

REPORT TO:		Street Naming Committee	
DATE:		04/06/2025	
PORTFOLIO:		Councillor Scott Brerton (Business, Growth and Sustainability)	
REPORT AUTHOR:		Ayaz Mahmood, Senior ICT Officer	
TITLE OF REPORT:		Street Naming Proposal – Former Albert Mill Site	
EXEMPT REPORT (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A)	No	Not applicable	
KEY DECISION:	No	If yes, date of publication:	

1. **Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To seek approval for the naming of the following street for a new-build residential development located off Mary Street, Rishton. The former site was called Albert Mill.
- Ernest Marsden Close

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the street name is approved as the single street name suggested above.

3. **Reasons for Recommendations and Background**

- 3.1 An application for street names and postal numbers for new properties has been received by the Council's ICT Services (see Appendix 1). The application relates to a residential development comprising of 30 new dwellings on the development site located off Mary Street, Rishton. A copy of the site plan is attached as Appendix 2. The developer Alderley Partnerships has been granted Planning Permission in respect of Application 11/24/0347.
- Consultation with the councillors Dawson and Walsh lead to the suggestion of the recommended street name Ernest Marsden Close as the name of a Rishton born scientist who helped discover the atom.

4. **Alternative Options considered and Reasons for Rejection**

4.1 None

5. Consultations

5.1 The developer Alderley Partnerships were contacted and consulted on the previous custodian suggested street name Albert Mill Close.

5.2 Councillors Bernard Dawson, Ethan Rawcliffe and Kate Walsh, as ward members where the development is located, were consulted via email on the street name suggestion of Albert Mill Close.

5.3 Alderley Partnership have responded via email in acceptance of Albert Mill Close.

5.4 Councillor Kate Walsh feels the street name Albert Mill Close will cause issues with postal workers as Albert Street is nearby. Cllr Walsh has mentioned the Mill operated for less than 30 years in the cotton industry with the older and larger Mills being located along the canal for transportation access. The companies involved in the Mill already have a significant number of streets and other areas named after them. Councillors Walsh and Dawson have suggested a counter name “Ernest Marsden Way” as this is the name of a scientist born in Rishton who helped discover the atom. Another suggested name is “Poplins Close” as the Mill produced Poplins and sounds unique according to Cllr Walsh.

5.5 Advised Councillor Walsh, the name Albert Mill Close was recommended by our previous custodian and the development were happy with the name. The name suggests 'Close' at the end of the name as it leads of Albert St.

5.6 Councillor Walsh clarified the street in question leads off Mary St not Albert St.

5.7 Advised Councillor Walsh the proposed road will feature a cul-de-sac. In accordance with our naming conventions. We can use Chase, Close or Court. See 7.1

5.8 Councillor Walsh does not mind what comes after the street name.

5.9 The emergency services and Royal Mail were consulted on the suggested Street name and the suggested names from Councillor Walsh.

5.10 Mrs Sarah Smith MP and several constituents have shown their support for the street name to be named after Sir Ernest Marsden by addressing a letter to David Welsby.

5.11 North West Ambulance Service responded stating neither Albert Mill Close nor Ernest Marsden Close will cause any difficulty in finding the street.

5.12 No response from Royal Mail, Fire and Police on the suggested street names.

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

8. Freedom of Information

- 8.1 The report does not contain exempt information under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A and all information can be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.