

## Stonefields

(new suburb name)

### Auckland City

#### General Background

The submitter is seeking to assign a place name to a newly established residential development on the former Mt Wellington quarry site, which lies between St Johns, Remuera and Mt Wellington suburbs in Auckland city. The name 'Stonefields' is descriptive of the environment, geography, history and physical features of the site.

The submitter has not provided documentary evidence of the history of the area, but has summarised the traditional and historical background. Formed on a volcanic site, 'Stonefields' is derived from 'stone field', and was the site of an ancient Polynesian garden. The submitter advises that the new community contains one such ancient garden, which will be preserved by the Auckland City Council as part of Stonefields.

Although the new suburb area covers only a square kilometre, it will be densely populated, housing a community of approximately 6,500 people, along with a school, town centre, shops, restaurants, parks and links with public transport. The submitter advises that the name Stonefields is well established in the media, and has been the commonly used place name for the area since 2007. The Board should consider whether this area warrants its own suburb name.

The submitter has provided documentary support for the proposal from residents within the community, Ngāti Pāoa Trust Board, Eastern Bays Community Board and Auckland Netball. No evidence of support or resolution by the Auckland City Council has been provided. One letter of objection has been received from a neighbour adjacent to the development; however, it is outside of the statutory notification period.

In regard to suburb and locality names item 16.27 of the Board's Frameworks document refers:

*Principle:*

Suburb and locality names come within the Board's naming jurisdiction, pursuant to Section 10 of the Act, which states that the Board may assign or alter a name to any place in New Zealand. The term place means any town, village, village settlement, special settlement, goldfield or mining district, land area, or other district, place or locality whatsoever. The Board recognises the importance of suburb and locality names in providing a key component to unique location identification, which is critical to the responsiveness of emergency services in verifying and locating an incident. Suburbs and localities are also important for government administration, and provide an important identity/association for local communities.

*Policy:*

- Support of the territorial authority is generally sought before the Board accepts a suburb or locality name;
- Consideration is given to local community views;
- The views of tangata whenua Māori are taken into account;
- It is particularly important that suburb and locality names be assigned with emergency and utility services in mind. Emphasis on standardisation and non-ambiguity are the Board's main concerns.

*Guideline/Practice:*

The Board does not formally define bounded geographical areas of suburbs and localities (see Section 16.21). While it recognises that populated places may conform to or are limited by naturally defined geographic boundaries or infrastructures made by people, they can also be subject to growth and redefinition, so a fixed definition may not be desirable. However, despite not formally gazetting prescriptive boundaries, the Board recognises that new suburb and locality extents may need to be known, at the time of assigning, to satisfy enquiries by affected people. Boundary definitions, particularly for

suburbs and localities, are generally determined by local authorities in the first instance. Through the public notification process, other agencies and/or individuals can influence final determinations, and any possible conflicts can also be identified.

Two streets located around New Zealand are named Stonefield or Stonefields, one of which is adjacent to the proposed new suburb.

Duplication:

Stonefields Avenue	Mt Wellington
Stonefield Place	Johnsonville, Wellington

Topographic and cadastral maps have shown the following through the years:

NZMS 1, sheet N42	Edition 1, dated 1949	Not named
NZMS 1, sheet N42	Edition 2, dated 1962	Not named
NZMS 1, sheet N42	Editions 3 & 3A, dated 1966	Not named
NZMS 1, sheet N42	Edition 4, dated 1978	Not named
NZMS 13, sheet NAK077	Edition 3, dated 1959	Not named
NZMS 16, sheet 9	Dated 1929	Not named
NZMS 177, sheet N42	Edition 3, dated 1968	Not named

An early survey plan shows the following:

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Early historical maps/plans show that the area was a Quarry Reserve vested in the Auckland City Council (Gazette, 1892:341&515). From 1936 until 2001 the area was mined by Winstones Limited and formed part of the company's Mt Wellington quarry.

There are no archive records of the Board (Canterbury National, NZGB card indices) featuring the name Stonefields.

Te Puni Kōkiri is yet to advise whether an original Māori place name exists for the area; however, there may be other overlapping iwi interests that could reveal an original Māori name.

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The Board agreed to defer its decision on this proposal at its previous meeting of 27 March 2009, in order to:

- confirm the support of the Auckland City Council for this proposed suburb name, noting that the Eastern Bays Community Board supports Stonefields;
- seek from local iwi, any comment or views as to any original Māori names for the area, noting that Hariata Gordon of Ngāti Paoa has confirmed support for Stonefields, and also noting that the submitter advises of a known original Māori name for a wider area, Te Tauoma (home of Te Kete-ana-taua); and
- consult with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust to determine whether they have any records on or knowledge of the history of this ancient garden site.

Letters were sent to relevant agencies/organisations on 3 July 2009 (Auckland City Council, NZ Historic Places Trust, Te Kawerau a Maki, Ngāi Tai Ki Tamaki, and Ngāti Whatua o Ōrakei), with no response received from iwi by the requested mid-August 2009 deadline. The Auckland City Council provided an interim response of 13 July 2009, advising that its response would be forthcoming. Further correspondence from the Auckland City Council of 19 August 2009 advises that the Council supports the proposed new name of Stonefields.

