

ORDINARY MEETING

OF

REGULATORY PROCESSES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Time: 1.00pm
Date: Thursday, 4 June 2015
Venue: Committee Room 1
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington

MEMBERSHIP

Mayor Wade-Brown

Councillor Ahipene-Mercer (Chair)
Councillor Foster
Councillor Lee
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Sparrow

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AREA OF FOCUS

The Regulatory Processes Committee has responsibility for overseeing Council's regulatory functions.

Quorum: 3 members

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Apologies

The Chairperson invites notice from members of apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting, where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

1.2 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2015 will be put to the Regulatory Processes Committee for confirmation.

1.4 Public Participation

A maximum of 60 minutes is set aside for public participation at the commencement of any meeting of the Council or committee that is open to the public. Under Standing Order 3.23.3 a written, oral or electronic application to address the meeting setting forth the subject, is required to be lodged with the Chief Executive by 12.00 noon of the working day prior to the meeting concerned, and subsequently approved by the Chairperson.

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

The Chairperson will give notice of items not on the agenda as follows:

Matters Requiring Urgent Attention as Determined by Resolution of the Regulatory Processes Committee.

1. The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
2. The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

Minor Matters relating to the General Business of the Regulatory Processes Committee.

No resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of the item except to refer it to a subsequent meeting of the Regulatory Processes Committee for further discussion.

2. General Business

ROAD CLOSURES

Purpose

1. To seek approval of the Regulatory Processes Committee for the temporary closure of roads in Wellington City for events.

Summary

2. The Wellington City Council has received an application for the following event:
 - Wellington Night Market

Recommendations

That the Regulatory Processes Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note that recommendations in this report should not be amended without first carrying out further consultation with affected parties and verification from the Council's Traffic engineer that the amendment is not likely to cause unreasonable impact on traffic.
3. Agree to close the following roads for the above event to vehicles only, subject to the conditions listed in the Proposed Temporary Road Closure Impact Report:
 - Wellington Night Market (Saturdays only – 2pm to 11pm, 4 July 2015 to 25 June 2016):
 - Manners Street (Taranaki Street to Cuba Street)
 - Cuba Street (Manners Street to Wakefield Street with the exception of buses).

Background

3. The Council receives numerous requests throughout the year for public roads to be closed for events. These requests are processed and a detailed traffic impact report is prepared for each as attached. This report to the Committee has been prepared, in accordance with the procedures that were approved by the Committee on 15 December 2010.
4. Approval is required from the Regulatory Processes Committee to allow the temporary closure of roads in the Wellington District for an event supported by the Wellington City Council. This will ensure that the Wellington City Council is complying with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 for the temporary closure of roads within its jurisdiction.

Discussion

5. A number of road closure requests for different events are brought to the Committee for approval. All the information for this proposed closure is in the attached impact report.

Attachments

Attachment 1. Night Market

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Consultation and Engagement

Affected stakeholders were notified of the Council's intention to consider the proposed temporary road closures through an advertisement in the Dominion Post. This advertisement requests the public to make submissions on the proposed road closures.

The New Zealand Police and the Ministry of Transport have also been consulted. Any correspondence received in response to the proposed closures has been included in the attached impact report.

Approval of a traffic management plan for the event will address and show how any objections raised are to be managed.

The City Events Team has assessed the proposed events with regard to their contribution towards Council's strategies and policies. The proposed events support the Council's strategy of being the "events capital" and will contribute to the economic success of the city.

Treaty of Waitangi considerations

There are no Treaty of Waitangi implications.

Financial implications

The administration of events is managed under project C481. There are no unforeseen costs associated with these events.

Policy and legislative implications

A Council Traffic Engineer has assessed the proposed closures with regard to the expected impact on traffic. The Traffic Engineer has provided a professional opinion as to whether the resulting impact on traffic is likely to be reasonable or unreasonable.

The proposed closures, if implemented according to an approved traffic management plan and in accordance with specific conditions set by the Traffic Engineer, will enable the safe running of the event and minimise the impact on traffic. If, in the opinion of the Council, the closure may impede or does impede traffic unreasonably, any approval granted by the Council may be revoked and the event organiser may be required to open the road at the direction of the Council's Traffic Engineer.

