

Planning Applications Committee UPDATE REPORT

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Title	Street Name assignment at Former Reading Golf Club, Kidmore End Road, Emmer Green.
Purpose of the report	To make a decision
Report status	Public report
Report author	Heather Porter, Data and GIS Manager (Data Intelligence and Policy) & Julie Williams, Planning & Building Control Manager
Lead councillor	Councillor Micky Leng, Lead Councillor for Planning and Assets
Corporate priority	Our Foundations
Recommendations	<p>The Committee is asked:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To agree that the approval of six further new names in addition to the three street names agreed at committee in October for the former Reading Golf Course site be delegated to the Assistant Director of Planning, Transport and Public Protection Services, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, the Lead Councillors for Planning & Assets and for Climate Strategy & Transport and Ward Councillors without the need to come back to this committee.

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 At the 4th October Planning Applications Committee it was decided that Councillors would be invited to make alternative nominations to the list presented at that meeting for the naming of streets at the former Reading Golf Course site. The final selected names, following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, the Lead Councillors for Planning & Assets and for Climate Strategy & Transport and Ward Councillors, would then come back to committee to be agreed.
- 1.2 In order to meet the Service Level Agreement arrangements with the developer this Update Report asks members to agree that the approval of the final names be delegated to the Assistant Director of Planning, Transport and Public Protection Services, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, the Lead Councillors for Planning & Assets and for Climate Strategy & Transport and Ward Councillors, without the need to come back to committee.
- 1.3 In accordance with Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair has agreed that this item of business can be considered as a matter of urgency, on the grounds that there are serious repercussions for the developer should the naming of the streets be further delayed to the December Planning Applications Committee.

2. Background

- 2.1 The development is located at the former Reading Golf Course site in Emmer Green, off Kidmore End Road. A plan of the site detailing the road layout is attached in Appendix 1. Committee are being asked to approve nine names for the development. Three names were confirmed at the last meeting (The Fairway, Fox Crescent and Barnes Road). Six additional names are required.
- 2.2 The 4th October Planning Applications Committee was not content with the list presented to them to select names from so it was agreed that they would be given time to make further nominations to be checked by officers for acceptability. The list of nominations received from Councillors is provided as Appendix 2 of this report.
- 2.4 The list is in two parts. The first half of the list (A) are those names that have been checked and meet the recommended guidance in the GeoPlace Data Entry Conventions and Best Practice for Addresses. The second half (B) are those names that do not meet the guidance, mostly for duplicating street names found elsewhere in the Borough.

3. Contribution to strategic aims

- 3.1 Street Naming and Numbering falls under the Council's "Our Foundations" corporate theme. Street Naming and Numbering data is a foundational part of our digital transformation; producing high quality, authoritative reference datasets which can be used across the Council's services provides a high level of confidence in our products and outputs across our community.

4. Community engagement

- 4.1 No community engagement activities are required for street naming purposes. However, anyone can nominate a name to be considered for inclusion on the Council's approved street naming list.
- 4.2 Ward councillors and members of Planning Applications Committee have contributed their nominations following the 4 October Committee.

5. Equality impact assessment

- 5.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, Section 149, a public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:
 - eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 5.2 In terms of the key equalities protected characteristics, it is considered that the proposed changes would not have adverse impacts.

6. Environmental and climate implications

- 6.1 The Council declared a Climate Emergency at its meeting on 26 February 2019 (Minute 48 refers).

