

NORTHSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL**MOTION PAPER****SECTION 1A - To be filled in by submitter of the Motion:**

Report from	Cllr Joe Birr-Pixton
On behalf of	N/A
Date	2025-07-08
For Meeting of Council/Committee	Full Council
Date of meeting	2025-07-22
Agenda item no.	96/25-26/FC
Confidentiality	N/A
TITLE OF MOTION	Road Naming Response to Urban and Civic
MOTION(S)	To approve the suggestion of Unity Way for the unnamed road running east-west along the north edge of the green, and communicate this suggestion to Urban and Civic.
Background	- Discussed in Planning Committee May 2025, item 17/25-26/PL. See below document for full background and discussion.
Issues/items for consideration by the Council	This motion makes a suggestion to Urban and Civic for road naming. That is the extent of the Town Council's involvement. There is no guarantee that U+C will put this name forward, or that SCDC/3CSS (as the local statutory road naming body) will accept it. This motion does not commit NTC to any future action or expenditure.
Recommendations	For the Town Council to approve this motion to make the above suggestion.
Appendices	See below for full background.
Documents:	N/A

SECTION 1B - To be filled in by submitter of the Motion:

Input needed from Clerk?	If needed, please provide details of what feedback is needed and/or what additional research may be needed in order for the motion presenter to finalise the motion paperwork
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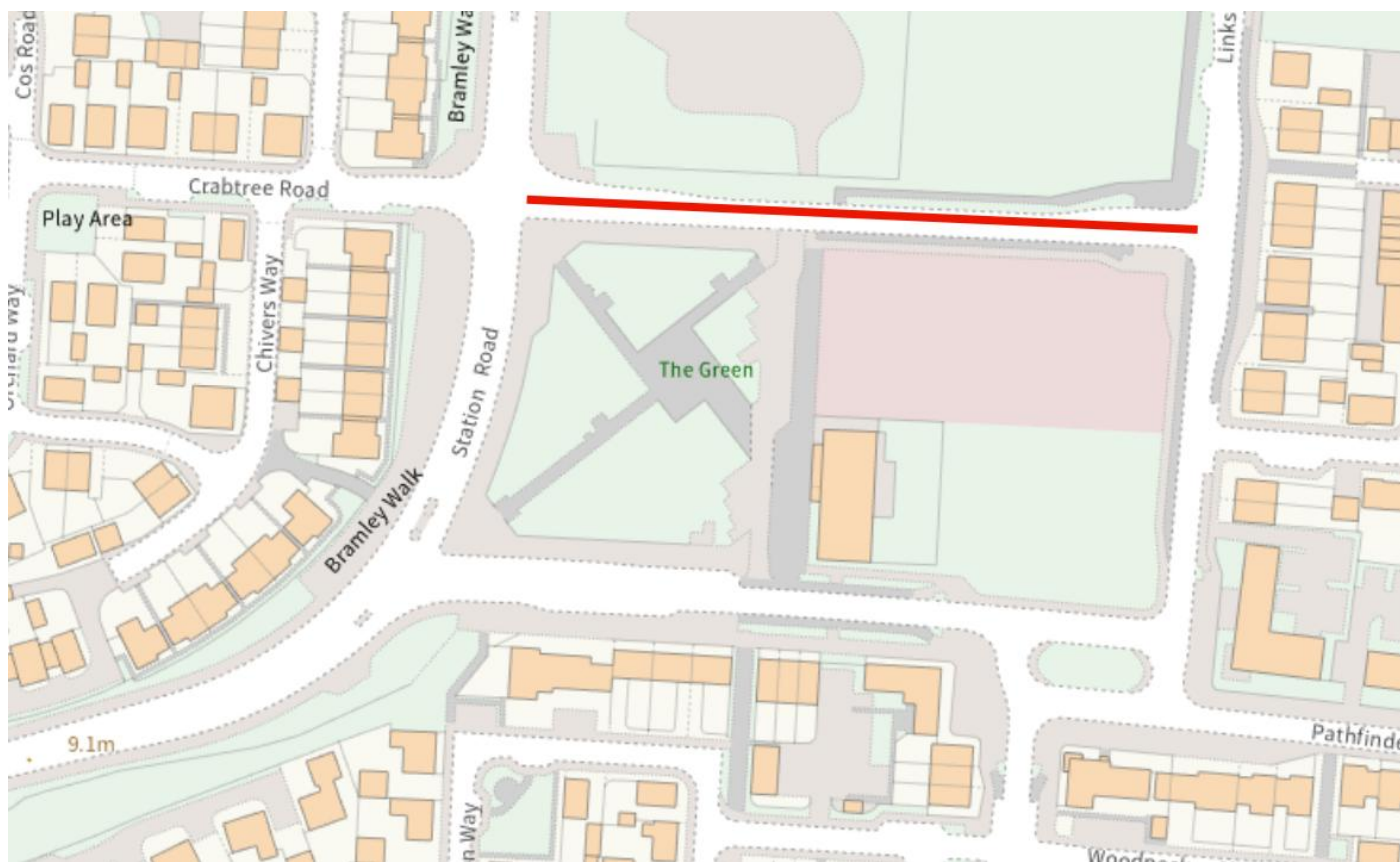
PLEASE NOTE: Agenda item requests: in order to be considered for inclusion on the agenda, motions with all associated papers *must* be received by the Clerk in a final format at least 7 clear daysⁱ before the meeting at which you would like your item to be considered – if any input is required from the Clerk please provide sufficient additional time for the Clerk to schedule in for any feedback and/or additional research that may be required.

