

March 8th 2021

Dear Members of Council,

Thank you for allowing me to speak at your February meeting on the subject of our road name.

It remains our board and congregation's preference for the road to be named Christ Church Lane and they have asked me to write to you on their behalf. The church is the property owner, but as promised, I have spoken to Shady Side Academy, which leases a portion of the property from the church, having merged with Fox Chapel Country Day School a few years ago.

We are keen to respect the secular nature of SSA and they are similarly keen to respect our faith. But I have been asked to point out that when the schools merged, the affiliation agreement was expressly designed to "preserve the existing relationship between FCCDS and Christ Church Fox Chapel". That relationship goes back over 70 years to a time when the church first granted a space to the school rent free and they affiliated with our diocese.

Our preferred road name seems uncontroversial in the context of our shared history, not to mention the even wider context of an entire town named after a specific church.

With other property owners given the right to select their own names, our members are concerned that they are being treated differently because of their religious beliefs. As you would imagine this has the potential to become more difficult than any of us would like it to be. It is at times like this that I am glad that I am not in charge. I think the best thing is for you simply to make the decision that seems most reasonable to you on neutral principles.

We are committed, as part of our faith, to respecting the authorities and loving our neighbors. If you decide to reject the Name, although that will hurt, we will seek to work with you to resolve things amicably.

With your permission, I'll attend the next Council meeting and remain available to answer any questions that you might have should they arise.

Yours always



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On behalf of the Vestry (board) of Christ Church Fox Chapel

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