

**STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING
NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT – LAND OFF HOPEDENE, MILL HILL**

Lead Officer: Tim Capper, Democratic Services Manager

To ask members to decide on the street names for the proposed new housing development at Land off Hopedene, Mill Hill (Development site to be known as 'Keekle Meadows').

Recommendation: That the street names **Keekle Meadows Road, Garth Close, Thwaite Close, Rigg Close, Tarn Close, Dale Close** be adopted for the housing development and all the relevant bodies be notified.

Resources Implications: Cost of providing street nameplates if the request is approved.

1.0 Supporting Information

- 1.1. The site is a development located on Land off Hopedene, Mill Hill, Cleator Moor.
- 1.2. The developer has suggested Keekle Meadows as a site name due to the proximity to the River Keekle. They suggest also using this name for the main road through the development, thus suggesting Keekle Meadows Road.
- 1.3. The developer has suggested Garth Close, Thwaite Close, Rigg Close, Tarn Close and Dale Close for the cul-de-sacs. With these names the developer has tried to convey the intended ambience and style of the development by the use of geographical and locally connected names.

2.0 Town Council Comments

- 2.1 Cleator Moor Town Council have been consulted and have made the following comments:
 - The Town Council feels that the use of the name Keekle Meadows as both a development name and street name could be misleading, as it would give the impression that the houses are in the Keekle area.
 - It should also be noted that there are already streets named Keekle Terrace & Keekle Mews in existence near site of the proposed development.

The developers chose the name Keekle Meadows due to the close proximity of the site to the River Keekle.

- The town council indicated a preference for names that reflect the history of the site, with the suggestion that the roads be names in relation to the collieries in the areas as the site is situated on the former Hope Pit site or alternatively names that relate directly to the area, taken from the fells that can be seen from the site.

One of the earlier themes the developers had considered was to incorporate the name or names of coal pits that used to operate there with the cul-de-sacs names after the miners who had lost their lives there. This was discounted because a) they did not want to commemorate the feelings of sadness that those events would evoke and b) there couldn't be sure whether descendants of those men (and children) would approve of such a suggestion.

They also considered the use of names taken from the local area, however struggled to find ones that hadn't already been extensively used already.

- A final suggestion from the Town Council was to give the subsidiary roads and cul-de-sacs names of shrubs and flowers once found in the areas. Suggestions were: Strawberry, Bramble, Buttercup, Elderberry and Primrose.

This suggestion was welcomed by the developers and they have no objection to some of these names possibly being incorporated to the site at the relevant stage of construction.

3.0 Officers Comments

- 3.1 As the street names submitted meet all the necessary criteria, I would recommend that the suggested names be approved in principle to allow the development to move forward. It is clear that the developers have explored the options at great lengths before submitting their application.

The developers are happy to continue to liaise with the Town Council regarding the names of any further development on the site.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Street Naming file

DEVELOPMENT/SITE NAME:

KEEKLE MEADOWS 



- 1 - GARTH CLOSE
- 2 - THWAITE CLOSE
- 3 - RIGG CLOSE
- 4 - TARN CLOSE
- 5 - DALE CLOSE