Other considerations that the Board may wish to consider, include:

- possible confusion resulting from duplication – Stonefields Avenue in Mt Wellington (though this is an associated name within the proposed suburb, so is not likely to cause confusion) and Stonefield Place in Johnsonville, Wellington;
- plural form – the name could also be Stonefield, those common/local usage suggests Stonefields;
- the geographical extent of the area is relatively small for a suburb, though the significant population and facilities servicing the suburb are noted;
- This ‘subdivision/development’ will become a suburb within a suburb. It may be more appropriate to classify it as a ‘village’ or ‘settlement’ or ‘urban locality’ or something similar, rather than a ‘suburb’;
- The definition of a suburb in s.4 of the New Zealand Geographic Board (Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa) Act 2008 is “suburb means an identifiable area within a local authority area, usually urban in character, with facilities such as those for education, transport, and shopping”; and
- Any issues for emergency services.

The submitter, Landco Land Developments Limited, has submitted a thorough proposal, having carefully covered off the requirements for making a proposal, including consultation with the local community, iwi, and relevant agencies/organisations. Significant evidence of support has been provided. The Board has received just one objection from a resident who prefers his property to continue to be within the suburb of St Johns.

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This proposal was previously considered by the Board at its 16 September 2009 meeting, at which the Board accepted 'Stonefields' as a proposal to assign and agreed to proceed to publicly notify it for a three month period, which began on 5 November 2009 and concluded on 12 February 2010.

Numerous supporting and objecting submissions were received from the general public (many of whom are residents) during this public consultation period; with full details as follows, to be considered by the Board under Section 18(1)(a) of the NZGB Act 2008.

*Supporting Submissions*

	<b>Submitter</b>	<b>Reasons for Support</b>
1	Auckland Netball (rec'd 29/05/2009 – outside the statutory period)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No reason provided.</li> </ul>
2	Auckland City Council (rec'd 24/08/2009 – outside the statutory period)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need for urgent clarification of the suburb name, for addressing purposes and because of confusion by NZ Post using Mt Wellington.</li> </ul>
3	Tē Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua (rec'd 10/12/2009)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The term 'stone field' was used 800 years ago to describe NZ's first gardens and so has its own mana whenua position.</li> <li>Traditionally, such fields were used to warm the earth so plants could survive in cooler temperatures, and the stones would also act as a boundary for the gardens.</li> <li>The area around Maungarei – Mount Wellington has huge significance to iwi, particularly because of conflict and its use as a fortified pā.</li> <li>Any opposing view to the proposed 'Stonefields' would be an exercise in futility.</li> <li>Ngāti Whātua occupied the mountain itself and within its fortifications.</li> </ul>
4	Diane Harrison (rec'd 20/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Although a small area – the proposed population will be as big as a small town if not bigger.</li> <li>This area also needs its own identity as it is not really St Johns, Ellerslie, Mt Wellington or Panmure. A new suburb name will give the community an identity.</li> <li>There is evidence of stonefields in this area (there is a preserved stonefield up near Tidey Ave).</li> <li>This area was an old quarry so there are links to 'Stone'.</li> <li>The locals already know this area as Stonefields.</li> </ul>
5	Natalie Hankey (rec'd 21/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nice to have a link between the stone taken from the old quarry and being used as building material around the Auckland region.</li> <li>It signifies the evidence of Māori activity and occupation in the area by the origin of the name. 'Stone field' meaning a garden system that was used by the Māori to warm the earth to help grow their plants.</li> <li>Stonefields development is becoming a 'new urban village' as per the vision of the developers. As a resident I can confirm that it has become an area with its own identity which deserves recognition. It is a friendly place for residents and provides a genuine community environment.</li> <li>It would be great if this could be reflected by giving the development recognition with its own suburb and its own name.</li> <li>It would be a reminder of Auckland's volcanic past.</li> </ul>
6	Carole Burley (rec'd 21/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impressed with the building and expansion that has taken place along with the well thought-out plans to create a unique and safe environment for those who live there.</li> <li>It has become an area with its own identity, its own 'style' and</li> </ul>

