

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Megan
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Last name	Wilson
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Postal address

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Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	Yes
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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The proposed change

The Council is proposing to make the area of Linklater Reserve, from the carpark on Kelvin Grove Road up to the aeroplane, a dogs-on-leash

area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

I walk here most Sundays with my dog, a friend and her dogs. We regularly meet up with the same people with their dogs, obviously they are regular users too.

I feel it is a shame to reduce this park's off lead area as there are no other large open areas with fencing from roads available in the city.

Your proposal seems an unusual choice to me - to make the dog agility area on lead - how would that work!? Why would such a large area need to be on lead?

The wetlands area is a favourite for many dogs and their owners. This is still swimmable in summer when the other wet areas dry up.

I propose that if you are going to go ahead with fencing off any of the park, fence around the wetland and put a gate there with signs to put back on leash, fencing the flying fox in the playground zone and picnic area, leaving the agility area and wetlands open and off leash.

Also, I believe there are numerous places in and around our city where people can go where dogs are not permitted - on or off leash. I think if people don't like dogs or are scared of dogs, avoiding off leash places seems a logical idea.

I would be happy to talk with someone from the council to clarify anything in here if that was helpful.

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

A quick city search shows 30+ playgrounds, people have lots of options to be in spaces without dogs. Responsible dog owners have very few options for pff leash. Please consider the need to reduce this space very carefully.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I feel strongly that any reduction in the space available needs to be carefully considered and the right course of action is to look at the other available places with off lead fenced space... you won't need long because this is the only space like it.

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

Council website

Social media

City councillor

Family or friends

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First name	Julie
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Last name	Doherty
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Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

It halves the area for off lead and it's the least interesting area for dogs to play and walkers to walk. It's the best off lead fully fenced dog park in the North island. I have never witnessed any issues. If families want to play at a park they have a lot of choice. You are taking away something unique to the city. Most of the comments on Facebook do NOT support the new proposal. Where are the results? Why have you not shared them?

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

I think the the Kelvin Grove Residents are annoyed because they have this on their doorstep and want it to be a "park for all to enjoy". I don't see any other residents group raising this or commenting. They have created a mass of people to fight this park in a group and the council is bending over to them. Council does not need to spend time moving things on a park that is unique and wonderful to bend to a group of bullies who have so many places they can go. They can also get into their car like the hundreds of dog owners who travel to the park every day to enjoy it as it is. Be brave and strong council. Share the results and listen to the majority.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Because it seems like a corrupt process.

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

Family or friends

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First name	Julie
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Last name	Doherty
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Hearing

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About yourself

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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

This park is special to dog owners to allow their dogs to run and socialise. We are prepared to travel across town to enjoy this park. It's not only social for our dogs but also the owners. There are so many other parks and reserves that can be visited and enjoyed by families, but we only have this ONE. Don't deprive us of it. We should be able to walk the whole park with our dogs off leash. They are safe, they enjoy the water, they enjoy the run. Please give us the freedom of this one park.

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

I've seen the statistics and the greater area of Palmerston North want this park to remain the same. Surely that is enough. People are prepared to cross town to enjoy the freedom. Why fix it if it's not broke. Why is all this time, money and energy being put into this?

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Palmerston North has wonderful parks, walking tracks and reserves that are easily accessible to everyone who wishes to enjoy the outdoors. If you don't wish to be in an area where dogs are off leash there are so many options.

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?

(select as many as apply)

Family or friends

School, church or other community group or network, eg newsletter

Poster, sign or billboard

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First name	Brendan
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Last name	Bain
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Postal address

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Hearing

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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	No
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Are you a dog owner?	No
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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	I don't have a dog but my friends do and they use this park all the time. They drive all the way over Palmerston North to use this special place. I have only heard good things about it. Families can still take their kids, they can still play in playground - they just have to share it with dogs who are enjoying the park. If they don't like dogs - or trust them - take them somewhere else. This is the most ridiculous case of resident bullying when there is not a problem.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	You don't have to bow down to rich residents ganging up on lovely dog owners. It doesn't have to be a "park for everyone" - there are enough of those.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	This proposal is awfully thought out. Spend money on more important things.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media

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First name	Chandra
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Last name	Shailer
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Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	I like to travel in to Palmy to use the Reserve
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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	My dog loves this park and is used to been let off straight away for her sake it would be easier to go to another park. And the on leash area makes no sense with the dog agility part included. I think that is really poor planning and such a shame to have a great area made harder on dog owners!!
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Because its simply stupid planning. I can adapt to some change but you can not make a part of the park that was made for dogs harder for dogs to use it.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media

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First name	Alicia
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Last name	Yates
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Postal address

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Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	It excludes the dog agility area from being off leash.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	I understand the locals concerns about having an area that is dog controlled but I think the area could be to the treeline just past the bmx pump track. The majority of the rest of the park is predominantly utilised by dogs and their owners.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Having such an awesome area for our dogs is something to be proud of as a community. To restrict it too much when there are so many other parks available for families seems counterintuitive.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media

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First name	Debbie
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Last name	Waghorn
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Postal address

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Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?	Yes, I support this change
Please tell us why.	Yes I think there should be an area for on and off leash. Maybe the off leash area could be divided into small and big dogs as seen in other towns
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Will be good for children and dogs to be able to use the park without risk of injury
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Hoping to help with this to go ahead
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media

