

8 December 2023



Dear 

Local Government Official Information Request – Dog parks

I refer to your official information request received by Western Bay of Plenty District Council (Council) on 15 November 2023 where you have requested information pertaining to the proposed dog park (dog exercise area) at Ōmokoroa and Katikati.

The answers to your questions are set out below:

1. All costings and cost estimates for the proposed dog park (dog exercise area) at Ōmokoroa and at Katikati

Below is our table with indicative costs to implement the adopted concept plan for the dog exercise area at Donegal Reserve, Katikati and draft concept plan for a dog exercise area at Links View Drive Reserve, Ōmokoroa. Please note that these costs have not been confirmed at this time, and are subject to Long Term Plan and/or Annual Plan processes.

Indicative Costings		
Item	Donegal Reserve, Katikati	Links View Drive Reserve, Ōmokoroa
Dog drinking station	\$4,205.00	\$8,410.00
Waterline installation	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
Dog poo bag dispensers + Bin	\$1,251.00	\$2,502.00
Seating	\$1,890.00	\$3,780.00
Paths	\$4,662.00	\$20,205.00
Fencing	\$33,000.00	\$36,300.00
Gates	\$1,152.00	\$1,624.00
Plantings + Grass reseeding	\$11,208.00	\$15,770.00
Signage	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Est. total	\$73,368.00	\$99,591.00
Est. Annual contract maintenance	\$8,856.00	\$7,416.00

2. The proposed development concept plan(s) for the proposed dog park (dog exercise area) at Ōmokoroa and at Katikati

Please see Attachment A for the adopted concept plan for Donegal Reserve, Katikati and Attachment B for the draft concept plan for Links View Drive Reserve, Ōmokoroa. These are also both included on the 9 November 2023 Strategy and Policy Committee meeting agenda available online [HERE](#).

3. The proposed facilities to be included in the proposed dog park (dog exercise area) at Ōmokoroa and at Katikati

Please see Attachment A for the proposed facilities for Donegal Reserve and Attachment B for the proposed facilities for Links View Drive Reserve.

4. The proceedings, minutes and notes from all workshops and meetings at which for the proposed dog park (dog exercise area) at Ōmokoroa and at Katikati was discussed.

Information on proceedings, minutes, and notes from all meetings where the concept plan development for the proposed dog exercise areas at Ōmokoroa and Katikati were discussed can be found below:

1. Strategy and Policy Committee agenda items and minutes can be found online [HERE](#).
 - Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting 7 March 2023
 - Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting 9 November 2023
2. Strategy and Policy Workshop reports and notes are provided in attachments below.
 - 8 February 2023
 - Discussion paper – Attachment C
 - Notes – Attachment D
 - 17 August 2023
 - Discussion paper – Attachment E
 - Notes – Attachment F

5. Has Council considered meeting the capital and/or operational costs of dog parks (dog exercise areas) from the dog registration fees?

- The Policy Committee considered this approach at the 8 September 2020 Meeting.
- Specific resolutions
 - PP20-5.5: Level of service for dog exercise areas including \$30,000 funding and estimated \$5,000 annual maintenance.
 - PP20-5.6: Funding source, mix of 80% dog registration fees and 20% general rates.
 - PP20-5.7: Delivery programme, including 2021-31 Long Term Plan process.
- The agenda report and minutes are available online [HERE](#).

6. If Council has considered meeting the capital and/or operational costs of dog parks (dog exercise areas) from the dog registration fees, how was this consideration undertaken and by whom and what was the outcome of this consideration?

This information is included in our response to Question 5 of this document with further detail available as above.

7. If Council has not considered meeting the capital and/or operational costs of dog parks (dog exercise areas) from the dog registration fees, why not?

Not applicable – See responses to questions 5 and 6 above.

Yours faithfully

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Emily Watton

Acting General Manager Strategy and Community



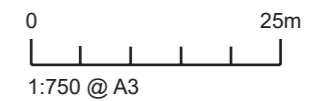
PLAN KEY

- 1 Double gated dog park entrance/exit
- 2 Natural contouring mound (With future play features by others)
- 3 Public pathway
- 4 Enhancement of existing drain (with proposed planting)
- 5 Community orchard
- 6 Native amenity planting (1.2m max. high)
- 7 Maintenance gate
- 8 Single gate between dog zones

PLAN LEGEND

- Bench Seating
- Shade trees
- Water fountain with dog bowl attachment
- Dog bag dispenser
- Rubbish bin
- 1.5m high fence with top wire strung threaded through PVC pipe
- Site boundary
- Potential pedestrian link

Dog park total area: 4300m²



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LINKS VIEW RESERVE, ŌMOKOROA - DOG PARK CONCEPT PLAN

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Attachment B



PLAN KEY

- 1 Double gated dog park entrance/exit
- 2 Natural contouring mound (With future play features by others)
- 3 Public pathway
- 4 Existing stormwater retention area
- 5 Single gate between dog zones
- 6 Native boundary planting (1.2m max. high)
- 7 Maintenance gate

PLAN LEGEND

- Bench Seating
- Shade trees
- Water fountain, with dog bowl attachment
- Dog bag dispenser
- Rubbish bin
- 1.5m high fence with top wire strung threaded through PVC pipe
- Existing residential fencing
- Potential pedestrian link (To Tranquil Grove)
- Existing stormwater pipes
- Site boundary

Dog park total area: 4940m²



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Dog Exercise Park Locations
Ōmokoroa and Katikati
Discussion Paper

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February 2023

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1. Purpose

To consider recommended locations for development of a dog exercise park in Ōmokoroa (Links View Reserve) and Katikati (Donegal Reserve), for consultation with the community.

2. Background

Demand for the provision of dog exercise parks came from a review of Council's Dog Control Policy and Bylaw in 2016, pre-engagement feedback from the 2021–2031 Long Term Plan process and annual plan submissions in 2020/2021.

Council currently has one designated dog exercise area at TECT Park.

The rationale for establishing a level of service for dog exercise parks is recognition of future growth, community support for Council provision of these facilities, the need to protect ecological sensitive areas and balance recreational needs of dog owners against the aims of effective dog control.

In 2021, Council adopted a level of service for dog exercise parks as follows:

- Provision of four designated dog exercise areas in Te Puke (2021/22), Ōmokoroa (2022/23), Katikati (2023/24) and Waihi Beach (2024/25).
- Council to provide basic specifications – fully fenced with double entry gate, access to drinking water, some natural contouring of land, some trees planted for shade, dog poo bag dispenser, rubbish bin, basic bench seating (approx. cost of \$30,000 however these costs have increased since the level of service was adopted)
- To be funded from a mix of 80% dog registration fees and 20% rates.

Lawrence Oliver Park in Te Puke was identified as the location for the dog exercise park in Te Puke. This project will now get underway in 2023 and will need to be staged due to increased costs to achieve the level of service. The dog exercise park is approximately 4500m² and has an active space and a separate chill zone (a smaller, fenced area with seating). See attached concept. Each park is likely to be different to cater to the characteristics of the park and local community needs.

Funding for the Ōmokoroa dog exercise park is included in the initial 2023/2024 Annual Plan budget and Katikati is included in 2024/2025. Waihi Beach location options will be determined at a later date. Staff will increase the budgets for these projects through the 2024–2034 Long Term Plan to ensure the level of service can be achieved.

3. Dog Control Policy and Bylaw

Council's Dog Control Policy and Bylaw seeks to achieve a balance between the control of dogs and recognition of the community benefits of responsible dog ownership. Council can designate public places where dogs are prohibited or permitted only when on a leash. For all other public places dogs must be always under the owner's control. Prohibited and designated areas are enforced using the Dog Control Bylaw 2016 or subsequent amendments.

The recommended sites for a dog exercise park are not prohibited or designated areas (dogs on leash at all times). No changes to the bylaw are required.

4. Site assessment process

The location of the Te Puke dog exercise park site was determined through consultation on the Te Puke-Maketu Ward Reserve Management Plan process.

The following criteria was used to assess sites for Ōmokoroa and Katikati:

- Proximity to walking and cycling networks.
- Proximity to residential areas – is it central to most areas in the community and where most dog owners live.
- Carparking nearby.
- Limited direct neighbours preferable due to potential noise however recognise that parks are in urban areas and there may be some locations where this may occur.
- No identified sites of cultural/historical/ecological significance.
- No parks that will displace existing users significantly.
- Ability to accommodate a dog park of up to 5000m² with flexibility for configuration.
- Reserve Management Plan alignment.

Staff considered the criteria against the reserves network in each location. Site visits were undertaken for the short list of potential sites before determining a recommended site.

We recommend that we consult with the community on the recommended sites (rather than a list of options) to recognise that this best achieves the criteria and to make it a simpler process (either agree or disagree). The community can still suggest other sites if they wish.

5. Ōmokoroa

Staff recommend the dog exercise park be located on the reserve between Links View Drive and Western Avenue, referred to as Links View Reserve.



This is a 9700m² park and is used for stormwater and recreation purposes. It is currently mown and has walkway connections through parts of the reserve. The reserve is intended to stay in Council ownership and not transfer to Entity B under the Three Waters Reform.

Part of the reserve is designated for stormwater who have plans to develop a stormwater pond as part of the Ōmokoroa Comprehensive stormwater consent. The approximate size and location of this pond is shown in the map below. Work identified includes retrofitting the existing dry detention basin by either:

- creating an online wetland in place of the open channel, or
- lowering the bench adjacent to the stream to increase storage and planting with wetland plants.

