

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Lisa
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Last name	Wild
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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? <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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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 write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	I think from the bike track back to road leashed but after that unleashed. Most dog owners are good there, it's only the odd person who is not responsible. Don't punish dog owners just because 1 mother packs a shit.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I see both sides to the story but need to be fair for both parties
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	Shane
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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.	This is the only beautiful park where my girl can really stretch her legs , the only bad encounters I've had are from people who scream at my dog then proceed to tell me "I'm scared of dogs" why come to a dog park it's my favorite park one of the reasons I chose to stay in palmerston north and not relocate however the minority seems to take precedence over the majority yet again.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	The majority of feedback I have seen online is against changing this , there is no other large off lead open space like this, create a poll and get an actual picture of how many people are against this change, you want to up rates yet you don't listen to the people who vote you in just like the disaster cycle lanes.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Because I use Linklater daily and I'm tired of the council making decisions for the minority over the majority if your scared of dogs don't come to Linklater, please it's the only place my dog can feel safe and get decent exercise
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	Linda
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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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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.	Like the boundary closer to children's playground, where there is already a fence.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Possible move the plane closer to the playground. Only registered dogs, showing their tags, should be using the area.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Use the park, want to see steps made to make it safe for all, but not lose the off leash fun our dog has.
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	Judith
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Last name	Garrett
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Hearing

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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?

Not sure

Please tell us why.

I note that the dog agility is within the proposed on leash area . I'm not sure then how this will work. Will the agility are be moved to off leash area?

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

I don't have an issue with making part of the park on leash per se , however looking at the diagram seems to be over half the park. Most families seem to use the front part (nearest gates) so wondering whether the on leash are could just be to the stand of trees

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Use Linklater Park regularly to exercise my dog off leash

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	Sarah
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Last name	Riddy
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Hearing

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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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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>This is the only safe off leash area for dogs in the region. The river tracks are made unsafe for both kids and dogs by cyclist. So this leaves only one place where I can take both my dog and kids safely for a run around. We have a lot of playgrounds for kids dogs can't go to and a number of parks and walking tracks they also can't go to for adults who are also scared of dogs.</p> <p>People who wish to walk on a lead can do so. It sounds like a few are going to ruin it for everyone else who have used the park well.</p>
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I feel this is unfair and a waste of money.
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	Caitlin
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Last name	Law
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Hearing

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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.

I think the way it is at the moment is an exceptional option for dogs and their owners/handlers, given we have no other offleash parks designed for dogs.

If anything, I believe the children's park, picnic area and BMX track should be fenced off to help keep the kids and off leash dogs separate. I, along with my friends, use the linklater reserve for excersising and playing and training with our dogs and the waterhole/river area is also a good spot for our dogs to play and cool down.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

The fact that a specified area designed for dogs could be stripped from us cause of ignorance people.

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

(select as many as apply)

Social media

Radio

Family or friends

Digital advertising, eg an advert on TVNZ+, Stuff, MetService etc

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First name	Merete
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Last name	Hipp
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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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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	Why not just use the current fence, that used to be the boundary of the reserve? That leaves all the child friendly space as an area where dogs have to be on the leash. Yes, it would require a small upgrade and some gates, but it would not require a brand new fence. Your new suggestion makes the free run space for our dogs so small!
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	If the children need access to the plane, then move it to the play area by the swing bridge.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Walking my dog up there almost every day and seeing how he enjoys running free, I realised that this proposal took far too much of the off leash area away from dog owners.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media Poster, sign or billboard

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First name	Wayne
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Last name	Sinclair-Black
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Postal address

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Phone

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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.	It's nice to have a big open space for dogs off leash. By making it half the size doesn't give enough room for dogs to have there own space when it's busy.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I don't want the park to change
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	Cayleigh
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Last name	Carter
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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.

I believe that the back half of the section is the most uninspirational part of the park, the dogs love the wetland area and the swing bridge and the big grassy hill at the start.

As a mother of two and a dog owner i find it very handy that my little ones can play on the playground equipment while i sit and watch my dog run and play with others and get the excersize she needs. In this new proposal i wont beable to do this.

I will have to stand for half an hour to an hour holding my dog on lead while i watch my kids play, then drag my tired children to the boring grass area for them to watch the dog run around, which i can assure you will drastically cut down my dogs excercise time as the kids will want to leave in 10 mins of just watching the dog run round.

I cant be in two places at once.... this was why linklatter was such a brilliant and unique park, this is why i would travel 35 mins to get there, cause no other park offers this flexibility for families with dogs.

If people are anxious about dogs off lead, they can go to ANY other park, memorial, papioea park, the esplanade just to name a few.... families with dogs however have very limited options. Please dont take away these options! Or reduce them so its inconveinient to take your dog there.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Im passionate about 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 Sharon

Last name Sandgathe

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

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.

There are many places in Palmerston North where dogs can be walked on lead. There are great playgrounds for children, such as at Memorial Park. Linklater Reserve is so obviously the best place for dogs that my son and I drive regularly from Ashhurst for the opportunity to let our dog run and get some good off-lead exercise.

Our dog is a "hand-me down" dog; he was already adult and had anxious behaviours when we got him. It was hard for him to be around other dogs for a little while. Through socialisation at Linklater Park, he is now better behaved everywhere, on- and off-leash.

On rare occasions I see dog owners who are nervous at Linklater. I remember being nervous there when I first had my dog.

There are lots and lots of places to take dogs on leash if people need to be controlling of their dog and other humans and other dogs. Loads. Everywhere.

