

AGENDA ITEM NO: 16

Report To: Environment and Regeneration Date: 31 October 2024

Committee

Report By: Director, Environment and Report No: ENV062/24/SJ/GM

Regeneration

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Subject: Road Naming within New Development at Site of Former Greenock

Health Centre, Duncan Street, Greenock

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 ⊠For Decision □For Information/Noting

1.2 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval to name a new road being created within the residential development on the site of the former Greenock Health Centre, Duncan Street, Greenock.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the road in the new development be named as set out in paragraph 4.4.

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

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

4.0 PROPOSALS

- 4.1 Planning permission has been issued for the development of 65 new residential properties on the site of the former Greenock Health Centre on Duncan Street in Greenock. On behalf of the developers, Mast Architects have made a request for addresses to be assigned to these new properties. A new road will service these properties, so a name for this road has to be assigned.
- 4.2 Consultation was carried out with the Councillors for the Ward in which the development is taking place. There is currently not active Community Council for this area, otherwise they also would have been consulted. Suggestions were also sought from the developers for consideration, but they deferred to the Councillors.
- 4.3 Following consultation with Ward Councillors, two main suggestions were put forward:
 - Naming the street for the novelist and social commentator John Galt, who died in Greenock and is buried nearby.
 - Naming the street for George Dougan a prominent local boxer and boxing coach, who was a significant positive figure in the lives of many young boxers. He volunteered for over 50 years and was a well respected figure in the world of Scottish boxing. He did his national service with the British army and boxed for the army. He worked hard all his days to provide for his family, mainly as a ships carpenter within the shipyards. He was the energy behind Mid Hill Amateur Boxing Clubs, which had previously been located on the site of the development.
- 4.4 The Ward Councillors agreed that their choice would be to commemorate the life and contribution of George Dougan. Mr Dougan's widow has been contacted by Councillor Brooks, and has given her blessing to the proposal. Given the layout of the new street, the proposal is that it should be named 'George Dougan Place'.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO
Financial		Χ
Legal/Risk		Χ
Human Resources		Χ
Strategic (Partnership Plan/Council Plan)		Χ
Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People's Rights		Χ
& Wellbeing		
Environmental & Sustainability		Χ
Data Protection		Χ

5.2 Finance

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
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

5.3 Legal/Risk

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

5.4 **Human Resources**

There are no personnel implications associated with this report.

5.5 **Strategic**

N/A

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 Ward Councillors and developers were consulted during the preparation of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None

Appendix 1: Street Naming Proposal – Former Greenock Health Centre. Site Plan.