The work at the pond has not yet been programmed. Part of the reserve (along the existing concrete pathway) is also designated for a proposed Hamurana Road extension, planned to occur in the next 10+ years.

The criteria assessment and rationale for recommending this park follows:

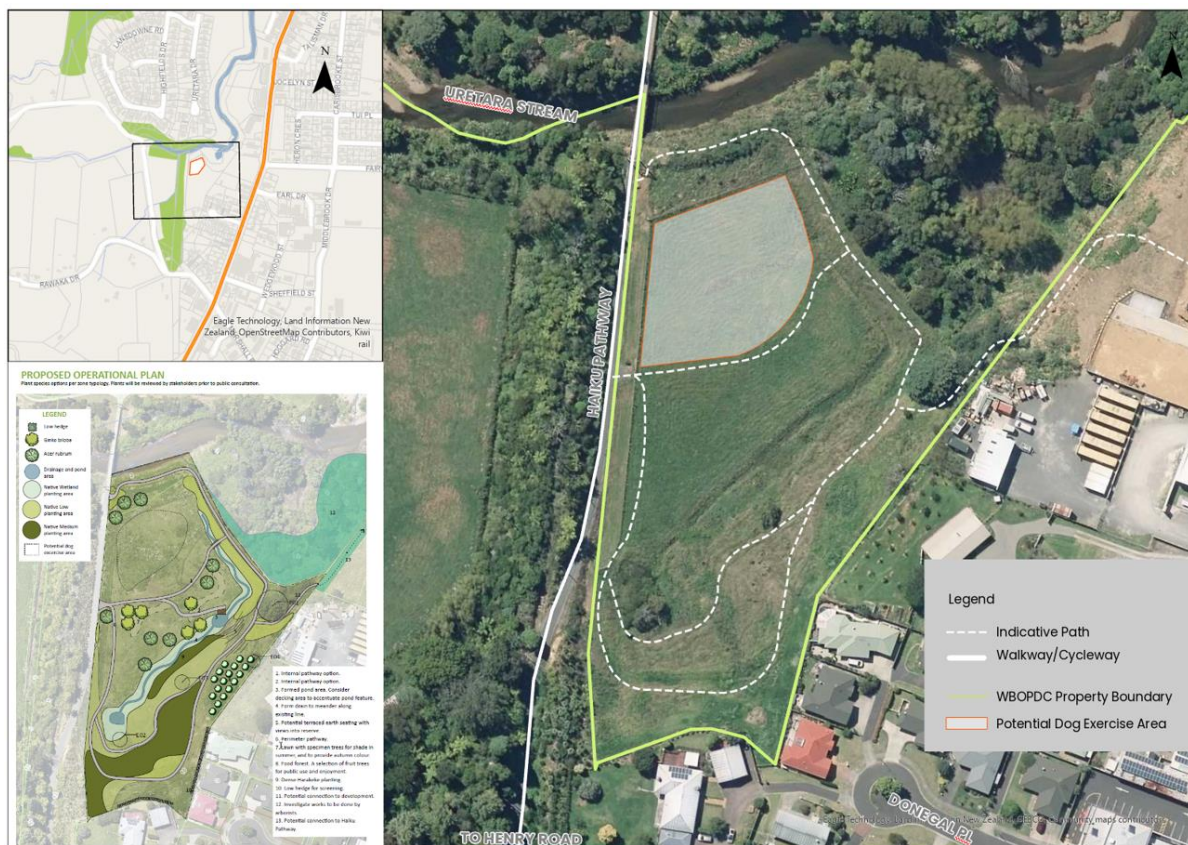
Criteria	Assessment
Proximity to walking and cycling networks.	Connections with nearby streets – Links View Drive + Western Ave + Kayelene Place + Tranquil Grove, and wider walking and cycling network.
Proximity to residential areas – is it central to most areas in the community.	Close to Western Ave sports park, a destination park for this community. Central to existing and future community.
Carparking nearby.	Small amount of carparking at reserve entrances and adjoining roads.
Limited direct neighbours preferable due to noise however recognise that parks are in urban areas and there may be some locations where this may occur.	There is a new subdivision located next to the reserve where six new houses have been developed. The park would be designed to minimise noise impact on these properties as there are different areas of space to work with. The rest of the residential properties are fairly well set back from the park.
No identified sites of cultural/historical/ecological significance.	None specifically identified in Council's plans.
No parks that will displace existing users significantly.	Informally used by the community.
Ability to accommodate a dog park of up to 5000m ² with flexibility re configuration.	Reasonable size to accommodate some features of a dog exercise park. Will work with stormwater and transportation to ensure alignment with their plans and the dog exercise park plans. Likely to be different zones created due to layout of the park which may increase fencing costs.
Reserve Management Plan alignment	Not included, as reserve created since the last Kaimai Ward RMP review in 2016.
Additional consideration – Community support	Identified as the preferred site by a majority through the 2021-2031 LTP pre-engagement.

See attached for the sites considered and discounted.

6. Katikati

Staff recommend the dog exercise park be located on Donegal Reserve (part of Mills Block), located at the end of Donegal Place.

This is a 1.2 hectare park and was previously used for grazing. Council is working on a draft concept development plan for a wetland/restoration area along the internal puna (spring) and stream. The concept plan allows for a dog exercise park at this site. The park is connected by the Uretara Stream walkway and Haiku Pathway with a bridge providing access to nearby residential areas. Future plans are to connect further up stream to Hunter Estate Reserve.



The criteria assessment and rationale for recommending this park follows:

Criteria	Assessment
Proximity to walking and cycling networks.	Linked to walking and cycling network.
Proximity to residential areas – is it central to most areas in the community.	Close to town centre. Close to residential areas on the western side of Katikati.
Carparking nearby.	Small amount of carparking at various reserve entrances along the walkway, and on adjoining roads.
Limited direct neighbours preferable due to noise however recognise that parks are in urban areas and there may be some locations where this may occur.	Limited close boundaries with residential properties. Topography impacts on this as some houses are located on a hill overlooking the reserve.
No identified sites of cultural/historical/ecological significance.	None specifically identified in Council's plans.
No parks that will displace existing users significantly.	No existing user groups. Will need to engage with Uretara Stream care groups.
Ability to accommodate a dog park of up to 5000m ² with flexibility re configuration.	Large flat space provides flexibility for development of the concept design for the dog exercise park.
Reserve Management Plan alignment	Included as part of the Haiku Park and Uretara Stream Reserves section. Relevant direction is to phase out grazing licence in Mills block section (complete) and prepare a planting plan in conjunction with community (underway). Operational draft concept plan developed by staff identifies planting options and an area suitable for a dog exercise park.
Additional consideration – increased surveillance	The park has had some issues with graffiti on signage. Encouraging a new user group and destination activity will increase the use of the park and hopefully create more ownership of the space which may reduce the extent of vandalism that occurs in the future.

See attached for the sites considered and discounted.

7. Funding considerations

Council allocated \$30,000 for each dog exercise park based on the agreed basic level of service. The costs have increased, and a revised cost will be included for consideration in the 2024–2034 LTP. In the meantime, staff will do what they can with existing budgets for Te Puke and Ōmokoroa in 2023 and 2024.

8. Next steps

Following the discussion at this workshop, staff will prepare a report for the 7 March 2023 Policy Committee to adopt the recommended sites for consultation.

Consultation will include:

- Mana whenua feedback and site preference
- Community board feedback and site preference
- Letters to adjacent owners and affected parties for each site
- Place based community engagement in Ōmokoroa and Katikati (undertaken as part of the LTP pre-engagement)

Feedback will then be reported to the next available Policy Committee for a final decision.

9. Attachment A – Te Puke Dog Exercise Park Concept Plan and Plimmerton Dog Park Example



68 Te Puke-Maketu Reserve Management Plan



10. Attachment B – Sites discounted

Ōmokoroa

New active reserve Prole Rd	Likely to be needed for organised sport and recreation
Stage 3 Stormwater reserves- natural open space zones	Natural open space – stormwater, ecological functions, some of it is steep, may be potential to add on to a flat space but not currently provided for in Plan Change. Neighbourhood reserves – TBD, small size likely Potential for along Waipapa River however may impact on ecological values?
Astelia Dr Reserve	Wetland and low lying
Holyoake Terrace Reserve	Small, close proximity to a number of houses
Behind treatment plant/green waste	Not well connected or easily accessible
Ōmokoroa Office and Library	Occupied
Tinopai Reserve	Not a good size and shape
Gerald Crapp Historic reserve	Historic reserve
Cooney Reserve	Ecological values and prohibited site in some areas
Western Ave	High existing use
Ōmokoroa Settlers Hall	Occupied
Hamurana Reserve	Occupied and too small
Ōmokoroa Domain	Prohibited site in some areas (seasonal)and high use
Prole Rd Harbour access	Not a good size and shape
Walnut grove reserve	Not a good size and shape

