

Memorandum

19 September 2019

To: Chris Makoare, Chairperson – Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board; Debbie Burrows, Deputy Chairperson – Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board; Victoria Villaraza, Relationship Manager – Maungakiekie-Tāmaki and Puketāpapa Local Boards

cc: Christie McFadyen, Senior Local Board Advisor – Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board; Emerald James, Subdivision Advisor – Resource Consents

Subject: Urgent decision request of the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

From: Mal Ahmu, Local Board Advisor – Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

Purpose

1. To initially seek the local board relationship manager's authorisation to commence the urgent decision-making process and if granted, seek formal approval from the chair and deputy chair (or any person acting in these roles) to use the process to make an urgent decision.
2. The decision required, and the supporting report, are attached to this memo. The urgent decision being sought needs to be authorised by the chair and deputy chair (or any person acting in these roles) by signing this memo. Both this memo and the report will be reported as an information item at the next business meeting if the urgent decision-making process proceeds.

Reason for the urgency

3. Local Boards have decision-making authority over the naming of roads as outlined in The 10-Year Budget 2018-2028.
4. Due to the election period, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board's last business meeting for this electoral term was on 27 August 2019. The next business meeting will be in the new electoral term in November 2019. Scheduled dates will not be determined until after the local board's inaugural meeting on the 28 October 2019.
5. The applicant and developer, Fletcher Living are seeking the local board's decision on a new private road, being a commonly owned access lot (COAL), created by way of a subdivision development off Sollum Road, Panmure, known as 'Derna and Tobruk Stage 1' by Fletcher Residential Limited.
6. This residential development is forecasted to begin sales at the end of October 2019. As part of this development are nine social housing dwellings managed by TRC. Fletcher Living requires a road name to start the sales process. TRC also require a road name in place while they organise the housing of tenants.

Decision sought from the chair and deputy chair (or any person acting in these roles)

That the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board:

- a) approve the name Takrouna Lane for the new private road, being a commonly owned access lot (COAL) created by way of subdivision off Sollum Road, Panmure, known as 'Derna and Tobruk Stage 1' by Fletcher Residential Ltd, in accordance with section 319(1)(j) of the Local Government Act 1974 (resource consent reference BUN60326882).

Context

7. Auckland Council has road naming guidelines that set out the requirements and criteria of the council for proposed road names. These requirements and criteria have been applied in this situation to ensure consistency of road naming across the Auckland region.
8. Applicant and developer Fletcher Residential Limited has proposed the following names for consideration by the local board:
 - Takrouna Lane
 - Medenine Lane
 - Mechili Lane.
9. The applicant advises that the proposed names are battles from World War II in which the NZ Division and 28th Maori Battalion fought against Erwin Rommel's 'Afrika Korps' and Italian forces in North Africa. This theme was chosen because many of the existing local streets in Panmure are named after similar battles from World War II.
10. The applicant only provided limited information and background about the WWII theme and associated battles. On further research, council staff could only find mention of NZ involvement in Takrouna and The Battle of Medenine. Mechili was a crossroads of tactical importance, being the preferred route for travel between the port of Tobruk and Benghazi, but it seems that only comparatively minor battles were fought in Mechili.
11. Fletcher Residential Limited advise that they have consulted mana whenua regarding road naming for their wider developments in the area. However, for this site they are supporting the choice of names that are in keeping with the "unique World War II naming tradition of the area", including battles that involved the 28th Maori Battalion such as that at Takrouna.
12. The proposed names have been assessed against the Auckland Council Road Naming Guidelines and the National Addressing Standards for road naming. All technical standards are met, and the names are not duplicated anywhere else in the region. It is up to the local board to decide upon the thematic suitability of the proposed names within the local context.

Approval to use the urgent decision-making process



Signed by Victoria Villaraza
Relationship Manager, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

Date: 20 September 2019

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Chris Makoare
Chairperson,
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

Date: 20 September 2019



Debbie Burrows
Deputy Chairperson,
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

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Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local board Resolution/s

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Chris Makoare
Chairperson,
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

Date: 23 September 2019



Debbie Burrows
Deputy Chairperson,
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

Date: 25 September 2019

Attachments

No.	Title
A	Road Name Approval: New Private Road created by way of Subdivision off Sollum Road, Panmure

Road Name Approval: New Private Road created by way of Subdivision off Sollum Road, Panmure

Te take mō te pūrongo Purpose of the report

1. To seek approval from the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board to name a new private road, being a commonly owned access lot (COAL), created by way of a subdivision development off Sollum Road, Panmure, known as 'Derna and Tobruk Stage 1' by Fletcher Residential Limited.