We need more fully fenced dog parks that are really good for exercising dogs together, not fewer.

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

People who are controlling complain loudly.

As an example, I am part of the group that developed the community orchard in Ashhurst. This is loved by many, however, council responds to complaints and the volunteering of many people and the enthusiasm of many people was often in conflict with a very few loud complainers. I burnt out and I now leave it to others who are less affected by this sort of social friction.

Thank you for taking consultation instead of just jumping straight to listening to the front desk complainers over all others.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

This park matters greatly to me, my son, and his dog. It's a really important part of our life. It's a way that my son and I bond with one another, and our dog is so much better behaved than we got him as an anxious adult. He had to learn to be with other dogs and it took a little time. We never have problems. Every six months or so I see someone who is unhappy with the dynamic there. We and others work to keep our dogs separate in such cases.

There are so few places we can go. It's not just about the dog: it's about the dynamic with the family. Please leave the park as it is.

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

Newspaper

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First name	Amanda
Last name	Hoedemaeckers
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
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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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	There is plenty of on-leash areas to go. This is the only big fenced off leash area
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I use this space regularly with my dog and never had issues
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	Vicki
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Last name	Yesberg
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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.	There are very few off leash areas for dogs in Palmerston North. This park is fabulous with enough space for dogs to have a good run around and socialise with other dogs. I don't favour any changes to the current setup, any changes would also need to be fenced off to be enforced. It's a shame a minority can influence such a change when they could go elsewhere to exercise their dogs.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	We want an off leash area for our dog to exercise and socialise
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Newspaper

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First name	Ali
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Last name	bigwood
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Postal address	
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Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

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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.	I don't believe the o leash area should include the dog agility area, it defeats the use of that equipment, the treelike near the Nike track should be where the off leash begins, that's how 80% dog walkers use it already
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Disappointed on the new map off onleash
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Digital advertising, eg an advert on TVNZ+, Stuff, MetService etc

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First name	Dion
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Last name	Fletcher
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Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

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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 doesn't make sense to have the dog agility area as on leash, perhaps having dog fencing on the treeline next to the bike track and off leash beyond would be an option. Also consider moving the plane into the area near the other play zones to avoid conflict with dogs. If the plan goes ahead please consider moving the dog agility zone into the offense areas.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I regularly use Linklater with my dogs and kids.
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 Diane

Last name Gallie

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

About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user? Yes

Are you a dog owner? Yes

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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.

The area propose is too big and it includes the dog agility area. Will that be moved? I understand including the playground area in this proposal, but the current proposed area should be halved and not include the airplane or dog agility area.

Also, will there be other options for good running spaces for dogs offered instead. Since, there are plenty of save playgrounds in the Kelvin Grove area, but nothing fully fenced/enclosed suitable for dogs.

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

While I appreciate the need for people to feel save, there are plenty of other options for humans to avoid the reserve. However, dog owners will have less options which in turn may reduce compliance to the new rules and cause even more resentment towards each other.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I feel the whole proposal is unfair, I go there regularly with my dog (traveling from the other side of Palmy) and have never encountered problematic dogs/owners. This is a personal accountability thing and more rules are not going to solve the problem. If I feel unsafe somewhere, I avoid the area, instead of forcing everyone else around me to change for my benefit.

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

Newspaper

Family or friends

Poster, sign or billboard

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Harrison
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Last name	Senior
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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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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

This park was set-up as a dog park from day 1. There are a considerable number of other parks/playgrounds in the immediate area (Celaeno, Kelvin Grove, Parnell Heights Reserve etc) as well as considerable playgrounds/parks in the community as a whole, all accommodating families and children in a dog-free environment. By adding on-lead restrictions it defeats the initial purpose of this park. My family regularly use the park with our daughters and dogs and have never had any issues with off-lead dogs.

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

The above proposal does not seem well thought out. We have young children who like to play with our dogs and the most usable area for this is the initial entrance off Tremaine Avenue (largely due to the age of our children and the distance to travel to the back area). It is also the area that is maintained to the highest standard (i.e. most appropriate from a health and safety point of view for both our children and dogs). Further your proposal has the dog agility course in an on-lead area, which is absolutely ridiculous.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

The lack of critical thinking that has gone into this proposal, along with the councils submissive approach to a clear minority of park users without proper consideration for the greater community as a whole.

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	Tania
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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.	This is the only park where dogs can be off leash. It should remain off leash for the whole park. People who don't like dogs should go somewhere else, they have plenty of parks to choose.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	You have already done a submission on the park and when the majority said leave it as is, you didn't like it so are trying again. The majority have already spoken abide by it.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I'm sick of the council manipulating to get the result they want. I use this park and want it to stay as 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	Angela
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Last name	Reynolds
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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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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

Linklater Reserve is a wonderful resource for dog owners and Palmerston North.
People travel to the Reserve especially because it is wholly off leash. I travel across town ONLY because it is a wholly off leash park as do many other owners I have talked to.
The off leash area you are proposing is also the most desolate, wind swept area of the park. And quite frankly why would anyone travel there with their dog to use it?
The majority of the park users are dog walkers!
There are plenty of parks available around town including Kelvin Grove that people can use to exercise. And sports grounds of course do not permit dogs.
There is only one Linklater Reserve that let's people have their dogs off leash in the whole park.
Keep it as an attraction for the city rather than destroy it to keep a few happy.
You could off course fence the children's playground and the flying fox in the middle of the park there if you must, but otherwise leave it as it is, off leash everywhere.