Risks / legal

Nil

Climate Change impact and considerations

N/A

Communications Plan

Road closures will be advertised in the Dominion Post and affected parties will be notified by the event organiser.

PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – IMPACT REPORT

WELLINGTON NIGHT MARKET

4 JULY 2015 TO 25 JUNE 2016

1. Description of Event

The Coolest Street in Wellington, in the Coolest Capital of the World.

This event has already been running for the last 6 months and has received a lot of support from residents, retailers and members of the public. The organisers would like to extend the Wellington Night Markets success into 2016.

A place where people can come every week, to find something new, to try something different to eat, to shop, to play and to enjoy.

Generally businesses and residents support the introduction of a night market.

The proposed road closure is for Manners Street (between Taranaki Street and Cuba Street)
Cuba Street (between Manners Street and Wakefield Street)
4 July to 25 June 2016 from 2pm to 11pm including set up and break down.

Road closure notification boards will be placed at each end of the closure at least one week prior to the event.

The event will be managed by a qualified temporary traffic management company. Pedestrians access will not be restricted and emergency services will have immediate access to the area if required.

2. Events Directorate Support

The Events Directorate has no connection with, and no objection to this event.

3. Proposal Notice and Consultation

The public notice advertising that the Council is proposing to consider this closure was published in the following newspaper:

- Dominion Post Wednesday 20 June 2015

The New Zealand Police and the Ministry of Transport have also been consulted with.

4. Objections

There have been NO objections to this closure request.

5. Traffic Impact Assessment

Prior Closures

None of the proposed closures for this event will result in a road being closed for an aggregate of more than 31 days in any year.

Traffic Impact

In the opinion of Stephen Harte Programme Manager Transport Network Development, acting as the Council's Traffic Engineer, the proposed closure, if implemented according to the plans provided, is not likely to impede traffic unreasonably subject to the conditions stated below. However, the Council reserves the right to modify this opinion at any time. If, in the opinion of the Council, the closure may or does impede traffic unreasonably, any approval granted by the Temporary Road Closures subcommittee may be revoked and the event organiser may be required to re-open the road at the direction of a suitably qualified Council officer in charge of traffic.

Conditions:

- The road closures will start at 2pm and finish at 11pm each Saturday. The event organiser is to obtain Council approval on the details of a traffic management plan prior to the event.
- The detour route is to be clearly signed during road closures.
- Only authorised vehicles will be allowed within the road closure area, travelling at no more than walking speed (3km/h) to ensure public safety is not compromised.
- The event organiser will publicise the event via media releases, letter drops and advanced signage to notify the public of the road closures. The event organiser is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the temporary traffic management plan during the road closures.
- The event organiser is to ensure buses are able to enter Manners St during the road closure timeframe.
- The event organiser is responsible for maintaining public safety within the Road closure area.

The event organiser is to consult and gain approval from the emergency services on the road closure and provide access for emergency vehicles.

Signed 

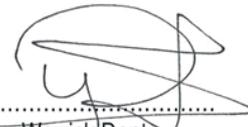
Stephen Harte
Programme Manager Transport Network Development

6. Attachments

- Map of proposed closure
- Copy of proposal notice from the newspaper

Item 2.1 Attachment 1

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Endorsed By: 
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Proposal to Close Roads

The Regulatory Processes Committee will meet on Thursday 4 June 2015 to consider the following temporary road closures for events.

Wellington Night Market

Saturdays only, 4 July 2015-25 June 2016.

Manners Street - Taranaki Street to Cuba Street

Cuba Street - Manners Street to Wakefield Street will be closed from 2pm-11pm with the exception of buses.

Any person objecting to a proposed road closure must contact the City Council in writing before 4pm, Wednesday 27 May 2015.

