

REPORT 7  
(1215/52/IM)

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## APPROVAL OF NAME FOR A PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY: TOKYO LANE

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### 1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of a name for an unnamed Pedestrian Pathway as shown on Plan **F 3036**.

### 2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the name Tokyo Lane to be allocated to a Pedestrian Pathway as shown on Plan F 3036. (Appendix A).*

### 3. Background

The pedestrian pathway is located between Bolton Street and Clifton Cable Car Station in Kelburn. The land is owned by the New Zealand Transport Authority (NZTA) and maintained by the Departments of Parks and Roding, Wellington City Council.

### 4. Discussion

Melda Townsley, on behalf of the Japan Society of Wellington NZ (Inc.), has requested that the name Tokyo Lane be restored, to celebrate friendly relations between the two countries, New Zealand and Japan.

This name has been taken from the Council's '*Approved but unallocated street names list*'. The name Tokyo has been reserved since 1981 when attempts were made to rename Farmers Lane back to Tokyo Lane, as it was previously known. During the discussions in 1981 it was decided that as Tokyo was one of the major capitals of the world, the name should be reserved for use in Wellington.

The name **Tokyo Lane** has also been chosen to celebrate the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Embassy of Japan and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Japan Society of Wellington, New Zealand Inc.

## 5. Consultation

Consultation on this proposal has taken place with the NZTA, the owners of the land. NZTA agree with the proposal to name the pedestrian pathway, Tokyo Lane, and they said,

*“It is great to see that the relationship with Tokyo is being recognised by this great City in some small but significant way.”*

Consultation on this proposal has also taken place with the representatives of the Roading and Parks Departments, who maintain this area. They have no objection to the name Tokyo Lane for this pedestrian footpath.

Melda Townsley, President of Japan Society of Wellington NZ (Inc.), has also been consulted, and has accepted the proposal to use the name Tokyo Lane for the pedestrian pathway.

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 pathway is not on or near any sites of significance to iwi and therefore does not require consultation with Wellington Tenth Trust.

## 6. Conclusion

Council Officers recommend that the name **Tokyo Lane** be approved for use for the pedestrian pathway as shown on **Plan F 3036**.

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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 the Japan Society of Wellington NZ (Inc) has taken place and they have no objection to the proposal.*

*Consultation has taken place with Regional Council for the suitability of the name.*

*New Zealand Transport Authority, the owner of the land, has been consulted and has agreed to the proposal.*

#### **(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.*