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

I think it is disgusting that you put out for submission regarding Linklater Reserve again, because you didn't get the result you wanted you the first time.
Where is the democracy in that?
If you do go ahead with your proposal, would a petition of 64 signatures be enough to start a submission round to bring it back to wholly off leash?
Why did you even bother with a submission round last time if you had no intention of honoring a result you didn't want?

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Because you ignored the overwhelming majority who supported keeping Linklater Reserve as wholly off leash in the last submission on Linklater reserve.

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

Digital advertising, eg an advert on TVNZ+, Stuff, MetService etc

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First name	Mackenzie
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Last name	Brabant
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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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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	I don't think a few instances of poorly controlled dogs should ruin it for all the others who keep their dogs under control while off leash. Alot of people use this area for their dogs as it's one of the biggest off leash areas in palmy. There are plenty of other areas around palmy where dogs are either on leash or no dogs are allowed where people can go to playgrounds, picnics.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I feel strongly on this as I have my own dog and we alongside many others frequent here often.
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	John
Last name	Hornblow
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
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?	Yes, I support this change
Please tell us why.	We have regularly used the reserve over a number of years, but are using it less because of the reasons the changes are being made. While I wish this change did not need to happen, I support it. Some owners of big dogs do not control them, intimidating other dogs and users. I have personally experienced this. The area is probably right as it is the area from the trees to the aeroplane where most of the offending occurs. And there is the usual question: how will this be enforced? Signage needs to be large and clear.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Because I am a user, but do not use it as much now because of the behaviour of some dog owners and their dogs.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Other: I picked up a flyer in the Council building

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Andrew
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Last name	Moore
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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?	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 is one of the only large spaces to allow off leash area's for dogs. literally the rest of Palmerston North is an on leash area (Streets, Other Parks etc.) this does not need to be expanded, people and dogs don't need more on leash areas.

Linklater was established as a dog park first and foremost and should be a dog park first and foremost.

If this change goes through all it is going to result in is increased altercations between public but more worryingly between public and council staff for the people who will not adhere to the rule change (Which is a health and safety risk to staff that should be assessed with this change).

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

This entire proposal seems like a waste of rate payers money when you look logically and the availability of on leash vs off leash areas in Palmerston North. I can only imagine a vocal minority or a council staff member have advocated for this change originally.

Possibly a better use of resources would be educating dog owners on responsibilities of dogs being off leash as trained dogs and responsible owners don't seem to have an issue.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

This is the one large extended space dogs can enjoy in the city and it would be a shame that a vocal minority ruin what is a good thing for the majority of dog owners.

I also don't like to see rate payers money wasted which this seems like a major waste of money trying to fix something that isn't broken

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

Poster, sign or billboard

Other: At the park

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Evan
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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?	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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Do you support this change?	Yes, I support this change
Please tell us why.	Safer
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Other: From Stuff news on my phone

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First name	Gregory and Judith
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Last name	Findon
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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?	Yes, I support this change
Please tell us why.	We have grand children that are not comfortable with or around dogs and would enjoy the park more if dogs were on a leash.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Booklet in my mailbox

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name Ainsley

Last name Sands

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 dog park and as such is enjoyed by so many dog owners. Its really quite different to anywhere else in Palmy and I walk alot. The people and dogs are so friendly and everyone loves it there.

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

If necessary, Perhaps if up to the swing bridge area was on lead and then on the other side of swing bridge off lead.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Because it really is such a unique place and enjoyed by so many as it stands now. PNCC are effectively proposing to close off 2/3 of the dog park including the section in which the dog agility area is. Also if you were to fence the dog agility area off then you would need to spend more money & it would require more upkeep, all for an unnecessary change. And while I acknowledge there are children play areas in the reserve, there are only 2 dedicated dog areas in Palmy and over 50 playgrounds.

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	Josh
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Last name	Johnson
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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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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 support the change to making some of the reserve on leash...but feel this particular proposal goes too far.

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

I feel this extent of on leash area is too vast, my opinion is fencing properly where there already is one - to the north east of the bike track- would serve to give non dog owners access to a large section of reserve but also give generous off leash area to all the responsible dog owners.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I use the reserve regularly for disc golf and have had predominantly positive/neutral experiences with dogs and their owners....the most frustrating thing I find with the level of off leash is the vast quantity and extensive spread of dog poo left everywhere. This has gotten significantly worse in the last 12/24 months.

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

Social media

Family or friends

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First name	Lauren
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Last name	Fleet
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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>If a dog is going to be a problem then you can't determine where they will be a problem. If they are 1 metre out of the area and off the lead then how do you police this!! Any dogs that are a problem shouldn't be there at all!!</p> <p>Also if you make this area an on the lead then we can't use the agility course</p>
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	<p>Council website</p> <p>Social media</p> <p>Family or friends</p>

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First name	Nichola
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Last name	Mackay
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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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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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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 plenty of other places that are no dogs or dogs on leash up already use. This park is such an amazing place for dogs to exercise and socialize.

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

If this was to go ahead, why does the on leash area need to be so large, could it not be the area from Kelvin grove rd, to the fence that is already existing behind the bike track pretty much where the original reserve used to end years ago, then have the rest of the area off leash. That would still give a big area for people who dont like off leash dogs.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

We love taking our super social, very well behaved dog here, its such a great place, and dogs need large areas to run and exercise and socialize, and it would be such a shame to have this area reduced by such a big area.

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

Social media

Radio

Poster, sign or billboard

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First name	Sam
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Last name	Southcombe
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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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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

This is one of only a handful of places dogs can exercise off leash. It is hard to do dog agility with dogs on leads when handler has mobility issues. If going to fence at all make it by tree line to keep children play area separate.