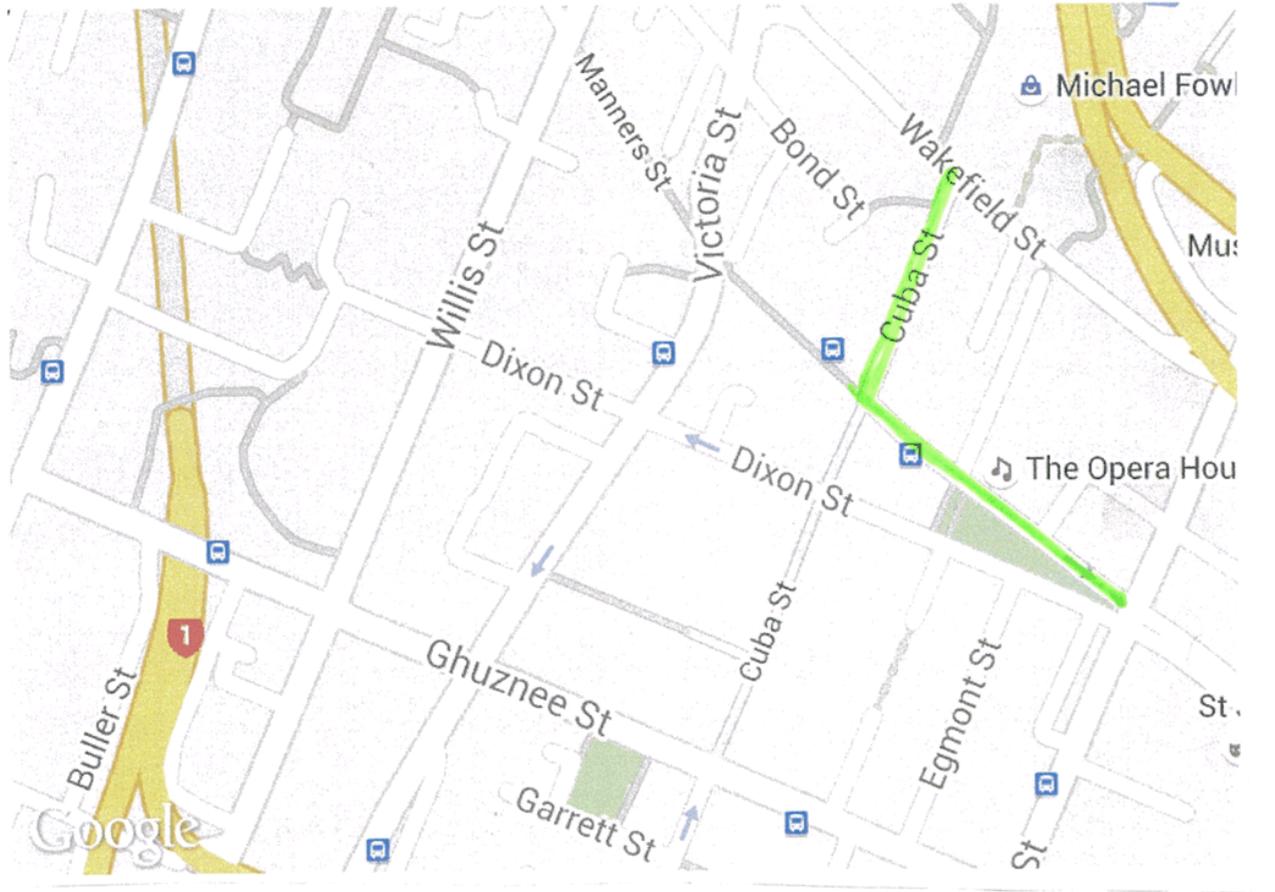
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Item 2.1 Attachment 1

Wellington Central City Map



APPROVAL OF A NAME CHANGE FOR OBAN CRESCENT

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval of a name change for Oban Crescent, as shown on Plan **F 3073**.

Summary

2. This is a proposal to change the name of Oban Crescent to Highland Crescent.

Recommendations

That the Regulatory Processes Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree to give approval for the name of the road currently known as Oban Crescent be changed to Highland Crescent as per the proposal attached (Appendices A-C) and shown on Plan F 3073 (Appendix D).

Background

3. A proposal to change the name of Oban Crescent to Highland Crescent has been received from residents of Oban Crescent. The intent of the proposed name change is to avoid current confusion over the location of Oban Crescent, which is accessed off Oban Street.