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First name	Chayse
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Last name	Gorton
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Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	I like to travel in to Palmy to use the Reserve
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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	This is currently the best place in NZ to exercise dogs off lead in any city and is what palmy is known for. If you want on lead there are so many places to go already.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	I feel the stupid area proposed excluding dog agility area is just so the council can say they have reviewed feedback and will go ahead with a larger off lead area than initially proposed.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	This is a core reason I moved to Palmerston North!
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Family or friends

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First name Melissa

Last name Murray

Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025? No

About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user? Yes

Are you a dog owner? Yes

You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local? Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local

The proposed change

The Council is proposing to make the area of Linklater Reserve, from the carpark on Kelvin Grove Road up to the aeroplane, a dogs-on-leash

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

The area is too small for an off leash area. Initially I submitted that I agreed with off leash starting at the two small bridges on each side of the first grassed area - this acknowledged the playground and eating areas be free of dogs. The area proposed is too small when there are so few options around the city for exclusive off leash exercising for dogs. River walkways are unsafe for cyclists and dogs colliding as it is a narrow, shared path. Other off lead areas still run the risk of meeting people that don't like dogs. Surely notice can be given to the community that Linklater is dog friendly and if you enter the park expect to have interactions with dogs. I do not support this change.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Because I totally disagree with the proposed changes.

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?

(select as many as apply)

Social media

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First name	Melissa
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Last name	Murray
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Postal address

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Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

The best off leash park in the city does not need any change - at least not as big of a change as the one proposed.
If a change needs to happen the first area where the playground is and to the first bridges on each side could be on lead - then off lead thereafter.

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

Dogs are free to run without the risk of causing injury to cyclists or to themselves unlike some other off lead areas.
Going to Linklater you would expect the majority of other users love dogs so the dogs are safe from hostile people or people scared of dogs.
Other shared areas where dogs can be off lead still means we might come across people scared of dogs or are hostile towards dogs.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Love walking at Linklater with the freedom of having the dog off lead.
Have never experienced anything but a great time at Linklater. People with fear of dogs have so many options that are dog free spaces.

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

Social media

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First name	Renee
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Last name	Gleeson
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Postal address

Email

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Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	This is the only fully fenced, off-leash area where I can confidently allow my dog to socialise. I've never had a negative experience here — only positive interactions with responsible dog owners. Many older members of the community also use this park as a way to connect with others, and making three-quarters of the area on-leash would significantly reduce its appeal and the opportunities for social interaction, both for dogs and people. There are already plenty of spaces for on-leash walking, such as the bridle track and the various green corridors. I travel from the other side of town specifically to use this park because it's truly one of a kind.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	I have discussed this with various dog owners at Linklater and not one of them wants the offleash rule to change
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I feel passionately that we should keep this one of a kind space as it is, it is so enjoyed by dog lovers and is a positive space for dogs to interact.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media

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First name	Michelle
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Last name	Ngan
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Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	No
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Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Yes
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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	All the dog park should be off leash. It's a park for dogs. If your dog can't handle being off leash then it shouldn't be there. Don't punish good dogs and good dog owners by taking away a dedicated, contained off leash area for them.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I feel it's wrong and mean to take away this space from the doggos
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Family or friends

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First name	Hayden
Last name	Gleeson
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Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025? No

About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
Are you a dog owner? <i>You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.</i>	Yes
Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local

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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	PN has soooooo many ON LEAD areas, why the need to ruin the one place thats amazing for off-lead dogs thats fully fenced and used by responsible dog owners. We have been using this park for years and never had 1 bad experience.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	<div>Council website</div> <div>Letter or email</div> <div>Social media</div>

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First name	Anne
Last name	Doherty
Postal address	
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Phone	

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

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About yourself

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Are you a dog owner? <i>You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.</i>	Yes
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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

This has been raised by the Kelvin Grove Residents who have collected a large group on mass and petitioned council. It is hard for individual dog owners to band together to make their voice heard in the same way. This park works now. It's beautiful. It has many children, families and dogs on and off lead. Having the choice to have my dog off lead around the most fun and sociable areas is great. Then every second day we do the big walk. Why change what's working?

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

You cannot compare the number of submissions from an organised group that is door knocking, campaigning and coercing the community to get on board. Listen to the voices of the individual around the town. Read the Facebook messages. The answer is there. Don't block off half the park. Perhaps just a small area with the playground. Then leave the rest as it is.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Because the council is being coerced by residents in a group.

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

Newspaper

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Keith
Last name	Waghorn
Postal address	
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Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025? No

About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
Are you a dog owner? <i>You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.</i>	Yes
Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local

The proposed change

The Council is proposing to make the area of Linklater Reserve, from the carpark on Kelvin Grove Road up to the aeroplane, a dogs-on-leash

area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?

Yes, I support this change

Please tell us why.

Safety of all user's (including children) and dogs.

