

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 29 SEPTEMBER 2010

REPORT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To consider a proposal to amend Council's street naming and numbering policy.

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:

that Council's street naming and numbering policy be qualified by allowing the use of house names in (new) small scale development of up to 6 properties, provided no objection is raised by Royal Mail.

1.0 Background

1.1 At its meeting held on 5 February 2008, Executive approved the Authority's street naming and numbering policy.

1.2 The policy contains the following provision:

For private houses the name should not repeat the name of the road or that of any other house or building in the same postcode area.

1.3 The Leader of the Council has received representations from a local property developer seeking approval for use of a house name on a small scale development. The use of a house name within this development is currently precluded under the Council's street naming and numbering policy (as it repeats the proposed road name).

2.0 Report

- 2.1 Council established a street naming and numbering policy to facilitate and ensure ease of property identification by, amongst others, emergency services. The specific provision relating to house names not repeating the name of the road underpins the foregoing reason. Without this provision, properties could seek to use house names that, without logical progression, would likely make their identification in an emergency situation more difficult.
- 2.2 Council's policy does not provide for any discretion to be exercised in the application of its provisions. By its generality, there are likely to be circumstances where Council may consider it appropriate to refine the policy.
- 2.3 It is suggested that the premise for the element of the policy detailed above is sound and should remain. However, it is felt that the policy could be qualified by allowing the use of house names in (new) small scale development of up to 6 properties, provided no objection is raised by Royal Mail.
- 2.4 Council is invited to consider whether or not it wishes to amend its street naming and numbering policy on the basis detailed in paragraph 2.3 above.

3.0 Implications/Consultations

- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

None

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/Objectives (delete as appropriate):	<p>Fit for purpose, services fit for you <i>Deliver customer focused services by maintaining and developing a well managed and publicly accountable organisation.</i></p> <p>Pride in East Herts <i>Improve standards of the neighbourhood and environmental management in our towns and villages.</i></p> <p>Caring about what's built and where <i>Care for and improve our natural and built environment.</i></p>
Consultation:	None
Legal:	None.
Financial:	None.
Human Resource:	None
Risk Management:	None