

# SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

12 DECEMBER 2018

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## AGENDA ITEM C4

### DUBLIN STREET WEST AND NEW YORK STREET WEST

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To update Council on the investigation of renaming of Dublin Street West and New York Street West. To seek the approval Council for the name "Vintners Lane" as a replacement of Dublin Street West.

#### **Recommendations**

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receive the Dublin Street West and New York Street West Report.*
2. *Approve the name Vintners Lane to replace Dublin Street West.*

#### **1. Background and Discussion**

Council received an application from Mr John McGibbon of 39 Dublin Street, Martinborough to change the name of Dublin Street West. The reason for this was to prevent confusion between Dublin Street and Dublin Street West. Mr McGibbon noted that he often received mail that was intended for 39 Dublin Street West but incorrectly addressed.

Officers sought the Martinborough Community Board's input and the matter was raised at various Community Board meetings and advice was sought from officers.

Council's Road Naming Policy seeks to avoid roads with similar sounding names and provides for changes in road names where there is clear benefit to the community and with the support of the "significant majority" of owners and residents.

Emergency services were contacted and raised no concerns with either Dublin Street West or New York Street West.

In November 2017, the Community Board requested that Council investigate changing the names of Dublin Street West and New York Street West (resolution MCB 2017/95).

The residents of both streets were canvassed to ascertain their appetite to change the name of their street.

The majority of Dublin Street West residents indicated that they would like the name Dublin Street West changed.

The majority of New York Street West residents indicated that they would like to retain the name New York Street West. It is therefore recommended that the name New York Street West is retained.

Following this, the Dublin Street West residents were asked to provide alternative street names. Residents responded with the following suggested names;

- Karearea
- Vintners
- Galway

The seven residents of Dublin Street West were then asked to vote on their preferred street name and suffix (eg, Lane, Way, Street etc).

The majority of residents that voted preferred the street name Vintners Lane (four votes) ahead of Karearea Lane (two votes).

In terms of the names, Vintners Lane acknowledges the importance of the Martinborough Wine Industry within Martinborough and the district and is considered to have local significance. Lane is defined in the policy as a "narrow road" and is considered to be an appropriate suffix.

Karearea is the name of the New Zealand Falcon in Māori. It was a road name suggested to reflect the association of the bird with local vineyard practice, in particular, that of bird scaring and grape protection.

The Rural and Urban Addressing Standard AS/NZS4819:2011 (at 4.7.5) states that possessive apostrophes shall not be used and therefore it is recommended that Vintners Lane does not have an apostrophe.

The Martinborough Community Board resolved to support the name Vintners Lane at their 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 meeting (MCB 2018/66).

## **2. Conclusion**

Accordingly, Council officers recommend that Dublin Street West is renamed to Vintners Lane.

The change in road name will require an alteration of Council's RAMM (Road Asset and Maintenance Management) database at an estimated cost of \$200 and a new road sign at an estimated cost of \$200.

Should Council approve the replacement of Dublin Street West with Vintners Lane, Council officers will advise all affected property owners. Council Officers will also notify Land Information New Zealand and emergency services and arrange for a new sign to be erected.

### **3. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – The recommended name shown on a map

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