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

People who wish to walk dogs on leads ca do this anywhere. Most dogs running free are well behaved and socialise well together.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

The area was donated so dogs had a great exercise area why not keep it status quo.

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	Isobel
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Last name	Black
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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

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.	There are plenty of on leashed parks around and very few off leash.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I love linklater for my dog.having a safe space to let her off is important. She can run and play with others to socialize and get exercise
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	Sarah
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Last name	Pain
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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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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.	The proposed leashed areas are around the playgrounds and bbq area. For public safety and for the dogs safety, being leashed in these areas is a great idea.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Booklet in my mailbox

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Jason
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Last name	Reti
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Postal address

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Phone

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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?	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 write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Good idea, but what does that mean for the dog agility area. As this falls in the leashed area which isn't practical. Will this be moved to the unleashed area?
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Questions around the dog agility area and whether this has been taken into account. With moving to unleashed area
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Booklet in my mailbox

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First name	Maret
Last name	Sinclair
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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? <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.	I agree that there should be an area where dogs should be on a leash, but not the proposed area. The area should be from the front gate upto the back of the bike track. In this area many people and dogs congregate. You already have a fence line there that could be utilised, rather than spending more money to create another one. If you are a good dog owner you would leash your dog in the unleashed area if you thought it was a concern to others or dogs. Or you can walk a different way to avoid others, as there is plenty of space.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	See above
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Because this facility is great and I feel safer there for my and my dog, than walking down by the river when people tend to not have their dogs on leashes.
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	Juliane
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Last name	Biet
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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?	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.

The area proposed to too big. I understand on leash around the playground, but the on leash area should stop at the first line of trees just behind the mountain bike tracks. So half of the currently proposed area should be sufficient, if this is necessary at all.

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

I regularly use the reserve and I take my children there. Never had issues or felt unsafe because of dogs. If that were the case, I would go elsewhere and not let my children play there. It seems unfair to me to make the conscious decision to use a dog-friendly park and then complain about the dogs there. Kelvin Grove has plenty of other beautiful reserves and playgrounds as an alternative.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

There are not many fully fence, dog-friendly parks/reserves around. So let them have their park to really let their dogs run. Moreover, the issues arise from irresponsible owners, not bad dogs. Educate people, not impose more rules that will make people resent each other more.

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

Letter or email

Family or friends

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First name	Melissa
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Last name	Chanyi
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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.	There are so many trails and spaces for people. This is a perfect spot for dogs to run and explore. There are less spaces for dogs and nothing this size. Fully support leaving the full park off leash as it is.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Really do not want to lose this space for 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	Caroline
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Last name	Gordon
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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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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.	<p>I think this a good way to split the park I am able to use the other car park and walk my dog off leash. She needs this area it is of great value for dog owners like myself.</p> <p>I do feel that dog safety education is needed as people need to be aware of how to behave around dogs to keep themselves safe.</p>
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	<p>Council website</p> <p>Social media</p>

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First name	Judy
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Last name	Weller
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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.	It's great to have a great place for unleashed dogs . It's very disappointing this council does not listen to the majority. I worry for the elderly who use Linklater and love letting the dogs have freedom .overall there is more dog attacks else where savage park has a huge problem .maybe some education to children who race up to dogs screaming or maybe they need leaches. I have no problem if the playground is on leach. In all the years ove been going to Linklater I've rarely seen parents with just kids. I'm really hoping this council listen to the majority and not a few people who seem to have a big influence on this council .
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Hoping the council will listen to the majority .
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media Family or friends Poster, sign or billboard

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First name	David
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Last name	Middleditch
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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.	Linklater Reserve is the only place we can exercise our dog, off lead, without having to be concerned about people speeding along on their bikes. There are so many places to walk a dog on the lead already. Please do not restrict people that want to exercise their dog freely.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	It is so important to our family.
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	Nikki
Last name	Middleditch
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?	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.	This is the only fenced, secure, traffic-free (bikes, scooters) dog park. Because of shared paths, all other dog spaces are mainly on-lead for the safety of all: dogs, cyclists, scooters etc. There are vast options for pedestrians and dog-walkers to enjoy outdoor spaces where dogs are mainly on-leash. Given it is the only secure reserve with no bikes or scooters, please leave this as off leash. Responsible dog owners whose dogs must remain on-leash may choose other spaces.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	It is the only off-leash space for dogs without the risk to bikes, scooters and the dogs themselves. I use this reserve as a responsible dog owner between 4-6 times per week.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Family or friends Poster, sign or billboard

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Margaret
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Last name	Rasmussen
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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?	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?	Yes, I support this change
Please tell us why.	Linklater is a large reserve and has plenty of room for both dog owners and non dog owners to enjoy a substantial area. It is one of the few areas where walkers can enjoy elevated views of the city and the ranges. We are in our eighties, really enjoy the reserve, but have stopped using it after hearing of people experiencing out-of-control dogs. It is far too valuable to be used only by dog walkers.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	The proposed changes provide for both dog owners and other visitors to enjoy a beautiful area without the worry of encountering aggressive dogs.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	We are very disappointed to feel unsafe to use the reserve as it was a favourite place to walk.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Newspaper

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First name	Tim
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Last name	Spiers
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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?	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 unleashed space is far too small, not enough parking that end of Robert's line. This is a dog park. Were dogs can run. There are plenty of spaces in the Manawatu for people to "walk" their dogs not at a dog park

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

It makes sense if you want to have a "safe" space for kids to play to use the exsisting fence line at the top of the hill. Don't move the agility course. Don't waste more money moving or having to hike dog regos for this. Use the fence line that's already there! Then kids have a good place to play with dogs on leads and then we still have a huge flat area to have our dogs run. Or better not, don't make it leashed at all. People have so much in the Manawatu compared to other cities. We have plenty of areas to walk your dog safely

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I use this park all the time and I won't be using it if this goes ahead. Another stupid council decision. Based on people taking dogs to a park that they shouldn't because their dogs don't like other dogs. It's just as stupid as Featherston street.