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

All dogs like to run freely and that's why we take our dogs to Linklater. These changes don't do enough to protect smaller dogs. I recommend fencing the off leash area into two closed off areas, small dogs and large dogs. This works as seen in other the city regions. We have currently reduced our visits to linklater for safety of our two miniature schnauzers due to large dogs running freely.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I'm hopeful my input will ensure the pncc committee consider all input and do what's best for all those (people and dogs) involved in the use of Linklater

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

Poster, sign or billboard

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Elizabeth
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Last name	Whiterod
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Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	the park is one of the only off-leash areas in the city - it should stay largely off leash. The area above includes the dog agility area which would be ridiculous to be on leash. Dogs should be on leash solely in the playground area but off in all other places. There are enough playgrounds in the city to cater for children.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Beacuse the changes are ridiculous and cater to a minority of people
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Council website

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Sharon
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Last name	Charles
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Postal address

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Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Yes
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The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

This is the only decent sized Dog Park in Palmerston North! I have never had any issues with off the leash dogs! I suggest moving the plane closer to the kids play area and moving the on leash border to the tree line that is already mostly fenced just past the bike track area! Additional rubbish bins would also be ideal for doggy dodos! Please don't take the many dogs freedom away from them, seriously!

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

Every one I have spoken to, dog owners and park goers without dogs agree that a smaller kids play area to the bike track area is enough for on leash, and the rest for off leash dogs! Move the plane closer to the kids play area.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I want to make my submission in support of dog owners that want to get as much free run exercise for their dogs. Also I am sure it would save the council money to use the existing fence at the tree line just behind the bike track area and move the plane closer to the kids play area for the on leash area! And the rest of the park for dogs off leash. Seriously, that make more sense! More rubbish bins too please!

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

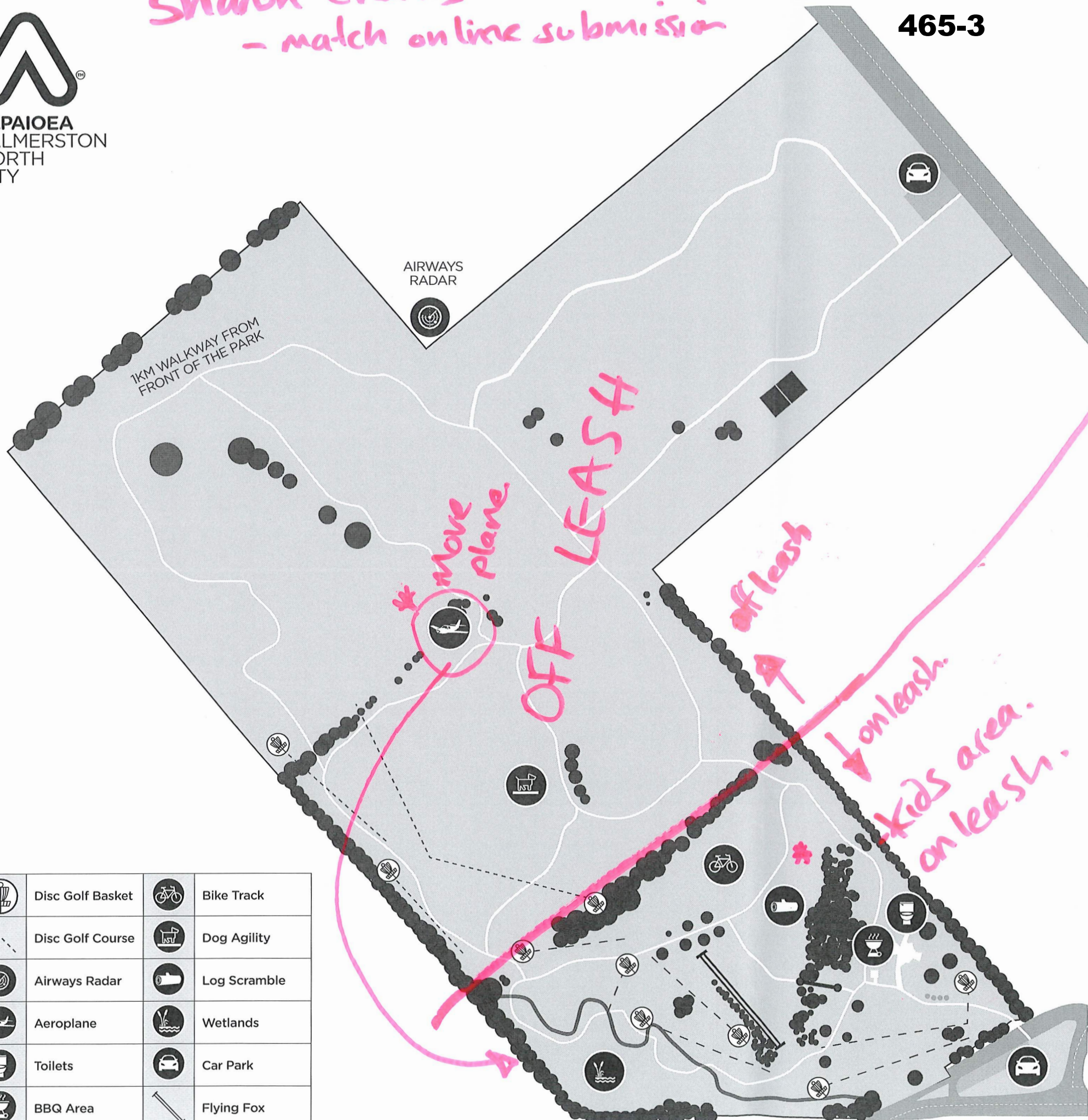
Council website

Family or friends



Linklater Reserve dog rule changes

Tell us what
you think



Move Plane to kid's area.
Have Off leash from tree line

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Jason
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Last name	Edwards
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Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Yes
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The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	<p>We walk to the park as we live nearby on Suzanne Gr so we enter in the Kelvin Gr gate. It would be a long way to walk before taking our dog off leash.</p> <p>I can understand on leash only in the front paddock as there is lots of activities for children and the bbqs but the middle paddock has nothing other than the plane for children so why should it be on leash?</p> <p>Seems like itl be a bit of a wasted space.</p> <p>Maybe move the plane to the front paddock? Would get a lot more use being near the other activities and maybe even less vandalised.</p>
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	<p>We use the park to walk our dog almost daily so feel strongly about my views.</p> <p>We also have young kids so can see from both points of view but i think on leash only just in the front paddock would by far make the most sense</p>
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Family or friends