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		<p>consequently deserves to have its own unique name.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Stonefields' captures the spirit and energy of the new development and acknowledges the history of the land.</li> </ul>
7	Oliver Hankey (rec'd 21/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is evidence of Māori Stonefields in the area.</li> </ul>
8	Richard Searle & Gael Hunter (rec'd 23/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We live in Stonefields.</li> <li>New subdivision has always been referred to as Stonefields, and as the population has grown so has the use of the name to refer to it.</li> <li>The subdivision seems to satisfy the requirements to be a distinct suburb - ie it has easily identifiable natural boundaries and will eventually be a fully established community with shops, transport facilities and a school.</li> <li>The area is also sometimes referred to as being part of St Johns but St Johns is already a large suburb and already has an off-shoot in St Johns Park. We believe to lump yet another distinct subdivision under the title St Johns would be confusing. All of the other surrounding suburbs - Panmure, Glen Innes, Ellerslie, Meadowbank, Mt Wellington already have established and well understood boundaries.</li> <li>The development of the old Mt Wellington quarry should have its own name 'Stonefields' - it describes the suburb well and is already in common use.</li> </ul>
9	Louise Halsall (rec'd 23/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Naming of Stonefields to be a separate suburb.</li> <li>Appropriate as the site used to be a quarry.</li> <li>As a resident on the new estate, I don't feel a part of St Johns or Mt Wellington and I feel the size of the area warrants a separate suburb name.</li> </ul>
10	Rob Harradine (rec'd 23/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a resident it is clear that the area is now known as Stonefields to the postal services as well as residents of this and other suburbs. This makes it easy to find and avoids confusion in the first instance.</li> <li>The name has clearly been a hit with house purchasers and should remain. A name change certainly would look like an investment of time and recourses that are completely unnecessary too.</li> <li>The name Stonefields is within keeping of an area that is part of a quarry.</li> <li>Disappointed and concerned that the consultation process on the naming of this suburb has not been brought by the Geographic Board to the local residents. It would seem a rather considerable oversight.</li> </ul>
11	Eleanor Kinley (rec'd 23/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is a resident and would like to see the name Stonefields become the official suburb. Part of a new community and are creating our own identity. One which deserves its own name and not to be tagged on to an existing area.</li> <li>Will have its own school, parks and village, therefore should also have its own name.</li> <li>The name Stonefields is very appropriate due to the history of the area - being derived from 'stone field' which were ancient Polynesian gardens once in this area.</li> <li>Plus its history as a quarry makes it the perfect name for the neighbourhood.</li> <li>Would be very disappointed if the preferred choice for suburb name was not Stonefields.</li> </ul>
12	Judith & Murray Clark (rec'd 23/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is derived from 'stone field' and the stone fields were ancient Polynesian gardens in this area.</li> <li>The development is built in the old quarry and a significant feature of the landscape are stones.</li> <li>The name reflects and connects the area with the history of the development.</li> <li>As a resident of Stonefields we have always referred to it by this name and the area it is widely known by it.</li> </ul>
13	Rex & Emma Maddock (rec'd 23/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Live in Stonefields.</li> <li>Reflects the history of the area where they were once ancient Polynesian Gardens (Stone field ) and as such is a most appropriate name for the area which links the past to the present.</li> </ul>
14	Bev & Mike Dunn (rec'd 24/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Live in this new development which has been referred to as Stonefields since 2007.</li> <li>Become aware of how separate we are from the surrounding areas. The geographical nature of the site is that it is a bowl. There are no through roads so only those with a reason to be there populate the area. We are quite a separate place from the surrounding suburbs because of the geographical features and we feel that designating the area as Stonefields is most appropriate.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the moment we appear to be part of St Johns but we are quite separate because of the bowl and entries being only on the eastern edge of the development.</li> <li>The quarry edge at Lunn Avenue is a massive stone wall which is the backdrop for the bird life/lake reserve. These stone features also occur on the side of the Mt Wellington volcano.</li> <li>The developer has also constructed specific parks to depict this theme and these link in with the historic use of the stone fields area as Polynesian gardens.</li> </ul>
15	Christine & Stan Chang-Gregory (rec'd 24/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents of Stonefields and hope we can maintain the name. Most people are now aware of Stonefields as a suburb and we as residence here have grown to like it.</li> </ul>
16	Don & Lillian Leese (rec'd 24/01/2010)  Alternative name suggested.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nice to connect some of the areas history to the development and everyone already refers to the area as 'Stonefields'.</li> <li>If the area is not large enough to be a suburb, perhaps it could be known as 'Stonefields Village'.</li> </ul>
17	Di Partington (rec'd 25/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident of the new development.</li> <li>The name is very appropriate considering the history of the area as a quarry in recent times and earlier as fields used by the first Polynesian settlers.</li> <li>Living in this area it seems necessary for this new suburb to have its own identity rather than be included in one of the adjoining suburbs as it has a character and history of its own that is quite distinct from the areas that are on its boundaries.</li> </ul>
18	John Bitchener & Edwin Cheong (rec'd 25/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents of this development.</li> <li>Everyone already refers to it as such and it is the most appropriate name given its history. The area is also going to have a large enough population base to warrant it designation as a suburb.</li> </ul>
19	Roger Carnachan (rec'd 25/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident of Stonefields, St Johns, Auckland.</li> <li>To be named and separated as the suburb of 'Stonefields'.</li> <li>An appropriate name understanding that the name is derived from 'stone field' which was the original Polynesian gardens in the area.</li> <li>Lends an interesting historical perspective to the suburb and deem it a place which should be separately identified.</li> </ul>
20	Chris Mygind (rec'd 25/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as 19 above.</li> </ul>
21	John & Marita Fallow (rec'd 25/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The name is appropriate given its past history as a query. This is a significant part of the area's history and the proposed name is appropriate to remembering this history. If there are links to ancient Polynesian gardens in this area, then this only adds to appropriateness of the name.</li> <li>The name appears to be well known by many within the Auckland area. Many friends are aware of the location when you refer to 'Stonefields' despite it not being an 'official' suburb</li> <li>More confusion may exist by the development being contained with another existing suburb. ie does it lie with St Johns or Mt Wellington? Many residents would continue to utilise the name Stonefields (given the existing development name which will be used for several more years until the area is full constructed) and further confuse matters</li> <li>The development is well define by natural barriers (ie The Query outline) and by key roads and therefore unlikely to be confused with other parts of neighbouring suburbs.</li> <li>The development, while small in terms of land area, has been well planned and thought out with many unique feature that make it stand out from the neighbouring suburbs . Such features include its highly populated community supporting approximately 6500 residents and its pioneering of a non-potable water supply. Both a good examples of the way Auckland should be moving forward.</li> </ul>
22	Chandu Siri (rec'd 26/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident of Stonefields.</li> <li>An appropriate name, given the historical value of the area. I understand that Stone Fields were the ancient Polynesian gardens in this area and think it will be good to relate the ancient history to a very modern development.</li> <li>It is confusing to use St Johns, or Mt Wellington as the suburbs name. People in the area do not call the new quarry development site as Mt Wellington. For them Mt Wellington is up to Lunn Ave. Same with St Johns. They do not consider it to be St Johns either. Therefore I think it is good to have it as a new suburb to avoid any confusion.</li> <li>After all it is a stone field, meaning an abandoned quarry and I can't think of more appropriate name than that.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We can use the name Stonefield extensively. There is a school coming up, a lake and a shopping centre. All these can be called Stonefields too. For example calling the new shopping centre as Stonefield shopping centre would separate it from Mt Wellington shopping centre.</li> </ul>
23	Teresa Cairns & Alan Wooley (rec'd 26/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident of Stonefields.</li> <li>Due to the size of the development and its location we feel it would be appropriate to have its own name.</li> <li>The history of the area being stone fields were ancient Polynesian gardens, which makes the connection with today's development</li> </ul>
24	Craig Champness (rec'd 26/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area is large and with the proposed 6500 residences it needs to have its own identity.</li> <li>The developers name of Stonefields also reflects the history being derived from Stone Fields which were ancient Polynesian gardens that existed in this area.</li> <li>It is a unique planned location that is not like any of the surrounding areas.</li> <li>The name will better identify this large planned urban community which is not currently well defined, i.e. it could be St Johns, Ellerslie or Mt Wellington and this is confusing.</li> <li>As an example currently the Auckland City Council considers it to be St Johns, NZ Post considers it to be Mt Wellington and the developer, Stonefields.</li> <li>Stonefields is the only name that reflects its history in my view when considering the ancient Polynesian gardens and its former life as a Quarry.</li> <li>The place is already well known as "Stonefields" by the local community and residents who currently live there.</li> </ul>
25	Nikki Korte & Ian Corfield (rec'd 26/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suitable given the history of the area.</li> </ul>
26	Alvin Ng (rec'd 26/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name reflects the area's history to the development</li> </ul>
27	Sarah Flaherty (rec'd 27/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stonefields is derived from stone field, and the stone fields were ancient Polynesian gardens in this area which was appropriate in connecting some of the areas history to the development.</li> </ul>
28	Noel Richards (rec'd 28/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most appropriate name for this suburb which has been developed in a now disused bluestone quarry. Stone was quarried there for many years by Winstones ('stones' is part of the name), a very old and respected NZ company.</li> <li>The Auckland City Council already refer to the area as Stonefields and have named several streets in the subdivision which relate to that name. They include Stonefields Ave, Stonemason Ave, Bluegrey Ave.</li> <li>There is mention in several places the link to 'stone fields' where ancient Polynesian gardens were once in the area.</li> </ul>
29	Timo van Lith & Tomomi Shimamura (rec'd 28/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents of Stonefields.</li> <li>The area should be recognised as its own unique suburb under the 'Stonefields' name.</li> <li>The name recognises the unique geographical features of the location and recalls the areas history in that the stone fields were ancient Polynesian gardens.</li> <li>A key attraction when purchasing in the new subdivision was the unique development taking place was the fact it provided a new form for modern metropolitan living that coincides with new natural reserves and effective utilisation of resources such as rain water.</li> <li>Retaining the Stonefields suburb name will ensure a sense of pride is retained for residents who have selected to live in this new lifestyle and reconfirm the sense of belonging to a new stage in Auckland's development as a city.</li> <li>It will also reflect the unique values that residents have chosen and accordingly help ensure the retention of people's investments.</li> <li>Utilising the Stonefields name will also enable Auckland to use the area as a showcase for what can be achieved through sensitive and well considered modern living solutions.</li> </ul>
30	Sue & Trevor Brown (rec'd 29/01/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents of Stonefields.</li> <li>The area was once ancient Polynesian gardens</li> <li>It's uniqueness lends the area to an amazing suburb being created offering residents a complete living experience for young and old alike, central to Auckland, with it's buildings blending in the surrounding area.</li> <li>The water system which has been put into use, for household and waste water is a first and unique to Auckland.</li> </ul>

