Street Naming and Numbering Conventions

New street names should try to avoid duplicating any similar name already in use in a town/village or in the same postcode area. A variation in the suffix, for example, "street", "road", and "avenue" will not be accepted as sufficient reason to duplicate a name. A common request is to repeat existing names in a new road or building title (for example, a request for "St Mary's Close", off an existing St Mary's Way, near St Mary's Church). This is not allowed as it could have a detrimental effect in an emergency situation. This is in line with Government Guidance found in circular 3/93.

- Street Names should not be difficult to pronounce or awkward to spell.
- We will not adopt any unofficial "marketing" titles used by developers in the sale of new properties.

All new street names should end with one of the following suffixes: -

- Street (for any thoroughfare)
- Road (for any thoroughfare)
- > Way (for major roads)
- Avenue (for residential roads)
- Drive (for residential roads)
- Grove (for residential road)
- Gardens (for residential roads, subject to there being no confusion with any local open space)
- Place (for residential roads)
- View (for residential roads)
- Lane (for residential roads)
- Crescent (for a crescent shaped road)
- Court (for a cul-de-sac only)
- Close (for a cul-de-sac only)
- Rise (for residential roads) to be used only exception
- Row (for residential roads) to be used only exception
- Vale (for residential roads) to be used only exception
- > Wharf (for residential roads) to be used only exception
- > Dene (for residential roads) to be used only exception
- Mead (for residential roads) to be used only exception
- Hill (for a hillside development only)
- Mews (This is currently popular and is considered acceptable in appropriate circumstances provided it does not repeat the name of the road from which access is gained. Origins of this term refer to a set of stabling around a yard that has subsequently been converted to dwellings).
- End (for a road with only one entrance/exit)
- Lane (for development of an historic byway and for residential roads)

All new pedestrian ways should end with: -

- Walk
 Path
 Way
 Alley