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name Amanda

Last name Papworth

Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025? No

About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user? Yes

Are you a dog owner? Yes

You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local? Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local

The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

Linklater is a widely big park. I totally agree having the children's area being on lead, but instead of taking over half the park, why not move the plane to where the other children's activities are. It's already fenced, which will save council money & everyone is equally happy. Only the plane to move. Kids happy, parents happy dogs & owners happy & happy council as not expensive.
Please let dogs run free & be dogs with dogs.
There's so many parks for children to choose from so why take it from the dogs.
I use the park daily with my 3 dogs, seeing them run freely is amazing. Lots of ppl go there & I've only seen very few children playing in the area your wanting to take off the dogs. Please just move the plane over the fence & keep the play area together & let the dogs have a wider free run. Thank you for reading.

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

It's a fabulous park for for both equally..be fare guys

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

For my dogs & all the other dogs, people travel to go to Linklater park with their dogs, more than families do.

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

Council website

Radio

Family or friends

Other: People stop & chat while our dogs are playing together.

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Nicholas
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Last name	Ellery
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Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

By my estimate, I would guess that upward of 80% of people visiting Linklater Reserve are dog owners and this would easily add up to several hundred dogs and their families on both a Saturday and Sunday. These people mainly come here for two reasons: to walk their dog off leash and to allow their dogs to play and socialise with other dogs. This is fun for the dogs and families and also great for the health and behaviour of our pets. Most people seem to walk their dog in a loop around the indicated yellow area. In order to now make use of the off-leash area, dog walkers will have to double the length of the walk and this isn't easy for some people (elderly, young children), particularly noting that some areas of the off-leash area are quite steep. This will quite severely affect the ability for dog owners to give their pets the exercise, socialisation and the fun that they deserve. Additionally, all of the best attractions and features of the reserve are within the proposed on-leash area. The rest of the reserve is quite plain in comparison and it will lose much of its current appeal if altered

The proposal states that the majority of submission have been opposed to this course of action and so I struggle to see why the proposed option has been given as it seems to cater entirely to the small minority of people who are opposed and will ruin the experience for the majority of people who love the current setup. I've visited countless times and have never seen a dog act aggressively to a person in all that time and I suspect any stats on dog attacks at the park will reflect this. I don't think there are reasonable grounds to suggest that the current environment is unsafe for anyone.

Dog owners have only two dog parks to choose from in Palmy, and Linklater is clearly far better and more popular than Ahimate, which attracts substantially less dogs and people. People who aren't comfortable being in a shared space have many other options in Palmy and I believe there are about a half dozen parks/reserves within a kilometre of Linklater alone and all of the attractions of Linklater can be found in other parks around the city. Anyone raising an issue with the current setup is spoilt for choice and can easily experience what Linklater has to offer at many other great parks within the city.

I strongly believe the current setup should remain, but failing that, there are several other options that I think are far better and would work for all involved. Such as:

- Upgrade a nearby park such as the Kelvin Grove Park with facilities similar to Linklater.
- Fencing in a small area of the park to be on-leash or even dog-free e.g. the BBQs and playground only.
- Not allowing dangerous breeds of dogs to be off-leash at the park.
- Designated on-leash hours

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

At the consultation meeting, would you be able to provide some stats to add some numbers to this, including:
Number of submissions against the change
Number of submissions for the change
Number of dog attacks reported in the Reserve
An indication of how many people with dogs currently use the park on a given day

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I don't want to see my best friend's favourite place taken away from her.

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

Social media
Poster, sign or billboard

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Emilie
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Last name	Clark
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Postal address

Email

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Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	There are so many parks for people, and less and less for dogs. Please leave this for dogs.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I'm a dog owner and we travel across town to use linklater
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Cara
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Last name	Gates
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Postal address

Email

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Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

I understand the intention behind the change and in some ways, it does make sense if the data is there and being presented that there have been a large volume of dog attacks, however I have been using this dog park everyday for the last 5 years and have never experienced anything of the sort. I think the changes you are proposing are a waste of money. Instead of having restrictions for bad on the outcome of bad behaviour, spend some money on surveillance. The dog park works well how it is now. If you have dog attacks and bad behaviour (which I doubt it) pop up some cameras and fine and prosecute the people and owners. If there is to be an on leash area that does go ahead, what are the consequences of not abiding by these rules? I know I will not be and that will be the same for over 70% of the population who use this dog park everyday

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

If there is to be some controls, I would prefer to see cameras and surveillance and move the playground areas that I see being constantly damaged by CHILDREN and young adults. Leave the dogs and the dog community out of this. You're not listening to what the people want and only listening to a small group of individuals who have a small mindset and are being loud about opinions and not facts. I think that's disgusting. Boycotting of dog registration fees could be the consequence of restricting dogs in the Palmerston North area. I'd rather pay annually to use this dog park how it is then have it changed