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31	Trish Brogan (rec'd 1/02/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Well thought out and historically appropriate name for an area that is situated on the site of the ancient Polynesian gardens, known as stone fields, from which the name Stonefields was derived.</li> <li>The development has been known colloquially as Stonefields for the past two years and the central avenue that runs through the heart proposed suburb and leads to the school and the preservation area has already been officially named Stonefields Avenue.</li> <li>There are many existing suburbs in New Zealand that do not have the requisite facilities of a suburb but have still been given that distinction, namely Mellons Bay and Eastern Beach in Manukau and Chatswood on the North Shore.</li> <li>The definition of a suburb (according to the New Zealand Geographic Board) does not require a minimum size in area or population.</li> <li>As it is a new area, giving it its own identity will enhance everyone's understanding of its specific location especially emergency services.</li> <li>It is confusing that under Auckland City Council, the development is currently situated within the St Johns suburb but New Zealand Post has it listed under the Mt Wellington suburb. To remove the confusion, Stonefields should become a suburb in its own right without further delay.</li> </ul>
32	David Pedersen (rec'd 1/02/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Naming the suburb being created Stonefields would be a sensible option as the development (which according the design plans will house a community of 8,000 people) has a clearly defined area.</li> <li>The development is built within a disused quarry hence the appropriateness of the new name.</li> <li>The development is wedged between several different suburbs being Mt Wellington, Panmure, Glen Innes, St Johns Park, and Remuera, so struggles to have an identity of its own that people coming to this area can explain where to find it. Formalising the name Stonefields would give this new subdivision its own identity.</li> </ul>
33	Yifan Gu (rec'd 1/02/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident of Stonefields.</li> <li>It is a unique suburb, and has a different lifestyle to St Johns or Mt Wellington.</li> <li>Densely populated, so when all the houses are built, it will be good to have its own name for the suburb.</li> </ul>
34	Tracee Oliver (rec'd 1/02/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports Stonefields, with no reason provided.</li> </ul>
35	Kelvin and Anne Richards (rec'd 2/02/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents of Stonefields.</li> <li>Stonefields is in common use – don't need another name.</li> <li>Renaming could invite confusion.</li> <li>The stone cliffs dominate the views from our house and locality – the name Stonefields nicely reflects our environment.</li> <li>Unwelcome surprise to hear that other names may be adopted.</li> </ul>
36	Thammasiri Limlamthong (rec'd 2/02/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident of Stonefields.</li> <li>A long time ago people used to refer to this area as the old quarry, but since 'LandCo and Fletcher Living' have started developing the site, a new name Stonefields has been introduced and is now a commonly known name.</li> <li>We are the first residents to this Stonefields community and we believe Stonefields should be the suburb name.</li> <li>Stonefields will become a unique community with school, recreational parks and wetlands, shops and public transport access. Stonefields will occupy thousands of households.</li> <li>These can be good enough reasons for having our own suburb name Stonefields.</li> </ul>
37	Angela Barlow (rec'd 2/02/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With ancient Polynesian gardens called 'stone field' it does connect well with the local history and obviously much thought has gone into its proposal.</li> <li>Co-incidentally, its last use was as a quarry worked by the company 'Winstone' and colloquially referred to, for directional purposes, as 'the old Winstone's quarry by the Remuera Golf Course' has, in some small way, assisted in establishing it's whereabouts, something which new developments continually suffer from.</li> <li>Whilst it may sit at the base of Mt Wellington, it should be noted that it is located where there is minimal connection with the established part of that suburb. Further, it bears little relationship with the suburb which consists mostly of considerably lower value housing.</li> <li>A master planned development of this size and quality, with a</li> </ul>