Whakarāpopototanga matua Executive summary

2. Auckland Council has road naming guidelines that set out the requirements and criteria of the council for proposed road names. These requirements and criteria have been applied in this situation to ensure consistency of road naming across the Auckland region.
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5. The applicant only provided limited information and background about the WWII theme and associated battles. On further research, council staff could only find mention of NZ involvement in Takrouna and The Battle of Medenine. Mechili was a crossroads of tactical importance, being the preferred route for travel between the port of Tobruk and Benghazi, but it seems that only comparatively minor battles were fought in Mechili.
6. Fletcher Residential Limited advise that they have consulted mana whenua regarding road naming for their wider developments in the area. However, for this site they are supporting the choice of names that are in keeping with the "unique World War II naming tradition of the area", including battles that involved the 28th Maori Battalion such as that at Takrouna.
7. The proposed names have been assessed against the Auckland Council Road Naming Guidelines and the National Addressing Standards for road naming. All technical standards are met, and the names are not duplicated anywhere else in the region. It is up to the local board to decide upon the thematic suitability of the proposed names within the local context.

Ngā tūtohunga Recommendation/s

That the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board:

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Horopaki Context

8. Resource consent reference BUN60326882 was issued on 17 December 2018 for 19 new dwellings and associated subdivision, including a new private road (the subject commonly owned access lot, or 'COAL') and two rear service lanes for some of the dwellings.
9. Site and location plans of the development can be found in Attachment A, with the subject road to be named shown as 'Lane 1C'.
10. As can be seen from the site plan in Attachment A, some of the new dwellings have access from the front of the properties directly onto Tripoli Road and Sollum Road, with rear service lanes for vehicular access; Lanes 1A and 1B. Therefore, a road name is only required for subject Lane 1C, being the main point of access for that part of the development off Sollum Road.
11. In accordance with the National Addressing Standards, the COAL is required to be named as it serves more than five lots.

Tātaritanga me ngā tohutohu Analysis and advice

12. The Auckland Council Road Naming Guidelines allow that where a new road needs to be named as a result of a subdivision or development, the subdivider/developer shall be given the opportunity of suggesting their preferred new road name/s for the local board's approval.
13. Auckland Council's road naming criteria typically require that road names reflect one of the following local themes, with the use of Māori names being actively encouraged:
 - a historical or ancestral linkage to an area;
 - a particular landscape, environmental or biodiversity theme or feature; or
 - an existing (or introduced) thematic identity in the local area.
14. **Theme (as described by applicant):** The subject area of Panmure is quite unique, in that all the local streets are named after battles in which the NZ Division and 28th Maori Battalion fought in World War II, predominately from late 1941 to early 1943 against Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps and Italian forces in the vast North African desert. As many of the original homes in Panmure were built for ex-service men and their families, this was deemed appropriate at that time. The proposed road names are in keeping with this existing theme.
15. **Context of names:** Despite the above description by the applicant, only limited information and background was provided about the proposed names and associated battles. On further research, council staff could only find mention of NZ involvement in Takrouna and The Battle of Medenine. These names are therefore supported, rather than the name 'Mechili'. Mechili was a crossroads of tactical importance, being the preferred route for travel between the port of Tobruk and Benghazi, but it seems that only comparatively minor battles were fought here.