Katikati

Diggelmann Park	High profile, too small and near main road
Haiku Park and Uretara Stream Reserves	Not a good size and shape
Hunter Estate Reserve	Excellent site but too far away from residential areas. Also need to consider impact on existing user groups – tennis and croquet.
Lancaster Rd Reserve	Too far away and no practical access
Levley Lane Reserve	Fairly low lying and would impact on harbour amenity
Marshall Rd Drainage Reserves	Industrial area, not a good size and shape
McMillan Rd Reserve	Too far away, ecological values
Moore Park	Limited space available and a multi-use site
Park Rd Reserve	Cultural values
Sharp Rd Landing Reserve	Too far away, ecological values
Vesey Stewart Reserve	Already utilised
Waterford Rd Reserve	Limited space
Earl Drive Reserve	Not a good size and shape
Henry Rd Wildlife Refuge	Conservation values
Katikati community building/playground	Too small and already developed
Katikati Kindergarten	Too small and already developed
Katikati Museum	Too small and already developed
Lindemann Rd Reserve	Too far away, limited clear spaces available
Lund Road Reserve	Too far away, limited clear spaces available
Kauri Point Reserve	Historic reserve and cultural values
Macmillan Reserve	Used for carparking and esplanade
Noble Johnson Drive	Too small
Ongare Point	Too far away, esplanade
Park Rd and Beach Rd	Too small
Park Rd Reserve	Existing user
Sapphire Springs	Lease and native forest, cultural values and to far away
Sheffield St Reserve	Too small

Talisman Drive Reserve	Too small
Tamawhariua Reserve	Ecological and cultural values
Tanner Point	Too far away
Tetley Rd	Too far away
Twickenhem Close	Too small
Woodlands Rd Reserve	Esplanade

1. Dog Exercise Areas

The Senior Recreation Planner introduced this item, noting that the purpose of the paper was to discuss recommended locations for development of a dog exercise park in Ōmokoroa (Links View Drive) and Katikati (Donegal Reserve), to achieve Council's adopted level of service (one in each urban area) reflected in the current LTP 2021-31. The recommendations would then be discussed with Mana Whenua as well as Community Boards and would be included in the 2024/2034 LTP pre-engagement before the final decision was made.

The Committee was advised that following the workshop, this report would go to the Policy Committee meeting scheduled for 7 March 2023 for adoption of the proposals for consultation.

The Senior Policy Analyst spoke to a PowerPoint presentation summarising the following points:

- Background;
- Assessment criteria;
- Ōmokoroa – Recommended site (Links View Reserve);
- Katikati – Recommended site (Donegal Reserve); and
- Next Steps.

Staff responded to questions as follows:

- The concept plan and example within the report highlighted the type of features that would be included in the dog park. It was noted that the fencing was the most expensive part.
- Although the dog park did not immediately cater for carparking it did link into additional reserves and streets that did contain carparking.
- This process would tie in well with where the budget sat within the LTP.
- It was recognised in the report that \$30,000 would not be enough in terms of what Council's level of service was, however, further funding would be looked at through the LTP. The Committee was advised that there was the expectation that this was the amount that Council would provide, and anything additional to that would need to come from the community.
- The Committee noted that staff would need to be clear in their communication regarding the options presented and make sure that they included the rationale for the proposed areas, and why other potential sites had been discounted. It was important that the community felt they had a say and were not just being told what the decision was.

Direction for Staff	Action	Person Responsible
Ensure communication to the community surrounding the Dog Park options was clear and open.	Create clear and open communication when going out for consultation on the preferred dog park sites, and the rationale on how Council got to those options.	Senior Recreation Planner
Recommended sites for consultation to be adopted by the Policy Committee.	7 March 2023 Policy Committee to adopt the recommended sites for consultation.	Senior Recreation Planner

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Discussion paper for
Ōmokoroa & Katikati dog
exercise area concept
plans

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17 August 2023

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Purpose

1. To provide an overview of the Tō Wāhi Your Place community feedback received on the proposed locations for dog exercise areas at Links View Drive Reserve, Ōmokoroa and Donegal Reserve, Katikati.
2. To discuss any recommended changes to the location for either dog exercise area.
3. To discuss any recommended changes to the draft concept plans developed for both dog exercise areas.

Background

In September 2020, Council adopted a level of service for the provision of dog exercise areas. In addition to the existing one at TECT Park, Council approved dog exercise areas to be provided in Te Puke, Ōmokoroa, Katikati and Waihi Beach. Council committed to developing basic facilities with funding included in the 2021–2031 Long Term Plan.

Basic facilities include a fully fenced area with a double entry gate, access to drinking water, some natural contouring land, trees planted for shade, dog poo bag dispensers, rubbish bins, and basic bench seating.

Construction of the dog exercise area at Lawrence Oliver Park, Te Puke is nearly complete. This design consists of two separate dog zones to cater to the needs of all dog owners and users. 1 – A “High energy zone” of 4355m² and a “Chill zone” of 405m². Other features included two dog water stations, two dog poo bag and rubbish bin stations, five seats, entry/exit gates, chain link fence (388m), shade sail, and pathway and amenity planting.

This design had an initial indicative cost of \$91,830 with \$30,000 provided by Council, and remainder from external funders including TECT and the Te Puke Community Board. Cost estimates for this location have risen to \$132,000. This is in response to further community input into design alterations, most notably the increase in size of the exercise area.

Progress to date

Key progress to date on the Ōmokoroa and Katikati dog exercise areas are:

7 March 2023

The Strategy and Policy Committee approved the proposed locations for Ōmokoroa (Links View Drive Reserve) and Katikati (Donegal Reserve) dog exercise areas. This was based on an assessment of potential sites in these towns

30 May to 30 June 2023

Community consultation on the approved locations was conducted through 2024/34 Tō Wāhi Your Place LTP engagement which included:

- Pre-engagement letters to adjacent landowners and affected parties for each location
- Online and place-based community engagement held in Ōmokoroa and Katikati.

Community feedback summary

Tō Wāhi Your Place consultation provided the community the opportunity to feedback on the following questions for the dog exercise areas at Links View Drive Reserve, Ōmokoroa and Donegal Reserve, Katikati:

- 1) Do you agree with this location?
 - a) If not, where is a better location?
- 2) What features would you like to see?

We received a total of 496 pieces of feedback for both dog exercise area locations. **Attachment A** provides a full copy of the free text feedback received for Links View Drive Reserve, Ōmokoroa, and **Attachment B** provides a full copy of the free text feedback received for Donegal Reserve, Katikati. These attachments include additional feedback the Council received through emails, letters, and meetings.

The chart below is a summary of feedback received through Tō Wāhi engagement.



Key findings

Ōmokoroa – Links View Drive Reserve

We received 87 responses to Questions 1 with 56 people (64%) confirming this is their preferred location for their dog exercise area. We received 35 responses suggesting other locations or providing general feedback on the draft concept plan. Precious Family Reserve was a common suggestion as an alternative location.

We received 45 responses to Question 2 which led to a total of 76 desired features for this dog exercise area. The most common features were rubbish bins, dog-poo bag dispensers, fencing, and a separate area for a chill zone or calm area.

7. Dog Exercise Areas note - only (Omokoroa)		
Omokoroa - Links Reserve - Do you agree with this location?		
Yes	56	64%
No	31	36%
if no, where is a better location? [Comment]	35	
	87	
What features would you like to see included in the dog exercise park?		
Comments	45	

Adjacent property owners at the newly developed homes at Western Avenue provided detailed feedback through letters and meetings with council staff. Concerns raised were:

- Proximity to their properties (causing reduced capital value).
- Fencing.
- Lack of lighting around the proposed site.
- Lost privacy and security risks.
- Increased noise.
- Lack of car parking at the proposed site.

The Western Avenue residents proposed the location be moved to the adjacent reserve south of Links View Reserve, however, this location is not suitable due to its small size and is marked as a potential future stormwater retention area. The residents also suggested Precious Family Reserve as another location. The parcel of land they indicated in their submission wasn't identified as a discounted site in the 7 March 2023 report to the Strategy and Policy Committee for "Council's Dog Exercise Park Site Assessment". Further investigation of Precious Family Reserve would be required to determine its suitability for a dog exercise area.

The residents proposed that if Links View Drive Reserve was to remain the location for this dog exercise area, that concept designs should use the residents' existing fences as the eastern boundary and not build a second line of fencing in front of their properties.

Draft concept plan:

Links View Drive Reserve is still the preferred location due to satisfying most aspects of the site assessment criteria that the Strategy and Policy Committee approved on 7 March 2023.

This includes:

- Proximity to walking and cycling networks.
- Proximity to residential areas (central to most areas in the community and where most dog owners live).
- Carparking nearby (available within 100 to 400m of this location).
- Limited direct neighbours preferable due to potential noise, however, recognise that parks are in urban areas and there may be some locations where this may occur.
- No identified sites of cultural/historical/ecological significance.
- No parks that will displace existing users significantly (residents say this location is commonly used by existing dog walkers).
- Ability to accommodate a dog park of up to 5000m² with flexibility for configuration (this location has an internal area of 4940m² with further configuration flexibility).
- Reserve Management Plan alignment (Signaled in Section 6.23.3 of the Kaimai Ward Reserve Management Plan 2016).

Other design considerations:

- The boundary of the proposed location was altered in response to feedback from adjacent property owners and Council's Infrastructure and Stormwater Management team.
- The northern head of the design was reduced to allow green space to be used by members of the community who won't use the dog exercise area.
- The addition of 1.2m high (maximum) native boundary planting is to soften the adjacent property owner's fence line and provide some noise reduction.
- Includes all features to meet Council's basic Levels of Service for dog exercise areas.
 - Two double-entry gates have been provided to enable easier access into the area for the community, from both the north and south.
 - Design utilises the existing fences of the adjacent property owners, as per their request.
- A chill zone was added in response to community feedback with maintenance access built into it.
- There are indicative play features which will require future planning and investment from the community or external funders.
- The community can use existing walkways/cycleways from Links View Drive, Western Avenue and Kaylene Place to travel around the dog exercise area unimpeded.

