors to the island can reliably expect warm, sunny weather.

### **5.2 Recommended Name**

Council officers recommend Aruba Grove to be approved for this road. Officers feel that this name is recognised as a Caribbean name, in line with the Caribbean theme of this suburb.

### **5.3 Consultation and Engagement**

Consultation on this proposal has taken place with the developer, Mr G Callender of Hunters Hill Ltd. The proposal has also been discussed with Artemis Early Learning Ltd, owners of the adjoining Leaps And Bounds Childcare/Early Learning Centre. They have no objection and support the proposal.

The name has 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 name Aruba Grove.

Liz Mellish, Resource Manager, Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust (local iwi), has been consulted. She supports the proposal but comments:

*“Knowing you have a Caribbean theme probably the name is appropriate. However, I am always hopeful Council will desist from using foreign names for areas and revert to their ancestral names.”*

No one has advised any ancestral names that could be considered for this road.

Reina Solomon, Resource Manager, Te Runanga o toa Rangatira Inc. (also local iwi), has been consulted. There are no objections and the proposal of the developer is supported.

#### **5.4 Financial considerations**

n.a.

#### **5.5 Climate change impacts and considerations**

n.a.

#### **5.6 Long-term plan considerations**

n.a.

### **6. Conclusion**

Officers recommend that the name Aruba Grove be approved to be allocated to the new road.

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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 1974.

### 5) Consultation

#### a) General consultation

Consultation with the developer and owner, Hunters Hill Ltd, has taken place. An owner of adjoining land has also been consulted. 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. She supports the proposal considering it follows a Caribbean theme.

Reina Solomon, Resource Manager, Te Runanga o toa Rangatira Inc., the representatives of iwi, has been consulted. There has been no objection expressed to the proposal.

### 6) Legal implications

Not relevant

### 7) Consistency with existing policy

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