

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Steve Elkington Road Asset Engineer

REFERENCE: RD3309

DATE: 03 October 2006

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO RENAME CHURCH VALLEY ROAD AS PIG VALLEY ROAD

1 PURPOSE

To report on a request to have Church Valley Road name dropped and the road section included as part of Pig Valley Road.

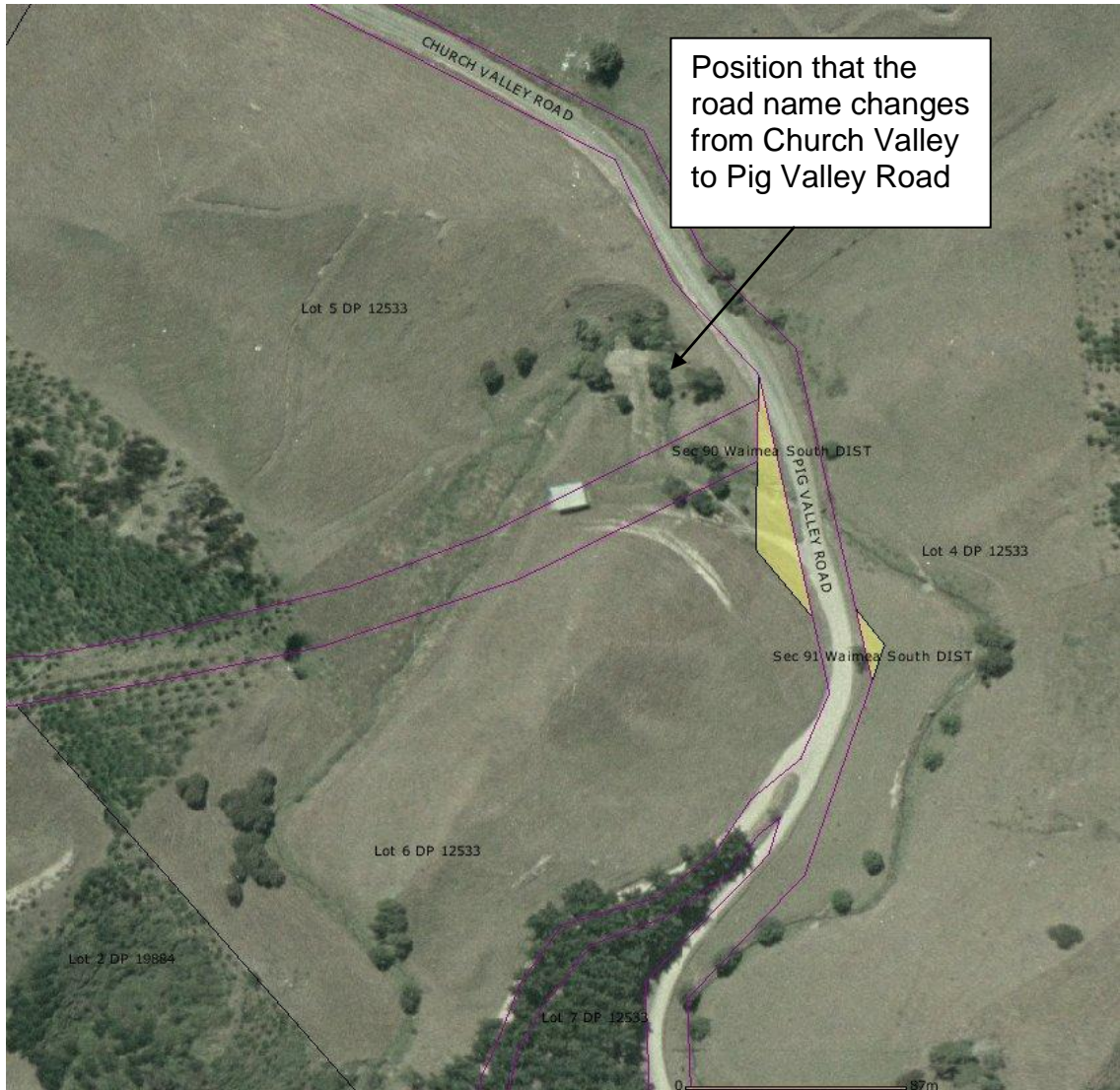
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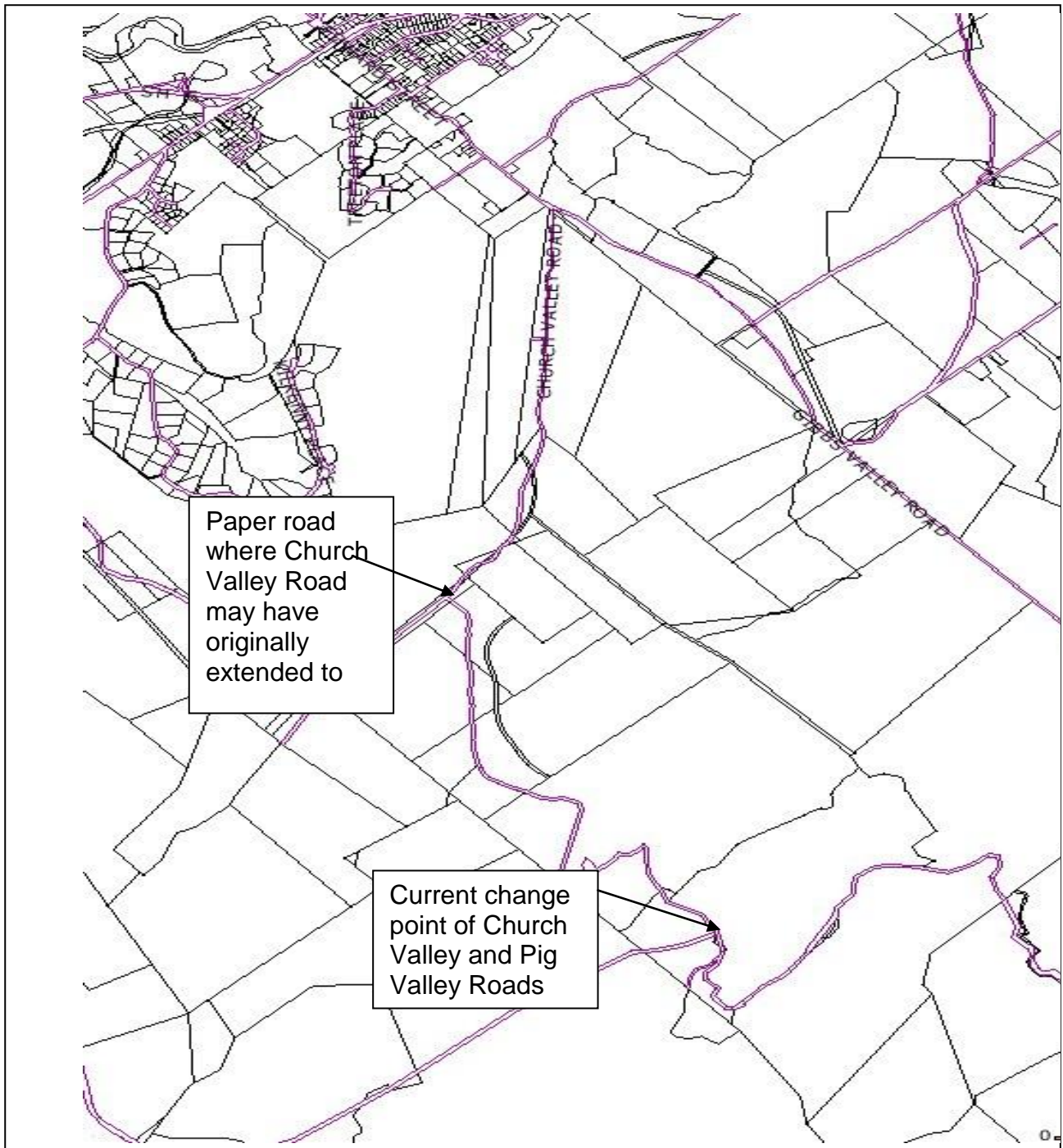
Late last year a resident of Church Valley Road, Mr Stringer, presented Council with 46 signed forms requesting Church Valley Road name be dropped in favour of Pig Valley Road thereby increasing the length of this road (see attached example). Church Valley Road extends from the intersection of Edward Street and Gibbs Valley Road in Wakefield to Pig Valley Road, a distance of approximately 5.5 kilometres. Pig Valley Road then extends from this point to the intersection of Wairoa George Road, a length of approximately 3.5 kilometres.

