

Development Manager Report Development Services for the meeting of the Bradford Area Committee to be held 28 January 2016 City Hall Bradford

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Subject: Street Dedication to Honour the Late Former Councillor and Lord Mayor of Bradford Valerie Binney

To name the new street in the Chevet Mount Development Allerton Lane Bradford as
"Valerie Binney Drive"

Application Number 15/00326/S3

Summary Statement:

This report considers the proposal to name the new street after the "Late Former
Councillor and Lord Mayor of Bradford Valerie Binney"

The Chief Executive Kersten England and Leader of the Councillor David Green have
been consulted and no objections received

The Developer Stephen Walkden and Councillor Malcolm Sykes would like the dedication
to honour the "Late former Councillor and Lord Mayor of Bradford Valerie Binney" by
registering the new street in her name for the Chevet Mount Development at Allerton Lane
Bradford

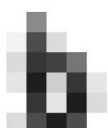
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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Street Name “Valerie Binney Drive” to be dedicated to the Late Former Councillor and Lord Mayor of Bradford Valerie Binney who served the community and was an ambassador for Bradford

Exerts from the T&A Bradford

Councillor Valerie Binney (Con, Thornton and Allerton) received the Jane Tomlinson Award for Courage at the annual Yorkshire Women of Achievement awards. She then went on to pick up the winner-of-winners prize at the end

She was also nominated for the honour, which dates back to Medieval times, by her good friend and chairman of the Yorkshire Society Keith Madeley and was awarded Freedom of the City of London

To get the Freedom of the City, recipients have to be nominated by a member of one of London's Liveries which in ancient times gave business people the right to trade in the city.

Mr Madeley, a Freemason and member of the Woolman's Livery, said: "Valerie is a wonderful lady who would do anything for Bradford.

"She's a fantastic ambassador for our city. It's a personal honour for her and an honour for Bradford."

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The site is being developed by Stephen Walkden as a residential site; 50 Bed Care Home and 42 sheltered dwellings and he first suggested Valerie Binney's name for his development
- 2.2 Councillor Malcolm Sykes also wishes to honour the Late Former Councillor and Lord Mayor of Bradford Valerie Binney by naming the street “Valerie Binney Drive”
- 2.3 Cllr Malcolm Sykes has submitted the Obituary in support of a decision to approve the allocation of “Valerie Binney Drive” as the new street name:

“Late Councillor and Lord Mayor of Bradford Valerie Binney ”

Obituary -Valerie Binney. I was very sorry to learn of the death of Valerie Binney, a great servant of the Conservative Party in various capacities, notably as the Conservative Party Agent for Bradford, a Bradford City Councillor and Lord Mayor of Bradford in 2005/2006.

Val Binney came into politics through the Conservative Political Centre (CPC), the predecessor to the present Conservative Policy Forum. I was lucky to be a colleague of Val when we were involved in Yorkshire Area CPC during the 1990s. I joined the Yorkshire Area CPC General Purposes Committee shortly after the 1992 General Election, was elected as Treasurer in 1993, then Secretary of 1994. Val was a member of the General Purposes Committee throughout my involvement with Yorkshire Area CPC, and served a period as Vice Chairman of Yorkshire Area CPC. Throughout this period Val was the professional Conservative Party Agent for

Bradford but undertook her duties for Yorkshire Area CPC in an entirely voluntary capacity.

During my tenure as Secretary of Yorkshire Area CPC, Val was involved in the process of despatching minutes and agendas. This process serves as a reminder of a different age. I owned no computer or word processing facilities until sometime after I was first elected as Secretary of Yorkshire Area CPC. I wrote what some colleagues considered to be excessively lengthy minutes by hand. Val then typed the minutes, and despatched them by post to members of the General Purposes Committee. Latterly, when I acquired a word processor, then a computer, I took over the typing of the minutes but Val was still responsible for the photocopying and despatch of the minutes (the use of e mail did not become widespread until sometime after Yorkshire Area CPC was abolished).. Sometimes, Val produced the minutes in the form of a small booklet!

Val was always keen to help members of the Young Conservatives and Conservative Students (no Conservative Future in those days). Val notably encouraged a Bradford University Student, Gavin Williamson to become involved in Yorkshire Area CPC and join the General Purposes Committee. Gavin Williamson is now a Conservative MP and the Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Prime Minister. Val was also keen to offer help and advice to other young party members who served on the General Purposes Committee.

In 1998, Val donated a cup for what was intended to be an Annual Yorkshire Wide Debating Competition to be organised by Yorkshire Area CPC. Sadly, this was competed for only once before Yorkshire Area CPC was abolished later that year. Following the abolition of Yorkshire Area CPC, I made a number of efforts to revive the competition, but these proved unsuccessful as there was no organisation to assist with the burdens associated with holding the event.

The 1998 Party Reforms sadly resulted in the abolition of Yorkshire Area CPC. The Conservative Party had been heavily defeated by Labour in the 1997 General Election, and there was a prevailing dogma that if Yorkshire Area CPC, and other similar organisations were abolished, this would somehow result in additional campaigning activities which would in turn restore the Conservative Party to power. We now know that events did not turn out as those planning the 1998 Reforms envisaged. The abolition of Yorkshire Area CPC meant that the important work which we did in encouraging young activists and giving them opportunities which they would not otherwise have. It falls to those of us who are currently involved in Yorkshire and Humber CPF to revive and implement this ethos. Val told me that in her own submission to the consultation process relating to the 1998 Party Reforms that organisations such as Yorkshire Area CPC should continue in existence. I remember a conversation I had with Val several years after the abolition of Yorkshire Area CPC in which she asked how much additional campaigning had taken place as a result of the abolition of Yorkshire Area CPC.