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	Wendy
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Last name	Fletcher
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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?	No
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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?	Yes, I support this change
Please tell us why.	I support this change as Linklater Reserve is the only park in Palmerston North I haven,t visited as I am afraid of dogs off leash as have had some bad experiences with dogs who are not obedient to their owners or owners who don't care. I,m not even very happy with dogs who run in front of my bike when I am out cycling.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I would very much like to visit Linklater reserve and also take my grandchildren there.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Newspaper

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First name	Logan
Last name	Clarricoats
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? <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.	Too much space that is leashed only
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Perhaps have the fenced in area ending at the tree/bush line that the bridge goes over, from the carpark area.
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 Amy

Last name Quartley

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?	Yes, I support this change
Please tell us why.	I have no issues with Dogs off leash but I do know they can be a bit of nuisance in the bbq area and a bit dangerous around the bike track. It would be good to keep them on leash in that area and by the playground. I know quite a few kids who are scared of dogs.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	The agility area should be kept off leash as well, my suggestion would be to reduce the proposed on leash area by half to the first line of trees behind the bike track.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	The opportunity to have my say and contribute to our community
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	Rhonda
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Last name	Fraser
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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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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 think it's a good idea to have an on lead area where people can walk dogs and not be worried about being harassed by other dogs that are not being controlled. This is a good compromise with some on lead and some off lead areas
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I'm a local resident and see the park being well used which is great but also hear about owners of large uncontrolled dogs being irresponsible
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Booklet in my mailbox

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First name	Martin
Last name	Elms
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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
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?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	I use the park regularly and apart from school holidays majority of users have dogs and they are off leash. In using the park for 6 years I haven't experienced any issues with my off leash dog or any other off leash dog. Infact on a number of occasions we have been able to use our dog to help a child overcome 'dog' anxiety.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Given where the dog agility area is I think any fence separating on leash and off leash should be just above bike track. That gives plenty of 'safe' space for families and those who don't like being around off leash dogs.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I am concerned that a smaller group of people are endeavoring to impose their wishes on a larger group of users of the park.
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	Sheila
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Last name	Baddeley
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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?	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.	I would like to see the agility area leash free dogs can't do agility on leash. I use this reserve often and have never seen any problems with people or dogs off leash.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I and my dog enjoy the length and freedom of how it is now.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media Poster, sign or billboard Digital advertising, eg an advert on TVNZ+, Stuff, MetService etc

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First name	Bruce and Elizabeth
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Last name	Maden
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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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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.	It seems to be a fair compromise between dog users and those who walk in the Park. It also makes it safer for those somewhat frightened of dogs
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	A good compromise between competing user types.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	My wife and I enjoy walking in the Park
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Booklet in my mailbox

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First name	Mikaela
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Last name	Bouwmeester
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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.	This is one of the only spaces you can walk your dog off lead. I am already anxious as our dog doesn't react well to bicycles, but for example there is opportunity for bicycles to use the river and main streets without worry.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	I think it is absurd looking at the numbers that you are looking for further consultation on a subject you have received feedback AGAINST. We are rate payers and dog resistration payers with less and less (if any place) left to take our dog who is the way he is. Hell. We are against discrimination against humans but the second you have a dog who is better behaved off lead than on all hell breaks loose.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	My absolute opposition to making a DOG PARK on lead.
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



Submitted on	6 July 2025, 7:38AM
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First name	Barbara
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Last name	Little
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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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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

On leash walking can be done in many places including the sidewalks. when I have visited Linklater reserve with my dogs it has been for the benefit off leash.

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

Could you build an enclosure with a 1/4 or less of the park dedicated to on lead walking. Could have entrance off Roberts line Rd similar scale to the enclosure at Ahimate Park

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

The proposal made me aware of the Kelvin Grove Association wanting a on leash area created specifically for on lead dogs. Not enough information has been provided on options such as a smaller enclosure with easy access for on lead dog walkers. Reserving half the park seems an over reach for the benefit of a small minority. Does the council have statistics on unruly dog complaints to back the assertions of the Kelvin Grove Association and the proposals supporters?

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	Shelley
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Last name	Mills
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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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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.

I was under the impression that Linklater when it was sold to the council was to be a dog park where dogs can run free. I believe the council put a play area in there for children which defeated the purpose of the park. There are plenty of areas for children to play away from animals.

I feel that the Unleashed area is now too small. It should start after the first bank of trees after the toilets and include the area where the agility park is.

Linklater is one area where dogs are allowed to run free.

As a dog owner who takes two dogs to Linklater regularly we do not take our dogs off the lead until we have gone passed the toilets etc.

Our two dogs love being able to run free otherwise they are always on a lead when we walk them. I also ensure that my dogs have good recall and return to me when other dogs are approaching them

It is also a chance for the dogs to socialise with other dogs in a safe area.

