

SNN2026105 Leafield Residential Development -Morse Lane

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Afternoon

I have received an application to address 10 properties for the residential aspect of the Leafield Technical Centre redevelopment planning number 22/03408/FUL

The plan is to allocate a new street name to the development and number the properties directly onto the new street. The developer has proposed "Morse Lane", the developer has provided the following information in support of the proposed name.

'Morse Lane in recognition of the site's unique place in Britain's communications history.

The site has a direct association with the early development of long-distance wireless telegraphy using Morse code. It formed part of the first link in the Imperial Wireless Chain, connecting this site, Leafield Technical Centre with Cairo, Egypt.

This pioneering communications route officially opened on 24 April 1922, marking a significant milestone in global telecommunications by enabling rapid communication across vast distances within the British Empire.

Naming the road Morse Road would provide a lasting tribute to this important historical legacy.

The name is both meaningful and locally relevant, reflecting the site's heritage rather than adopting a generic or unrelated title. It would also help preserve the memory of the technological innovation that once took place here, creating a tangible connection between the site's past and its future.

Road names that acknowledge local history contribute to a stronger sense of place and community identity.

Morse Road is a simple, distinctive, and historically significant name that commemorates the site's role in one of the most important advances in international communications during the early twentieth century.

Please can you advise if the Parish Council is happy to proceed with the proposed name or if they have any other names that they would like us to consider. Please can you come back to me by Thursday 1st October with any comments that the parish council would like to make.

If you have any further questions, please get in touch.

Kind Regards

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