

REPORT TO:	Street Naming Committee
DATE:	15 September 2021
PORTFOLIO:	Cllr Miles Parkinson, Leader
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chief Planning and Transportation Officer
TITLE OF REPORT:	Street Naming Proposal Balfour Street, Great Harwood

1. **Purpose of Report**

To seek approval for the naming of the following Streets for a new-build residential development located off Balfour Street, Great Harwood.

- i. Lapping Way (street name)
- ii. Roving Street (street name)
- iii. Comber Crescent (street name)
- iv. Beamer Grove (street name)

2. **Recommendations**

2.1 That the streets be named as set out above.

3. **Description of Development**

- 3.1 Residential development of 53 dwellings with four main streets accessing the development.
- 3.2 A plan illustrating the site location and development site plan is included at Appendix 1.

4. **Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1 The development is located off Balfour Street, Great Harwood. The Developer Urban Life wish to name the four streets Lapping Way, Roving Street, Comber Crescent and Beamer Grove. The suggested street names are related to the cotton mill that was located once close to the development site and the street names are based on the cotton making process.
- 4.2 The developer submitted an application for new street names for the development site at the start of the process in June 2021 which the developer suggested the names Balfour Square, Balfour Mews, Balfour Crescent. These naming suggestions were refused by the Council as in accordance with the Street Naming and Numbering Policy, which does not allow the duplication of street names using different street suffix.

- 4.4 The developer suggested the names Duxbury Square, Houldsworth Mews and Mercer Crescent in June 2021. The Council considered these names and validated the names but the Council had to refuse the names on the grounds of duplication within the borough.

Duxbury Square - There is a street named Duxbury Street located in Darwen a neighbouring locality.

Houldsworth Mews - There is already a street named Houldsworth Drive located in Great Harwood.

Mercer Crescent - There are already streets named Mercer Drive, Mercer Street in Great Harwood and a Mercer Street in Clayton le Moors.

- 4.5 The developer came back to the Council in July 2021 with the street name suggestions of Brook Crescent, Cotton Mill Drive, and Lomax Gardens. The Council's street naming and numbering officer checked and validated the naming suggestions. The council made the decision to refuse the naming suggestions submitted due to the following reasons:-

Brook Crescent - There is a street already named Brook Street, Rishton located two miles away from the development site and also a Brook Street located four miles away in Oswaldtwistle.

Cotton Mill Drive - There is a street already named Cotton Street, Accrington, located eight miles away from the location.

Lomax Gardens - There is a Lomax Street and a Lomax Close located one mile away from the development site location. Please note that these streets were named before the best practice advice and street naming and numbering policy was agreed between central government, emergency services and local authorities.

- 4.6 The names recommended in 4.1 have been validated to ensure that the names comply with the Council's Street Naming and Numbering Policy.

5. Consultations

- 5.1 The developer requested to seek approval to name the streets as per Option 1 as their preferred street names were Lapping Way, Roving Street, Comber Crescent and Beamer Grove and said they were happy to progress with the four street names.

Option 1 - Related to the Cotton Mill that was once close to the site, the developer has selected the following street names based on the cotton making process and hope that three can be selected for use on the new housing site:-

- Lap or Lapping Way
- Roving Street

- Comber Crescent
- Beamer Grove

Option 2 - Other names that the developer found used in parts of Lancashire but not in Hyndburn that may be suitable if the above suggestions are not acceptable:-

- Redshank Road
- Sparrow Lane (Birds in the area)
- Carriage Street (based on an old map of a railway to the south).

The developer has indicated a preference to Option 1 street name suggestions.

- 5.2 Members in the Overton ward where the development is located were then consulted on the new street names suggestions. The name suggestions reflects the history of the site maintaining the history of the site with links to the former Cotton mill that was once located close to the site.
- 5.3 Response email received from Councillor Noordad Aziz responded stating the following comments “I would propose that we look at naming something after Dr Rahman I.e. Dr Rahman Way, He was the first ethnic minority elected councillor from Great Harwood as well as the first Bangladeshi origin for the Borough as well as serving the town as a Doctor for many years.”
Response received from Councillor Patrick McGinley stating the following comments “I feel it is an unprofessional “fait accompli” to contact CLLRS only with a short list. We should be allowed to have a say in the early stages. I would like to nominate TWO people for a street naming:
1. TONY DOBSON STREET,
2. GEOFFREY HANSON STREET.”
- “I DO HOPE others may wish to support me on this issue please.”
- 5.4 The council’s street naming and numbering officer advises that the street name suggestions are checked in conjunction with the Council’s street naming and numbering policy document and can only provide advice. The main reasons given as advice from the street naming and numbering officer is to clearly name and number new properties with a unique address that is different and is not already duplicated within the Hyndburn borough and neighbouring localities, so as to avoid problems with emergency services and delivery services being able to locate premises efficiently. Depending on the situation, which may be a critical one, which an address should be unique so that the emergency services are able to mobilise an emergency vehicle to the location quickly.
- 5.5 All emergency services and Royal Mail were consulted.
- 5.6 There were no responses received from any of the emergency services.

6. **Implications**

Financial implications (including any future financial commitments for the Council)	None
Legal and human rights implications	None
Assessment of risk	None
Equality and diversity implications <i>A Customer First Analysis should be completed in relation to policy decisions and should be attached as an appendix to the report.</i>	None

7. **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985:**
List of Background Papers

7.1 The Council's Street Naming and Numbering Policy sets out the following criteria for the naming of streets:

General Naming Convention

- No street name should start with "The";
- Street names cannot be duplicated within District;
- Street names should not be difficult to pronounce or awkward to spell;
- Names of living persons will not be allowed;
- The street names should, where possible, reflect the history or geography of the site or area;
- Street names that could be construed as advertising will not be allowed;
- Street names that could be considered offensive will not be allowed;
- Subsidiary names (i.e. a row of buildings within an already named road being called Terrace) should not be used;

All pedestrian ways should have the following suffixes:

- Walk
- Path
- Way

Suffix Applicable Road Type

Avenue	Any road
Chase	Cul-de-sac
Close	Cul-de-sac
Court	Cul-de-sac
Crescent	Crescent shaped road
Drive	Residential road

Gardens	Any road, provided there is no confusion with any local open space
Green	A courtyard, provided there is no confusion with any local open space
Grove	Small road or cul-de-sac
Hill	For hill roads only
Lane	Any road
Mews	Cul-de-sac
Place	Any road
Rise	Sloping hill/industrial
Road	Any road
Row	Only acceptable in appropriate circumstances
Street	Any road
Square	For a square only
Terrace	A terrace of houses but NOT as a subsidiary name within another road
Way	Any – except cul-de-sacs

- 7.2 The full version of the Council's Street Naming and Numbering Policy is available on the Council's website [Hyndburn Street Naming and Numbering Policy 2017 – Hyndburn Borough Council](#)

The Hyndburn Street Name suffix factsheet is also available on the Council's website [Hyndburn Street name suffix Factsheet – Hyndburn Borough Council](#)

- 7.3 Street naming should also be undertaken in accordance with the Geoplace data entry convention document in line with the Service Level Agreement the Council has with Geoplace.