

To the Chairperson and Members
Of Central Area Committee

8th February 2022

**With reference to a Naming and Numbering proposal for a development at 49-53
Great Charles Street, Dublin 1.**

Development information:

The Development is two apartment blocks ranging from 3 to 6 storeys, consisting of 52 number of apartments comprising 28 number of one-bed and 24 number of two-bed apartments. The developer is Clúid Housing, an approved Housing Body.

The site is bounded by three streets, Charles Street Great, Charles Lane and Tyrrell Place; of these three Charles Street Great is by far the most significant and the main street. The main entrance to the development is on the corner of Charles Street Great and Charles Lane and will be treated with a different materiality and located on the corner facing Mountjoy Square for maximum prominence. It is envisaged that the approach to the site will be almost entirely from Charles Street Great.

Address Proposal:

The developer advised that a number of names were considered including reference to historical figures connected to the area. The Gardner family were considered as they were involved in the development of Mountjoy Square which is adjacent, however, it was felt it would be more relevant to the West side of Mountjoy Square rather than the East. Edward Robbins was also considered as he was the Architect of the neighbouring Free Church, however, the developer believed that a direct reference to neighbouring buildings was unhelpful in creating an identity for this development. Many known residents of the area were also discussed, one of which was Sean O'Casey. The developer decided to rule them out as it was felt they were overused and would likely create confusion.

The developer has requested that the development be named **Teach Shráid Shéarlais / Charles Street House**.

Charles Street House is proposed as the development is a set of two connected housing blocks with a shared entrance off the corner of Charles Street Great and Charles Lane. The developer feels that there is a clarity in using Charles Street in the naming of the development and believes that Charles Street House is a simple and understandable name. It is proposed to number the units 1-52 Charles Street House.

In addition, they propose to simplify the street number from 49-53 Charles Street Great to 51 Charles Street Great providing a definitive number to the main entrance, resulting in addresses of 1-52 Charles Street House, 51 Charles Street Great, Dublin 1.

Heritage Officer Report

The City Councils' Heritage Officer has considered the proposed name and gives a recommendation that the name "Teach Shráid Shéarlais / Charles Street House" is appropriate and the Irish translation has been supplied by the Council's Irish Office.

Recommendation:

The address Teach Shráid Shéarlais / Charles Street House and the numbering details set out above are considered suitable and are recommended for adoption.

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