Discussion

Names Considered

4. Oban Crescent is accessed off Oban Street, in the suburb of Wadestown. The area was formerly encompassed by Highland Park, which was part of the extensive land holdings of William Barnard Rhodes.
5. William Barnard Rhodes was an Englishman from either Lincolnshire or Yorkshire, who first arrived in New Zealand during the first half of the 19th century. Rising to become a prominent landowner, businessman, and active in public life, Highland Park was one of his two main estates, the other being in the Rangitikei.
6. In one plan drawn up by Thomas Ward and dated 1912, Oban Street is referred to as William Street and Oban Crescent as William Street East. However, in another plan of the same date, these names are ruled through and the names Oban Street and Oban Crescent, respectively, are noted in their stead.
7. The name change has been proposed because a number of residents of Oban Crescent have found that confusion between the two streets, Oban Street and Oban Crescent, has created issues ranging from an appliance being delivered to an Oban Street address, where some numbers are replicated in each street, to parents being not being able to locate the correct address to deliver children to a birthday party.

Consultation

8. Twenty of the twenty-three residents of Oban Crescent either support the change of name to Highland Crescent, are neutral, or (one) will accept the majority decision. One of the twenty in support of the name change also suggested an alternative name: Kaiwharawhara Crescent. This name could be misleading with regards to the location of Oban Crescent, which is in the suburb of Wadestown. The suburb of Kaiwharawhara is at the foot of the Ngaio gorge.
9. Of the three opposed to the name change, one has no number equivalent in Oban Street, and is opposed because they feel the proposed name is boring and will cost too much. One of the opposed lives in USA; they suggest the name Highland Park Crescent in preference to Highland Park. Changing the name to Highland Park may lead to confusion that the road is located in the suburb of Highland Park, however. The remaining resident opposed to the name change has not provided a reason.
10. Liz Mellish of the Port Nicholson Block Trust (formerly the Wellington Tenths Trust) was unopposed to the name change. The Highland Park Progressive Association supports the proposal, while the Wadestown Residents' Association is neutral towards the proposal. New Zealand Post has indicated that they have no issue with the proposed name change.
11. The name was checked with the Wellington Regional Council for suitability. They advise that: "there are no issues re duplicity or reserving of the name by another Council in the Greater Wellington region". The name has been reserved for use by the Wellington City Council.

Conclusion

12. Officers recommend that the name **Highland Crescent** be approved to replace the name Oban Crescent.

Next Actions

13. Decision will be notified.

Attachments

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Consultation and Engagement

Consultation on this proposal has taken place with the residents of Oban Crescent. Twenty of the twenty-three residents of the street either support the change of name to Highland Crescent, are neutral, or (one) will accept the majority decision.

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

Consultation with the Highland Park Progressive Association and the Wadestown Residents Association has taken place. They either support or are neutral towards the proposal.

New Zealand Post has no objection.

Iwi were invited to make suggestions, but did not provide any names.

Treaty of Waitangi considerations

Not Applicable

Financial implications

There are no financial implications.

Policy and legislative implications

Allocation of street names is a statutory function under section 319A of the Local Government Act 1974.

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

Risks / legal

There are no obvious legal implications in this proposal.

Climate Change impact and considerations

Not Applicable

Communications Plan

There is an extensive notification list which includes Land Information New Zealand and Emergency Services.

Item 2.2 Attachment 1



STREET TO BE RENAMED
OBAN CRESCENT
TO
HIGHLAND CRESCENT

F PLAN 3073

23 APRIL 2015

16 February 2015

Proposal to rename Oban Crescent as Highland Crescent

We request that the Wellington City Council formally changes the name of Oban Crescent in Wadestown, to end confusion with Oban Street. We also suggest that the new name be Highland Crescent.

The problem

Oban Crescent is a small street of 23 houses that runs off Oban Street in Wadestown. It is frequently confused with that street — by visitors, emergency services, postal and other delivery staff, taxi drivers, tradesmen and even Wellington City Council staff and contractors. Residents suffer inconvenience and sometimes financial loss through the confusion that still results. Many are tired of having to say or write “Oban Crescent, not Street” whenever giving directions. Residents are generally fond of the name Oban, but the misunderstanding with Oban Street is irksome. Examples of the problems caused by the double use of the name ‘Oban’ are contained in annex 1.

