

ITEM No.

REPORT TO AREA 5 FORUM

15 MARCH 2005

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF  
 NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

**NAMING OF DEVELOPMENT**

**RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT SITE J COBBLERS HALL, NEWTON AYCLIFFE**

A request has been received from Miller Homes to officially name and number the above development comprising one hundred and twenty five dwellings. Having regard to the layout of the site, three street names are required.

The developer requested that the name “Cobblers Hall” be included in the site name, however, as there is a Cobblers Hall Road already in the vicinity, this request was declined.

Great Aycliffe Town Council and the appropriate Ward Councillors were consulted on the matter and the Town Council responded as follows:-

*“That the Borough Council be requested to name the three streets after local recipients of the Victoria Cross, namely HAMILTON, WAKENSHAW AND BRADFORD.”*

In line with the Town Council’s request to explore names associated with military connections with the parish in relation to developments in Newton Aycliffe, officers suggest the following names of women who worked in the munitions factory on the site of Aycliffe Industrial Estate:

- DILLON            Received the British Empire Medal and also lied about her age to continue working at the factory until she was 70.
- STODDART       Presented Winston Churchill with a cigar on his visit to the factory in 1942.
- VICKER            Head of personnel (Labour Manager)

Unless the members of the Forum would wish to suggest an alternative name, it is felt appropriate that three of the above names be recommended.

**Background Papers**

TOWN IMPROVEMENT CLAUSES ACT 1847  
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT Circular 3/93