Katikati – Donegal Reserve

We received 171 pieces of feedback to Questions 1 with 138 people (81%) confirming this is their preferred location for their dog exercise area. We received 49 responses suggesting other locations or providing general feedback on the project proposal. Moore Park was a common suggestion as an alternative location.

We received 109 responses to Question 2 which led to a total of 226 desired features for this dog exercise area. The most requested features were water supply, rubbish bins, dog bag dispensers, fencing, seating, and a separate chill zone or calm area.

7. Dog Exercise Areas note - only (Katikati)		
Katikati - Donegal Place Reserve - Do you agree with this location?		
Yes	138	81%
No	33	19%
if no, where is a better location?	49	
	171	
What features would you like to see?	109	

An adjacent property owner at Donegal Place raised concerns of the dog exercise area proposal they received through pre-engagement letters. Their concern was that the concept plan attached to the letter excluded the wider indicative planting plan for Donegal Reserve that was informed from past conversations with Council staff from June 2020 to January 2021. The planting plan was not included in the maps for this round of engagement to focus on the dog exercise area. Now that engagement has concluded, the planting plan for the reserve has been added to the dog exercise area draft concept plan and is intended to be implemented alongside the dog exercise area. Further discussions and consultation on the planting designs may still be necessary to finalise these.

Draft concept plan:

Donegal Reserve is still the preferred location due to satisfying most aspects of the site assessment criteria that the Strategy and Policy Committee approved on 7 March 2023. This includes:

- Proximity to walking and cycling networks.
- Proximity to residential areas and central to most areas in the community and where most dog owners live.
- Carparking nearby (available within 300 to 400m of this location).
- Limited direct neighbours preferable due to potential noise, however, recognise that parks are in urban areas and there may be some locations where this may occur.
- No identified sites of cultural/historical/ecological significance.
- No parks that will displace existing users significantly.
- Ability to accommodate a dog park of up to 5000m² with flexibility for configuration (this location has an internal area of 5260m² with further configuration flexibility).

Other design considerations:

- The boundary of the proposed dog exercise area was increased both in length and width, to:
 - Ensure there is sufficient space for the high energy vs. chill zone and future play features that the community expressed a desire for.
 - Include a portion of the drain as an additional natural play feature.
- Internal and external paths to allow park users to navigate around the reserve without entering the dog exercise area.
- Basic features to ensure the Council's basic level of service for dog exercise areas were met.
- A chill zone was added in response to community feedback with maintenance entry.
- There are indicative play features which will require future planning and investment from the community or external funders.
- The wider indicative planting plan shows:
 - Native medium to low planting along the banks with steep contours to reduce maintenance requirements.
 - Planting along the drain (to be formed) to improve water filtration.
 - Picnic lawn by the proposed drainage pond and native wetland planting area.
 - Community orchard area.
 - Potential future pedestrian link – Supported by community feedback.
 - External paths.

Cost Estimates

This table below provides early estimates for each of the Council's proposed dog exercise areas.

	Te Puke	Ōmokoroa	Katikati	Waihi Beach
Dog Drinking Fountains with bowl	8,410	8,410	8,410	8,410
Dog Pool Bag Dispensers with bin	2,502	2,502	2,502	2,502
Seating	5,000	10,880	16,760	14,800
Waterline install	2,369	10,000	15,000	12,000
Pathway	54,400	60,000	60,000	60,000
Dog Mounds	13,048	6,524	6,524	13,048
Fencing	40,000	27,000	40,000	45,000
Gates	2,304	4,608	2,304	2,304
Large tree planting	2,125	2,500	2,500	2,500
Shrubbery area planting	1,039	3,000	3,000	3,000
Signage	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Project total	132,198	136,424	158,000	164,564
Maintenance Estimate	7,416	7,416	8,856	7,416

Budget of \$53,280 for implementation of two dog exercise areas and \$16,160 for maintenance is included in the Annual Plan 2023/24. This will be sourced from 80% dog registration fees and 20% residential rates. Work for implementation would begin later this financial year. External funding will be sought to meet the full project costs.

Methods to reduce these costs or achieve overall implementation may include:

- Re-purposing existing materials such as local park benches, or culverts etc.
- Seek community groups to construct some play equipment and seats, e.g., MenzShed.
- Re-allocation of existing budgets, e.g., maintenance budgets.
- Phased approach of implementation through the 2024 – 2034 Long Term Plan, e.g., start with the fence and gates then add other features as funding is provided.
- Reducing the concept designs for each dog exercise area, e.g., essential planting, minimise seating, removal of play features, or removal of paths etc.
- External funding for some of the features – funding raised by the community, community board grants etc.

Questions for elected members

- 1) Is the Committee comfortable with the proposed locations?
- 2) Is the Committee comfortable with the draft concept plans to proceed to adoption?
- 3) Is the Committee comfortable with the cost estimates and phasing of the of the project?

Next steps

Following the discussion at the 17 August 2023 Strategy and Policy Workshop, staff will prepare a report for the 28 September 2023 Policy Committee to adopt the final dog exercise area concept plans for Ōmokoroa and Katikati.

Tangata Whenua input comment on the concept plans will be sought with the intention to present the final draft to the Strategy and Policy Committee on 28 September 2023.

Attachment A

Ōmokoroa feedback

Tō Wāhi

<i>Where is a better location?</i>
How about the area at the start of Margret Drive the one U purpose I think is beside the golf course which would require a lot of fencing to control the dogs
An area which clearly separates and contains the dogs. There is a lot of cycle and foot traffic though these pathways and people could be impacted by dogs off lead. A new area could be designated as part of the new community development by Prole Rd.
Bikes and dogs don't mix. Area is too small.
Cooney Reserve. Bird area is already fenced off, parking is in place, bin is in place, no impact on housing, eg no houses would be directly on the boundary. Or beach end of Precious reserve beside Golf course
Dogs need to be on leash when off their properties
Further away from residential houses. While I support the dog exercise area I consider the proposed site has too many residential houses very close especially to the Western Ave extension properties
How about the area at the start of Margret Drive the one U purpose I think is beside the golf course which would require a lot of fencing to control the dogs
I don't think one is actually required in Omokoroa as the Plummers Point dog park is a short distance away. Also there is a great expanse of walkways and parks within Omokoroa.
I have marked on a map a more suitable area that would be great. Also I recommend precious Reserve at Omokoroa. It is already used for a meeting place for small dogs on Tuesday's but still plenty of room for an enclosure area also. Lots of parking and easy access.
Just enforce current laws around the peninsula. Don't need a specific area.
Make multiple areas dog friendly and available.
Need rules
No park needed. Dogs and owners enjoy walking and doing different routes. Standing in a dog enclosed area is boring . BUT biggest downside is that dogs who do use dog parks and usually untrained and unpredictable.
No where - they are requent in other centres on a license to release dogs un managed
Not sure
On the eastern side of the Kayeleen place, Western Ave, Walkway OR on the Prole Rd, side of the Railway Line
Out on the highway Orchard Areas of Prole Rd, links view will only enevtually lead to a tragedy as it is surrounded by housing dogs need large natural enviornment space
Park at the end of Plummers point rd,
Precious Family Reserve, Cooney Reserve i understand you are putting public toilets there. Has lots of parking and open area not next to housing.

Precious reserve is also good option - many have dogs off leads there anyhow as it is away from house etc.
Precious Reserve, Cooney Reserve
The esplanade back from the beach. Other side of the beach access to the toilets @ domain
There is no parking or public facilities at this location
There needs to be more than 1 exercise area you have already identified Links you identify another one that's your job.
This is a solution without a problem. Dogs under control all over Ōmokoroa. With owners picking up. Poo. Are not a problem. Dogs also like a variety of exercise options along with their owners. The concept of fenced area. Will be unappealing to both dogs and owners and unnecessary with the multiple areas around Ōmokoroa available to riders, walkers, cats, dogs, birds, kids and all. The number of cats in Ōmokoroa, which no one knows. Is the greatest risk to the extensive birdlife, both native and exotic.
this should be the responsibility of dog owners, not ratepayers in general.
Unknown
Waterfront domain at Omokoroa Beach
With all the space/reserves walking and biking tracks this is absolutely Not needed! There is also a huge dog exercise area at Plummers Point
<u>We wish to formally object to the proposed dog exercise area off Western Avenue</u> which is positioned directly in front of our property Lot 5 [number 47B Western Avenue] - <u>See email submissions for further detail on this</u>