Of the 46 signatories supporting the road name change, it would appear that sixteen signatories either lived or worked at addresses in Pig Valley and of these, ten live on Church Valley Road with seven of these being from three households. A further two forms were received from residents on Church Valley Road objecting to the renaming of the road. Speaking with several of the signatories one had forgotten they had signed the form whilst another has since moved. Mrs Dick, a resident of the area for 42 years and living near the road name change point, indicated that they (her family) had simply signed the forms to respect Mr Stringer's wish to see Pig Valley Road extend all the way from Edward Street to Wairoa Gorge Road.

Back in 1997, a petition was received by Council mainly from the Dick and Stringer families requesting reinstatement of Pig Valley signage as well as renaming a section of Church Valley Road as Pig Valley Road where the zone designation changes from Rural Residential to Rural 1.

Council's response back then, was that the legal change point where Church Valley Road becomes Pig Valley Road was the common boundary of Lots 5 & 6 DP 12533 (Note, these two lots are separated by a paper road, see below). And that signage would be installed to indicate the direction of both Pig Valley and Pig Valley Road.





3 COMMENT

From historical land information records, i.e. survey plans, both Church Valley and Pig Valley Roads are referred to; however it is not clear where one ends and the other starts. It is suspected that the latter end of Church Valley Road may have in the past been referred to as Pig Valley Road. And that Church Valley Road extended from around about Gibbs Valley Road to the most northerly paper road shown on the above map.

There is existing signage at the intersection of Edward Street and SH6 indicating the direction to Pig Valley with a further sign showing the direction to Pig Valley Road at the intersection of Edward Street and Church Valley Road.

Currently Council's Roading Database RAMM, GIS Database and its Tasman Resource Management Plan, as well as the LINZ Authoritative Streets and Places Database, has the two roads changing at the current point.

If the road name was to change then Council would need to put the proposal out for public consultation. The changes to RAMM could be quite extensive as the data fields have been built up based on the existing road name change point. Council must be mindful of the cost of the public consultation process, making changes to databases including maps, as well as instructing these various changes including that of the road maintenance contract. Any road name change process could be relatively expensive for no real gain.

4 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Engineering Services Committee support the change point for Church Valley Road and Pig Valley Road remaining at the common boundary of Lots 5 & 6 DP 12533.

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