

REPORT 1 (1215/52/IM)

APPROVAL OF NAME FOR AN ACCESS WAY: MILLWARD LANE

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of a name for an unnamed Access Way as shown on Plan **F 3035.**

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.
- 2. Agree to the name Millward Lane being allocated to a pedestrian Access Way as shown on Plan F 3035 (Appendix A).

3. Background

The access way is located between Riddiford Street and Millward Street in Newtown and is owned by Council. It is used by a large number of residents from Millward Street and the adjoining area.

Council has been promoting infill housing to meet the need for more housing choices for future growth in Wellington. Some of the owners of Millward Street have embraced the idea of infill housing and have proposed building extra dwellings on three existing properties on Millward Street. The new houses will have pedestrian access only from this access way.

4. Discussion

4.1 Recommended Name

Newtown street names do not follow a theme. Cockburn Architects, on behalf of the owners of 13 -17 Millward Street, have proposed the name **Millward Lane** for this access way. They wanted the name of the access way to indicate proximity to the adjoining street. Peter Frater, on behalf of Newtown Residents' Association, has also sent a representation, that the name Millward Lane be considered for this lane "as it is directly linked to Millward Street" (Appendix B).

We recognise the potential confusion caused when two names are so similar (Millward Street and Millward Lane). However, in this case the addresses in the lane will all be numbers such as 9A to 9E, as the lane starts beside number 9 Millward Street. The lane's alpha-numeric numbers are not used in the street.

4.2 Implementation

The resource consents for the new houses have already been lodged with Council and building plans prepared. There is an urgent need to create new addresses off this access way. It is important that a name be approved as soon as possible so that developers can inform utility organisations providing services such as electricity and telecommunications about the new addresses.

4.4 Consultation

Consultation on this proposal has taken place with the residents of Millward Street via Cockburn Architects. They have agreed to the name Millward Lane.

Consultation with Newtown Residents' Association has taken place and has favoured the name Millward Lane.

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; therefore, this does not require consultation with Wellington Tenths Trust.

5. Conclusion

Council Officers recommend that the name **Millward Lane** be approved for use for the existing access Way as shown on **Plan F 3035**.

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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

Cockburn Architects, on behalf of the owners of 13-17 Millward Street has been consulted and has agreed to the name proposed by officers.

Consultation with Newtown Residents' Association has taken place and have no objection to the proposal.

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.