Purpose
To provide a street name to an access road to plot site of 392 Leatherhead Road Chessington, KT9 2NN being developed with 5 new houses to comply with the Council’s naming and numbering duties in order to enable Emergency Services, Royal Mail, visitors and Council services to locate the residential properties more easily.

Recommendation
To resolve that the new access road at the site on 392 Leatherhead Road, Chessington is named Rushlight Mews which is the name preferred by the developer.

Key Points
A. Permission was granted for the demolition of the existing structure on 392 Leatherhead Road and the erection of 2 x two-storey 3 bedroom semi detached houses and 3 x two storey 4 bedroom terrace houses with accommodation in the roofspace, with 11 car parking spaces accessed from Leatherhead Road.

B. The new buildings will be accessed via a new private street off Leatherhead Road. The developer put forward 3 names in liaison with the Kingston Local History Officer. The names proposed are Rushlight Mews, Crossfield Mews and Cross Hill Mews in order of preference.

C. The preferred name put forward by the developer is Rushlight Mews following which the buildings would be numbered 1 to 5 Rushlight Mews.

D. The Emergency Services, Chessington South Ward members and the Royal Mail have been consulted on the above names and no objections have been raised.

Proposal and Options
1. The preferred name is Rushlight Mews. However, the options below are also acceptable to the developer:
   - Crossfield Mews
   - Cross Hill Mews

Consultations
2. Ward councillors were consulted on these names and the following comment was received::
   - Councillor Bamford - ‘It would be good to know the reasons why these names have been suggested. Could you please ask the developers.’
3. In response to the query from Cllr Bamford, it was the Council’s local history officer, Amy Graham, who suggested the name of Rushlight Mews for the developer because she understood that ‘Rushett’ means ‘a field of rushes/grassland’ and a rushlight is a ‘type of candle made with rushes’.

4. The fire services were consulted and no objection was raised.

5. The Royal Mail was consulted and no objection was raised.

**Timescale**

6. If approved by the Committee, the required databases and systems can be updated within a few days.

**Resource Implications**

7. None

**Legal Implications**

8. None

**Risk Assessment**

9. Given that 5 houses would be built on a plot that had a single structure, retaining the numbering on Leatherhead Road would lead to confusion for the emergency services, delivery companies and general public.

10. Naming the access street off Leatherhead Road would enable the easier capture and adequate recording of the new properties in our gazetteer following the BS7666 standards.

**Equalities Impact Assessment**

11. None

**Environmental and Network Implications**

12. None

**Background papers - held by the author of report** - Samuel Disu, GIS Data Management Officer, tel 0208 547 6942 email: samuel.disu@kingston.gov.uk

- Consultation with the Emergency Services and their responses
- Ordnance Survey map