

Appendix B1

Leicester City Council's Street Naming Policy 2011

1 Background

- 1.1 Leicester City Council is responsible for the administration of street naming and property numbering and naming functions. It has a duty to ensure that street names are properly displayed. This duty applies to both adopted and private streets. The Transport Strategy Section undertakes the duty relating to street naming and the Planning Policy and Design Section deals with property numbering and naming. This policy relates to the street naming function.
- 1.2 Street naming powers are contained in Section 65 of the Town Improvements Clauses Act 1847 and Sections 17 to 19 of the Public Health Act 1925. The powers contained within the Public Health Act 1925 are used by the council. These powers are listed in the council's Scheme of Authorisation as being delegated to the Head of Transport Strategy and Head of Highway Maintenance.

2 Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of street naming is to provide unique addresses within the city, and ideally the greater Leicester area, in order to facilitate the easy identification of properties and locations.

3 The Policy

- 3.1 Names must not have the same or similar spelling or pronunciation to any already in use within the city or the greater Leicester area.
- 3.2 Names must not be difficult to pronounce or awkward to spell.
- 3.3 Names must be suitable for use, have dignity and not be easily altered to be offensive.
- 3.4 Names reflecting previous land use or historic local connections are encouraged.
- 3.5 A theme is encouraged for naming streets in new developments.
- 3.6 Existing themes are to be followed as far as practicable where additional streets are added to the established areas or developments.
- 3.7 A person must be deceased before a street can be named after them. However, in the face of overwhelming public support, a street may be named after a living person but this will require approval of the Cabinet Lead for Regeneration and Transport.
- 3.8 Renaming will not be considered unless there is some overriding need. Any renaming will require approval of the Cabinet Lead for Regeneration and Transport.
- 3.9 Street names should end with an appropriate suffix. For example, on most developments the use of 'Road' for a thoroughfare or 'Close' for a cul-de-sac would be appropriate. The use of alternative suffixes, however, may be considered in order to provide a more descriptive name or exclusive address.