

<b>Committee:</b>  <b>Community and Children’s Services Committee</b>	<b>Dated:</b>  <b>01/11/2023</b>
<b>Subject: City of London Primary Academy Islington (COLPAI) Residential Building Name</b>	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation’s Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	<b>9, 10,</b>
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain’s Department?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Judith Finlay, Executive Director of Community and Children’s Services	<b>For Decision</b>
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### **Summary**

The City of London Primary Academy Islington (COLPAI) residential development is a pioneer of the City’s 2019–23 Housing Strategy, delivering 66 much-needed homes for social rent, and three commercial units.

Several submissions and ballots for the building name have been held with residents of the Golden Lane Estate. The most successful eligible name is “Black Raven Court”, derived from the historical Black Raven Court street name which existed in the area during the 1700s.

### **Recommendation**

Members are asked to:

- Endorse the building name “Black Raven Court” to enable the project team to register the building with London Borough of Islington and procure the signage.

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

In May 2022 a naming exercise for the new COLPAI residential development was launched with the help of the project's communications consultant CommComm UK. A letter seeking name suggestions from residents of Golden Lane Estate was issued on 30 May 2022, with the ballot opening from 6 July 2022 until 27 July 2022.

The outcome of this initial ballot was the name "Domingo House" derived from the local Domingo Passage. However, this name was subsequently deemed to be invalid by London Borough of Islington's Naming and Addresses department, due to duplicate name concerns from emergency services.

In September 2022 a second ballot was held for name suggestions. In November 2022 the outcome of the second ballot identified the name "Green Cat Court" as the preferred name put forward by one of the residents of Golden Lane Estate. However, following further consideration it was decided to launch a third ballot, which started on 24 July 2023 and closed on 8 August 2023.

### **Current Position**

1. Following the third ballot, the name "Gabrielle Court" was the most popular name. This derived from Gabrielle Cooper, an esteemed stick maker and member of the Worshipful Company of Fan Makers who it was understood lived in the Golden Lane area during the 1700s.
2. However, following further investigation and scrutiny by the Worshipful Company of Fan Makers, it has been established that the name was Gabriel Cooper and not Gabrielle Cooper.
3. Similar to Domingo House, the name Gabriel was also rejected by London Borough of Islington on the grounds of duplicate names.
4. To move forward with the naming process, it is recommended that the second placed name "Black Raven Court", derived from the historical Black Raven Court street be adopted.
5. The name Black Raven Court has been verified by London Borough of Islington and is acceptable to emergency services.
6. It is also recommended that, for any subsequent ballots with residents for naming of residential buildings, delegated authority be given to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Community and Children's Services Committee to determine whether the outcome of the ballot can be implemented.

### **Key Data**

7. The results of the third ballot were as follows:
  - Gabrielle Court (Invalid) – 20 votes
  - Black Raven Court – 14 votes
  - Nina Bawden Court – 4 votes

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

8. There are no strategic implications directly related to this report.

- Financial implications – N/A
- Resource implications – N/A
- Legal implications – N/A
- Risk implications – N/A
- Equalities implications – Name proposals derived from all backgrounds were considered and, if appropriate, put to ballot with City of London and London Borough of Islington naming constraints.
- Climate implications – N/A
- Security implications – N/A

## **Conclusion**

9. Following consultation and subsequent ballots for the building name, it is recommended that the name Black Raven Court be adopted for the COLPAI residential development.

## **Appendices**

- None

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