

BLACKSTAFF RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Applications for the Renaming of a section of Durham Street to BOYNE BRIDGE PLACE.

Blackstaff Residents' Association was formed on Tuesday 3rd May 1978, with the following objectives

- I. Provide a forum where complaints may be ventilated and, by discussion and constructive criticism strive to improve the standard of life for the residents of Blackstaff Council Ward.
- II. To assist Government Departments, Local Authorities and other bodies, by discussing and giving the possible reaction to schemes proposed; to initiate discussions on schemes which, in the opinion of the Association, would contribute to the Development of the Community.
- III. To support or organise activities which would encourage Community Development.
- IV. To protect and promote the interests of the Blackstaff Ward Community.

The association made both written and verbal representations to the Boundary Commission on the naming of the District Council Ward, and the proposal to have it named Blackstaff was excepted.

Blackstaff Residents' Association in wishing to preserve and promote the history of the area, request that the section of Durham Street (shown on the map in yellow), between Hope Street and Glengall Street be renamed from Durham Street to 'Boyne Bridge Place'. The said area is presently the location of the Boyne Bridge which is to be demolished as part of the overall Transport Hub development. The encapsulated 1642 bridge is at the Sandy Row end of the Boyne Bridge, and has to remain in situ, as a planning condition. The 1642 bridge was first named, The Great Bridge, thereafter a variety of names including Brickhill, Saltwater and Boyne Bridge.

There are no houses on either side of the present bridge and therefore no residents would be involved from the immediate area. That said the request would be of historical importance to the wider Sandy Row community.

Should you require any additional information or clarification, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

William Dickson BEM
Chairperson.