<i>What features would you like to see included in the dog exercise area?</i>
unsure - not a dog person!
A cat area
A fenced area so it doesn't affect cyclists, walkers, and children. I dog poo bin as fed up with seeing dog poo bags thrown down as owners just can't be bothered taking them home.
Accessibility to bins
Activities and challenges for the dogs to take on and burn energy. Water stations, separate feeding spots etc
An area which could be defined as a dog training area.
Better maori representation encouraging younger people to stand.
Bin bags. Water bowls.
Dog agility - bins of waste with bags attached. Water bowls.
Doggy bags & poo bins
Fenced area, shade, benches
Fencing water feature, poo bags and bins. Access to safe drinking water for dogs. No bike.
Fencing.
Fully fenced area for some off lead exercise
Gated off area
Grass
Grass, just lots of open green space. And Lots of dog waste disposal bins with complimentary bags too at multiple locations at the park.
Grass, trees, water, park benches, drinking fountain for people and the run off for dogs.
Hill's rather than flat, fencing safe for off-lead small dogs, maybe separate areas for when dogs need to be separated
I am not an expert on this but poo bag bins that are regularly cleared. Fenced.
I do t have a dog so not sure
I don't care. Just ban dogs from the beaches & playing fields!! I'm so sick of dog crap everywhere around Omokoroa!! And we need a dedicated dog ranger too. Too many roaming dogs & dogs off leads.
I dont know as I dont have a dog.
Large space for large dogs. Water access. Agility like obstacles. Separate space for small dogs. Bins, seating shade, drinking water.
Lot of doggy bags
None! Total waste of rate payers money. Would greatly effect the neighbours house. Who wants to hear barking dogs day & night!
nothing except keep them off of public walkways not everyone likes dog and certainly not other peoples dogs especially when owners allow them to and their leads to cross in front of you when you are walking
Parking, public toilets, fencing to keep dogs off the road
permemite obstacle course for agility

Places wherever they can run around and be sociable with other dogs. Really important that owners take responsibility for their own dogs because if it starts to become an unsafe place for small dogs , for instance, people will not use it.
Plenty of rubbish bins with dog poop bags available but area needs to be fenced all around also some dog exercising and training equipment
Poo bag dispenser
Poo Bags - Rubbish Bins
poo bins
Poop collection points and cameras to monitor safety and use
Poopy bags, water.
Presumably it will be fenced. Bin with poo bags etc.
Seating and toilet facilities for dog owners
Showers to give the dogs a nice bath after playing.
Trees - natural features that encourage sensory and physical needs for the dogs not their owners hence end of prole rd., ideal as its all there like end of Plummer Pt.
water
Water station, dog poo bags/bins, agility course, seating, varying terrains i.e., long grass, short grass, ponds,
We don't need one.
What ever dog owners need. I don't have a dog so not sure
Wouldn't it be better to just fence the creek and have a larger 'freedom' area for the dogs. The bottom 'flood plain' area no longer gets as wet as it used to due to the improved drainage work undertaken when developing the houses there...Mow the grass more frequently too please.

Other sources of feedback

From: Peter Tetzlaff [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 10:07 AM
To: Have Your Say <haveyoursay@westernbay.govt.nz>
Cc: Sabine Tetzlaff [REDACTED]
Subject: Dog park Omokoroa

Hi,
Thank you for the opportunity to give my opinion on this matter.

Firstly, this proposal does not take the 6 properties directly bordering the area into account. I feel for these families – they bought with the assumption that the area behind their properties would remain a reserve – not a fenced area covered in dog..... This is probably the strongest argument against the park – devaluation of the neighbouring properties.

There is no parking for users of the dog park, or potentially the dog park will create an issue with neighbours if users of the park try to park down that extremely narrow street and block properties.

Local Dog owners are currently using the huge grassed areas and sports fields along Western Bay, I assume if the council does not explicitly close these areas to dog owners, people will just continue and a dog park would be superfluous.

Although a budget for this project is not mentioned in your letter, the council could end up with an expensive dog park that nobody uses...

Lastly, as a rates payer, one always wonders about sensible use of financial and human resources – looking at the current unacceptable situation for working families trying to get out of Omokoroa to get to work (a problem that everybody, except council and NZTA could see coming) , one can only wonder about the time, effort and money spend on a project like this.

Best regards

Peter Tetzlaff



Attn: Jason Crummer
 Senior Recreational Planner
 Western Bay of Plenty District Council

15 June, 2023

Re: Formal Submission from Neighboring / Affected Property Owners – Proposed Omokoroa Dog Exercise Area

Thank-you for the opportunity to meet with you yesterday at WBOPDC (14 June) and provide our submission position and set of recommendations for this proposed initiative in the public consultation process (30 May to 30 June, 2023).

This submission is a collaborative input from residents / owners of **the 6 new houses, and Section owners** on the site reflected below which were not represented in your consultation correspondence top-down aerial picture accompanying your letter to neighboring property owners dated 26 May, and have been added in this submission for visual support of our proposals and recommendations.



Our submission positions and proposals are summarized as follows in Priority and weighting order:

1. **Location:** having attended several public meetings, we concur with many previous public submissions who feel there are already adequate dog exercise and walking areas in the area, but should Council decide to move forward with establishing another new dog exercise area we are proposing two alternative sites for consideration:
 - Precious Family Reserve – already a popular resident dog area
 - Reserve across from the residents accessway – represented below



2. **Proposed Dog Exercise Area Fencing Impacts:** Should council want to progress with the proposed location, **the proposed Dog Fencing and the increased risks and direct impact on our properties, is the most contentious issue** for us with the greatest impacts listed in order of concern:
- **Safety and security concerns** from **significant Invasion of privacy / opportunity for predation** due to proximity of directed pedestrian foot-traffic hard up against 5 residents fence-lines
 - **Increased risk and opportunity of theft**
 - Immediate and enduring **negative impact on property values**
 - Increased **difficulty in selling / leasing the property**
 - **Diminishment of the view** of the reserve which was a drawcard for residents to buy the property



Red line represents the direction of increased foot traffic due to the proposed dog fencing creating an alleyway

The impacts listed above **will be realised** if Council elects to build a dog “Fence” along the perimeter indicated in RED, that runs parallel to existing property fence-lines. **This will in effect create a pedestrian shortcut/walkway** that will be utilized by pedestrians looking to cut through to the other pathway, or access either end of the dog exercise area when the middle ground is muddy, or for pedestrians that wish to avoid going through the dog exercise area itself.

This puts pedestrians and the public **directly on the fence-lines of these properties, within 2-6 feet of direct viewing into Bedrooms, bathrooms, lounge areas** and outdoor settings. Here are photos from the fence-line of 45B from a bedroom/ bathroom entrance highlighting this risk.





This in our view represents an unacceptable safety and security risk as the proposed fencing will channel pedestrian foot traffic directly along this fence-line traversing the private spaces of 5 houses. The current property fence-lines erected an average of 1.5m and are open slat style allowing a clear view over and through into these private spaces.

Proposal by affected residents:

Currently, Omokoroa residents already exercise their dogs in this proposed area, and we neighbouring residents are fine with this, and because it's an **open space**, dog owners tend to naturally stay away from being too close to residents houses and are considerate. If the proposed dog fence is built – **it will channel pedestrians directly along these 5 fence-lines.**

Proposal

- a) For council to consider whether the dog exercise area actually needs to be fenced at all? **Our proposal is that it doesn't need fencing, fencing adds no additional benefits, and introduces too many risks and issues.** Council can save this money, still list it as a new dog exercise area, put benches and fecal bag stations and other aspects of the plan in, but leave it open – as is currently the way that residents exercise their dogs in this area.
- b) If council proceeds with fencing, for council to **NOT erect a dog fence running parallel to these 5 houses existing fence-lines bordering the reserve.** Instead, **utilise the existing fencing that residents have erected.** You can alter your fence design to incorporate the residences fences. This saves council money, but importantly does not channel pedestrians to the private fence-lines, and mitigates many of the other risks and issues raised.

(Existing fencing that can be utilized)



3. Concerns about the Residents road / accessway:

Our next concern regarding the proposed location / design is the potential impact on the residents access road. This is a narrow accessway (6m wide) utilised to access the residents driveways and garages, reserve maintenance vehicles, utility providers and rubbish/ recycling vehicles. It is barely wide enough for two vehicles to pass, (large rubbish vehicles already cannot fit down necessitating the requirement for a specially adapted "assisted" rubbish/recycling utility vehicle) and that this access road could be blocked / constricted if dog walkers park down the access way to access the new dog exercise area.

There are 2 small parking spaces by removeable bollards at the end of the cul-de-sac meant for council maintenance vehicles, but vehicles do park here temporarily (in red box in picture below).

Dog owners may drive down the accessway to try and access these two parking spots, or park along the side, and thus increase the traffic flow and the below risks:

The risks are:

- a. **Safety concerns from increased vehicle movements to children** who play and ride their bikes on this accessway in front of their houses.
- b. **No designated pedestrian signage or crossing between the two paths**
- c. **Inability for residents to maneuver when exiting / entering their driveways**
- d. **In-ability for council vehicles, maintenance, utility, rubbish/recycling trucks to access houses for services**

(residents accessway looking South-West)



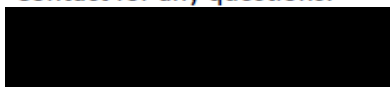
This concludes our formal Submission.

We would like to thank council and counsellors for considering what the directly affected residents & owners have submitted today and we hope we will be contacted proactively regarding any additional information you might require in considering our submission and proposals, or being involved in alternate designs that achieve both of our objectives.

Thanks and regards,

Sonia Diacono, Andrew Bonica, Evelyn Hoddinott, Kathy Lines, Fiona Lynch, Olley Tarawa Bailey, Jamie and Rinaha Tarawa Bailey - on behalf of the residents and section owners bordering this proposed dog exercise area.

Contact for any questions:



From: Sonia Diacono <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 11:10 AM
To: James Denyer <James.Denyer@westernbay.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Dog park at Links View Drive Reserve

Hello again James,

I am writing again to support the suggestion of my neighbour Evelyn Hoddinott, who suggested that rather than adding unsightly fencing to our lovely reserve out the back of our houses ([REDACTED]), you could instead fence an area off on the green area on the other side of our right of way. Currently, that land is just greenery on either side of a walking/cycle path, and would be well-suited to a dog-run area as it is currently under-utilised. Otherwise, there are areas down on the Precious Family Reserve that could be preferable, as suggested by Mrs Hoddinott.

