

Chairperson and Community Board Members
PARAPARAUMU/RAUMATI COMMUNITY BOARD

8 SEPTEMBER 2015

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

SEVENOAKS RETIREMENT VILLAGE - NAMING OF EXISTING ROAD

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report requests the consideration of, and decision on, the name for an existing road within Sevenoaks Retirement Village.

DELEGATION

- 2 With reference to the Road Naming and Street Numbering Policy 2011, under Section 10.23 of the current Governance Structure and Delegations, the Council has delegated the authority to Community Boards to:

accept or reject staff recommendations on: road names; or the alteration of the name of any road; or part of any road within the Board's community area. If all names are rejected the Board may request a further report.

BACKGROUND

- 3 Under Council's policy, developers are required to submit three name suggestions, in preferential order, for each road to be named, whether it is public or private
- 4 Supplementary information in support of the names is to be provided by the developer, in writing, and this may be consistent with marketing themes, historical connections, or names of previous owners.
- 5 The Community Board has a responsibility to ensure that road names are unique to the district. This is for public safety and avoidance of confusion for emergency and utility services, as call centres are often located away from the district.
- 6 The Community Board may accept one of the proposed names within the report, or reject all suggested names and request that staff provide alternative names in a subsequent report.
- 7 Sevenoaks is part of Kapiti Retirement Trust which is a charitable trust that was established in the late 1950s to provide care and accommodation for the elderly on the Kāpiti Coast.
- 8 Sevenoaks' development commenced around 30 years ago. It includes 140 retirement properties consisting of 96 houses, 44 apartments, and the Trust's care facilities, which form the main part of the Trust's charitable activities.
- 9 The development occupies 8.7 hectares on five adjoining Kapiti Retirement Trust-owned land parcels, with 8 existing named roads.

ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Issues

- 10 The road to be named is an existing road within the village, which has never been named, due to a departure from the original plan, which changed the main access road.
- 11 The rest of the names of roads in Sevenoaks relate to the families involved with the original development, and in some cases, links they had with England. The naming of these date back to the 1980s.
- 12 The Trust representative said they feel it is not appropriate now to name a road after just one of the many people involved in the Trust's history, so the proposed names are a departure from the theme.
- 13 Because the road is located within a retirement village, it is important that the name is simple, and easy to remember and pronounce, particularly in emergency situations.
- 14 The road is approximately 85 metres long. See Appendix 1.
- 15 The road contains a number of residents' car parks, with lawn and gardens, and access to the apartments behind them.
- 16 There will be one, possibly two, residences which may in the future use this road name as part of their addresses, though there is no vehicular access directly off the road.
- 17 The preferred descriptor for the road is 'Lane'.
- 18 The suggestions put forward, in preferential order, by the Support Services Group Manager, Kapiti Retirement Trust (hereafter the Trust contact) are as follows:
 1. **Park Lane** – This is easy to remember, and the road houses a number of car parks, plus some gardens and lawn.
 2. **Bird Lane** – This is short and simple, and easy to remember. The complex is home to many birds.
 3. **Sparrow Lane** – This is short, simple and appropriate for the road.
- 19 'Park Lane' is not suitable, as there is already Park Avenue, in Waikanae, and Park Road in Paraparaumu Beach.
- 20 Neither 'Bird' nor 'Sparrow' is in use as a road name in the Kāpiti district or adjoining districts.
- 21 For the ease of residents, and in keeping with the rest of the village, the preferred option is **Bird Lane**.
- 22 If 'Bird Lane' or 'Sparrow Lane' is the approved name, the Trust contact commented "...we will add some landscaping feature that is consistent with the bird theme".

CONSIDERATIONS

Policy considerations

- 23 The Council Road Naming and Street Numbering Policy: 2011 states that the developer (or applicant) must consult with the relevant iwi and historical society representatives, and include their comments in the application.
- 24 Te Hunga Kaumātua (the Kaumātua Council) representing Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai suggested **Wai ora**, **Ara ora** or **Wai Tapu** as historically relevant names for this road, but noted that they had not been requested to undertake the process of bestowing a Tangata Whenua name, so had no further comments.
- 25 The Administrator of Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust commented that having reviewed all available information and the background of the historical naming process for Sevenoaks, the Trust would not object to the current names, and process used, and feels they fit well with the current street names within Sevenoaks.
- 26 Because the relevant historical society, Kapiti Historical Society, is currently in remission, the engagement was with Mr Anthony Dreaver, a well-known and respected local historian.
- 27 The historian commented that if the name meets the needs of the Sevenoaks management and complex, he accepts it.
- 28 Aside from the departure mentioned in paragraph 26 above, the procedure for the existing Council Road Naming and Street Numbering Policy: 2011 has been followed.

Legal considerations

- 29 The Council and its Community Boards can name roads pursuant to Sections 319 and 319A of the Local Government Act 1974.

Financial considerations

- 30 The road to be named is on private land and will incur no costs to the Council.

Tāngata whenua considerations

- 31 There are no iwi or Treaty of Waitangi issues arising from this report.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

Degree of significance

- 32 This report has a low level of significance under Council Policy.

Consultation already undertaken

- 33 The Trust contact has had ongoing two-way written communication with the Council, and has engaged with the iwi representative, and a local historian.

Publicity

- 34 There are no publicity issues resulting from this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 35 That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board approves the name “**Bird Lane**” for the road highlighted in Appendix 1 of Report Corp-15-1600.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1. Location

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