SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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AGENDA ITEM C3

NAMING OF RIGHT-OF-WAY, 154 LAKE FERRY ROAD - WAIHENGA LANE

Purpose of Report

To obtain a decision on an application by Pete and Prue Smith to name the private right-of-way at 154 Lake Ferry Road, Martinborough.

Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Council:

- 1. Receive the information, and.
- 2. Approve the name "Waihenga Lane" pursuant to Section 319A of the Local Government Act 1974.

1. Background

Pete and Prue Smith have applied to name a right-of-way (ROW) at 154 Lake Ferry Road, Martinborough. The ROW was created by subdivision consent 125532. It currently serves four existing lots and will serve an additional two lots when the subdivision is complete. Council is responsible for naming roads in the South Wairarapa and has the authority to name the ROW pursuant to Section 319A of the Local Government Act.

2. Discussion

2.1 Legal Implications

The application complies with Council's Policy on Naming of Public Roads, Private Roads and Rights-of-Way (the Policy). ROWs are not maintained by Council but they are formally named by Council in accordance with the Policy.

Pursuant to guideline 4.2 of the Policy, applicants are required to list three possible road names for Council's consideration and approval. The names are to be listed in order of preference with a brief statement of their significance. The Smiths have included the following two options:

- Waihenga Lane
- Waihenga Way

It is considered that Waihenga is an appropriate name choice as "Waihenga" is the name of the subdivided property which was one of the original pioneering farms in the area. "Waihenga" was also the name of the local town that formed around the farm (but no longer exists). The name follows guideline 4.3.3 in the policy which states that the name should have significant local content or meaning.

The ROW will serve at least six lots when the subdivision is complete. Guideline 4.3.6 specifies that all private roads and rights-of-way serving more than four lots are to have the suffix "Lane" or "Way". Both of the outlined options would satisfy this guideline requirement.

2.2 Financial Considerations

There are no financial implications for Council as pursuant to Section 4.2.6 of the Policy any costs associated with this road naming application are to be met by the applicant.

3. Long Term Plan – Community Outcomes

The proposed road name would add to the vibrancy of the Martinborough community and at the same time acknowledges the history of the area. Furthermore, establishing an appropriate name for the ROW will help to ensure the area is more accessible and easy to get around for residents and visitors alike.

4. Conclusion

Officers recommend that Council approves the road name Waihenga Lane. This is the preferred first option and meets all the guideline criteria in the road naming policy. The name has not been used in the Wairarapa before and gives recognition to local history in the area. The recommendation also complies with the community wellbeing outcomes in the Long Term Plan.

5. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Location maps of Proposed "Waihenga Lane"

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