

HENGROVE PARK – PLACENAME SUGGESTIONS (1)

Place Name:

The general consensus of The Hengrove Park Forum meeting on 1st December was to keep "Hengrove Park" rather than something completely new. Aim to associate all the different things which go on within the site.

Streets:

There are 5 roads that we need to name. "The Boulevard" and "The Promenade" are working titles, and we need to know whether people are in favour of keeping or changing them? Suggestions that emerged from the Forum included airport-related names such as "Prince George St", and streets named after planes such as "Blenheim Road." "Constellation Way" was also suggested.

SUGGESTIONS		
	Place-Names	Street-Names
1		William Budd (Street)
2		1. Approval of naming streets after aircraft that used the airport. 2. Disapproval of using "William Budd" as name already associated with Knowle West.
3		The current road known as "The Boulevard" to be changed to "Hengrove Boulevard"
4		The architect who designed the COBC Skills Academy be honoured with a street named after him/her.
5		Beaufighter St/Rd/Way Blenheim St/Rd/Way Constellation Way Whiteley Bomber Way (?)
6		Naming should include airport historical references: Prince George St Norman Edward St A Base St Ferry (Park) St
7	Hengrove Park	Approved of using historical names. Approved of using "The Boulevard" for the main entrance road. Disapproved of using "The Promenade" for the road in front of the hospital and leisure centre.
8		The Promenade and Boulevard are meaningless. Best to base naming on historical factors/ possibly former aerodrome use. "Hengrove Park (the former Whitchurch Aerodrome) and Hengrove itself were both named after nearby Hengrove House situated in the adjoining Parish of Brislington. Hengrove Park (Whitchurch Aerodrome) in modern Hengrove Ward was actually situated in

the ancient Parish of Whitchurch alias Filton/Fylton (or Phylton) in Somerset. Filton (and variations) was the original name. (We have a Fylton Croft in adjoining Whitchurch Park Ward.)

Hengrove Park/Whitchurch Aerodrome was precisely centered on Filwood (or Philwood) Farm, giving the name to modern Filwood. Tithing (or Tyning) Farm was also in the immediate vicinity.

(We have Filwood Broadway in Filwood Ward.)

Fillwood/Filwood was itself named after ancient Filwood (the Fill Wood), itself the southern extremity of Kingswood (the King's Wood and Royal Forest).

Field names in the specific area of the later Park/Aerodrome include Briary Leaze; Summer Leaze; Fellwood; Lower Filwood and Little Hays. (We have an alternatively spelled Briery Leaze Road off Bamfield.)

Whitchurch alias Filton was (and remains) a sub-Manor of the much larger Manor and Hundred of Keynsham.

Principal land owners (and Lords of the Manor) were the Smyths of Ashton Court and the Temple-Gore-Langtons of Newton Park/the Earls Temple of Stowe. (We have a wrongly spelled Smythe Croft in adjoining Whitchurch Park Ward, Langton Road and Langton Court Road in St Anne's, Gore Road and Gore's Marsh Road in Bedminster and Temple Street off Parson Street.)

You already have a note of the historical antecedents of the area in general and the airport or aerodrome site in particular. Names suggested include examples that go back to Anglo-Saxon and Norman times. As mentoned, Fylton (Philton or Filton) was the original name of Whitchurch Parish (and Manor) in which the former aerodrome (now Hengrove Park) was located.

(Incidentally, a recent road naming in Hartcliffe Ward included Azelin Avenue named after the Norman Knight who was Lord of the Manor (under the Bishop of Coutanche) of one of the two adjacent Bishopsworth Manors surveyed at the time of the Domesday Book of 1086.)

09		The William Budd reference may be confusing if used in the vicinity of the hospital since we already have William Budd Healthcentre at Knowle West Health Park.
10	The whole area to be 'Hengrove'; the open space to be called 'Hengrove Park'; Phase 1 area (ie skills academy, hospital, healthplex), computershare and constellation employment sites to be 'Hengrove Campus', to differentiate it from the actual Hengrove Park.	
11		<p>Hangar Way Dakota Way The Runway</p> <p>Of these, my own personal view is that Hangar Way is not terribly exciting, and Dakota Way may give problems as there is a Dakota Drive in Hengrove already, recognising the local airport links, but I think that The Runway as a suggestion instead of the Boulevard /Promenade for one of the main thoroughfares is a fantastic idea, and makes the whole area special and differentiated from other similar developments, so I would really like to put my energies behind this suggestion.</p>
12		While I completely appreciate the historical significance, I guess I am a little nervous about having a public hospital on a road named after a bomber plane (especially if this is in the title.) But this is purely a personal observation.