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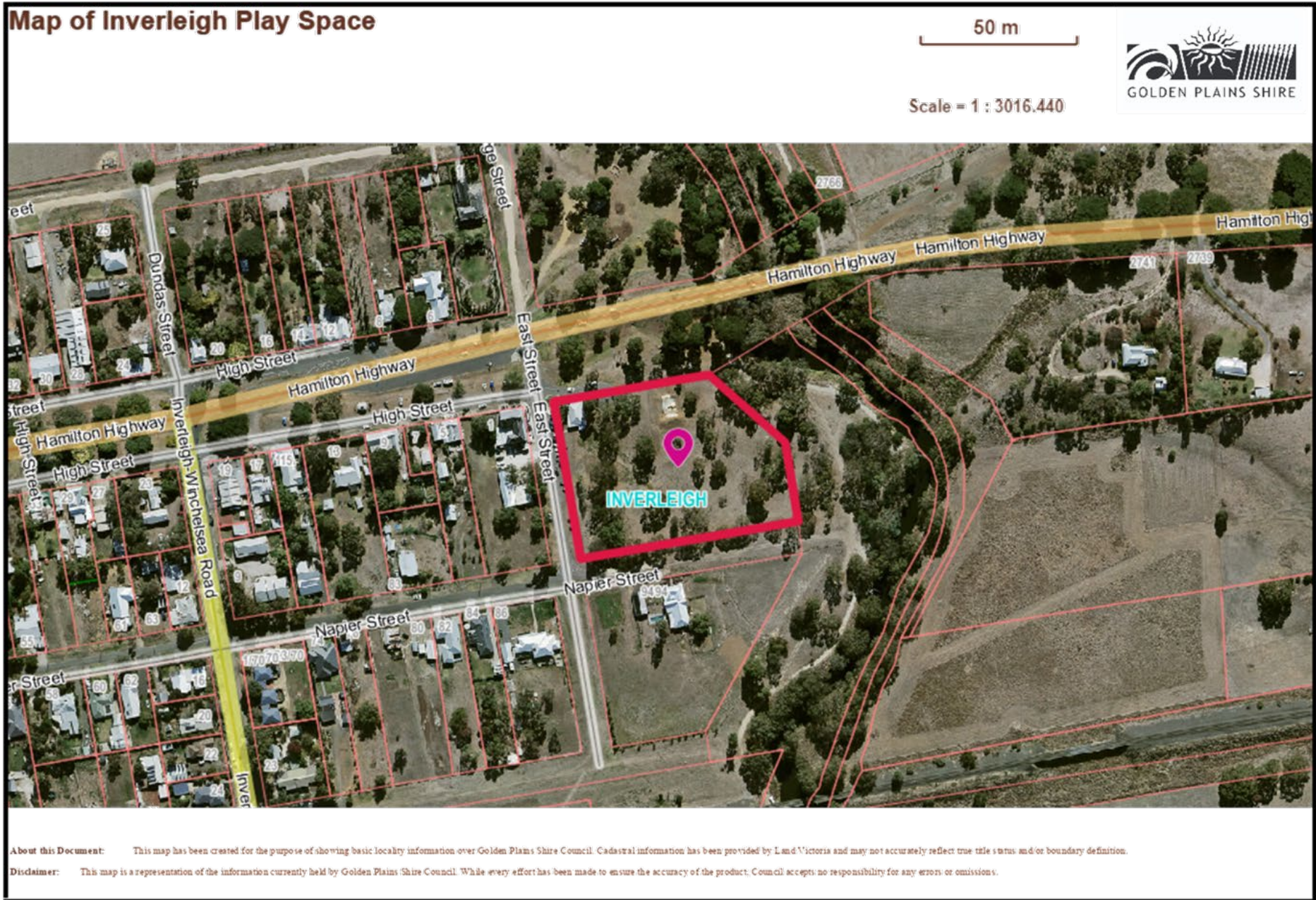
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**Under Separate Cover
Council Meeting**

6.00pm Tuesday 15 December 2020

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Department of Environment,
Land, Water and Planning

Geographic Names Victoria



Ref: SRQ0147750 & SRQ0150078


Governance and Corporate Services Administration Officer
Golden Plains Shire Council
PO Box 111
BANNOCKBURN VIC 3331

Dear 

**NAMING PROPOSAL – INVERLEIGH RIVER PARK
(CHANGE REQUEST 127503)**

I refer to the naming proposal lodged through the Vicmap Editing Service (VES) of 31 January 2020, to name a parcel of land on *East Street, Inverleigh* as *Inverleigh River Park*.

