

Development Manager Report Development Services for the meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 22 July

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Subject: Street Dedication to Honour the Late Private Christopher Kershaw

To name the street off Thorp Garth and Alverthorpe Way after a late serving soldier Private Christopher Kershaw as “Christophers Court”.

Application Number 15/00151/S3

Summary statement:

This report considers the proposal to name the new street after Private Christopher Kershaw

Councillor Fear would like to honour the Late Private Christopher Kershaw by registering the new street on the former site of Garrowby House, Queensway House and Oakwood House off Thorp Garth in his name.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Street Name “Christophers Court” to be dedicated to the Late Private Christopher Kershaw Close who served his country in Afghanistan. His family still live in Idle.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Incommunities are developing this site as residential site of 22 new dwellings.
- 2.2 Councillor Fear wishes to honour Christopher by naming the street “Christophers Court”.
- 2.3 Councillor Fear makes the following statement in support of a decision to approve the allocation of “Christophers Court” as the new street name:

“Private Christopher Andrew Kershaw”

Christopher Kershaw was born and raised in Idle. He attended Hanson and played rugby from a young age. He later became a national karate champion at 15 and joined the ACF cadets at Thornbury 4 PARA. He joined up with the Yorkshire Regiment in August 2011 and was deployed to Afghanistan in February 2012.

He was tragically killed along with five comrades in Helmand Province when the vehicle they were patrolling in was destroyed by a roadside bomb. Pte Kershaw, who was described by his commanding officer as ‘a true Yorkshire warrior’ had volunteered for the patrol in the place of a friend.

Pte Kershaw is buried in Holy Trinity Church in Idle and his family still live locally. He is part of Bradford’s strong military heritage and stands as a shining example of the incredible bravery of service men and women from across the district.

His family hope that his memory can be carried on and the thought of a road so close to his home being named for him gives some consolation for such a tragic loss. It is hoped that his memory will be carried on in the letters, correspondence and memories of those that live on the street in the future.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 As the naming of a new street after any individual is a sensitive matter, to be given very serious consideration, and is usually only approved in exceptional circumstances, it is sensible to provide an alternative suggestion in the event that the Committee does not approve this proposal. In this particular case, should the Committee not be minded to approve this proposal;

The name “**Poppleton Close**” will be the allocated street name following consultation with the Ward Councillors as part of the current Policy and Protocol.

As mentioned above in Councillor Fear’s Statement of Proposal, Private Kershaw’s family are in full support of, and have been instrumental in, working with Councillor Fear in honouring his name in this way.

4. OPTIONS

4.1 To name the street “Christophers Court”.

4.2 The alternative street name suggestion put forward is Poppleton Close.

5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

5.1 There are no financial and resource appraisal implications.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

6.1 There are no risk management and governance issues arising from this report.

7. LEGAL APPRAISAL

7.1 This proposal is in line with the legal and regulatory framework of Street Naming.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no other implications.

8.2 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

8.2.1 There are no equality and diversity issues arising from this report.

8.3 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

8.3.1 There are no sustainability considerations.

8.4 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

8.4.1 This proposal has no impact upon the greenhouse gas omissions.

8.5 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

8.5.1 There are no community safety implications arising from this report.

8.6 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

8.6.1 There are no Human Rights Act issues arising from this report.

8.7 TRADE UNION

8.7.1 There are no Trade Union implications.

9. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

9.1 There are no not for publication documents.

10. Recommendations

10.1 That the Bradford East Area Committee approves the proposed street name "Christophers Court".

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Site plan Appendix A

11.2 Proposed site layout plan Appendix B

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 Bradford Council Street Naming Policy.

Site Plan



Proposed Site Layout Plan