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I am a user of this dog park every single day and have been for the last 5 years

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

Social media

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First name	Marcel
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Last name	MacDonald
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Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	This is one of the last off-leash areas in Palmerston North. You are proposing to take that away, and make the back half of the reserve off-leash, meaning that dogs that love to play in the water can no longer use that spot. The best thing to do would be to just fence off the playground. People who come to an OFF-LEASH dog park and then complain about dogs are strange. Do better Palmerston North, stop making me regret moving here.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Nothing else to say other than the idea is bad, and it doesn't surprise me that a council wants to take away from its people rather than help them.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I have a dog. I use the park. My dog likes to run off-leash and swim in the water.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name Doug

Last name Leipst

Postal address

Email

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Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025? No

About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user? Yes

Are you a dog owner? Yes

You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local? Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local

The proposed change

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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	This was created to be a dog off leash space and has been used as such and now the people want it changed, if you want a space without dogs off leash then go to the other 25+ parks and recreation spaces PNCC provides. Leave this park alone! I certainly won't be abiding by the rules if you do change it!
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Anger at precious crybabies.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media Family or friends

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Melissa
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Last name	Oakeley
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Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

The change doesn't make sense and significantly cuts down the amount of space that is off leash. The dog agility is in the leashed area so renders effectively unusable. That area is also used primarily by dog owners. The only time children are in that area is to walk to the plane which is within an off leash area under this proposal.

If the council does this it will significantly decrease the use of the park and then dog users will start questioning what their dog registration is paying for when then actual 'dog park' part of the reserve is significantly smaller. If the council isn't going to improve the entryway from the kelvin grove end (which would reduce instances of escaping), the off leash area should include the paddock with the dog agility. The boundary could be along the fenced treeline just beyond the bike pump track.

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

It seems like this proposal is made with the hope that dog owners will be willing to accept some area being made off leash. To be clear, my position and the position of all dog owners that I have spoken to, do not agree that any additional off leash areas should be added to the park. Improving the entryways would resolve the issues of dogs escaping

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

We frequently use linklater reserve but would likely not think it's worth travelling across town if this proposal goes ahead.

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

Family or friends

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	sylvia
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Last name	van weers
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Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Prefer not to say
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Are you a dog owner? <i>You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.</i>	Prefer not to say
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Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
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How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Family or friends
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Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name Shayla

Last name Wilson

Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025? No

About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user? Yes

Are you a dog owner? Yes

You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local? Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

There are already a limited number of places to take my dog off lead.
Although the public opposition to making this area on lead was already clear from the first round of consultation, we are now faced with another round of consultation on the same issue
Part of the area that is proposed to be on lead is the dog agility area ...
why would the agility area be on lead - that makes no logical sense

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

I would support fencing off the BBQ and childrens play area

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

The community wasn't listened to the first time

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?

(select as many as apply)

Social media

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name Donna

Last name Conley

Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025? No

About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user? Yes

Are you a dog owner? Yes

You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local? Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local

The proposed change

The Council is proposing to make the area of Linklater Reserve, from the carpark on Kelvin Grove Road up to the aeroplane, a dogs-on-leash

area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

This is the only off leash dog park in Palmerston North. I use the park twice a day as do many other dog owners. The area you are proposing will end all the swimming as all the areas the dogs swim and play in are in the on leash area. Palmerston North has over 300 parks and reserves that can be developed any way you like. Kelvin Grove has at least 3 other parks. Making it open for public submissions instead of the users of the park is the only way the council will get any support for this proposal.

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

I feel it's done deal and we are wasting our time cause the council doesn't listen to the users of the park!

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I live in hope that common sense prevail and the dog park is left as that an off leash dog park. We often meet up with people of the wider community who come to PN to bring their dogs we should be developing it into a wonderful experience for families and their dogs not limiting their experience so short sighted and what we have come to expect from the PN council

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

Poster, sign or billboard

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First name Katelyn

Last name Bielski

Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025? No

About yourself

Are you a dog owner? Yes

You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local? Yes

The proposed change

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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

Because this is one of few off lead areas to walk your dog, now the poor dogs will have even less space to run off lead. Using the walking trials this park takes 20-25 to walk around the perimeter which means that's the amount of time dogs have to run off lead will now be shortened. We have used Linklater for 12 years, pretty much everyday and never had any issues. You're taking away free space for dogs to enjoy themselves. Unless you're going to make a new off lead dog park, keep it the way it is. Everyone knows Linklater as a dog park so if people don't like dogs they can go elsewhere as there's lots of space and areas in palmy where dogs aren't allowed for dog haters to walk.

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

Councils always ruin everything for dogs and their freedom.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Because we use this dog park everyday!!!!!!