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		comprehensive infrastructure to include its own primary school, retail and community services, deserves to stand alone rather than be 'tacked on' to an established, large suburb. This will further enhance the community spirit, something which is fast losing ground in the metropolis which is Auckland.
38	Francis (rec'd 8/02/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is quite appropriate and distinctive, due to the name of its origin and connection in terms of cultural background.</li> </ul>
39	Desley Simpson (rec'd 9/02/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports Stonefields, with no reason provided.</li> </ul>
40	Virginia Chambers (rec'd 10/02/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident of Stonefields.</li> <li>What Landco and Fletchers is establishing here is something very different and special. They are building a whole new neighbourhood with homes, primary school, its own shops, cafes and a little commercial but most importantly the superb parks being created in the development.</li> <li>We are very different to any other development and it has taken years of planning and construction and has a good way to go before it is complete.</li> <li>We who live in Stonefields believe it is a high quality community like no other. We believe it should be separated from any other development by giving it its own suburb name. To call us in the suburb of Mt Wellington does not in any way describe this special place or distinguish us from any other suburb. Our creators from architects to the builders also deserve special recognition for the outstanding work that has gone into developing Stonefields.</li> </ul>
41	Fong Family (rec'd 11/02/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents of Stonefields since October 2009.</li> <li>It is already well known as Stonefields.</li> <li>Has already caused confusion as being either part of Mt Wellington or St Johns: we have had letters with both suburbs.</li> <li>The community is growing rapidly and the decision to have our development become its own suburb is very strong. We are a closely knit community who would benefit greatly in having the suburb renamed as it would make it official the name we already use on a day to day basis.</li> <li>Quite a few of our neighbours ability to communicate by email is limited to their IT and language skills and at least two families who live on the development support us on this view, but may be unable to make a submission.</li> <li>There has been much expense put in to preserving the historical and traditional significance of its name Stonefields; having an ancient Polynesian garden in the area.</li> <li>This area is also going to contain a lake area and many parks which will make it a destination for many visitors from surrounding suburbs and international visitors. This would support having a unique and historically/traditional significant name.</li> <li>This area has another noteworthy feature of the development is its previous use; it was an active quarry from 1936 to 2001 providing stone to provide high quality sealing chip that would have been used to pave roads all over New Zealand. This service and product would have been invaluable in developing the roading around New Zealand and has contributed greatly to the community.</li> <li>It has now become a model for sustainability that New Zealand is famous for taking from the land but then turning what was a hole in the ground into a beautiful suburb that will have at its completion approx 6,500 residents and countless visitors.</li> </ul>
42	John Martin & Vicki Pilcher (rec'd 12/02/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents of Stonefields for 5 months.</li> <li>We live in a completely new, geographically well defined suburb.</li> <li>The area has been carefully planned and already has its own distinct sense of community which we believe will continue to grow as the development continues.</li> <li>Stonefields as a name represents a connection with the historical 'Stone Fields' that exist in the area. We have visited these historical Polynesian gardens on several occasions and the connection between the past and the new community is well represented by the name 'Stonefields'.</li> <li>The community and area is deserving of its own distinct and fitting name. Previously lived on the other side of the Mountain in Harding Avenue for 5 years and subsequently in Ellerslie for 7 years before moving to Stonefields. Have a strong personal connection with the area and would like their children to grow up in a community that has an appropriate name as part of its heart.</li> </ul>
43	Bryan & Jennifer Spencer (rec'd 12/02/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents of Stonefields.</li> <li>The total development will be self-contained with its own amenities, including shopping centre, school, parks, wetlands</li> </ul>

