

Report to: Executive
Date: 4 April 2006
Report of: Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Subject Renaming of 1-5 The Bungalows Neville Road, Peterlee
Ward: Passfield Ward

1. Purpose of Report

To gain approval to make an Order under Section 18 of the Public Health Act 1925 to alter the Street Name of "The Bungalows, Neville Road, Peterlee", (incorporating Nos: 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5) to "Westwick Bungalows, Peterlee".

2. Consultation

A written consultation has been carried out with the residents of 1-5 The Bungalows, A door to door visit from an East Durham Homes and a District of Easington Officer was also undertaken. A meeting has been held involving all three Passfield Ward Members.

3. Background

For several years residents of certain properties in Neville Road and The Bungalows, Neville Road have experienced problems associated with their addresses such as the following:

- Mail being wrongly delivered.
- Deliveries from other companies going to the wrong property or not being delivered at all.
- Taxis calling at the wrong property.
- Emergency Services unable to locate a property.
- Utility companies sending bills and cutting off services to the wrong address.

The problems are all related to the fact that there are numbers 1,2,3,4 & 5 The Bungalows, Neville Road and Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 Neville Road, all these properties are using the same post code SR8 2AF.

As more and more companies use the postcode and house number as their way of storing address information the problems with these properties will most likely increase.

Following the consultation with the tenants of 1-5 The Bungalows two letters were received from numbers 3&4 objecting to a change in the address.

4. Position Statement and Option Appraisal

Changing only the postcode of The Bungalows has been suggested, however this will only solve some of the issues and not all problems such as deliveries and taxis that do not use a post code system.

A total address change for 1-5 The Bungalows, Neville Road, would resolve all the addressing problems. In the short term this will cause some inconvenience to the tenants of the properties but in the long term this is the only way to remove the long standing problem of address confusion and mis-directed services.

5. Implications

5.1 Financial

Apart from the cost to the Council of making the actual Street Re-naming Order there are no other financial implications

5.2 Legal

Other than the right of appeal to the Magistrates Court under the Public Health Act 1925 there are no other legal implications

5.3 Policy

There are no policy implications arising from the report

5.4 Risk

A risk assessment has been carried out and all the necessary action required to manage the identified risks either have or will be implemented. There are no outstanding risks.

5.4 Communications

There are no issues regarding communications related to this report

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Corporate Plan and Priorities

There are no implications relating to Corporate Plan and Priorities

6.2 Equality and Diversity

There are no implications relating to Equality and Diversity

6.3 E-Government

There are no implications relating to E-Government

6.4 Procurement

There are no implications relating to procurement

7. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Council make an order under Section 18 of the Public Health Act 1925 changing the name of the Street currently known as "The Bungalows, Neville Road, Peterlee" to "Westwick Bungalows, Peterlee", and apply for a new post code to be provided by the Royal Mail.

Background Papers/Documents referred to

Street naming and Numbering files held by Engineering and Countryside Services.
Correspondence file for this report held by Engineering and Countryside Services.