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

Social media

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Amy
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Last name	Sansom
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Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	<p>Linklater is the only safe space in the region to off leash and socialise dogs.</p> <p>Designating Linklater Reserve in Palmerston North as an on-leash area would significantly diminish its value as one of the city's premier off-leash dog exercise zones. Spanning over 25 hectares, the reserve offers a unique blend of amenities—including a dog agility course, extensive walking trails, and open grasslands—that cater specifically to off-leash activities, fostering both canine socialization and physical exercise .</p> <p>Introducing leash restrictions could undermine the very purpose of these facilities, limiting the freedom and interaction that dogs currently enjoy. While concerns about safety and dog control are valid, the existing infrastructure, such as clear signage, dog waste stations, and designated play areas, already promotes responsible pet ownership.</p> <p>Moreover, the community has demonstrated strong support for maintaining the reserve's off-leash status, emphasizing its role in enhancing the quality of life for both dogs and their owners. Altering this dynamic could not only reduce the recreational value of the park but also strain the relationship between dog owners and the broader community. It would undermine the education and training education efforts of the animal management team also.</p>
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	<p>I don't think it's fair to remove this off-leash resource from the dog owner community.</p> <p>This effort needs to be directed towards more resources and penalties for poor dog owners and dog attacks.</p>
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Council website

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Cam
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Last name	Horgan
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Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	Yes
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	No
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	The current proposed fence would heavily impact the current disc golf course. Disc golf is a thriving sport in manawatu and the park averages around 200 rounds a month (can provide data to support this) The proposed fence line would cut off our "hole 6" and cut off the "tee pad" of "hole 7"
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Manawatu Tararua Disc Golf has played amongst dog walkers for several years now. There have been a small amount of incidents with aggressive dogs, however the owners of these dogs may not adhere to the leashed area regardless meaning that the already trained dogs are the only ones being impacted
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Member of Manawatu Tararua Disc Golf club
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Council website

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First name	Margaret
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Last name	Warren
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Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Yes
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The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?	Yes, I support this change
Please tell us why.	I walk my small dog on leash in the park and feel very intimidated by unruly off leash dogs.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Great idea to make an on leash area and also keeping an area for those off leash dogs.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I enjoy walking in the park but not happy with all the off leash unruly dogs.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Council website Social media Family or friends Booklet in my mailbox

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First name	Gary
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Last name	Stutter
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Organisation you represent	N A
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If applicable. Please only answer this question if you are speaking on behalf of an organisation.

Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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The proposed change

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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

This is a fantastic and safe place to train my dog there is no place a dog can get outside from the fenced area, there's plenty of other parks in the area where people who don't like this dog free area can use and I guess that the small minority of people complaining, hardly ever use this wonderful dog reserve anyway.

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

Maybe signing at the entrance of this reserve giving information about the:- Memorial Park, Kelvin Grove Park, Coronation Park and even the Esplanade's (fantastic) Park.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I have owned three German Shepherds here in Palmerston North and all of them have used this Linklater Park and it's well known by most Palmerston North people as a dog park it's bigger by far than Animates Park and it's a shame on the people that a stupid enough to go into this park and then complain about the fact that dogs are running free with their owners, I mean come on!!!!

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

Family or friends

School, church or other community group or network, eg newsletter

Booklet in my mailbox

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First name	Joshua
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Last name	Rasmussen
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Postal address	
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Email	
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Phone	
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Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	Tyranny of the minority in full flow effect here. Overwhelming majority of park users both feel safe and do not cause problems with their dogs
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media

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First name Evy

Last name Millar

Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025? No

About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user? Yes

Are you a dog owner? Yes

You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local? Yes

The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	Because It is a dog park and the dogs should be able to be off-leash in all areas
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I shouldn't have to walk further out just so that my border collie can play
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Family or friends Booklet in my mailbox

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First name	Hollie-Jane
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Last name	Rowland
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Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	Absolutely nothing wrong with the set up as is!
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Do not change linklater Park! I
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I drive across town for my 3 dogs to enjoy linklater Park OFF LEASH. it's really that simple. Why change something that already works to keep a minute amount of people happy.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Scott
Last name	Jaggard
Postal address	
Email	
Phone	

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
Are you a dog owner? <i>You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.</i>	Yes
Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	I like to travel in to Palmy to use the Reserve

The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

We regularly travel to Linklater Reserve from Feilding to give our dogs a treat and play and meet other dogs in a friendly off-leash area close to home.

While I understand the concerns regarding off-leash dogs, I feel like this would be a very small minority to lose so much of the park too.

If the decision is made to go ahead with the fence, can we not fence off the BBQ/playground/flying fox areas where children are likely to play, leaving the larger green spaces which aren't typically used by young children to the dogs?

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

If the fence goes ahead, move it closer to the BMX/flying fox area, retaining the wetlands and agility areas, on top of the rest as off-leash areas.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I'm concerned that this well meaning reaction to feedback will greatly impact the majority users of the park.

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

Letter or email

Other: Signage on fence at Linklater Reserve

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Sean
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Last name	Wilson
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Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	I like to travel in to Palmy to use the Reserve
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The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	It should all remain off leash, there are other parks for dogs on leash where you don't need fencing
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	It's a waste of money and one of the very few areas where dogs are fully contained with fencing in the city
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media Family or friends

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Devon
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Last name	Purvis
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Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	I like to travel in to Palmy to use the Reserve
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The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	It should all remain off leash. There are other parks for dogs on leash and kids to play at. You don't need additional fencing. This is the most secure area in the Manawatu for off lead dog play and training.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	It's a stupid, inefficient, expensive idea.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Family or friends

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Courtney
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Last name	Marsden
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Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	There are so many more areas that people can walk their dogs on-lead but off leash areas are extremely limited so I think the few off leash areas we do have should be left alone
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I use this area regularly and enjoy it how it currently is
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Family or friends

