



Subject:	Proposal for naming new streets
Date:	8 th February, 2022
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider an application for the naming of a new street in the City.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Based on the information presented, the Committee is required to make a recommendation in respect of an application for naming a new street in the City. The Committee may either: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant the application, or• Refuse the application and request that the applicant submits other names for consideration.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> The power for the Council to name streets is contained in Article 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1995.

3.2	<p>Members are asked to consider the following application for the official naming of a new street. The proposed street name is Hamilton Road and it is located between Queens Road and Sydenham Road in BT3 as identified on the map contained in Appendix 1.</p>
3.3	<p>Titanic Quarter Limited have proposed to officially name the street Hamilton Road as part of this new street links with an existing private road which is being developed and upgraded. They have advised this existing feeder road from Queens Road was always historically referred to as Hamilton Road which is evidenced in historical documents such as an extract from 'Shipbuilders to the World' book (Appendix 2) and on Harland and Wolff maps. In support of their application they have advised that James Hamilton was the Chairman of Belfast Harbour Commissioners from 1867 to 1875 and is a name which has historically been associated with the area. Hamilton Dock now features the SS Nomadic and the new Hamilton Dock Hotel is due to commence construction in 2022. Hamilton Road is directly opposite the Hamilton Dock area and with the development will link the Queens Road to Sydenham Road. Hamilton Road is also currently featured on google maps. The second and third choice being proposed are Hamilton Link and Sydenham Link.</p>
3.4	<p>Building Control's own research has indicated that the existing Hamilton Road is not contained in the Council's Streets Register of approved street names however Hamilton Street does exist as an approved street name in another part of the City. Our own research uncovered a map from 1902 which confirmed that Hamilton Road was historically used in this location off Queens Road (Appendix 3). This name, 'Hamilton Road' was never approved by Belfast City Council or Belfast Corporation as the land and road would likely have been under private ownership of Harland and Wolff. A street directory from 1959 (Appendix 4) also confirmed that Hamilton Road was listed as a street name and was used by Harland and Wolff to access their power station yard and fire station.</p>
3.5	<p>The guidelines within Building Control's Street Naming and Building Numbering Policy, state that a variation in the terminal word, i.e. street, road, avenue, etc may not be accepted as sufficient reason to duplicate a name, other than where streets are adjacent or within one development. Belfast City Council has an existing approved road named, Hamilton Street in BT2 which is located between Sussex Place and Cromac Street in BT2 and is not adjacent to the proposed Hamilton Road.</p>
3.6	<p>Building Control contacted Royal Mail and Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue as the variation in the terminal word may not be sufficient reason to duplicate the road name. Also the primary</p>

consideration for the Council is public safety and to assist the easy identification of premises by the emergency services, postal services, inhabitants and visitors. Royal Mail has no objections to the proposed name of Hamilton Road in the BT3 sector of the City. Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue confirmed that they had the existing Hamilton Road on their system and that they did not believe that the official naming of the road as Hamilton Road would cause any issues for their Regional Control Centre personnel.

3.7 The new road being developed and officially named will require one existing commercial property to be re-numbered into the new Hamilton Road if approved. The landlord and current tenant of this property are supportive and willing to accept a re-numbering of this building.

3.8

Proposed Name	Location	Applicant
Hamilton Road	Between Queens Road, BT3 and Sydenham Road BT3	Nikki McDowell, Titanic Quarter Limited

Financial & Resource Implications

3.9 There are no Financial, Human Resources, Assets and other implications in this report.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

3.10 There are no direct Equality implications.

4.0 Appendices – Documents Attached

- Appendix 1. Proposed Street location
- Appendix 2. Extract from ‘Shipbuilders of the World’1861 to 1986. Supplied by Titanic Quarter Limited in support of their application
- Appendix 3. Map from 1902 showing Hamilton Road from Building Control archives
- Appendix 4. Extract from 1959 street directory from Building Control archives