

## **CABINET – 5TH FEBRUARY 2009**

### **Report of the Director of Development**

#### **ITEM 11 MOTION ON NOTICE – NAMING OF EPINAL WAY EXTENSION**

##### Purpose of the Report

To consider a motion concerning Naming of Epinal Way Extension, which was referred by Council on 12th January 2009.

##### Recommendation

That the issues raised in the Notice of Motion concerning Naming of Epinal Way Extension be referred to the Director of Development for any further action, which may be required.

##### Reason

To ensure that Financial and Risk implications, along with the Policy Context, would be fully considered before any action was taken.

##### Policy Context

The current Corporate Plan, under the commitment to delivering an “Excellent Council” seeks to engender a sense of belonging and pride in the Borough. One avenue through which that commitment may be delivered is through the naming of streets in celebration of local features, achievements, and associations.

##### Background

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Stork and seconded by Councillor Gay:

“In recognition of the work of the late Terry Yardley as a Borough Councillor for Shelthorpe Ward it is proposed that the Borough Council agrees to forward a recommendation to Leicestershire County Council that the section of the Epinal Way Extension from One Ash Roundabout to Woodthorpe Roundabout be named as ‘Yardley Way’.

It is particularly poignant to recall that Terry was a great supporter of the Great Central Railways, and that if Council is minded to agree to this motion then daily his memory will be shrouded in steam and reverberate to the thunder of a passing locomotive, and travellers both on the railway and the road will be reminded of a much loved Shelthorpe Councillor who passed away whilst in office”.

Responsibility for the naming and numbering of streets resides with the Borough Council by virtue of Sections 17-19 of the Public Health Act 1925. The Constitution

provides for all decisions on the numbering, re-numbering and naming of streets to be delegated to the Director of Development.

The Council's policy and principles for the naming of streets, within which the delegated authority is exercised is posted on the Council's web site at:

<http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/streetnaming>

Key principles set out in that policy include the provision that streets should not be named after living people and that they should relate, wherever possible, to one or more of the following:

- (a) Local history, historical associations, or historical figures
- (b) Existing local themes in street names
- (c) Local natural history associations
- (d) Local industrial, sporting or twinning themes.

In response to suggestions from local residents, this policy has been interpreted in recent times to include the commemoration of some community leaders, continuing a tradition which has seen a number of streets named after leading citizens, often, but not exclusively, former mayors and aldermen.

There is then no impediment in policy for the proposal to name the carriage way concerned in memory of Terry Yardley.

It is not normally our practice to name roads lying entirely within a rural area where there are unlikely to be any related postal addresses, hence that part of the "Epinal Way Extension" lying between Ling Road and the "One Ash roundabout" has no formal designation other than its national route number: the A 6004. That, though, need not preclude in principle the naming of the road after Terry Yardley.

Notwithstanding the association with the Great Central Railway recognised in the motion, it might be considered that Terry Yardley's name could be more appropriately linked with a residential area where it would be in daily usage. It is anticipated that subsequent phases of the Grange Park development within Terry Yardley's former ward will soon be coming forward for development providing an opportunity for the commemoration of his name.

Whichever course is favoured it is part and parcel of the adopted street naming policy to consult the postal and emergency services along with designated local interest groups and all other parties expressing an interest in a particular area before any suggestion submitted for approval is confirmed.

#### Financial Implications

Costs are modest with the installation of a single name plate alongside the carriageway amounting to £125; a two way carriageway typically requires four such plates amounting to a total cost of £500.

## Risk Management

There are no risks identified in connection with this item

Key Decision: No

Background Papers: None

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