My other concern is going to the congested car park area off Robert's Line if that is going to be the off leash dog area.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I am frustrated that the people who are dog owners and enjoy the Linklater Park for their dogs are being dictated too by a minority who I believe don't own dogs or use the park.

I do appreciate the opportunity so speak to this proposed change to the Linklater area.

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

(select as many as apply)

Social media

Family or friends

Digital advertising, eg an advert on TVNZ+, Stuff, MetService etc

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First name	Jan
Last name	Hardie
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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
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.	IF THE MAJORITY WANT THE STATUS QUO TO PREVAIL THEN THAT'S WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN.the local walkers have other places to go if they don't like it .There are very few off leash areas in PN .This is the best .Keep it as it is please.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Why should a minority be pampered to.The majority have spoken .
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Because I travel often across town to use this wonderful park . The space is amazing and a real asset for PN .Leave it as is .I appreciate how well cared for it is also Thank you
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media Family or friends

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First name	Glen
Last name	Meade
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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
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?	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?	Yes, I support this change
Please tell us why.	It provides a clear area for both families and dogs
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	But I would have thought the boundary should have been at the tree line before the dog agility, because how can dogs use the agility area on leash, and the plane will I am sure families will cope with dogs off lead as they do now or don't go to the plane, I feel that would be the most sensible, that means it is half and half
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Because it's important to share the ideas
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media Booklet in my mailbox

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First name	Brendon
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Last name	Walker
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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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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.	<p>The park was designed to be an off lead dog park. This is what Eric Linklater wanted it to be. The larger percentage of the area should be off lead therefore.</p> <p>We and the majority of users like it that way so we can exercise our dogs while enjoying the walk around at the same time. It is great for dogs to socialise with each other while off lead as well. If it is going to be fenced to create an on lead area it should be parallel to the row of pine trees so that the Kelvin Grove side is on lead and the Bunnythorpe side remains off lead. It still leaves plenty of room for children to play and interact with dogs in the on lead area.</p> <p>Let's face it, it is a DOG PARK not a Children's Play Park. If children are that afraid of being around dogs then maybe they shouldn't be there.</p>
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	As a frequent user of the especially designed dog park we don't want to lose that much off lead area.
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	Brendon
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Last name	Todd
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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.	I drive across town just to let the dogs off the leash and play with all the dogs and have a swim in the warm day they have so much fun and all the things they like the most are in the on leash area,and would make it hard to make it work. So if it goes a head I will not be driving over to walk them
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Because they are becoming more and more on lease areas
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media Poster, sign or billboard

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First name	Rowena
Last name	Cooke
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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
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?	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.

There are lots and lots of parks for children but only two off leash parks for dogs. Dogs need to be able to run which obviously they can't do on leash and generally feel less anxious when confronted with other dogs when they are off leash.

I think it would be fairer to have the bit of the park where the kids playground and bbq are on leash - and all the other areas off leash. My dog is extremely well behaved off leash and I don't see why she should be penalised.

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

It would make me and my dog very sad to have her on a leash for half the walk.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I feel very strongly about having a park or two in the whole of the city where dogs can be off leash.

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 ROWENA

Last name COOKE

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

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.

There are only two parks in the whole of Palmerston North where dogs can be off leash. There are many parks for children. Dogs tend to do better off leash - they feel more threatened when faced with others dogs if they are restrained.

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

I think as a compromise the first area with the children's playground and bbqs could be on lead and the rest off lead. That way the dog agility course can stay as it is and dogs can get the opportunity to run as they need to, to burn off energy.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I feel strongly about this!

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	Mark
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Last name	Cooke
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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.	I don't totally oppose the change and agree to an area being designated on leash; however I feel that the off leash area should be bigger than proposed. I feel this should extend to the next line of trees and the current dog park be included in the off leash area. As so few parks allow off leash areas it would be nice to still have a significant off leash area at Linklater. I agree that dogs should be leashed at the Kelivin Grove road end of the park and with the improvements to the Roberts line car park it is now much easier for dog walkers to avoid that part of the reserve. To be honest the vast majority of people walking at the far end of the reserve are dog walkers and whilst I appreciate not everyone likes dogs there are a great range of parks they can enjoy where dogs are leashed; it would be a shame to restrict one of the few parks that has such a significant off leash area.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I think linklater is a fantastic resource and as a dog owner and regular walker I feel it was important to provide feedback.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Newspaper Family or friends Poster, sign or billboard

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Tammy
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Last name	Hart
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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.	I agree with having a fence to differentiate between the off leash and on leash spaces. My opinion is the proposed space upto the aeroplane is problematic. I would suggest moving the plane so it's closer to the other activity spaces near the Kelvin Grove entrance and fence off from the tree line behind the bike track and flying fox.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	A lot of dogs use the Roberts line half of the park. Restricting the off leash space back to aeroplane means there will be a lot of dogs using a much smaller space than they currently have access to. Shifting the on leash area to be closer to Kelvin Grove entrance means dogs can use the agility area and make the most of that relatively flat space.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I'm a dog owner who needs to walk two dogs off leash in a fully fenced area. I travel across town to go use Linklater specifically because it's an enclosed, off leash space that has space for me to walk on a pathway or away from others if necessary without needing to worry about my dogs safety near traffic or the river.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Council website Poster, sign or billboard Other: Doggy daycare poster