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Tia
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Last name	Nelson
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Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	No
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Yes
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The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	I think it's a bit of a large space to have on lead. The dog activity area?? Like it makes no sense. I walk dogs for people in the community here often. I can understand the onlead area being the area where kids are more often such as from the bike track, the flying fox, playgrounds to the entrance. However I believe the rest including the dog course field to be off lead.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	If only the proposed area is off lead it'll lead to over crowding of dogs in that one area, the park can be easily full and over crowded as it is let alone having to stay in one area. My dogs I walk like to chase sticks and balls and I feel that won't work with just that proposed area
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	City councillor

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Eddie
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Last name	Easton
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Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	There are already so few large "off-leash" locations in Palmerston North while there are heaps of parks people can go to where dogs have to be on leash. Lets have at least one big space on that side of town where dogs can be off leash. The space is really well used by dog-owners.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I regularly enjoy walking my dog at Linklater Reserve - she loves being able to run ahead without a leash constraining her and there are lots of other dogs I can see there having the same positive experience.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Council website

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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Last name	Evans
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Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	Yes
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

It's not practical to have half a park on leash and half not. Who is going to patrol this area to ensure this happens. I can see vigilante patrols in force which could cause a whole lot of trouble.

There are many children's parks in PN where dogs are not allowed and I have always thought that this children's playground in the middle of a dog park is not practical unfortunately many dog owners do not pick up dog mess on or off the leash. This must be a nightmare for parents when they take their child to the park

Dogs are allowed off leash down the river however but they have to contend with bike riders who think they own the river path and think they are cycling in the Tour de France who do not slow down causing danger to all concerned and there is no patrol of this by the council.

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

Who is going to pay for these costly changes is it the rate payers of Kelvin grove (who want the change) or is it the whole of Palmerston North rate payers . Dog owners also pay dog registration on top of their rates so apart from dog control what does this actually pay for.

My suggestion

Why not completely separate the children's area with the entrance being where it is now and the rest of the area enabling dogs to wander at their leisure in relative safety either on or off the lead at the owners discretion.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Waste of time,money and could cause more trouble because of lack of regular patrol by dog rangers.

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

Council website

Social media

Newspaper

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Sally
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Last name	Phillips
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Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Please tell us why.

These results were posted in the Facebook page today. 67% did not want change. Only 25% wanted change - and this would have included a lot of residents of Kelvin Grove who would have been lobbied by their neighbours to respond.

Why have you ignored the overwhelming NO vote - to now go ahead to propose changes? What is the purpose of asking for feedback, only to ignore it?

Wanted changes: 285 (25%)

Did not want changes: 744 (67%)

Uncertain of change or it would depend on the type of change: 87 (8%)

For the Facebook poll of 1,613 votes:

Wanted changes: 44%

Did not want changes: 56%

The Kelvin Grove Community Association's petition requesting a change was signed by 64 people. -Kim

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

Your results that you have posted - show that your "consultation process" is a scam. Shame on you PNCC.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Because Council is pretending to be democratic and running a shameful process.

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
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Social media

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Kelsey
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Last name	van Waas
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Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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The proposed change

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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

The proposed on lead area is far too big. It would be better to keep the agility area and even the bridge over the stream off lead to save moving the agility equipment, but also provide a bigger area for the off lead dogs to run. Our dog (and ive noticed many other dogs too) loves to play in the stream by the bridge so to have this part included in the on lead area would be a shame.

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

On lead should be just where the 'human' play areas are etc playground, bmx track etc and the rest should be off lead. This is the best off lead dog park we have found (and we have travelled alot of the country with our dog!) so it will be a real shame to see it downsized too much

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

This park is always popular and Palmy has a lot of dogs! It is the best place for (friendly) dogs to go for a good run

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

Social media

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First name	Terry
Last name	Macpherson
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Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025? No

About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
Are you a dog owner? <i>You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.</i>	Yes
Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local

The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

While I support the idea of clearly and physically defining the off-leash dog area, I do not support the area proposed in the supplied diagram. The proposal ignores the most obvious natural and physical break that already exists and the investment already made by ratepayers in the dog agility area and other improvements. The line of trees and fencing just to the west of the bike pump track is the most obvious and financially prudent line to divide the park in terms of on-leash and off-leash areas. There is existing fencing (albeit in need of some repair) and trees, that form a natural barrier that, in comparison the proposed break, will be far cheaper for the council and consequently ratepayers, to create a defined divide between two primary use areas in the park. Also, the council, and ratepayers, have already upgraded the pathways and the dog agility area that the proposal will then be in the on-leash area. This will either make the agility area impractical and of no-value, or require the council to spend more money to relocate it to within the new on-leash area. Therefore, the proposal ignores the existing natural break and either the wastage of previous investments, and/or the need for further investments to move the dog agility area. The most obvious and financially prudent solution is to move the break for the two primary use areas to the line of trees and fencing just to the west of the bike pump track.

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

The rationale for the change should be far clearer than communicated. It is fair to assume that when the original park was designed and the areas designated that it was carefully considered. It is not clear what has since changed to make those original considerations invalid. Furthermore, there is no clear reasoning for the proposed break point between what will be the on-leash and off-leash areas. In fact, what is proposed appears completely counterintuitive and therefore should be even more clearly explained in the proposal. Those issues aside, there is a clearly an alternative to anyone who goes to the park and looks at the area and what is being proposed.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

An obviously flawed and low-quality proposal with little to no justification and reasoning provided that will add unnecessary cost to ratepayers - when compared to the alternative I have suggested in my submission above.

