

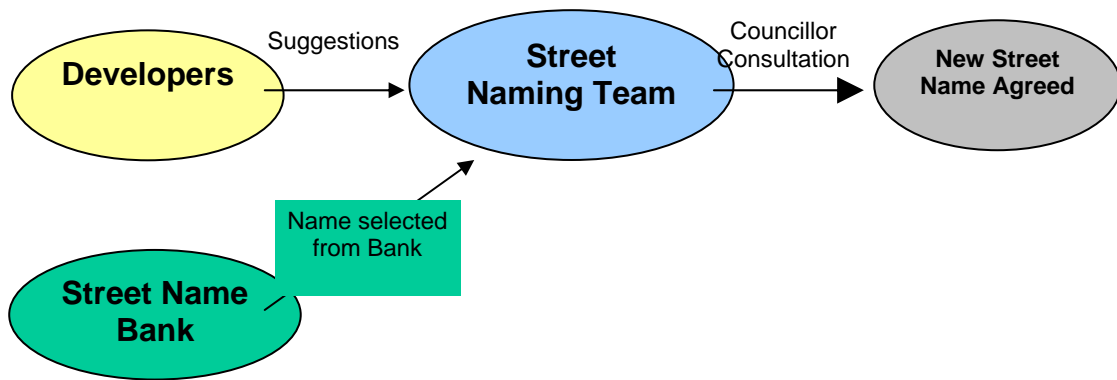
Street Naming Guidelines

In general, new streets should be named after people, places or events associated with The City of Edinburgh. Proposed names should meet one of the following criteria:

- To commemorate local history, places, events or culture, and in particular any that pertain to the site
- To honour and commemorate noteworthy persons associated with the local area, or The City of Edinburgh as a whole
- To celebrate cultural diversity in The City of Edinburgh
- To commemorate national and international noteworthy persons
- To commemorate national and international events
- To strengthen neighbourhood identity; or
- To recognise native wildlife, flora, fauna or natural features related to the community or The City of Edinburgh as a whole

Street Naming Process

- 1) Application comes in and the developers at this time have the opportunity to suggest names for the specific development they are applying for addresses for.
- 2) These suggestions are then reviewed by the street naming team, and checked against the criteria for acceptance as a suitable street name
- 3) If the developer suggestion is unsuitable, the street naming team will then select a name from the street name bank for the area in question, ensuring that the name is appropriate for the site.
- 4) The suggestion (s) are then put before the Councillors for final approval, giving 21 days for a response.
- 5) If the Councillors either a) Respond positively or b) Do not respond, the name is accepted and the statutory notices are issued appropriately.
- 6) If the councillors object, or there is a difference of opinion between the councillors, the matter is referred to The DM Sub Committee who will be presented with the officer recommendation and those who objected will be able to make representation to the committee.



Street Name Bank

The street name bank for each Neighbourhood Partnership will contain names suggested by the partnership representatives, and hopefully the wider community. Each of the names suggested must meet the agreed criteria, and will be checked by the Street naming team before acceptance into the bank.

The initial bank is established by the street naming team, and will be added to by the team as and when appropriate.

Neighbourhood Partnerships are encouraged to add to the street name bank at any time. Reports will be presented at regular intervals back to the partnerships, updating them on a variety of issues, including used names, rejected and accepted suggestions and a report on names required for future developments.

Street Name Rules

1. New street names should try to avoid duplicating any similar name already in use in a town/village or in the same postcode area.
2. New street names should be easily understood over the telephone in the event of an emergency (they should be easy to spell and pronounce).
3. The adoption of names having no more than three syllables should be avoided where possible.
4. Names should have little scope for ambiguity in the spelling of the name.
5. Use of punctuation such as commas, apostrophes, full stops, hyphens, slashes etc, should be avoided.
6. The names of living persons, or very recently deceased are not permitted for street names.
7. Use of a person's first name should be avoided in street names, unless additional identification is necessary to prevent duplication or confusion.
8. Use of abbreviations is not permitted (except for St for Saint)

9. We will not consider any unofficial 'marketing' titles used by developers in the sale of new properties, unless they meet the Dept's street naming criteria.

10. Historic practices which have resulted in many streets in close proximity being assigned the same name but with a differing suffix is no longer acceptable.

11. Similar sounding names from those already in use is not permitted e.g. road bridge street or broad bridge street.

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