I have only recently learned that the proposal is to create a secondary fence just a metre or so beyond my garden fence (a fence that is neither solid nor high, so I look through and over it to enjoy the reserve) Please can I share with you the views of all my neighbours along this stretch of Western Ave that having a second fence a metre or so beyond our current garden fences would make the place feel like a concentration camp or prison exercise area. It would also create a kind of walkway between the dog fence and our fence that would ensure that walkers would walk straight past our back gardens, destroying the current privacy that we have. Currently, walkers (with or without dogs) tend to wander through the middle of the reserve rather than hugging the boundary. The fencing around the dog area would ensure that anyone not within the dog area and wanting to cross it would have to walk within spitting distance of my deck, ensuring I have no privacy whatsoever. As my garden is very small (only 2m deep), it would also mean that anyone walking around the fenced area would have a clear view straight into my living room just a couple of metres from where they would be walking. I would feel extremely exposed and unsafe as a single woman in my 50s living alone. I purchased this house for the feeling of space, privacy and security and a fence that ensured people had to walk within 2 feet of where I was having my morning coffee would make living here insufferable and I would feel I had to leave my curtains closed at all times.

The piece of land across the road at the front of our properties bounds no houses or gardens, so would cause no disruption to anyone's enjoyment of their private spaces. This would be a far preferable area for a closed-in dog area. Then, all the dog-walkers and other people who enjoy the reserve out the back in its current form would still have the enjoyment of using that piece of land as it is, while the provision of an enclosed dog-walking area would be provided in an area that is currently under-utilised.

Please could you pass on this suggestion, along with my very strong views that a fenced-in dog park in the reserve at the back of my house would immeasurably disrupt the enjoyment of living in my own home.

Regards, Sonia Diacono

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Evelyn Hoddinott [REDACTED]
Date: 2 June 2023 at 1:06:43 PM NZST
To: haveyoursay@westernbay.govt.nz
Subject: Proposed dog area Objection

Hi, I live at [REDACTED]

I am one of the properties that back onto reserve located between Western avenue and Links view drive which you are considering putting a dog exercise on.

- 1- I firmly Object to where you are looking at having it. By viewing your map, it looks to be very close at the back of my property .
 - 2- It will impact the beautiful view and privacy that I have as it is very close to my property.
 - 3- Have you thought Who and how is it going to be maintained in the area between the dog fence and my pool fence if it does goes ahead in-spite of our objections ?
 - 4- I have included the map you sent and updated it as there are now houses on the surrounding boundaries.
 - 5- I Have marked on your map a more suitable area where dog area could be placed.
 - 6- My recommendation is that a better area to consider is down at Precious Reserve.
- Regards Evelyn Hoddinott

Sent from my iPhone

- ① Have updated your map showing now existing houses .
- ② Have marked where a better dog area should go .



From: Rex McDonald [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 28 June 2023 3:26 pm
To: Have Your Say
Subject: PROPOSED DOG EXERCISE AREA BETWEEN WESTERN AVENUE AND LINKS VEIW DRIVE

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

REX MCDONALD
 [REDACTED]

REPOSE TO PROPOSED DOG EXERCISE AREA .

I wish to back all the people that are rightly objecting to the proposed dog exercise area between Western Avenue and links view drive.

I am the person who bought this land from the council for this 10 section development. (Blaze was the person we dealt with now retired)

THERE WAS NEVER ANY MENTION OF A DOG PARK BEING PUT IN THIS AREA.

This is poorly advertised you have used an old map which does not show where the houses are now built if you had a new map you would see that this dog park is right in our face.

I have kept lot 6 with the idea of building and retiring there at the moment I have a lovely open view over the reserve towards the Kaimai Ranges and the council want to stick a fence right outside my boundary where I will have people and barking dogs in front of my lounge room window. You should all ask yourself if that's what you would like outside your lounge. You will substantially decrease the value of our homes in the development.

The article in the Sun live paper said you were looking for areas (with limited neighbours were considered as part of the site assessment process) who wants barking dogs and dog poo at your front door, they don't all pick it up.

Amazes me that if you have walked over this site that you would even consider it .

I was there for the afternoon of Sun 25th June there were people with dogs on the reserve but they respected people's privacy and were a long way from the homes.

There is limited parking .

No street lights

There will be strangers hanging around our properties.

Concrete pad at end of asphalt is for council to get onto the reserve not parking.

Concrete road off the asphalt is private access for the four homes and council access to the spillway for maintenance.

A popular place for families and dogs is PRECIOUS FAMILY RESERVE.

COONRY RESERVE

OMOKOROA BEACH RESERVE

THE ESPLANADE ROAD RESERVE

OMOKOROA DOMAIN

TAMIHANA PARK

HOPING COUNCIL WILL TAKE ON BOARD THE IMPACT THAT THIS PARK WILL HAVE ON OUR LIVES.

Thanks and regards

REX MCDONALD [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

Response to the Proposed Dog Exercise Area off Western Avenue

We wish to formally object to the proposed dog exercise area off Western Avenue which is positioned directly in front of our property [REDACTED]

It is with great disappointment that the council has even considered erecting a dog exercise area right beside residential housing. Normally dog exercise areas are positioned away from houses and are situated where they do not impede or detract from residential properties.

The subdivision when promoted for sale was for ten sections in a quite right away off Western Avenue great for raising a family or for retirees. Lovely and quite with nice green space for the kids to play and have wildlife nearby.

The proposed fenced dog park will cause major privacy issue. Our property will have the outdoor living space and a bedroom right beside the fence. Most homes adjacent to the fence will also have their outdoor sitting area and bedrooms right beside the fence. Not only will there be dogs, there will be people walking around the outside of the fence right next to our properties. Having people and dogs [possible fights] will also cause unwanted noise and stress which is of major concern especially with young children, our own pets and shift workers that reside there.

Safety is of major concern with a proposed dog park in this area. We have outlined several other safety issues below.

More strangers hanging around our homes at odd hours...often early morning and at night. Currently there is a small community that know each other and regular walkers and cyclists that use the connecting path from Kaylene. Everyone currently feels safe.

There is a safety concern for these walkers and cyclists that come from the Kaylene path to enter either Western Ave or use the up-graded cycleway to Links View Drive. The current road has not been designed to cope with extra vehicles if there was a dog park located there. There is no footpath as really it has been designed as a right-a-way and not a road, and because of this people walk and cycle up the middle of the road. When you drive up from the bottom of the subdivision there is a steady claim and visibility is limited as you turn the corner onto the Western Avenue. One property has already had their newly built fence hit because of this visibility issue.

There is no street lighting in this subdivision. Major safety issue for people that don't live there.

There was no allowance made in the subdivision for extra parking for a dog park. The current parking is for residents and their guests. The concrete roadway off the asphalt road is private access for the four homes that run off it.. our property is one of them. This area is not a public road.

The subdivision has not been designed for large vehicles or camper vans as there is minimal area for vehicle turning. We now have a small rubbish vehicle to remove our weekly rubbish because of this turning issue and if there is a dog park with more cars, it will only cause more safety and health issues.

There appears to have been no consideration to location of this proposed dog park and how it will affect the lives of the people **living right next** to it, and the safety issues that have not been considered.

We recommend that if there is currently such a need for a fenced dog park in Omokoroa, that a safer and less obtrusive location be found elsewhere.


Brenda Williams. [REDACTED]

Re: Potential site for development of a dog exercise park in Ōmokoroa



Bob Leef

To ● Cheryl Steiner

 You replied to this message on 22/02/2023 3:58 pm.

Morena Cheryl,

What we request in the park is:

Rubbish bins + plastic bags available.

Drinking water fountains for dogs.

Anything you can think of, let me know.

Nga Mihi

Bob Leef

Ngati Taka Hapu.

From

Bob Leef

Pirirakau feedback on Omokoroa site for dog exercise park

27 February 2023 – Peter, Cheryl, Julie Sheppard and Rozella Borell

Children's access to dog park in terms of dangerous dogs – how is this monitored?

Water stations

Dog poo stations

Adjacent to waterways – urine run off, siltation controls as stormwater pond and riparian planting, longer grass to control this

Cultural interpretation – embed Pirirakau logo in signage? Other options for this?