	Submitter	Reasons for Support
		<p>conservation area, archaeological stonefields site, pedestrian pathways linking the precinct with the slopes of Mt Wellington.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has its own unique character. It is not like other surrounding suburbs and should have its own identity, distinct from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Marua Road/Lunn Ave – 1940s – industrial/commercial with some residential</li> <li>– Glen Innes – 1950/60s – Housing Corp development</li> <li>– St Johns – 1960s – medium sized sections, largely with Housing Corp loans</li> <li>– ST Johns Park – 1970s – Built on Remuera Golf Club with extensive views.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The above development have completely different philosophies to Stonefields, which should not become part of these adjacent areas, but should have its own identity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement from iwi was obtained for the development.</li> <li>• The development includes paths to link the wetlands with the stonefields and the slopes of Mt Wellington.</li> <li>• Worked with the Auckland City Council to establish and confirm the extent of the previous stonefields, now designated Open Space I by the Council.</li> </ul>
44	Eastern Bays Community Board (rec'd 15/02/2010 – outside the statutory period)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This Community Board represents a ward that includes Stonefields.</li> <li>• The name Stonefields originates from the term 'stone field'. It recognises and recalls that Māori used stones here as part of an agricultural system, and to act as boundary markers in the locality. One of the few remaining examples of the stone fields is found and preserved as a remnant in a reserve within the area.</li> <li>• Stone has been quarried from the area for many decades as a building material for Auckland.</li> <li>• The name reflects the name of the subdivision, and the Stonefields community identifies with the name.</li> <li>• The name is in common usage, and the residents no doubt will continue to use it.</li> <li>• The Board is assured that the developer, in naming the subdivision Stonefields, carried out extensive professional research before settling on this name.</li> <li>• There is no reasonable confusion with other areas for emergency services. Maps need to identify the area for visitors.</li> <li>• Postal services confuse the situation by not recognizing the name Stonefields on correspondence addressed to residents and write on the mail another name, which causes disgruntlement.</li> <li>• It is a suburb that meets the NZGB Act 2008 definition of a suburb: is an identifiable area within a local authority (Auckland City Council) area; It is a suburb that is urban in character; It has immediate access to transport facilities; It will have a shopping area, and a primary/intermediate school; It will have a population of 6,500 residents in 2,900 dwellings and in size would be equivalent to a small New Zealand town.</li> <li>• Ngāti Paoa had confirmed support for Stonefields while commenting that Tauoma was the Māori name for a wider area. This was indeed much larger than the area proposed to be named, and covered an area from the Tamaki River, including St Helliers and St Johns/Waiatarua. Tauoma (or Purchas Hill) was also the name given to a smaller volcanic hill just north of Mt Wellington (Maungarei) and has been almost entirely quarried away. This (Māori) name for the smaller residential development area is not supported.</li> <li>• The Community Board approved 32 street names in the development, one of which is Stonefields Avenue. This was a large and unique undertaking, in which the Community Board attempted to connect the new community through street names with the history of the site reflecting the early Maori history, early European history, the quarry history, and to some extent also reflecting the volcanic elements.</li> <li>• The Community Board considers Stonefields to be a natural progression.</li> </ul>

Refer to the attached summary spreadsheet compiled for these supporting submissions, with very brief comments on their reasons; the most common being:

- Common and current use of Stonefields;

- Facilities and infrastructure already using Stonefields name in association with the suburb, eg Stonefields Avenue, Stonefields School, Stonefields Shopping Centre;
- With its own individual characteristics, it needs to be uniquely identified, which will foster greater community identity;
- Eliminate confusion with neighbouring suburb names, mainly Mt Wellington and St Johns, for the Council, NZ Post and emergency services;
- Acknowledgement of ancient Māori stone gardens;
- Recognition of the former quarry site;
- Support from two local tangata whenua iwi groups; and
- Meets the NZGB definition of a suburb.

The proposer has also recently advised in a letter of 4 May 2010, that a primary school is being built in the centre of this suburb and it is to be called Stonefields School.

The alternative name suggestion of Stonefields Village, provided by one supporting submitter (#16), would not be appropriate, as the type of development is a suburb, not a village. Adding generic elements to the specific name for populated places is allowable, but generally not required to distinguish that place.

