

Report of the Strategic Director of Place to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on 13th October 2022

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Subject: Street Dedication to Nina Boyle

To name a street after Nina Boyle as part of the scheme to recognise Pioneering Women from the district.

Application Number - 22/00345/S3

Summary statement:

This report considers the proposal to name a street after Nina Boyle at the site; **Former Mortuary, Skipton Road, Keighley**

The new development of 6 residential dwellings requires 1 new street.

Local Councillors have been consulted along with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport - Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw.

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**Overview & Scrutiny Area: Regeneration &
Environment**

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The following street name has been proposed for this site;

Nina Boyle Close

For the reasons set out below it is recommended that this name be approved for the new road.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The development is for 6 residential dwellings and 1 new street.
- 2.2 The Council is minded to honour Nina Boyle as part of an initiative to name streets within the district after Pioneering Women associated with the area.
- 2.3 Nina Boyle “was a British journalist, campaigner for women’s suffrage and Women’s rights, charity and welfare worker, and novelist. She was one of the pioneers of women police officers in Britain. In April 1918, she was the first woman to submit a nomination to stand for election to the House of Commons, which paved the way for other female candidates in the December 1918 general election”

Nina Boyle (the name by which she was known but born Constance Antonia Boyle) made an indelible mark on British politics as the first woman to stand for election to parliament as an MP for the Keighley constituency. In 1918, the Liberal MP for Keighley died triggering a by election and Nina Boyle determined to stand as a candidate. The returning officer recognised her right to stand, albeit her nomination was invalid. This was such an important issue in British politics that the House of Lords were asked to consider the issue. They determined that the law did not, as it stood, permit women to stand for election to parliament which directly led to parliament passing new legislation to enable women to stand for the 1918 general election. Without Nina Boyle’s determination it is unclear whether this legislation would have been considered, let alone ratified.

- 2.4 Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport - Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw has supported the proposed name for the new road as Nina Boyle Close.
- 2.5 Councillor Zafar Ali, Councillor Mohsin Hussain and Councillor Mohammed Nazeem have been consulted regarding the street name.
- 2.6 Councillor Zafar Ali proposes the new street to be named – Ali Heavens

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The developer has proposed the street to be named **Castle Gardens**.
- 3.2 This would be reference to Cliffe Castle and Baroness Barbara Castle

- 3.3 The Rt Hon Baroness Castle was a Labour MP and Minister. It is currently considered that her name may be more appropriate to be used in association with Toller Ward 24 as she attended Bradford Girls Grammar School and has clearer links with that area. She had no known links with the Keighley area
- 3.4 If an alternative street name is to be used in reference to Barbara Castle, the street name should be her full name i.e. **Barbara Castle Gardens**
- 3.5 .

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

N/A

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

N/A

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

Legal have considered the report and are satisfied with its content provided that all of the necessary processes have been carried out in accordance with the Town Improvement Clauses Act 1847, the Public Health Act 1907 and the Public Health Act 1925.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

N/A

7.3.1 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

The Council has considered its obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 (as amended) and its Public Sector Equality Duty pursuant to Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. It is satisfied that the proposed street name does not impact on its obligations under those acts.

7.5 TRADE UNION

N/A

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

N/A

**7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS
(for reports to Area Committees only)**

N/A

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

N/A

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

N/A

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

N/A

9. OPTIONS

That the Developers choice of name Castle Gardens be considered or
Barbera Castle Gardens

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

For the reasons set out above to approve the proposed street name – **Nina Boyle
Close**

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

11.1 Location Plan