SECTION 2 - To be filled in by the Clerk: N/A

Meets/links with Council objectives:		
Staffing Implications: ⁱⁱ		
Volunteer need implications:		
Equalities & Human Rights ⁱⁱⁱ	There are no equalities and human rights issues Details, where relevant:	
Crime and Disorder ^{iv}	Crime and disorder have been considered Details, where relevant:	
Biodiversity ^v	There are no (negative) bio-diversity implications Details, where relevant:	
Sustainability	Is in line with the Council's Plastic-Free Pledge	
Financial ^{vi}	There are no financial implications at this stage	
	There will be financial implications; Details:	
	There is provision within the budget Budget heading & details:	
	Decisions may give rise to additional expenditure; Details:	
	Decisions may have potential for income generation; Details:	
Other Resource implications (besides finance):	Details:	
Health and Safety implications ^{vii}	Details:	
Legal	Power under which the spend can be actioned: ^{viii}	
	GDPR - Data Privacy Impact Assessment: ^{ix} Details, where relevant:	
	Other considerations:	
Risk Management	Material risks ^x exist and these are considered and being assessed: Details:	
Other Considerations:		

Background

This paper concerns the following road highlighted in red, which is frequently incorrectly labelled as Stirling Road on many maps:



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Current uses of the road

At the west end of the road there is a light-controlled junction with the B1050 (Station Road) and Crabtree Road. At the east end of the road there is a T junction with Links Lane.

It also allows entrance to The Green, which is a paved, one-way, pedestrianised area with several parking spaces.

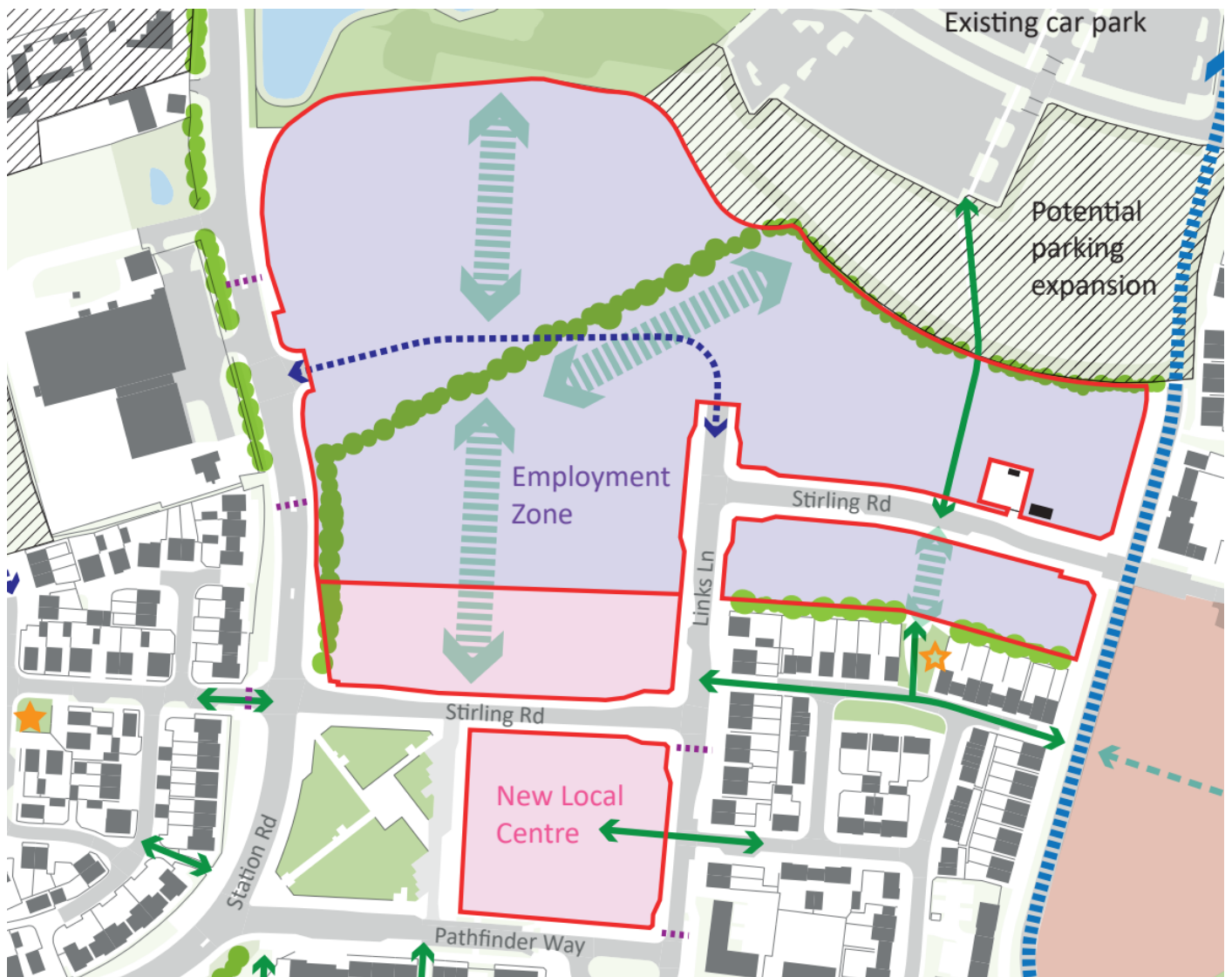
At the time of writing, the Unity Centre is being constructed at the corner of this road and The Green. The Unity Centre will have the address “1 The Green, Northstowe” reflecting the location of its main entrance. The Unity Centre also has multiple side accesses onto this road, including access to the garden.