Changing the name has been mooted before, including in the 1960s, but at that time a proposed name was vehemently opposed by one resident (who no longer lives in the street). Most residents consider that the time is now right to make a name change to end the confusion with Oban Street, which has resulted in this proposal.

The proposal

It would benefit residents and service providers if Oban Crescent was renamed. The new name should not be easily confused with another street in Wellington (especially one nearby). It should also be memorable, easy to pronounce and easy to spell. It would be desirable for the name to have some connection to our neighbourhood.

We propose Highland Crescent as the new name. It meets the criteria above. This name has a link to Oban in the Scottish Highlands, and a link to William Barnard Rhodes’s Highland Park Estate, which Oban Crescent was part of when the area was developed (see annex 2).

There don’t seem to be any Highland Crescents in New Zealand¹. The possible alternative ‘Highland Park Crescent’ is rather long, and may make people think the street is near the Highland Park shops in Lennel Road. There are also Highland Parks in Auckland and Mosgiel, not to mention the new motorsport park at Cromwell. Two residents have also proposed alternatives (see annex 3).

¹ Google throws up addresses in Highland Crescent in Rotorua, but when you check the map this street is actually Hyland Crescent.

Support

All residents in Oban Street have been canvassed about this proposal. Of the 23 households:

17 support the proposal to change the name, and most of them support Highland Crescent as the new name

2 are not opposed

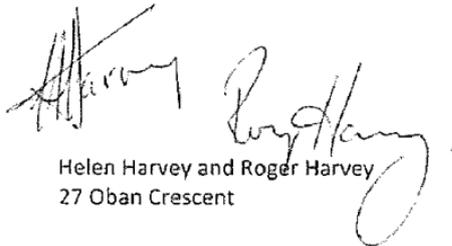
4 oppose the change.

The results are set out in annex 3.

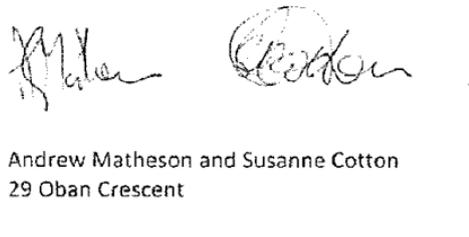
Mainly because of irregular house numbering in Oban Street, about half of the properties in Oban Crescent have no direct equivalent in Oban Street. Despite that, most of these households either support or do not object to the name change as they too have had confusion with their addresses.

Consideration by council

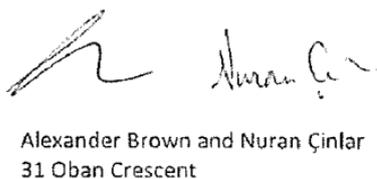
We ask that this proposal be formally considered by the relevant committee of the Wellington City Council, and are willing to speak to this proposal if required.



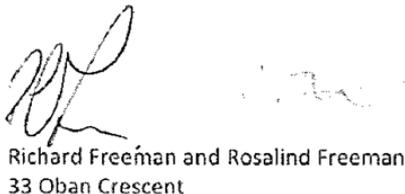
Helen Harvey and Roger Harvey
27 Oban Crescent



Andrew Matheson and Susanne Cotton
29 Oban Crescent



Alexander Brown and Nuran Çinlar
31 Oban Crescent



Richard Freeman and Rosalind Freeman
33 Oban Crescent

Proposal to rename Oban Crescent as Highland Crescent

Annex 3: support

Number	Occupants Opinion	Comment
2	Lindy Fursman and Tim Duston No objection to change.	This property has no equivalent address in Oban Street.
4	Tony Owner says he has told the WCC he is opposed to name change.	This property has no equivalent address in Oban Street.
5	Stephen Doyle. Supports name change. Supports 'Highland Crescent' as new name.	This property has no equivalent address in Oban Street.
6	David Carswell No objection to name change.	This property has no equivalent address in Oban Street.
7	Sarah and Gus Feltham Support name change. Support 'Highland Crescent' as new name.	This property has no equivalent address in Oban Street.
8	John Abbott Supports name change. Supports 'Highland Crescent' as new name.	This property has no equivalent address in Oban Street.
10	Helen Matsopoulos and Andrew Pratt Support name change. Support 'Highland Crescent' as new name	This property has no equivalent address in Oban Street.
10A	Support name change (from the owner who lives at 10B).	This property has no equivalent address in Oban Street.
10B	Support name change.	This property has no equivalent address in Oban Street.
10E	Brad Jackson and Jackie McIntosh Support name change. Support 'Highland Crescent' as new name. Brad also suggested 'Kaiwharawhara Crescent'.	This property has no equivalent address in Oban Street.
12	Kyran and Samantha Rice Opposed to name change.	State that they like the current name, think proposed name is boring and consider cost of change to be too high.