#### *Objecting Submissions*

	<b>Submitter</b>	<b>Reasons for Objection</b>	<b>Alternative Suggestion</b>
1	Ngāti Whātua o Orakei (rec'd 5/10/2009 – outside the statutory period)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is already a similar name. The Otuatua Stonefields are located in the southern shores of Manukau Harbour at the foot of Te Pane a Mataaoho or Mangere Mountain. These are remnants of true stonefields ie surviving Māori garden walls.</li> <li>• There are other more appropriate names for the area such as Maungarei, Tauoma, Te Rua Potaka and Waiatarua</li> </ul>	Maungarei Tauoma Te Rua Potaka Waiatarua
2	Katherine McIntyre (rec'd 5/02/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suburb located in an old quarry and an ancient Polynesian garden. Situated between the suburbs of St Johns, Tamaki, Panmure, Mt Wellington, and Ellerslie, in Auckland. Bounded by Lunn Avenue at south, Ngahue Drive at west, College Road at north and Maungarei at east.</li> <li>• The obvious name for this area is the true name MAUNGAREI (watchful mountain). The basalt that was quarried from this area was spewed out at the time of Maungarei's eruption. The volcanic cone of Maungarei dominates the whole area and is visible. Just like Egmont and many of our mountains reverting to their true names, now is the time to rectify Maungarei.</li> <li>• I have a genuine interest in the area and am a custodian of history. I believe I am the only surviving Borough Councillor from the Mount Wellington Borough Council.</li> </ul>	Maungarei
3	Robyn Trugly (rec'd 12/02/2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I would like us to be officially included as part of the suburb of St Johns.</li> <li>• As the AMI Netball Stadium is our next door neighbour and has named St Johns as its listed address, I feel it makes sense for us to be included too.</li> <li>• Also Fletcher Livings sales brochures had their administrative address as 16 Stonemason Avenue, St Johns and the show-homes as being at 18 Stonemason Avenue, St Johns. I am sure many like myself got the clear impression that if we bought here that is the suburb we'd be living in. It has a proven name record as a good suburb. Stonefields however attracts a mixed view.</li> </ul>	St Johns

The issues raised by these 3 objectors are responded to as follows:

- Confusion is unlikely with Otuatua Stonefields, which have two component parts to the name (specific and generic), and relate to a geographic type that is not a suburb. Also Otuatua Stonefields is not an official geographic name and has not been shown on official LINZ maps and charts.
- The alternative name suggestion for Maungarei has merit in respect to the Board's function to collect and encourage the use of original Māori names. However Maungarei is correctly associated with the volcano/hill feature, and less applicable to the adjacent suburb name, though there could be a case for an associative name. The name for the volcano/hill feature may be included in Treaty settlement negotiations for Ngāti Whātua o Orakei, but this may also be an opportunity for the Board to consider a dual name for 'Maungarei / Mount Wellington'.
- The alternative name suggestion for Tauoma was discussed in the supporting submission from the Eastern Bays Community Board, stating that it applies to a much larger area than this suburb. Again an associative name could be an option.
- No information is provided for the other two alternative name suggestions for Te Rua Potaka and Waiatarua.
- The existing suburb name of St Johns has been associated with the suburb to the north of Stonefields, and has not historically extended down over the former quarry site. However, the extent of any suburb is typically fluid to allow for future change, usually from growth. The marketing of the new suburb by the developers, whether for St Johns or Stonefields, is a matter of business practice and may not necessarily influence what the final decision of the suburb name shall be. Similarly, if the AMI Netball Stadium is using St Johns in their address, then this may be because of a business decision possibly to provide some location certainty while the new suburb name is being decided. It should be noted that Auckland Netball support Stonefields as the name for the new suburb. The completed development of Stonefields will be significant and will be distinct, separate, and fully functional, so there is no reason why it should become a suburb of St Johns, which has its own characteristics and services. Additionally, the Auckland City Council supports the new suburb name of Stonefields and its extent.