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

Social media
Poster, sign or billboard

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Dan
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Last name	McInnes
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Postal address

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Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	The amount of times I have used this park and seen people who are not dog walkers from North of the bbq area and from the water areas at the. Bottom left is minimal by far the people who use the area are dog walkers and dogs off a leash. By doing this the park will become obsolete and not used by many people.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Why waste money on this
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	The stupidity of the proposal.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media

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First name	Dean
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Last name	Aldews
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Postal address

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Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	started off as a dog park, now so many activities for children and other activities have been added - dog walkers get pushed out. Off leash area is too large should just be where the bbq / play area is.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Paula
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Last name	Edmond
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Postal address

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Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

We enjoy the chance to be leash free in a pet friendly environment.

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

Paula Edmond

Dear Stacey Solomon, Policy Analyst
Re: Request to Keep Linklater Reserve Leash-Free for Dogs
I am writing to express my support for maintaining Linklater Reserve as a leash-free area for dogs. As a local resident and dog owner, I believe that this space is invaluable to our community for several reasons. Firstly, Linklater Reserve is one of the few areas where dogs can enjoy the agility course. This course provides essential physical and mental stimulation for our pets, which they cannot fully experience while on a leash. The agility course promotes healthy exercise and socialization among dogs, contributing to their overall well-being. Secondly, our community is fortunate to have numerous parks and playgrounds specifically designed for children. These facilities are well-distributed throughout the area, ensuring that families have ample options for safe and enjoyable recreation. Consequently, there is no pressing need to convert Linklater Reserve into another child-focused park, especially when it serves a unique and important purpose for dog owners.
Moreover, a leash-free environment at Linklater Reserve fosters a sense of community among dog owners. It provides a space where we can gather, share experiences, and support one another in responsible pet ownership. This social aspect is beneficial not only for the dogs but also for their owners, promoting a stronger, more connected community. There are many other places that you can walk your dog on the leash if you wish.
In conclusion, I urge the council to consider the significant benefits that a leash-free Linklater Reserve offers to both dogs and their owners. Maintaining this space as it is will continue to enhance the quality of life for many residents and their pets.
Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your positive response.
Yours sincerely,
Paula Edmond
Ratepayer and Large Dog owner

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I fee strongly that the park remain leash free, there are many other areas and parks in town for pets on leashes and children to play

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

Council website

Social media

Family or friends

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Leslie
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Last name	Baker
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Postal address

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Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	Yes
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

Linklater park is a DOG park. NOT a general park. I have been coming to Linklater Park for the past 14 years. It is the only fully off leash dog park in Palmerston North that I'm aware of. During this time I had never had or seen any issues with the park as it currently stands. I have noticed that the council has steadily changed the park in order to corporate different functions (Flying fox, disc golf etc). People need to remember that Linklater is first and foremost a DOG park and take that into account before they decide to go there. If they don't like dogs there are several other general parks close to Linklater, not including the selection of excellent parks throughout Palmerston North that they could go to.

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

How is the council going to enforce this new "no lease" area? Employ wardens to check the park, and every other park in the city? I doubt it. So how will it be enforced??How much are these changes going to cost? And will the park have to be closed while these changes are made? If so for how long? Money I'm sure can be diverted to better areas. Road maintenance springs to mind.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

The inability of people to remember the needs of the few DO NOT outweigh the needs of the many. I understand there have been a number of complaints IRT the behaviour of a few dogs, generally by people who either a. Don't like dogs. b. Forget that Linklater is a dog park and surprise surprise dogs will be there. You can't legislate to stop stupidity.

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

Letter or email

Family or friends

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Petrina
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Last name	Denton
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Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	I like to travel in to Palmy to use the Reserve
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The proposed change

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area. The rest of the reserve will remain an off-leash exercise area for dogs.

Do you support this change?	Yes, I support this change
Please tell us why.	Children need to feel safe with play. No matter how much training we have put into our dog they can never be trusted to not go crazy. I trust my dog implicitly but watch her around Children and old people as you never know how they are going to behave
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	You have given a great option to parents. The children can play safe in their area and have the choice to go past the plane if they choose
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Being a responsible dog owner
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Lance
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Last name	Burns
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Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025?	No
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About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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The proposed change

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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

There are plenty of children's playgrounds in the area, but from what I understand, this is one of the few fenced off-leash areas available for dogs. Reducing the size of this space would limit opportunities for responsible dog owners to allow their dogs to exercise and enjoy some freedom.

Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.

I do understand the concerns some people have about off-leash dogs near the playground—particularly when it comes to larger or poorly behaved dogs—and I agree with some of those points. While I don't fully support the proposed changes, I'd be open to a compromise.

My suggestion would be to designate a larger section as an off-leash area, specifically the area north of the playground and flying fox, along the existing tree/fence line. This would still provide a generous space for children to play while in the on-leash area, while maintaining a reasonable off-leash area for dogs. Additionally, this approach would avoid the need to relocate the dog agility equipment and would only require the plane to be moved into the new on-leash zone if desired.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Before we had a dog, we visited the reserve many times with our kids and never had a negative experience involving dogs. Now, as dog owners, we continue to visit regularly to give our dog the chance to run and exercise off-leash. The proposed reduction to the off-leash area would significantly and unnecessarily limit that opportunity, which is why I felt it was important to provide feedback.

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
(select as many as apply)

Poster, sign or billboard