



Chichester City Council

Streetnaming application – Graylingwell phase 8

Report to the Planning and Conservation Committee meeting – 6 November 2025

A street naming application has been received (SNN2025.018) from the developer of phase 8 at Graylingwell.

This phase is more of an “infill” as the roads around it have already been named.

The application is to name two blocks of flats, one on Blomfield Drive (6 flats) and the other on North Mead (20 flats).



Other streets in that area have been named in memory of the designers and developers of and staff members and patients at the original Graylingwell Hospital.

The names also include notable Quakers Ambrose Rigge and Joseph Lancaster.

Councillor Scicluna has proposed the following two names for these blocks:

- Lucas House – after James Lucas who died in December 1693. *“He was a very prosperous carpenter who earlier the same year had leased a site in Eastgate which had stood empty since the Civil War. Then he was taken ill and by November was so sick that he made his will, providing generously for his five young children, his loving wife Ann and his mother Joanne. He also left the impressive sum of forty pounds to “build a meeting house for his friends called Quakers to meet in to worship God”. In*

those days such a sum was sufficient to buy a small building - it was largely because of the generosity of Lucas that Friends were eventually able to move to the Priory Road site.” (The Quakers in Chichester 1655-1967, Michael Woolley, 2006)

- Barton House – after John Barton (died 1852), a friend and acquaintance of Joseph Lancaster (of the Lancastrian Schools), who was deeply involved in the boys and girls schools committees. He was an economist of some repute and was referred to in Marx’s *Das Kapital* and was involved in the broader provision of education in Chichester including the Mechanic’s Institute. He had an interest in politics and attended meetings of the Friends committee that campaigned to abolish slavery in the British Empire. (with thanks to further information in the Michael Wolley article referenced above).

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