16. The background to the proposed names are as follows:

Proposed Name	Background
Takrouna Lane	<p>The 200-m high rock fortress of Takrouna, held by Italian and German troops, blocked the 8th Army's drive towards Tunis. On the night of 19/20th April 1943, a handful of B Company men led by Sergeant Haane Manahi scaled a sheer cliff face to reach the summit. Others followed, and after three days of desperate fighting, Takrouna's defenders were finally overcome.</p> <p>Three hundred prisoners were taken, but the Battalion lost another 116 men killed or wounded. Among them was Lt-Col Bennett, who was wounded by a mine; he was succeeded by Major K. A. (Reta) Keiha. Haane Manahi was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal, but many felt he deserved a VC for leading an assault described by a British lieutenant-general as 'the most gallant feat of arms I witnessed in the course of the war'.</p> <p>Source - 28th Maori Battalion Website at: https://28maoribattalion.org.nz/story-of-the-28th/desert-fighters</p>
Medenine Lane	<p>In March 1943 the Māori Battalion helped beat off a determined German counter-attack at Medenine in Tunisia.</p> <p>The Battle of Medenine, also known as 'Operation Capri' (Unternehmen Capri), was an Axis (forces supporting Germany) spoiling attack intended to delay an attack by the British 8th Army on the important Mareth Line. The Allies had been forewarned by interception of German wireless communications and rushed reinforcements from Tripoli and Benghazi before the attack, which was a costly failure by Axis. The Battle of Medenine was the last battle commanded by Erwin Rommel in the German North African Campaign, who returned to Europe for good soon afterwards.</p> <p>Source - 28th Maori Battalion Website at: https://28maoribattalion.org.nz/story-of-the-28th/desert-fighters</p>
Mechili Lane	<p>Mechili was a crossroads of tactical importance in Libya, being the preferred route for travel between the port of Tobruk and Benghazi. (note: 'Tobruk' is also the existing name of the street adjacent to the subject development). Action in Mechili saw engagement between Commonwealth and Italian forces during 'Operation Compass', the first large Allied military operation of the 'Western Desert Campaign' (1940–1943) during WWII.</p> <p>http://113squadron.com/id116.htm</p>

17. **Assessment:** The names proposed have been assessed against the Auckland Council Road Naming Guidelines and the National Addressing Standards for road naming. All technical standards are met and the names are not duplicated anywhere else in the region. It is up to the local board to decide upon the thematic suitability of the proposed names within the local context, considering that it appears that NZ forces noteworthy involvement, were only at Takrouna and The Battle of Medenine.

18. **Iwi Consultation:** Fletcher Residential Limited say that they have consulted mana whenua regarding road naming for their wider developments in the area. However, for this site Fletcher Residential Limited is supporting the choice of names that are in keeping with the “unique World War II naming tradition of the area” including battles that involved the 28th Maori Battalion, such as that at Takrouna.
19. **Confirmation:** Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) has confirmed that all of the proposed names are acceptable and not duplicated elsewhere in the region.
20. **Road type:** ‘Lane’ is an acceptable road type for the new private road, suiting the form and layout, as per the Auckland Council Road Naming Guidelines.

Ngā whakaaweawe me ngā tirohanga a te rōpū Kaunihera Council group impacts and views

21. The decision sought for this report has no identified impacts on other parts of the council group. The views of council controlled organisations were not required for the preparation of the report’s advice.

Ngā whakaaweawe ā-rohe me ngā tirohanga a te poari ā-rohe Local impacts and local board views

22. The decision sought for this report does not trigger any significant policy and is not considered to have any immediate local impact beyond those outlined in this report.

Tauākī whakaaweawe Māori Māori impact statement

23. The decision sought from the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board on this report is linked to the Auckland Plan Outcome “A thriving Māori identity is Auckland’s point of difference in the world – it advances prosperity for Māori and benefits all Aucklanders”. The use of Māori names for roads, buildings and other public places is an opportunity to publicly demonstrate Māori identity.
24. Whilst no Māori road names are proposed, the applicant has tried to choose names of WWII battles where the 28th Maori Battalion fought.

Ngā ritenga ā-pūtea Financial implications

25. The applicant has responsibility for ensuring that appropriate signage will be installed accordingly once approval is obtained for the new road names.

Ngā raru tūpono me ngā whakamaurutanga Risks and mitigations

26. There are no significant risks to council as road naming is a routine part of the subdivision development process, with consultation being a key part of the process.

Ngā koringa ā-muri Next steps

27. Approved road names are notified to Land Information New Zealand (LINZ), which records them on its New Zealand wide land information database that includes street addresses issued by councils.

Ngā kaihaina Signatories

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