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Meeting Room: Upper Harbour Local Board Office
Venue: 30 Kell Drive
Albany

Upper Harbour Local Board

OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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The Whenuapai Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc
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Karen Marais
Senior Local Board Advisor
Upper Harbour Local Board
Auckland Council

24 July 2015

RE: Whenuapai Village name

Dear Karen

Brian Neeson has referred me to you in regard to a matter that our community village is deeply concerned about – retaining our name.

The Whenuapai Ratepayers & Residents Association Committee has had numerous queries from residents about the name of the new Special Housing Area on the corner of Brigham's Creek and Totara Roads in Whenuapai.

Auckland Council documents call the subdivision "Whenuapai Village":
(<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/ratesbuildingproperty/housingsupply/Documents/specialho usingareamap201405whenuapai-village.pdf> as an example).

Developers of the site, Oyster Capital, have created a company named Whenuapai Village Ltd for the development (<http://www.oystercapital.co.nz/oyster-capital/whenuapai-1-precinct-whenuapai-village-limited- id=250 idt=1699 id=12368 .html>).

The media have also latched on to it (<http://www.nbr.co.nz/article/whenuapai-first-many-residential-plan-changes-expected-year-sl-169483>)

However, we have always known the area behind the airbase, bordered by Kauri Rd, the northern end of Totara Rd, and the Upper Waitemata, as **Whenuapai Village**.

The name dates back well beyond the current generation of residents. The area was originally known as Waimarie, but became Whenuapai in the late 1930s, when an American military camp was established (later to become a Royal New Zealand Air Force base).

Local historian, the late Malcolm Hahn, wrote in his history of the Upper Waitemata Harbour that around that time, when a Four Square and post office opened on Waimarie Rd, incoming mail continually went astray until the postmarks on the mail officially changed to "Whenuapai Village." "We have been the village ever since," he wrote.

Our local hall in Waimarie Rd, built by residents in 1955, bears the nameplate "Whenuapai Village Hall". We even have large board signs on Totara and Kauri Roads which read "Welcome to Whenuapai Village". We have a village convenience store. The village name has always differentiated this area from the Whenuapai Airbase township – which has its own shopping area, school and Air Force housing settlement.

We are concerned that if the new housing area adopts the name Whenuapai Village, there will be confusion for many – including public transport users. The current bus service to and from Westgate (Bus #093) goes through the Whenuapai air base area, Whenuapai Village and Herald Island.

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The village residents are passionate about keeping the name. In fact, we're determined.

And we'd like to make a suggestion to the Upper Harbour Local Board. The new housing area could be given the name **Whenuapai Township**. Other residents' suggestions: Whenuapai Fields, or the original name - Waimarie.

Our rural seaside village is a tight-knit community that residents are proud to call home. We do not oppose the development of housing in this area – it is a sign of growth in our city. But we do feel strongly that our name should not be taken from us.

Please feel free to contact me on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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