Val acted as the Election Agent for Iain Duncan Smith when he was the candidate for Bradford West at the 1987 General Election. She had served as a Bradford Councillor for Toller Ward between 1982 and 1986. Val was elected as a Councillor for Thornton Ward in 1999 shortly before her retirement as the Conservative Party Agent for Bradford. She served as a Bradford Councillor until May 2014 and as Lord Mayor of Bradford in 2005/6. Coincidentally, David Hopkins, who was the last Chairman of Yorkshire Area CPC, served as Mayor of Wakefield at the same time.

The Conservative Party has lost a great servant. I am sure all those who knew Val will join me in offering condolences to friends and family.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1** 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 “Yarm Drive” will be the allocated street name following consultation with the Ward Councillors as part of the current Policy and Protocol

The Family of the Late Former Councillor and Lord Mayor of Bradford Valerie Binney have been consulted and are happy with the name suggestion

4. OPTIONS

- 4.1** To name the street ‘Valerie Binney Drive’. The alternative street name suggestion put forward is Yarm Drive

5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

N/A

6. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

N/A

7. LEGAL APPRAISAL

N/A

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

N/A

8.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

8.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

N/A

8.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

8.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

N/A

8.6 TRADE UNION

N/A

9. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

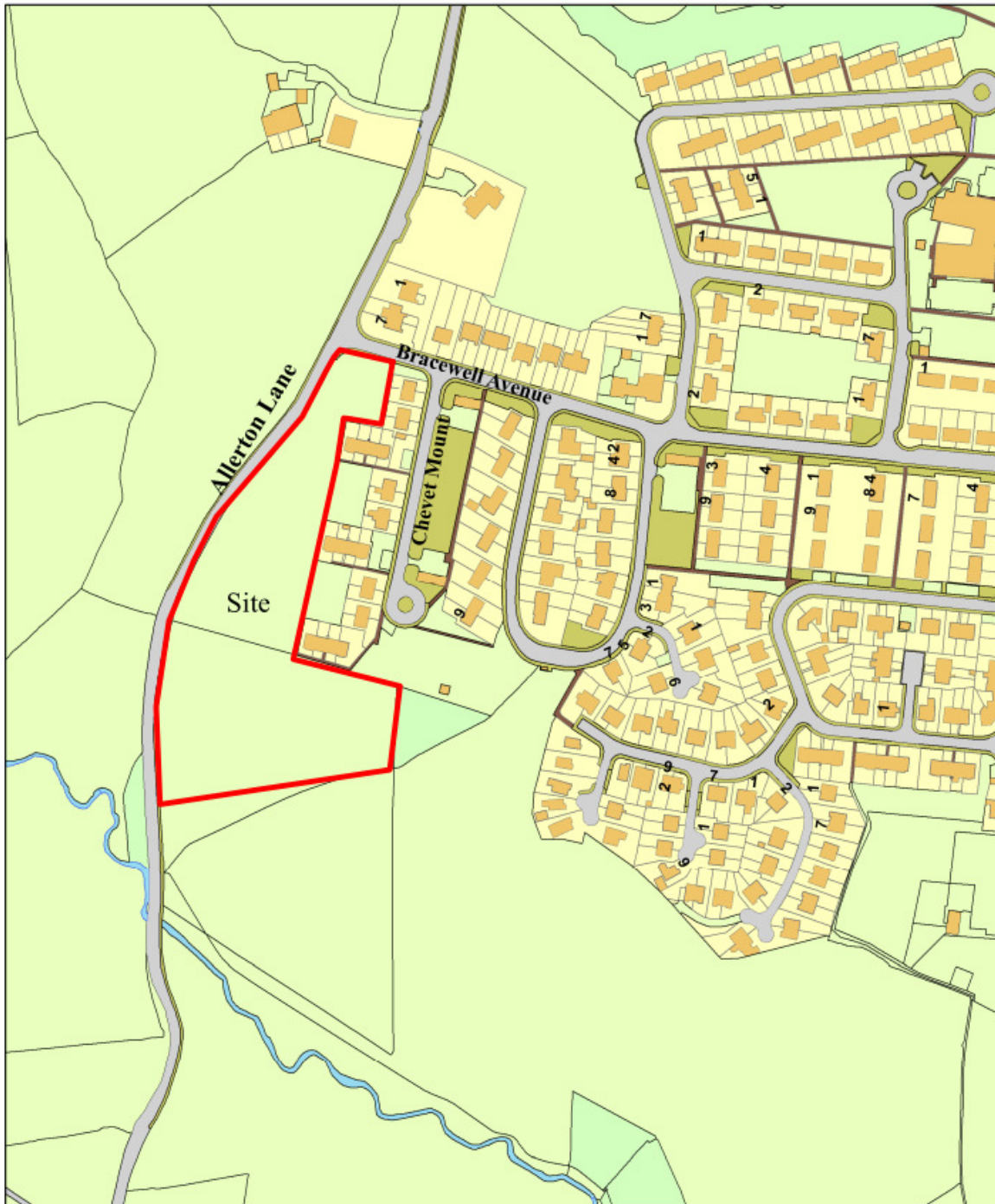
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10. Recommendations

To approve the proposed street name “Valerie Binney Drive” for the residential development 15/00326/S3 Land West of Chevet Mount Bradford

11. APPENDICES

- Attached site plan



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- Proposed Site Layout Plan



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12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

N/A