ACTIONS

- 1. Send proposal and concept plan to Pirirakau – consider by their committee, but need to involve in development of concept plan first**

Attachment B

Katikati Feedback

Tō Wāhi

<u>Where is a better location?</u>
Where is it?? There would be a good dog area in Katikati down by the swing bridge. But contacting the council about this gets ZERO, ZERO response.
Limited car parking.
I am not aware of a better location but there is not enough car parking for a dog exercise area the cycle and walking connections are good but I think there will be more need for parking as people will want to drive to this location. The neighboring farmland may not be ideal for dogs freely running about.
No
By Moore Park maybe or otherwise I guess Donegal place is ok.
Not sure, but one area isn't enough.
Unsure but Donegal Place is a very built up area.
Too close to the main road. Empty patch opposite Moore Park football fields on Middlebrook Street or Talisman Drive or lovely lane reserve. Or end of park road reserve.
Huaharua park in Plummers Point would be fantastic. Fence the paddock area for a safe dog area.
This is not in line with the Reserves Management Plan and is located in an area subject to flooding that would be better developed as a wetland. There is also no close parking for those wanting to utilise the area. Explore more accessible local areas
I am not sure but I imagine a dog exercise place would do well to have water of some sort? River etc?
Not even sure where that is! I know Donegal Place but not reserve. Is it meant to be Diggleman Park?
The proposed site is steep, in part, and can't be driven too directly. A dog park should be inclusive for all dog owners and dogs. So this site doesn't cut the mustard for disabled owners or dogs.
We have the riverside walk ways that are appropriate, money is better spent elsewhere, like wild cat control.
Taking the dog for walks down the road/footpath or park, using what's already available.
It would be OK if people actually picked up what their Dogs leave behind.
Haiku Park is more suitable and very central. But what is wrong with all the parks in Katikati? I don't think that we need a designated area for dogs. There are heaps of parks and reserves. I take my dog to all of them and she loves the variety. Just place more doggie bags & bins in each park which will encourage people to use them more.
At the end of Beach Rd, South.
Park Road reserve be safer away from main road. Unless there will be clear fencing etc
No animals
Somewhere with more open spaces and not small tracks.
somewhere closer to the residential areas, on the other side of the main road

The land off Corner of Middlebrook and Fairview Rds
Is it used already? This is not central you have to cross the main road. Watch where all the older people walk their dogs now. Park Road. Around the school area. I don't have a dog.
Have several locations including end of Park Road reserve
Will it be fenced?
Will there be crap bags for dogs and regular monitoring for owners who leave a mess?
This site is just a bare paddock and steep. What facilities will be there appart from room for the dogs to run.
An area/gate/fence to separate small dogs from big dogs, a couple of taps with bowls to drink out of, some ramps and agility set ups, tie up hooks, tables and chairs, a bit of shelter in case it rains (small pergola or open shed?). please
Unfortunately just causes more problems for the park and reserve operators keeping it tidy and no doubt there will be complaints when it's raining or no grass or not weedeated to satisfaction
We don't need a dog exercise park if people can simply walk there dogs.You simply want a vote to develop
we do need a dog exercise park imho. There's very few off lead dog exercise areas within walking distance for locals. There is also no where safe for those travelling through to give their dogs a quick run and wee stop. I think this is a great idea if its done well.
You should ask our local dog trainer experts what we should have here for the dogs! Contact 'positively together. I personally would love to see two fenced off areas one with agility style things for dogs to run up and down and have fun. The second area for throwing balls and things. Having two areas is good for separating dogs so there are less in the same big space .
Really just needs to be fully fenced and two or three drinking facilities and poop bag dispenser.After all its just for exercising not the dogs home.
YES! And a walk way to connect it to the Haiku pathway up behind the robert harris, would be good to have a bit of a loop
I want to be able to exercise my dog on existing many beautiful tracks, parks in Katikati. I don't want a dog exercise area to be provided if it means dogs will be excluded from the many walkways & parks currently accessible.
Lively Lance - there is an unused space that accesses the bird walk that should be fenced off for an off-leash area. Both options would be great.
Need one. More park is more central.
(Put yes but answered free flow 'no") (Do we) need a dog park?
I want to be able to exercise my dog on existing many beautiful tracks & parks in Katikati. I don't want a dog exercise area to be provided if it means dogs will be excluded from the many walkways + parks currently accessible.

<i>What features would you like to see included in the dog exercise area?</i>
Plenty of refuse bins for dog excrement.
Poo bags dispensers and bins, tyres, ropes, tunnels, park benches, fresh water, feature for drinking and playing covered areas for owners to wait while dogs play in sun and rain.
Toys & Balls, ramps & obstacle course
Toys, often dogs, water, things to climb & jump on
Understanding Rules
Vent and a polo for the day.
a dog treadmill
A separate area for small and big dogs, secure perimeter fencing where no dogs can escape, some skills and agility equipment, water and bowls (even concrete or "built in bowls", places to tie dogs up, poo bags and a rubbish bin that is cleared very regularly, some shelter for if it rains (for humans) and tables and chairs so that doggy mums and dads can chat while our fur babies are playing together. Please :)
A training facility where owners can get help to control their dogs properly.
A tunnel, lots of logs for jumping over which are already down by the Uretara river, fencing for small dogs. Mow the lawn right around to provide a good walk.
Access to water to drink. Benches to sit on
Activity stations, obstacle course, pet water stations
Agility
An information center providing council regulations and services available from vets etc
Benches. Access for mobility scooters. Automatic shutting gates
Best talk to dog owners - I'm not qualified to comment.
Big enough. Fenced. Poo bags and rubbish bins. Shade areas.
car parking for residents who live out of town and for visitors passing through. Full fencing and double gates, poo bin/s
dedicated car parking on Henry road would be good addition. Most dog exercise people will be mobile and would add a length to the exercise for the dog.
Dis interested
DIY dog wash
Dog events... like doggie day out or similar otherwise it's a waste of money and people won't use them.
Dog friendly stream with durable, yet paw safe bed. Normal poop disposal bins, cleared regularly. Safety measures to ensure all users have an enjoyable experience.
Dog poop bags, seating, dog climbing facilities. Shaded area to relax while the animal runs around. Fully fenced exercise area.
Dog wash facility. They have this at Rolleston, Christchurch.
Dog wheels, fire hydrants, waste bins for all, watering areas, washing facilities, fencing around the whole area for protection. Seating areas for people and a monitor to make sure people stick to the rules.

Doggie Poo Bins and Bags, Water access for owners to give their Dogs water, separate the Dog walking area from those who don't have Dogs.
Don't care about dogs
Don't care, don't have a dog
Doubled gate. Big dog, Little dog areas. Tree shade/shelter. Lots of Council signage re. Responsibility
Enclosed, water stations, doggy poo waste bins, grassed area and an area to contain aggressive/unfriendly dogs which are off their leads.
Fenced area
Fenced area, agility course, water fountains, toilets, seating, pool bags and bins
Fenced area. Obstacles would be great too.
Fenced would be great. Water drinking fountains, ledges.
Fenced, different things for dogs to climb/play on - not just grass, poo bags, seats for people, rubbish bin, fencing
Free poo bags,rubbish bins fenced exercise area seats for the owners to sit on,a water supply
Fresh moving water, Separate area for quiet dogs
Fully fenced, benches for sitting (perhaps with shelter), picnic table, water bowl, rubbish bin and poo bag dispenser weather
Good enough to me and my dog
I don't have a dog so unsure.
I don't rate this of high importance
I think that these are the responsibility of owners. You just provide the area
I would like it to connect to the Haiku Pathway, via the area behind the Robert Harris. So it is easier to access for people living close to town in retirement villages and at Uretara River Views. It needs to have a flat area for dogs to run, and doggy poop bags, park benches, seating. Drinking water and shade! It needs to be fully enclosed and dog proof because of the poison/traps in the riparian area. Ideally if there's enough room about a quarter of it sectioned off for 'small dogs'. More than one entry, and entry gates, with two-way gates so doggy's don't escape. No 90 degree angles in fences so dogs don't bully other dogs into a corner if possible (develop curves). Would be even better if there was agility equipment!
Intensely secure fencing top and bottom. Fresh drinking water for dogs and humans. Poop bag dispensers and disposal. Seating, Dog/human sized entry gate so bikes and cars cannot access and ruin, Also its not very accessible for those of us with disabilities.
Is this the biggest priority at this time of high inflation and pressure in your rate payers? Are there other things that are higher up the list?
It's pretty good atm.
Keep it simple. Good fencing & poo disposal
Lead free area
Lots of bins for disposal of doggie doings and a low water fountain for doggie refreshment
lots of rubbish bins

Maybe a few activities for them, eg beams, tunnels. Our dog isn't good off lead so would be reassuring to have a fenced safe area for him to run around. Thank you, much needed and looking forward to it.
maybe some inexpensive exercise equipment for them to play in or around & on. The grass to be kept to a manageable length, especially for those of us who own light coloured pooches. Don't want to have to return home and bath our pooches. Perhaps a water station, and good sanitary dumping facility for the doo doos.
Maybe somethings like obstacles courses that give the dogs more exercise.
Mesh fencing at least 1.5m high. Hillocks over drainage pipe tunnels, wooden jumps of various heights, a line of driven posts, water fountain, rubbish bin., seating and possibly shelter. - in an ideal world!
NA as I don't have a dog
Natural ramps, hills, short tunnels, dog drinking facilities, rubbish bins and human drinking facilities. Park benches for sitting.
Natural wooden, fenced and public toilets, Water station
None
None, just fine for people not picking up poo. Walk your dog on a leash. Take it for a run down the harbour or your own back yard. Or don't have a dog.
Not sure
Not sure. Dont have a dog.
Nothing specific - dogs need space to run. Doggie bag dispensers like at Waihi Beach .
On-leash vs off-leash area, Water, Low / safe obstacles
Open spaces where there won't be cyclists. Water bowls/fountain stations. Poo bag dispenser. Separate areas for big dogs and small dogs so the small yappy dogs don't try and bite our dog like they do on walks around Katikati.
Penned in area, doggie waste bags, drinking water, exercise ramps etc. for dogs to play, seats for owners to observe if dog is being controlled by another person.
Picnic tables, plenty of trees, doggie waste bins, Maybe segregation of large and small dog breeds... for the dogs safety.
Place to tether dogs in / outside the area. Nothing else.
Plenty of poo bins
Poo bags. Dog excersize equipment. Rubbish bins. Notice board for local pet requirements ie local vets, pet specials, dog gettogethers, dog training events etc etc.
Poo bin bag dispenser and rubbish bin. Fences. Tap and place for them to drink.
Public toilet, Sanitizing stations, dog poo bags and bins, an off lead area for larger dogs, good council maintenance
Room and rubbish bins, clean and tidy are really the only requirements
rubbish bins for doggy poop
Rubbish bins for their poop.
Rubbish bins, Water for dogs and people , Seating for people , Some shady areas
Seating and paved walkways for winter use.
Seats and potentially a miniature playground do other training exercises with their owners