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Briar
Last name	Clifford
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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
Are you a dog owner? <i>You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.</i>	No
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.	I was at Linklater this afternoon taking photos at the little wetland area near the airways radar and a small black poodle looking dog ran up growling and yapping at me. The owner said 'he won't do anything'. But then as I continued taking photos, the dog bit my calf. I yelped but the owners just called the dog away and kept walking. Luckily it didn't bite hard, draw blood and wasn't a larger. And luckily it wasn't a child who got bit. I don't think this should be an off leash area as locals should be able to exercise and walk without getting bitten by unleashed dogs. I go here regularly to exercise and dogs are regularly off leash. This was the first incident where I didn't feel safe, you can't guarantee dogs are properly trained and won't attack people.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I want to make sure others can feel safe in this public area, a lot of kids and families go to this park and I would hate if others got bitten.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Booklet in my mailbox

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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Last name	Schaap
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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?	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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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	I have never had a problem with the dogs.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I think dogs should be given large area to run.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Booklet in my mailbox

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Sarah
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Last name	Angus
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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?	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.	Please, please DO NOT do this! There is only two parks i can take my kids (& family as a whole) WITH my dog to walk freely with no no leash. There is MANY places you can walk your dog on leash. Dogs sad TRULY part of a family and the park you provide now is ABSOLUTELY amazing... ☐☐☐☐☐. Please keep thus amazing park as it is!.. it's like a dog family there... .. there is Sooooo many parts and walkways available for kids and people who want to walk there dogs on leash. PLEASE KEEP THIS AMAZING AREA AS IT IS☐☐☐☐☐
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	As a family , we've been going to Linklater for a while... my children are absolutely ecstatic being able to share this area eith there "pet" AND BEST FRIEND family member☐
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media Poster, sign or billboard

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First name	Christine
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Last name	Winter
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Organisation you represent <small>If applicable. Please only answer this question if you are speaking on behalf of an organisation.</small>	dog owners who want to exercise their dogs off leash
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Postal address

Email

Phone <small>Please provide a daytime contact number</small>

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? <small>You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.</small>	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.	I take my dogs for off leash exercise there and I travel from Summerhill. It is the only dog walking facility in Palmerston North and our dogs can run free and exercise properly and really love going there. Almost all of the owners we meet are responsible and we would hate to see it ruined by a few bad owners. I personally have never had a problem with other dogs there in all the time I have been going. I feel very strongly that it needs to remain as is. If the proposal as planned goes ahead I will stop using the park as I can walk my dogs anywhere on a leash and it would be not benefit me to go all that way and use petrol. There are many parks that people who don't like dogs can use, we have only the one facility and I would hate to see it changed.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I feel very strongly that the park should not be changed
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media Other: People talking about it in the park as it's causing a lot of consternation

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First name	Janine
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Last name	Cook
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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?	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.

I am in favour of having no on-leash areas. If we have to have this for some reason for aggressive hard to control dogs, the area should be much smaller.

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

A small proportion of dogs within the local population need to be kept on-leash. Sometimes this is due to owners not being able to physically control their dogs (e.g. older people), and these owners need flat access and seating on sites they use around Palmy. The other main reason that dogs need to be on leash is due to their aggression. But both these dog groups can walk anywhere - they do not have to come to Linklater. It is really important to have off leash areas for dogs to run. We don't need to reduce this park for on leash walking. Maybe we need to have designated parks for on or off leash and clear communication about expectations and responsibilities/fines. Smaller areas for off leash in Linklater may make it more likely that dogs have conflict.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Local dog owner with an interest in (and PhD) in animal studies.

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

Social media

Poster, sign or billboard

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First name	Naomi
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Last name	Pelet
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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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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

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.

Palmy should be proud to be heavily populated with dog lovers (my partner and I are originally from the South Island). Ahimate Dog Park, Manawatu River Pathway, Turitea Green Corridor Walkway, Summerhill Reserve to name a few - where dogs are free to roam and sniff after being confined to our homes while we work. Palmy should continue to support Linklater Reserve to be included in this off-leash club. I understand there are some irresponsible dog owners - that will always be the case even in on-leash areas such as walking in the neighbourhood - but it seems the solution proposed is punishing the rest of the canine-human population who lives in the area. If a division of off-leash to on-leash is to go ahead - I recommend the off-leash portion being larger than the on-leash - after all this is first and foremost a dog park. The division should be where the wetlands end - as you just cross the small bridge in the "valley" area before climbing up. This also means that owners who want to train their dogs on the dog agility course can have full opportunity to do so - leash would restrict this training.

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

Side-note: Lets be fair the reserve is not the prettiest - it's just a paddock. My partner and I go there for the sunsets and the dogs. Would be awesome to see native plantings or sculptures by local artists etc. Could have competition where land is segmented off - and the best landscaper wins. Or get the local community involved into changing it from a paddock to scenic reserve. This would significantly increase the native bird population in Palmy. And as long as it remains a paddock with it's lackluster beauty - dogs should rule.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Currently we are not dog owners - but we frequently walk in the reserve and will become dog owners at Christmas. There is nothing special or beautiful about this reserve (it's just a paddock), another than our canine friends being free and the sunsets. I'm struggling to think of alternative solutions for irresponsible dog owners in the reserve, other than a signage with a number to call and proposed fines stated.

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

Booklet in my mailbox

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First name	Tom
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Last name	Gilchrist
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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?	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.

I think Linklater Reserve is a fantastic resource for Palmerston North. We used it extensively when we lived in Palmerston North and have continued since we moved to Feilding. It is great park because it is a fully fenced which provides peace of mind for dog owners. As a result it is very well used by many dog owners in the region.

