

Development Management Sub-Committee

10.00am, Wednesday, 29 July 2020

Proposed naming of a street to honour George Grubb

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
 - 1.1.1 considers whether there is justification to vary the street naming criteria set out in the Statutory Addressing Charter in relation to the request to use the name George Grubb at this time.

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 Following consultation with the ward councillors regarding the street naming and numbering of the new properties at South Scotstoun, all four Councillors have supported a proposal that a street in this development be named to honour George Grubb, former Lord Provost of Edinburgh and councillor for Queensferry.
- 2.2 Whilst George Grubb's name is included in the bank of names for future use, it does not currently meet the criteria for use as set out in the Statutory Addressing Charter.
- 2.3 It is therefore recommended that consideration be given as to whether a variation to street naming criteria is justified in this case.

3. Background

- 3.1 An application has been received from Taylor Wimpey for street naming and numbering of 341 new properties at the South Scotstoun development in South Queensferry.
- 3.2 Section 97 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 empowers the Council to allocate statutory addresses.
- 3.3 The City of Edinburgh Council [Statutory Addressing Charter](#) sets out the criteria for allocating street names for new streets based on people, places or events associated with the City of Edinburgh, as this helps to preserve history for future generations, reinforcing the sense of place.
- 3.4 Where an individual's name is proposed for use, the Statutory Addressing Charter sets out the criteria as follows:

'Where ... (an individual's)... name is proposed, it can be added to the appropriate street name bank until a suitable time for its use, i.e. after a minimum period of five years has passed following an individual's death. The permission of close family should be sought for the use of the name where possible. Should a name be proposed which does not meet this criteria, the proposal shall be placed before the next available Development Management Sub-Committee for determination.'

4. Main report

- 4.1 Upon receipt of the application for street names and numbering for the South Scotstoun development in South Queensferry, the Street Naming team consulted on the proposal of naming ten new streets using the prefixes Maytree, Whitehorn, Redwing and Fieldfare, which relate to flora and fauna local to the area. Following a request from the Community Council, the suggestions were amended to Briggers, Fowler, Baker and Carswell to honour some of the men who were involved with the building of the Forth Rail Bridge. The consultation ran until 22 June 2020.
- 4.2 Following consultation with the ward councillors, Councillor Lang has proposed that one of the streets in this development be named to honour George Grubb, former Lord Provost of Edinburgh. George Grubb served for many years as a Councillor for Queensferry and lived close to this new housing development site at South Scotstoun. This proposal has been supported by the other three ward councillors. The proposal is endorsed by the Queensferry and District Community Council.
- 4.3 George Grubb's name has already been added to the bank of names for future use. Permission for the use of the name has been received from the family. However, the date that the name would become compliant with the criteria for street naming, as set out in the Statutory Addressing Charter, is 18 June 2023 as the Charter dictates that a person must be deceased for at least five years prior to their name being used.
- 4.4 There is a geographical connection between the location of this new housing development at South Scotstoun and the last place of residence of George Grubb. It is accepted that this locational connection may not be achievable at a future date by use of the name within the wider Queensferry area.
- 4.5 On the basis of the above, the matter is being referred to the Committee for a decision, in accordance with the Statutory Addressing Charter.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 If Committee agrees to use the proposed name, the Street Naming team will add it to the series of street names being formalised for this development and issue the statutory documentation.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 There are no financial implications for the Council resulting from this report.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 None.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 [Statutory Addressing Charter 2019.](#)

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 - Site layout.

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