6.2 There are no environmental or climate implications arising from the subject of this report.

7. Legal implications

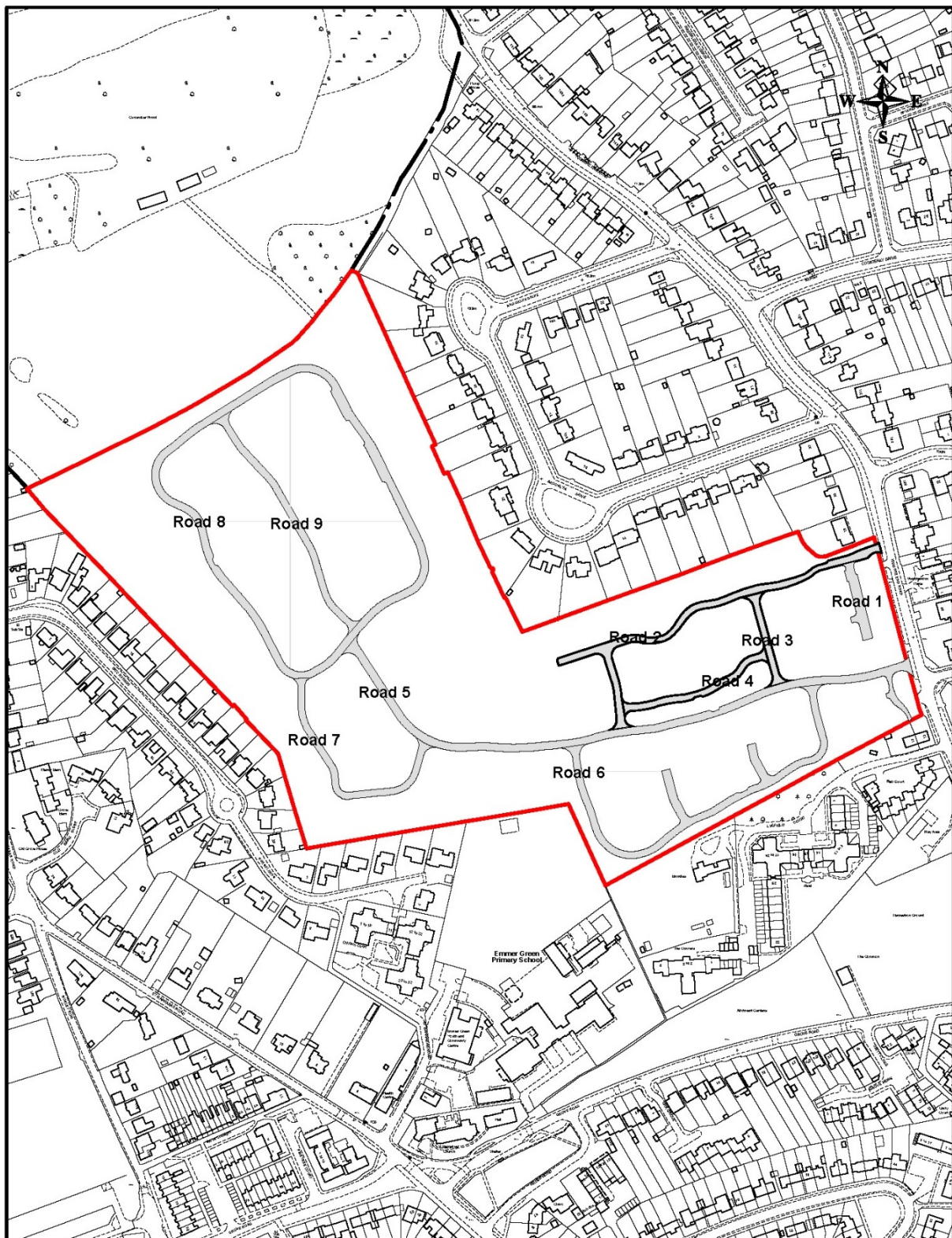
7.1 There are no legal implications arising from the proposals in the consultation.

7.2 The creation of street names should follow the guidelines detailed in the “Data Entry Conventions and Best Practice for the National Land and Property Gazetteer”, a reference manual based on Property Addressing Standard BS7666:2006 Parts 1 & 2.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Appendix 1 - Former Reading Golf Club, Kidmore End Road, Emmer Green. (Street Plan)



Title: STREET NAMING & NUMBERING PLAN.
Former Reading Golf Club, Kidmore End Road, Emmer Green, Reading.

NEW ROADS REQUIRED.



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Appendix 2 – Nominated Street List

A. These nominated names meet requirements of the GIS checking process		
Name	Reason for name	Notes/Source
Christine Borgars	Christine served as a Reading Borough Councillor for over a decade, was a resident of Caversham and a long-time activist in ensuring equal opportunity for technology education for women, especially those from our diverse communities.	Nominated by Councillor Rowland.
James Braid	A famous golfer and golf course designer who designed the 18-hole course in 1911, which was largely unaltered until the golf course closed.	Nominated by Councillor Gavin.
Eagle	Golfing theme.	Nominated by Councillor Gavin.
Birdie	Golfing theme.	Nominated by Councillor Gavin.
Putting Green	Golfing theme.	Nominated by Councillor Gavin.
Bunker	Golfing theme.	Nominated by Councillor Gavin.
Michael King	Michael was the most successful Golfer to have been produced by the club - went on to captain the British Youth team and part of the Ryder Cup team of 1979.	Nominated by Councillor Robinson.
Saunders	After Frederick George Saunders a local resident, businessman and benefactor who helped finance St Barnabas church.	Nominated by Councillors Robinson & Goss.
Chalkpit	A chalkpit existed at the north of the course.	Nominated by Councillors Robinson & Goss.
Caddie	Golfing theme.	Nominated by Councillor Robinson.
Jono	To honour popular local person	Nominated by Councillors Yeo & Leng. (Note: An alternative to the Jono Kirton nomination below)

B. These nominated names fail to meet requirements of the GIS checking process - mainly due to duplication.

The Green	Golfing theme.	Nominated by Councillor Goss. (Note, already a Green Road in Reading (Park Ward)).
Elizabeth Meadow	To honour our late Queen	Nominated by Councillor Goss. (Note, already an Elizabeth Walk in Reading (Katesgrove Ward)).
Sutton	Martin John Sutton of Sutton's Seeds lived at Rosehill House - and the golf course was once part of the Rosehill estate.	Nominated by Councillor Goss. (Note, already a Sutton Walk in Reading (Redlands Ward)).
Duffer	Golfing theme.	Nominated by Councillor Robinson. (Note, name could be considered rude).
Links	Golfing theme.	Nominated by Councillor Robinson. (Note, already a Links Drive in Tilehurst (Norcot Ward)).
Grove Farm	The Golf Course was originally built on farmland believed to be Grove Farm.	Nominated by Councillor Robinson. (Note, already a Grove Road just to south of site).
Jono Kirton	To honour popular local person	Nominated by Councillors Yeo & Leng. (Note, already Kirton Close in Reading (Norcot Ward)).
Emmer Green Drive	Site name adopted by developer and Drive is a golfing theme	Nominated by Councillor Robinson. (Note, already roads with Emmer Green in title close to site).