I have reviewed the naming proposal and determined that the proposed name is non-compliant with the *Naming rules for places in Victoria 2016 (naming rules)* and therefore the proposal is declined.

The proposed name is non-compliant as it contains two feature type descriptors in the name, "river and park" and incorrectly refer to Inverleigh River in the name, when the waterway adjoining the park is named *Leigh Creek*. Therefore, the proposed name does not fully meet *Principle (C) Linking the name to place*, in the Naming rules and has the potential to cause confusion.

Alternate complaint naming suggestions to consider are: Leigh Park (named after the creek), Yaramlok Park (Aboriginal name for the creek), Inverleigh Park (named after the locality), Inverleigh Community Park, or Inverleigh Play Park. All names have a direct link to place and meet the requirement under Principle (C).

I suggest to expediate the naming process, consult on all the above names using the voting method (refer to Section 7.2.4 Build awareness of the proposal and invite feedback – voting poll) and include the statement on the voting form "all votes will be counted, the name with the majority of votes will become the official name of the feature subject to council approval".

If not done so already the relevant Traditional Owner group will be required to provide consent to use an Aboriginal name.

I trust that the above information provides a way forward with assigning a name to the feature.

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Please do not hesitate to contact my Office on telephone number [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED] if you have any enquiries or wish to discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Registrar of Geographic Names

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Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

Geographic Names Victoria



Ref: SRQ0155566


 Director Corporate Services
 Golden Plains Shire Council
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 BANNOCKBURN VIC 3331

Sent via email to: 

Dear 

PARK NAMING PROPOSAL

I refer to your letter of 4 May 2020 requesting that I reconsider my decision not to support the proposal to name the park at 1 East Street, Inverleigh as 'Inverleigh River Park'.

I have considered your request and my decision stands. My reasons for making this decision, in the context of the *Naming rules for places in Victoria 2016*, are outlined below.

Under *Section 4.2.1 Feature type*, the naming rules states that "the feature type should be included in a feature's name and located after the unique feature name." Furthermore that "this is to minimise possible confusion over the feature type to which the name applies". In this instance it is clear "park" is the feature type. However, the addition of "river" in the name to describe the surrounding location has the potential to create confusion when used with the locality name, Inverleigh. The practice of naming places such as parks or reserves located near a river is to use the name of the river. As the river's name is not Inverleigh River, the proposed name is not within standard naming conventions.

The standardisation of place names is particularly important under *Principle (A) Ensuring public safety*, which states that "geographic names...must not risk public and operational safety for emergency response". While Under *4.2.3 Locational names*, it is acceptable to use the official locality name, the proximity of similarly named features should also be considered. In this case, Inverleigh Recreation Reserve is listed in Vicmap (the state government's authoritative spatial dataset) and is also located on Napier Street.

Given the public safety considerations and in the context of *Principle (C) Linking the name to place*, a unique name that is compliant would better serve the community. Geographic

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Names Victoria (GNV) have consulted with the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority and Ambulance Victoria about this matter and they both support this view.

Several alternate names were suggested when the council consulted with the community. These alternate names have a better link to place and are unique. I would suggest council reconsider these suggestions, including 'Leigh River Park'.

I note the letters of support from the local community members and mention of the name Leigh used for privately owned properties however the risk of confusion with registered geographic features is deemed to be low, as privately-owned features are typically not registered. In addition, names of properties such as farms have a property address which is generally used for emergency response.

GNV reviewed your original proposal and found that the council's research into the proposed name and any potential risk was not considered in terms of public safety. GNV had to investigate these concerns. This provides an opportunity for Council to work together earlier in the process with GNV for future naming proposals to seek in-principle support on a proposed name before undertaking the formal naming process.

As an aside, emergency services have raised concerns about the unnamed roads, walking tracks and reserves along the river. These should be named for identification and emergency dispatch purposes. Also, Federation Bridge and Inverleigh Lookout should be registered in the Register of Geographic Names, VICNAMES. As these features have long-standing names, a Change Request through the Vicmap Editing Service requesting gazettal and registration is all that is required. Similarly, any named walking tracks and trails along the river should be registered without delay.

If you have additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call [REDACTED], Department of Environment Land Water and Planning, on [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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Registrar of Geographic Names

27 July 2020