

Officer Decision Report

Title:	Street Naming and Numbering: Decision on proposal to rename Slave Hill, Haddenham
Date decision taken:	18 September 2020
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Local Members Affected	Bernwood

Decision

In line with the Street Naming and Numbering Policy agreed by Buckinghamshire Council on the 10 March 2020 and in consideration of the outcome of the consultation with local residents, and having due regard to the Council's public sector equality duties as outlined in the attached EQIA, my decision is that the street name 'Slave Hill' is retained.

In line with the recommendations contained in the attached Report I would ask that officers work with the Parish Council to provide a sign on the site to give context to the street name, and to implement the further actions as identified in the EQIA.

Reasons for the decision

The reasons for my decision are more particularised in the attached Report dated 1 September 2020 which gives a full set of considerations that I have taken into account. I note particularly that the naming of Slave Hill is unconnected with the slave trade and I believe that anyone aware of the facts and historical context would not consider the name to glorify the slave trade and as an historical descriptor of the site is not offensive in itself. Nor do I consider the name a breach of the Council's policy on street names for the same reasons. Although I have taken into account all the coverage and comments relating to the name, I have also been mindful of the desire of the residents to retain the street name as evidenced by the consultation which was undertaken.

Authority to take this decision

Council scheme of delegation contained within the Council's constitution

Other options available, and their pros and cons

There are simply two options available to the Council – to accept or reject the request to rename Slave Hill. For the reasons set out above and in the Background Report the decision has been taken to reject the request to rename Slave Hill.

Conflicts of interest

None

Feedback from Consultation

Feedback from the Consultation with residents is contained in the Background Papers.

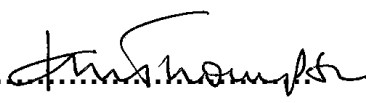
Background papers

- Street Naming and Numbering: Options on renaming Slave Hill, Haddenham 1 September 2020
- Equality Impact Assessment
- Timeline

Other Information

Your questions and views

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose email address is given at the head of the paper.

Approval Signature. 

Ian Thompson
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Date...18/9/2020.....