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| Report To: | Environment and Regeneration Committee | Date: | 27 August 2020 |
| Report By: | Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration and Resources | Report No: | E&R/20/08/03/SJ/AW |
| Contact Officer: | Alan Williamson | Contact No: | 01475 712491 |
| Subject: | Road Naming within New Development at Site of Former Ravenscraig Hospital, Greenock | | |

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval to name new roads being created within the residential development on the former Ravenscraig Hospital site in Greenock.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 New road names are required for the thirteen internal roads within the new residential development on the former Ravenscraig Hospital site in Greenock.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the roads in the new developments are named as set out in paragraph 5.5.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Section 97 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 gives a local authority power to name roads within its area.

5.0 NEW DEVELOPMENT ON SITE OF FORMER RAVENSCRAIG HOSPITAL, GREENOCK

5.1 Planning permission has been issued for the development of 198 new residential properties on the site of the former Ravenscraig Hospital site in Greenock. The project architects have requested, on behalf of the main developer Link Housing, for street names to be assigned to the proposed layout. The development will create thirteen new internal roads that require to be named.

5.2 For the purpose of consultation with the project architects/developer, Ward Councillors and the Greenock Southwest Community Council, officers proposed the following names for the roads within the development:

- Smithston – the original name of the lands where the former Ravenscraig hospital was built, and the original name of the facility.
- Bunston – the name of the hill (or Knowe) on the site.
- Knowe – as above.
- Black Hill – name of hill immediately to south of site.
- Cockrobin – another hill to the south of the site.
- Starforth – name of the principal architect of the original hospital buildings.
- Elm.
- Sycamore.
- Chestnut.
(these are the main tree types in the area covered by the tree preservation order on the site, also Lime, but this is used as a street name elsewhere in Greenock)
- Niobe – the hospital buildings were used by the Canadian navy during WWII as a 'stone' frigate and named HMCS Niobe.
- Canada – also reflecting the Canadian connection.

5.3 Following consultation with Ward Councillors, the following suggestions were received:

- Ravenscraig – the name of the former hospital.
- Rankin – with reference to the site of the former Rankin Memorial Hospital which the development site overlooks.
- Ritchie – after James Watson Ritchie, the architect of the Rankin Memorial Hospital.
- Kellie/Mar – after the Earl of Mar and Kellie who laid the foundation stone of the original Ravenscraig Hospital (then named Smithston) in 1876.

5.4 With regard to these suggestions it is noted that a Ravenscraig Court and Ravenscraig Gardens already exist within Greenock, and that there is a Rankin Street and Rankin Court within the town too. Also within Greenock, there is a Kelly Street, but it is noted that the spelling is different, and a Mars Road.

5.5 Taking the above into consideration it is proposed that the following road names are assigned to the development as per Appendix 1:

- Black Hill Drive
- Bunston View
- Canada Drive
- Chesnut Road
- Cockrobin Drive
- Elm Drive
- Kellie Road
- Henge Road
- Mar Drive
- Niobe Drive
- Smithston Road

- Starforth Road
- Sycamore Drive

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

6.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

| Cost Centre | Budget Heading | Budget Years | Proposed Spend this Report | Virement From | Other Comments |
|-------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |

Annually Recurring Costs/(Savings)

| Cost Centre | Budget Heading | With Effect from | Annual Net Impact | Virement From (If Applicable) | Other Comments |
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| n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |

Legal

6.2 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

Human Resources

6.3 There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

6.4 Equalities

(a) Equalities

Has an Equality Impact assessment been carried out?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | YES |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required |

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO |

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

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| X |

YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

NO

Repopulation

6.5 There are no repopulation implications associated with this report.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 Ward Councillors, the local community council and the Council's Legal and Property Services were consulted during the preparation of this report.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

Appendix 1: New residential development at former Ravenscraig Hospital, Greenock

APPENDIX 1

