**What is the proposal?**

Council is proposing to rename part of Vearings Road Wollert to **Hudson Road** Wollert.

The renaming would apply to Vearings Road north-south between Craigieburn Road and Boundary Road.

**Why has the name Hudson been chosen?**

The Hudson family made a written request to Council to consider the name Hudson when naming roads and features in the City of Whittlesea.

This family’s ancestors have links to the area including working on the stonewalls along Vearings Road.

**Why is the name change proposed?**

Due to the rapid expansion of residential developments in the area, there is an increased need to rename this portion of Vearings Road in order to avoid any potential duplicate street addressing in the future which goes against the State Government Naming Principles.

**Who would notify services and authorities of the change of address?**

If the proposal was successful, once a name change is formally adopted and gazetted by the Office of Geographic Place Names, Council would notify the relevant **Public** authorities and emergency services of the name change.

**If there are any costs associated with the name change, (i.e. business cards etc.), who pays these costs?**

Any costs associated with the name change would be the resident’s responsibility.

**Who is responsible for making the final decision on this proposal?**

The State Government, through the Office of Geographic Place Names is responsible for making the decision on naming requests. Council, however, is responsible for processing requests and considering the views of affected persons before deciding whether it endorses the proposal to the Office of Geographic Place Names.

**What can I do to support this proposal?**

Make a written submission in support to the change of address from Vearings Road Wollert to **Hudson Road** Wollert.

**What can I do to oppose this proposal?**

Make a written submission to object to the change of address from Vearings Road Wollert to **Hudson Road** Wollert.

If you object please provide reasons why the renaming does not comply with any of the following general principles included in the *Naming rules for places in Victoria – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities – 2016*:

* Ensuring public safety
* Recognising the public interest
* Linking the name to place
* Ensuring names are not duplicated
* Names must not be discriminatory
* Recognition and use of Aboriginal languages in naming
* Dual names (naming with two distinct parts, usually one part of non-Aboriginal language origin and the other of Aboriginal language origin. To avoid possible confusion for addressing or the provision of emergency management, dual names cannot be adopted for roads.)
* Using commemorative names
* Using commercial and business names is not allowed
* Language (Names should be easy to pronounce. Prefixes, symbols, punctuation marks and abbreviations are not allowed.)
* Directional names such as north, south, east and west must be avoided.
* Assigning extent to a road, feature or locality (Council must clearly define the area and/or extent to which the name will apply.)

Further information on these general principles and the Naming rules can be accessed via the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website at:

<http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/property-and-land-titles/naming-places-features-and-roads/naming-rules-for-places-in-victoria>

**I have a question regarding the proposal, who can I contact?**

If you have any queries relating to the proposal, please contact:

Bruce Manison

Team Leader Subdivision Approvals

9217 2232

**I have a question regarding the process of the proposed locality name change, who can I contact?**

Any queries regarding the process around the decision making or State Guidelines can be directed to Governance on 9217 2294.