

**NON KEY DECISION:  
REPORT TO CABINET PORTFOLIO MEMBER**

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright  
Economic

REPORT AUTHOR: Technical Officer – Building Control Services

REPORT NO. PLA 861

DATE: 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011

<b>SUBJECT OF NON KEY DECISION:</b>	<b>STREET NAMING</b>
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<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY:</b>	M – statutory service	
<b>CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:</b>	MINOR	
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:</b>	This report is publicly available via Your Council and Democracy link on the Council's website.	
<b>INITIAL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>Carried out and appended to report?</b>  <b>Not Applicable</b>	<b>Full impact assessment required?</b>  <b>No</b>
<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS:</b>	Correspondence with developers	

(1) **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

Approval of street name in order to provide postal addresses for new residential development at :-

1. **LONG BENNINGTON** – Development rear of Nos.5 - 13 Vicarage Lane by Ablehomes Ltd.

(2) **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SAXONWELL COURT**

**(3) REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**(including any alternative options considered and rejected)**

**Development off Vicarage Lane, Long Bennington.**

This is a small development of five new properties being built on land to the rear of Nos. 5 to 13 Vicarage Lane. The development will be accessed via a private driveway between Nos. 5 and 7 Vicarage Lane, which will require a new road name.

The developers suggested the name of SAXON COURT for this road naming, as they wish to use a name with an historic connection to the site or the village of Long Bennington. The village was the last place King Harold of Wessex camped before the Battle of Hastings and the village church is named after St. Swithun, who was chief advisor to Egbert, King of the West Saxons.

The Long Bennington Parish Council considered this suggestion but the members wished to propose the alternative name of BRETTEVILLE COURT.

This name is after the name of Bretteville L'Orgueilleuse, the French Village that Long Bennington is twinned with, as there is a strong link with the village and a very active twinning association.

The developers, whilst appreciating the Parish Council's wish to use this name for road naming somewhere in the village, do not feel that the name is appropriate for their site. They would prefer to keep with a more traditional name and have proposed, instead, using the name of SAXONWELL COURT. This name retains Long Bennington's link with the Saxon period and has a connection with the local churches, with Long Bennington, Allington and Sedgebrook churches all being part of 'The Saxonwell Group'. It is also the name of the electoral ward for the area.

The Long Bennington Parish Council has no comments to make on this alternative suggestion and no further proposals for naming.

There is no conflict with any existing road name in the postal delivery area.

**(4) COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER**

The District Council has a statutory duty to carry out street naming and numbering.

**(5) COMMENTS OF THE SECTION 151 OFFICER**

I have no specific financial comments to make in relation to this report.

**(6) OFFICER CONTACT**

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**(7) DATE DECISION EFFECTIVE:**

**If decision taken on 17th January date effective will be 26th January 2011**