

**7 CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 – PROPOSED STREET NAMES  
CONCLUSION OF CONSULTATION TO RE-NAME CROSS ROW TO NABLUS PLACE  
(AN92-2013)**

The proposal to rename Cross Row, which lies within the Dundee University Campus, to Nablus Place has been submitted by the Dundee University Action Palestine Society (DUAPS).

Dundee has been twinned with Nablus since November 1980 and links between the two cities have remained over this period.

There are streets within Dundee that have names to reflect twinning with other cities (Orleans and Wurzburg) but to date there has been no street name associated with the Nablus twinning and it is seen that this proposal will reflect this in an appropriate manner.

In accordance with the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 the proposal was advertised in the local press on 3rd May, 2013. One objection was received following this advertisement. The objection was on the grounds of losing an established street name with a long history. The objector had no issues with naming a street after the twinning but feels this proposal is inappropriate.

West End Community Council submitted an objection to the proposal on the grounds that there are existing addresses from Cross Row, including the University Chaplaincy, and while WECC accept that the name Cross Row has no religious significance it is felt that it would be inappropriate to name this street Nablus Place. WECC has no objection to the use of Nablus as a street name in Dundee in recognition of the twinning.

The City Archivist gave the following information on the historical naming of Cross Row.

The NLS has the Wood plan of 1824 showing Small's Wynd as an established street with a developing street of what was to become Park Wynd to the west with a small lane between them.

By 1857 both Small's Wynd and Park Wynd had become established so the interlinking street became Cross Row (as is the case of Cross Street in Tayport).

No comment was received from the Dundee University Chaplaincy.

It should be noted that the Dundee University Chaplaincy describes itself as "multi cultural" and welcomes students "whoever you are and wherever you come from".

Support for the proposal was received from the Dundee Nablus Twinning Association (DNATA) stating that the request is consistent with the precedent set by the Council when it named Orleans Place and Wurzburg Court and it would be an appropriate way to recognise over 32 years of twinning.

No other objections were received and no comment was received from Dundee University.

As the objections are seen as valid and received within the consultation period, Committee is asked not to approve the renaming of Cross Row to Nablus Place.

The proposal to name a street in recognition of the Nablus Twinning has been widely welcomed during the consultation. An opportunity to utilise the Nablus street name proposal has arisen in the West End where there is a link road between Tom McDonald Avenue and Mariner Drive which currently has no official street name. In the event that the renaming of Cross Row to Nablus Place is not approved by Committee, it is proposed to put this proposal out for consultation and subsequently report the result of this consultation to Committee for a formal decision.