seats and shade
Seats for dog owners
Security cameras
Separate areas for larger and smaller dogs. Some smaller dogs can be quite intimidating to larger dogs as I've seen happen they rush up to bigger dogs which can cause larger dogs to react. Maybe consulting a dog trainer when it comes to creating safe spaces for all dogs to enjoy and not feel rushed by other dogs. Limited dogs per fenced off section for example
Separate areas so that problematic dogs can be kept separate.
Separation of small dogs from larger more intimidating dogs., Parking spaces for those utilising the facility. Adequate fencing to protect passing pedestrians from potential attacks.
Shade water seating
Shade, water access
Shade, water and paths. Also easy access for disabled owners and dogs. There are many places in and around Katikati that already provide this and are more inclusive than Donegal park which has none of these features.
Shelter for owners (when it rains) Toilets and adequate rubbish bins for dog poo etc. Good secure fencing right round to enclose dogs in with limited entry points and child proofed gates
Similar to te puke
Small dog area, dog poop bin, water troughs.
Some fun things for them to play on
Somewhere for humans to sit and perhaps a public toilet[for humans]
suitable walking track for owners so they are not trudging through the mud. no low shrubs clear sight lines so owners can see their dogs at all times, well fenced so dogs cant get out of the park.
There should be more dog parks.
Totally fenced area with two way gates, a few seats, water fountain and a few shady trees!
Toys & Balls. Ramps & Obstacle course.
Toys other dogs. Water, Things to climb & jump on.
Trees, agility course , picnic area and waste bins
Trees, Seats
Unable to comment as I am not a dog owner
Unsure as we do not have a dog
Water and doggie doo collection.
Water available.
Water drinking fountain for humans and dogs
Water for dogs, separate area for big and little dogs, Rubbish bin and poo bag dispenser. Alternative terrain/obstacles on eg big log, culvert tunnel, tractor tire etc

Other sources of feedback

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Subject: Proposed Dog Exercise Area for Donegal Reserve, Katikati

Dear Jason,

Thank you for your letter of the 26th May regarding the proposed Dog Exercise Area.

This was a real surprise to receive after the consultation carried out previously regarding the planting and development of the reserve as outlined in the Katikati Waihi Beach Reserves Management Plan Review 2019, where Project Number 260109 had allocated \$30,000 to plant and develop the leased area (Former Mills Block). This was a 2019/20 LTP Priority, and was dependent on the phasing out of the grazing licence, and then “prepare a planting plan in conjunction with community.”

The proposed area is subject to flooding and the suggestion of an area of wetlands alongside the walkway and stream boundary appeared a logical development (see recent photo). It is only a few years ago that a flood destroyed part of the stopbank near the swing bridge and a significant portion of the reserve was a lake.

We are not fundamentally opposed to having a dog exercise area in Katikati, but are most concerned about the lack of consistent process and some apparently disingenuous community engagement on the future of this reserve.

When the grazing licence was cancelled due to the poor management by the lessee culminating in the public death of one of his horses near the walkway, the residents at the end of Donegal Place asked for consultation with staff on next steps to fulfil the Reserves Management Plan. On June 9th 2020 Peter Watson wrote that “Now that we are in Alert Level one, staff are in a position to undertake the engagement with the adjoining neighbours before any work is undertaken, noting that the work would be programmed for when the current grazing licensee has vacated the land on 31 July 2020, as to do the work before then would only aggravate the siltation with the Licensee who’s Licence has been terminated. To this end, we will be sending out letters to the adjoining property owners inviting them to meet with staff on site to discuss the proposed work.”

As no invitations had been issued to adjoining property owners by August 4th we asked for a confirmation as to when this would happen. A follow up reminder was sent to Peter Watson on Dec 11th 2020. Eventually a meeting was scheduled for 11.30am Friday 8th January 2021 at the home of Dorothy Rapley, [REDACTED] which was attended by a number of residents along with Peter Watson & Wayne Allchorne. The meeting was cordial, the Reserves Management Plan was referred to, and while the site was mentioned as one of several potential dog exercise areas, this was basically discounted by staff due to the lack of parking close by to the reserve. Instead, discussions around the potential wetlands planting near the stream (site of proposed dog exercise area), and native plantings on the hill that were not so high that residents current views were obstructed. The residents were assured that their views would be considered in the draft plans that would be available for consultation prior to finalisation.

A couple of months later Laurie Donald approached me and said that he had been asked by Reserves and Facilities to draw up some concept plans for the plantings and he was wanting to engage with the local residents in this process. In checking much later with Laurie as to development of the draft plan, he advised that Reserves & Facilities had advised him that due to COVID there was no longer any funding available for him to continue.

At no time since 8th January 2021 have staff from Reserves & Facilities contacted the residents to discuss plans. Consequently this new proposal being dropped onto the residents is unacceptable “due process” on the part of those staff responsible for implementing the Reserve Management Plan in this location.

We would ask that the proposal to have a dog exercise area in this area be put on hold until full consultation on the original development plan is provided and the 2 options for this area can be considered by the local residents and wider community.

Kind regards

David & Jill Marshall



Attachment C Draft concept plans

LINKS VIEW RESERVE, ŌMOKOROA - DOG PARK CONCEPT PLAN

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PLAN KEY

- 1 Double gated dog park entrance/exit
- 2 Natural contouring mound (With future play features by others)
- 3 Public pathway
- 4 Existing stormwater retention area
- 5 Single gate between dog zones
- 6 Native boundary planting (1.2m max. high)
- 7 Maintenance gate

PLAN LEGEND

- Bench Seating
 - Shade trees
 - Water fountain, with dog bowl attachment
 - Dog bag dispenser
 - Rubbish bin
 - 1.5m high fence with PVC pipe strung through top wire
 - Existing residential fencing
 - Potential pedestrian link (To Tranquil Grove)
 - Existing stormwater pipes
 - Site boundary
- Dog park total area: 4940m²



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DONEGAL RESERVE, KATIKATI - RESERVE AND DOG PARK CONCEPT PLAN

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PLAN KEY

- 1 Double gated dog park entrance/exit
- 2 Natural contouring mound (With future play features by others)
- 3 Public pathway
- 4 Enhancement of existing drain (with proposed planting)
- 5 Community orchard
- 6 Native amenity planting (1.2m max. high)
- 7 Maintenance gate
- 8 Single gate between dog zones

PLAN LEGEND

- Bench Seating
- Shade trees
- Water fountain with dog bowl attachment
- Dog bag dispenser
- Rubbish bin
- 1.5m high fence with PVC pipe strung through top wire
- Site boundary
- Potential pedestrian link

Dog park total area: 5260m²



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1. Dog Exercise Areas

The Senior Recreation Planner, supported by the Policy and Planning Manager, provided the Committee with a summary of feedback and the latest concept plans for the dog exercise areas. A PowerPoint presentation was spoken to, which outlined the following:

- Purpose
- Progress to date
- Tō Wāhi Your Place Feedback – Donegal Reserve, Katikati
- Draft Concept Plan – Donegal Reserve, Katikati
- Tō Wāhi Your Place Feedback – Links View Drive Reserve, Ōmokoroa
- Draft Concept Plan – Links View Drive, Ōmokoroa
- Cost Estimates
- Questions and Next Steps

The presenter/s responded to pātai as below:

- The assessment that staff had carried out was to determine which areas would be suitable for a dog park, and alternative uses for these spaces had not been considered as part of this assessment.
- There was a proposed planting plan and enhancement of existing drainage included in the plan for Donegal Reserve, which would improve the bogginess of the reserve.
- Although there was no direct carparking onsite for Donegal Reserve, there would be carparking very close (300–400 metres away).
- Council had budgeted \$30,000 through the Long Term Plan to fund dog exercise areas, and the remainder would be funded from dog registration fees.
- The required size for the land proposed for dog parks was 5000m².

- Investigations for other suggested areas in Ōmokoroa (Precious Reserve, and the land behind the Ōmokoroa Settler's Hall) could be investigated, but progress in this area would be delayed to enable further community consultation around these potential sites.
- There were several external funding opportunities for the costs involved.
- There was potential for a change to the order of when each dog exercise area was to be built.

Direction for Staff	Person Responsible
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That staff investigate the bogginess of Donegal Reserve year-round, to see whether it was fit for purpose. 2. That staff investigate the viability of two other areas for the proposed dog exercise area in Ōmokoroa, being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precious Reserve; and • The empty land behind the Ōmokoroa Settler's Hall and Ōmokoroa Toy Library, currently owned by Council. 3. That staff investigate ways to reduce the cost estimates for each dog park, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathways were not required to the extent that they were budgeted for (estimates approx. \$60,000 per park). • Council could work with MenzShed or another local community group to source seating and reduce costs. • Investigate community initiatives to reduce costs. 	Senior Recreation Planner