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Context

Street naming and numbering is a statutory function of Maidstone Borough Council (MBC), which issues and officially registers postal addresses in the borough. MBC undertakes this service under Sections 17 and 18 of the Public Health Act 1925, relating to street naming and alteration, and the County of Kent Act 1981, relating to property numbering.

Lenham Parish Council (LPC) acts as a consultee in this process, providing suggestions that reflect local history, notable past residents, and the geographic context of developments. Under current arrangements, these suggestions are usually accepted by MBC.

In line with the Lenham Neighbourhood Plan, approximately 1,400 new properties are expected in the parish between 2021 and 2031. LPC therefore considers it appropriate to adopt a formal policy to manage the increased number of road names likely to be required.

Road Naming Strategy

LPC will provide suggestions to MBC for new road names according to the following guidelines:

- 1. Local heritage and geography**
Names should reflect the location of the development and local history, helping new residents connect with the community.
- 2. Commemoration of the fallen**
Names may include individuals recorded on the War Memorial, particularly for roads near the Lenham Cross war memorial.
- 3. Notable past residents**
Names may reflect notable past residents of Lenham, provided the individual has been deceased for at least five years.
- 4. Ancient memorials, farmsteads, and landscapes**
Names should reflect ancient memorials, well-known farmsteads, fields, or woodlands, especially where developments occupy or are adjacent to such areas.
- 5. Historical land use and natural features**
Names may reference historical crops, topography, or wildlife associated with the site, continuing a practice previously followed in LPC's suggestions.

LPC will encourage developers to communicate the historical and cultural significance of road names to new residents, ensuring that Lenham's rich history is recognised, celebrated, and retained.