Aside from the Unity Centre there are no other buildings on this road. The current impetus for naming it is to allow street finishing works to install final signage.

Potential future uses of the road

Prior design documents covering the Phase 1 “Local Centre and Enterprise Zone” show potential future uses of the area surrounding this road and suggest it could be pedestrianised with a replacement vehicular link provided to the north.



Potential future land uses in the vicinity.



Potential for future pedestrianisation with alternative route to B1050 provided to north.

“Vehicle access will be limited by closing off Stirling Road from Station Road. Speed will be limited in at entry points for cyclists and pedestrians, including opportunities for stopping-up and carriageway narrowing where appropriate and sensible.” - Section 4. Mobility and Connectivity

(source: [Northstowe Local Centre & Enterprise Zone Masterplan and Design Guidance](#))

It is unclear whether and when such a plan would come to fruition, but it makes sense for our naming recommendation to avoid options usually associated with vehicular traffic (eg, “Drive”).

Nearby naming themes

- Crabtree Road is named after Crabtree Corner, an informal name for the B1050’s curve at this point. This is part of the apple theme in phase 1 parcel H1.
- Stirling Road is named after the Short Stirling, a heavy bomber which was flown from RAF Oakington. This is part of the aircraft theme in phase 1.
- Links Lane is a reference to the Cambridge Golf Club. This is part of the golf theme in phase 1.
- Station Road refers to Longstanton railway station.

Recommended name

The following possibilities were put forward by councillors:

- Unity Drive / Lane / Road / Street / Way / Parade
- Green Street / Way
- Codlin, Pippin, Wallis or Hollendale Road / Way
- Pioneer Drive / Way / Lane / Street
- Unity Path / Crescent / Place / Way / Lane / Street
- Skyward Way / Lane

The Unity Centre itself was named after suggestions gathered from the public by SCDC Community officers in September and October 2024. Since the Unity Centre is an important and central feature of the road, it makes sense to carry this into the road's name.

Of the possible suffixes, Drive, Road and Street have vehicular connotations. Therefore, the recommendation is **Unity Way**, as Way is general enough to apply to potential future alterations to this road.

ⁱ Northstowe Town Council's [Standing Order 9 b,d](#).

ⁱⁱ The Council has a legal duty to ensure it looks after employees' health and wellbeing (the Health and Safety at Work etc act 1974).

ⁱⁱⁱ The key legislation regarding unlawful discrimination is the Equality Act 2010, which amongst other requires the Council to monitor for compliance with the Equality Duty.

^{iv} The Council has a legal duty to act with due regards to crime and disorder in the area (Crime and Disorder Act 1998, s17).

^v The Council has a legal duty to have regard to conserving biodiversity (Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, s40).

^{vi} It is the RFO's duty to manage financial risks on behalf of the Council, as described in the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, reg 4.

^{vii} See also Town Council's [Health and Safety Policy](#).

^{viii} See here for an [Overview of relevant discretionary powers](#) beyond the General Power of Competence.

^{ix} See also the Town Council's [Data Protection Policy](#).

^x See Town Council's [Risk Management Plan](#).