

Report to the Council Housebuilding Cabinet Committee



**Epping Forest
District Council**

Report reference: CHB-005-2017/18

Date of meeting: 29 January 2018

Portfolio: Housing – Cllr S. Stavrou

Subject: Change of Street Name for Queens Road, North Weald Development.

Responsible Officer: Paul Pledger – Asst. Director (Housing Property & Development) (01992 564248)

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Recommendations:

- 1) That, following a request by North Weald Parish Council, the new development to the rear of 9 - 19 Queens Road, North Weald, previously named Elizabeth Court, be renamed Cyril Hawkins Close; and
- (2) That formal application be submitted to the Director of Neighbourhoods for the above name and numbering change, in accordance with the Council's Street Naming and Numbering Policy.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

Street naming (or re-naming) of sites to be constructed under the Council House-building Programme is set out in the Terms of Reference as a responsibility for the Council House-building Cabinet Committee.

The Queens Road, North Weald development site has already been agreed by the Cabinet Committee in December 2016 to be named Elizabeth Close. However, the Council has received a request from the North Weald Parish Council to rename the street after the former long-standing Chairman, Cllr Cyril Hawkins, who sadly passed away last year.

Other Options for Action:

To retain Elizabeth Close as the street name for the development, which has already been agreed by the Cabinet Committee.

Background

1. At its meeting in December 2016 the Cabinet Committee agreed to name the new development site at Queens Road, North Weald as Elizabeth Close. However, in November 2017 the North Weald Parish Council formally asked that this name now be formally withdrawn and the site be re-named "Cyril Hawkins Close" after the former long-standing Chairman of the Parish Council who sadly passed away earlier in the year.

2. The Director of Neighbourhoods been consulted informally on the suggested name change, to ensure that it complies with the Council's Street Naming and Numbering Policy. He has confirmed that he has no objections in principle to the proposed name.
3. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Committee agrees to the Parish Council's request to rename the development site at Queens Road, North Weald as Cyril Hawkins Close.

Resource Implications

The Housebuilding Programme's existing budget will need to meet the minimal (internal) cost of making the street naming application to the Director of Neighbourhoods.

Legal and Governance Implications

Towns Improvement Clauses Act 1847 (S64 and S65), in conjunction with S21 of the Public Health Amendment Act 1907.

Safer, Cleaner and Greener Implications

None

Consultation Undertaken

As detailed in the main report.

Background Papers:

None

Risk Management

The risks are minimal, other than any reputational damage to the Council if the proposed names are subsequently found/considered to be inappropriate at a later date.

The development has yet to commence on site and as such there are no residents affected by this proposal. Therefore there are no risks identified with this recommendation.

Equality Analysis

The Equality Act 2010 requires that the Public Sector Equality Duty is actively applied in decision-making. This means that the equality information provided to accompany this report is essential reading for all members involved in the consideration of this report. The equality information is provided as an Appendix to the report and is attached at CHB-001-2017/18.