Number	Occupants Opinion	Comment
14	Nick Churchouse and Rachel Burt Support name change. Support 'Highland Crescent' as new name.	
16	Empty (deceased estate) WCC reports that they oppose .	
18	Gareth and Prudence Williams Support name change.	This property has no exact equivalent address in Oban Street, where there are flats 1 and 2 at number 18.
19	Rachel Lessels Support name change.	This property has no equivalent address in Oban Street.
20	Jim and Lorraine Fraser Have told WCC they don't support the name change, but won't block majority support .	
21	Julie Rowan Supports name change. Would like further consultation on new name.	
23	Gordon Sinclair Supports name change. Supports 'Highland Crescent' as new name.	This property has no equivalent address in Oban Street.
25	Turei Reedy and Teresa Kenny Support name change. Support 'Highland Crescent' as new name.	
27	Roger and Helen Harvey Support name change. Support 'Highland Crescent' as new name.	
29	Andrew Matheson and Sue Cotton Support name change. Support 'Highland Crescent' as new name.	
31	Sandy Brown Supports name change. Supports 'Highland Crescent' as new name. Nuran Çinlar Supports name change. Supports 'Highland Crescent' as new name.	
33	Richard and Roz Freeman Support name change. Support 'Highland Crescent' as new name.	

Proposal to rename Oban Crescent as Highland Crescent

Annex 1: examples of confusion with Oban Street

Emergency services

Ambulance and wheelchair transporter sent to Oban Crescent instead of Oban Street in November 2014. When questioned, the driver said his pager showed the address as Crescent. While this diversion wasn't a life-threatening delay, residents are concerned about the potential for a more serious outcome.

Taxis

It is very common for taxis to go to Oban Street rather than Crescent, even when the despatcher has been given the correct address. There are numerous examples of flights, including early-morning international departures or connections, nearly being missed as a result.

Mail and couriers

In December 2014, three packages from overseas and one letter (routine bill from Wellington address) were delivered to Oban St instead of Oban Crescent. The addresses on the packages and letter were right, but delivery person misdelivered. They did not all come via NZ Post, so this was at least two different instances of misdelivery.

Just one household's list of mis-delivered items over just a few years includes:

- renewed passport
- half-case of wine given as a gift, which sat on a porch for seven hot summer days in Oban Street before being redirected
- Christmas tree
- book valued at NZ\$120 that was needed in order to complete a research manuscript, which had to be purchased again as the residents at Oban Street were on a long vacation and their housesitters didn't notice the mistaken delivery
- confidential Treasury papers urgently couriered by same-day delivery because they were time sensitive and the recipient was home sick
- flowers when a parent died
- flowers when a child was born
- bills (have paid late fees due to bills going astray)
- formal job offer letter for signature (no response may be detrimental to employment prospects).

Tradespeople

Scaffolders putting up half the scaffolding at the wrong house, while painters waited at the correct address.

Tradesman installed new washing machine in house at Oban Street (he was let in by their cleaner)

Carpet nearly installed at Oban Street.

Quotes done for outdoor work at Oban Street.

Business interruption

Urgent contract award notices delivered to Oban Street, which led to delays in legal review of contract and late return of contract.

Personal inconvenience

Parents attempting to collect their children from birthday parties from Oban Street despite the address warning.

For a dinner party in November 2014 and despite warning everyone about the potential confusion, one couple still went to Oban Street by mistake.

One family had a child's party in October 2014. The invitations specified "Oban Crescent not Oban Street" but at least three families went to the wrong street.