

FOI number: **HBC\_FOI\_20200401**  
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Department: **Legal**  
Title: **Street naming**  
Description: **Street naming**

**Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)**

**1. House Numbering** - Do you control/regulate the numbering and naming of all houses in the district or only on certain streets ,or is this policy the responsibility of another authority in your district?

**2. Street Naming** - Which of the following legislation, or otherwise, do you use to control street naming;

The Towns Improvement Clauses Act 1847 clause 64

The Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907 clause 21

The Public Health Act 1925 clauses 17-19

**3. Sign Boards on New Streets** - With regards to the cost of putting up street sign boards on new streets, Does the Council pay for the erection of sign boards or does the Council require developers pay for the name boards.

**4. Changing Street Names** - With regards to changing the existing name of a street:

If you use The PublicHealth Act 1925 c15 do you put any restriction on the number of people in the street who must approve the name change?

if you use the Public Health Amendments Act 1907 c21 what majority of residents is required to change a name, is a majority of residents also required if the Council plans to change a street name

**5. Council Resolution** - Do you have a copy of a resolution of the Council by which it has applied or withdrawn the provision of the Public Health act 1925 c17 -19 (per Local Government Act 1972)

**Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)**

**1. House Numbering** - Do you control/regulate the numbering and naming of all houses in the district or only on certain streets ,or is this policy the responsibility of another authority in your district?

All elements of an address with the exception of the post code and post town are defined by Hertsmere Borough Council, including house and building names.

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The Public Health Act 1925 clauses 17-19

The authority has the power to approve or reject property addresses submitted by developers or owners, or prescribe its own addressing schemes, under the provision of the following acts:

- Naming of Streets - Section 17 Public Health Act 1925
- Alteration of Street Names - Section 18 Public Health Act 1925
- Numbering and Re-Numbering of Buildings - Sections 64 and 65 of the Town Improvement Clauses Act 1847

- 3. Sign Boards on New Streets** - With regards to the cost of putting up street sign boards on new streets, Does the Council pay for the erection of sign boards or does the Council require developers pay for the name boards.

Where a street is created as all or part of a new development, all costs for the erection of new street name plates will be paid for by the property developer. Maintenance of street name plates becomes the responsibility of Hertsmere Borough Council only once the developer has left the site and the street has been adopted.

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The renaming of a street may be proposed by an individual resident in an affected street, provided they can present a proposal letter with signatures of two thirds of owners on the street, or by the Emergency Services. Please note that street name changes will normally only be considered if consistent problems occur for the Emergency Services.

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All street naming and numbering applications are administered under the provision of the above stated acts.