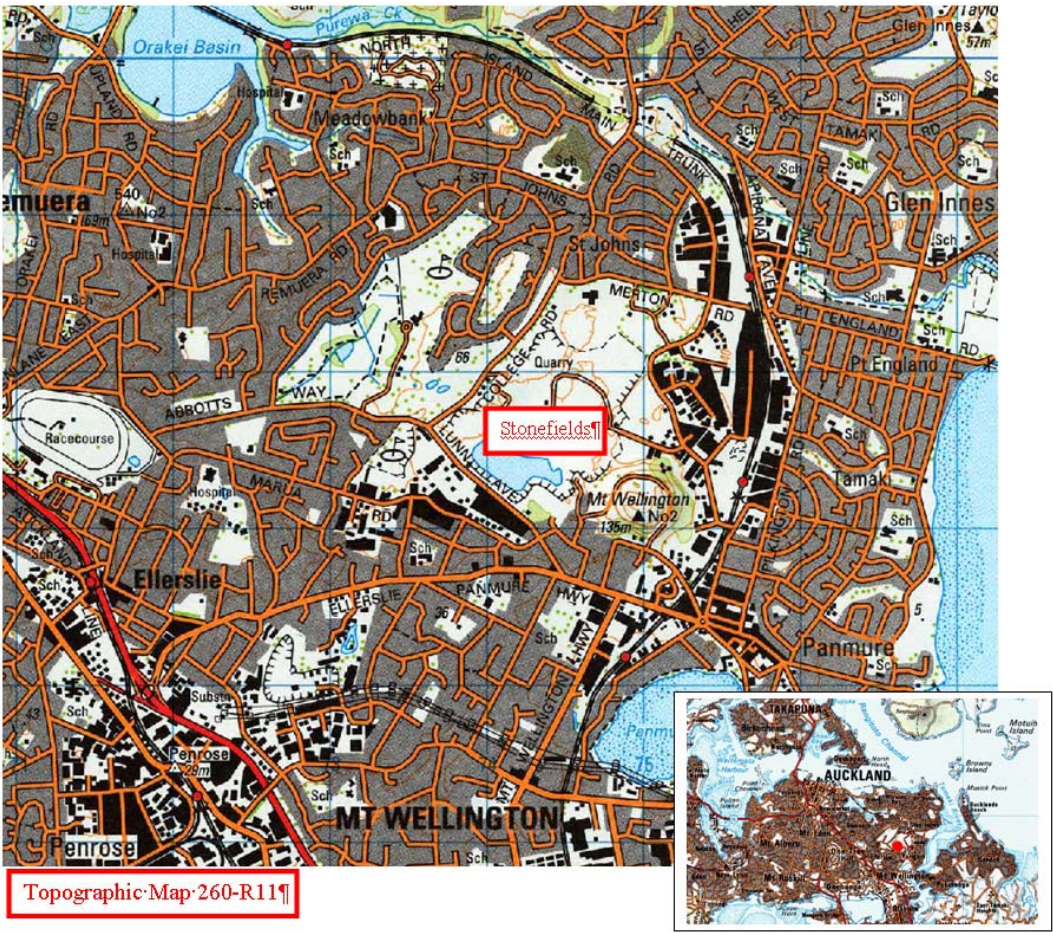
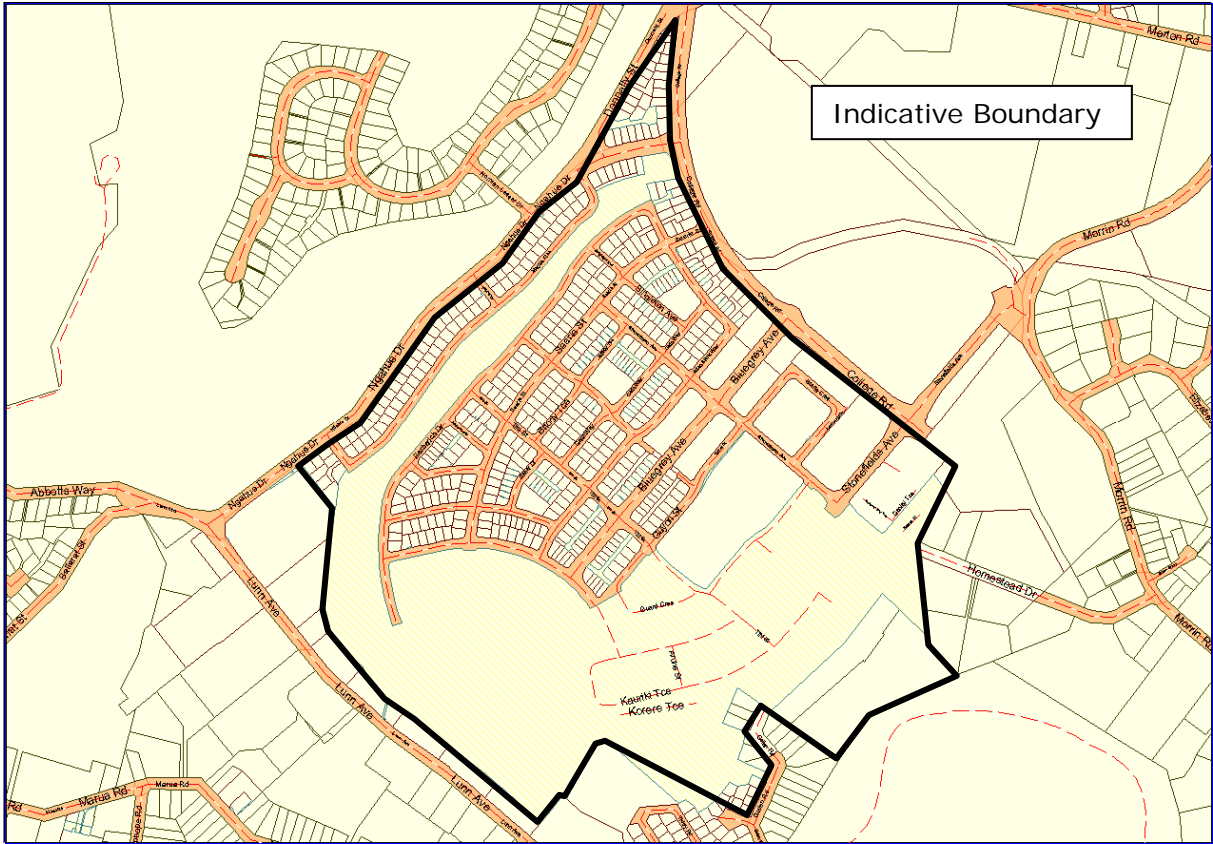
#### *Iwi Consultation*

Six iwi groups (Te Kawerau a Maki, Ngāti Whātua o Orakei, Ngāi Tai Ki Tamaki, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua, Ngāti Maru ki Hauraki, Te Rūnanga a Iwi o Ngāti Tamaterā) were advised in writing of the Board's decision of 16 September 2009, and asked to provide their views. As listed in the table above, Ngāti Whātua o Orakei advised that they *do not support* the proposed name. Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua advised that they *do support* the proposal. Earlier correspondence from Ngāti Pāoa, submitted with the proposal, supports 'Stonefields'.

#### *Auckland City Council*

Prior to the Board's September 2009 meeting, the Auckland City Council provided its views, supporting the proposal for 'Stonefields' as a new suburb name, "subject to there being no objections from emergency services that are unresolved following consultation by the Board". There appears to be no emergency service concerns raised (comment in supporting submission from Eastern Bays Community Board refers), but is the Board satisfied that there are no concerns that have arisen from the public consultation?

Maps



# Master Plan

master plan



- legend**
- Small lot residential
  - Conventional residential
  - Mixed use commercial
  - 2 storey townhouse
  - 3 storey terrace
  - 5-6 storey residential
  - General business
  - Open space

Stonefields

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The contents of this plan are conceptual only, for discussion purposes. All zones and dimensions are approximate, subject to relevant statutes, Resource Engineering, and Council approvals.

