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Further to your emails about street names for the Weddington Fields Development, I thought you might be interested to see below what the new addresses will be. As you will see we have used several of the names you suggested. We have some that we can still use for the next phase of the development, but we will also need some more names so we would be grateful for any further suggestions of road names with local connections.

1-33 (odd) Watitune Avenue & 2-26 (even) Watitune Avenue
1-9 (odd) Adderley Avenue & 2-32 (even) Adderley Avenue
1-10 (inclusive) Meulan Lane
1-21 (odd) Grey Lane
1-11 (odd) & 2-12 (even) Red Cross Way
1-20 (inclusive) Heming Walk
1-9 (odd) & 2-28 (even) Hereward Way

Watitune Avenue**	Watitune was the original name of Weddington at the time of the Domesday Book in 1086
Adderley Lane**	Humphrey Adderley was groom to Queen Elizabeth I and was granted Weddington in return for his services, the Adderleys lived in Weddington for 300 years
Hereward Way**	Hereward was a Saxon who owned Weddington when the Normans invaded and led the resistance against the Norman invaders- he is a major folk hero in English history - see: http://www.weddingtoncastle.co.uk/hereward-the-wake.html
Kay Lane**	Henry Kay was a Castle owner and is buried in St James churchyard - his coat of arms are embedded in frontage of 1 & 3 Shawe Avenue
Grey Lane**	Queen Lady Jane Grey owned the castle and Thomas Grey, her ancestor build Weddington Castle
Meulan Lane**	Count Meulan was a Norman invader who was granted Weddington by William the Conqueror after the Battle of Hasting in 1066
Little Church Close**	One of the original field names on the site of the development
Grove Road	The Grove was a local area in Weddington, the Grove Cottages still exist on Weddington Road and the former Fox and Crane pub restaurant was previously a stately house on the estate called The Grove
Fox & Crane Close	See above

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RE: Weddington Development Street Naming

Dear Ms Canning

I believe that Humphrey Adderley fits the street naming criteria as provided as follows:

To address point 2 first (In the case of a person, their name, contribution or achievement is likely to be remembered a long time after their death)

Humphrey Adderley was a courtier who served four monarchs from King Henry VIII, Edward VI, Queen Mary to Queen Elizabeth I as Groom and later Yeoman of the Wardrobe from c.1530-70.

This was a very high profile role with political connections on a national level within the monarchy and government. Samuel Pepys 17th century diary states: *“The duty of the Master of the Wardrobe was to provide “proper furniture for coronations, marriages, and funerals” of the sovereign and royal family, “cloaths of state, beds, hangings, and other necessaries for the houses of foreign ambassadors, cloaths of state for Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Prince of Wales, and ambassadors abroad,” as also to provide robes for Ministers of State, Knights of the Garter, &c.”*

The highly important nature of this role is shown in that he was granted the manor of Weddington for his services by Queen Elizabeth I in 1562. This was part of the redistribution of the Grey's lands after the execution of Lady Jane Grey!

Whilst he may not be widely known locally, he is listed in several Peerage sources including *Burke's Landed Gentry, the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, and records of the British Monarchy*. Indeed, his historical profile is likely to be retained for generations locally as there is a plaque in his honour at nearly St James Church (see pictures below) - naming a street for him would be a good way of highlighting this local profile.



“Here lieth the body of HUMPHREY ADDERLEY Esq Lord of the Manor of Weddington one of the gentlemen of the Wardrobe to KING HENRY and KING EDWARD 6 QUEEN MARY and QUEEN ELIZABETH who married ELIZABETH daughter of RICH. CAPELL Esq by whom he had issue HUMPHREY and JANE married to William Burton of Lindley Esq and KATHERINE married to HERVEY BAGOT of Bliithfeild Baronet. He died the 29th July 1598 aet 86”

1. The named person or organisation has made:

a. a significant contribution to the macro economical fabric of the borough over a prolonged period, or

b. a significant contribution to the social life of a majority of the Borough over a prolonged period, or

c. a significant contribution to the cultural life or reputation of the Borough for a prolonged period

Humphrey Adderley built Weddington Castle c.1566. This had a huge impact on the social and cultural landscape of Weddington, transforming it from a loose collection of farming houses and buildings to a significant stately seat.

The house and estate descended through the male Adderley line until the death of Thomas Adderley (d. 1757), when it was bequeathed to his sister Elizabeth and her husband, the Rev. Thomas Liptrott (1706-97), rector of Weddington, and then to Amice, the daughter of Thomas Adderley's cousin, who married George Heming of Jamaica. Their son, Rev. Samuel Bracebridge Heming, sold the house to Lionel Place c.1807, and it was remodelled shortly afterwards to the designs of Robert Lugar. So Weddington was overseen by the Adderley's over a period of 250 years!

Without the existence of Weddington Castle, built by Adderley no funds would have been raised by its sale and subsequent demolition in 1928 in order to build the village that we have today.

If you have made it to the end of this document I thank you for your continued interest and time! One final point – a recent suggestion made to me was Anker Lane; a reference to the River Anker that flows through Weddington. Perhaps another one for the list!

Yours sincerely

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