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

I fully understand that the reserve needs to be accessible for all members of the public and not everyone is comfortable with dogs running around. As such in principle I do not oppose part of the park being on leash. I think the proposed area does not make sense. If part of the park is to be on leash, it would make sense to be the front park of the park which includes the playground and flying fox. It makes no sense to have the part of the park that contains the agility course on lead. It is unsafe for dogs to run the agility course on lead in case they fall off and strangle themselves. That part of the park is essentially open grass as well so it makes no sense why that park would be on lead. If it is to do with the plane then it would seem to make more sense to move the plane into the front part of the park. It would also be much easier to fence the front part of the park as it is essentially already fenced. Only some gates would be required. If the Council proceeds with the current plan, more extensive fencing will be required which would be more than the cost of moving the plane. I also suspect if the Council proceeds as currently planned, many dog owners will no longer use the park as a large part of the park would be on leash. We were there today and essentially every user of the park had a dog. It would be a real shame if such a great resource was denied to the many dog owners in the region. There are many parks in Palmerston North but no others like Linklater Park which is safe and fully fenced for dogs. I accept all members of the public should be able to use the park but if they have an issue with dogs, there are plenty of other options open to them. There are not other safe options for dog owners to take their dogs. If part of the park is to be on leash, the current proposal is too much. I also note that most of the open area proposed to be fenced (where the dog agility area is) is open grass. That is hugely beneficial for dogs to run off leash on but I do not see what use that will be for non dog users. There were so many happy dog owners and dogs there today and it would be such a shame if half the park was no longer available for them to run around in. If part of the park is to become off leash, the current proposal is too greater area, doesn't make sense relative to what the area can be used for and would result in greater costs in terms of fencing.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

No.

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	Brian
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Last name	Way
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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?	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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Do you support this change?

Yes, I support this change

Please tell us why.

I fully support the proposed change to make Linklater Reserve a more welcoming place for people without dogs. As the reserve is at the moment it is not a place that I would take my primary school-aged grandchildren because of the unpredictability of dogs off leash, the amount of dog faeces left around the park, and the arrogance of owners who take their dogs through the playground. NOTE: I have seen owners placing their dog on a swing for a ride!
Parks are primarily for people. Providing for dogs is a secondary purpose. At present all of Linklater Reserve is essentially a dog exercise park. Others are there at their own risk.

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

There needs to be a much more effective communication mechanism with dog owners about where dogs can be off leash, where they are prohibited and where they must be on leash. The message that the default condition is that dogs should be on leash needs to be much more strongly communicated to dog owners. I suggest an information leaflet to each registered dog owner each time they register their dog(s). Whilst it is claimed in the documentation that Linklater is one of the most popular reserves, it is certain to get even more use when there are areas where dogs cannot run free. (Compare usage with central Victoria Esplanade and Memorial Park where dogs are supposed to be prohibited.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I want to take my grandchildren to this great city asset. There is too much dog shit left around the Reserve (and other reserves including sportsfields which are supposed to be no-go areas for dogs). Without good justification for owning a dog, dog ownership is an unsustainable practice in a world where people are going hungry, and where meat is produced and fish are harvested solely for pet food.

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

Council website
Social media
Newspaper

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First name	Kevin
Last name	Low
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
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.

I take a dog to this reserve on a regular basis. Proposed changes will make it very difficult to make the experience viable as such a small amount has been reserved for off-lead.

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

I have not witnessed any problems with off-lead dogs in all the years I have been coming. Who are pushing for change and what is their agenda?

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

This is the only large area reserve where off- lead exercise is allowed, which is vastly superior for both dog and owner.

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

Council website

Newspaper

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First name	Paul
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Last name	McKenzie
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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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You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.

Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Yes
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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 believe this will make the area safer for dog walkers and users of the other facilities at the park. It will prevent off-lead dogs chasing Frisbee golf, other dogs, and children while still allowing plenty of space for off-lead walking for those who want to.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	We currently use this rule anyway and only have our dogs off lead at the back of the park as this makes the most sense.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I have witnessed many dogs off-lead that will run up to children and other dogs where owners have no recall
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	Tracey
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Last name	Bullock
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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.

In my experience of using the park there has never been an issue with dogs being offleash. We carry a leash so if approaching other dogs or people without dogs or the frisbee gold users we can quickly leash our dog in respect for the other users who may not like dogs. I have never had an instance of a dog being menacing or harassing other users. The main reason we use travel to use this park because our dog can get a good run in a safe area and whilst sectioning it off provides some benefit to other users I think other users should also show the same consideration for dog owners. If all users are respectful and considerate then there is no issue and that has been my experience to date. I think sectioning it off will create more problems for council as you are always going to get someone who complains and isn't happy with what is happening

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

It's important for people who actually use the park to have a say

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	Reagan
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Last name	Jensen
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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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Do you support this change?	Yes, I support this change
Please tell us why.	Many occasions I have had an unleashed dog both friendly and unfriendly come up to my dog and I. This makes using the park difficult as my dog is a rescue and anxious. It results in my dog not feeling secure while walking. I have recently stopped using the park as it has become a problem. I support and want to respect walkers who use the park off-leash and think a designated area is a good idea.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Change.
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	Florence
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Last name	van Saarloos
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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?	I like to travel in to Palmy to use the Reserve
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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 would love more safe dog friendly places to walk my dog on lead and know that she is safe from off lead dogs. Even the streets aren't safe from off lead dogs
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	Anna
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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?	Yes
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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?	Yes, I support this change
Please tell us why.	I have stopped using the linklater reserve after two of my dogs have been attacked by off leash dogs that were not under control by their owners
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Someone needs to be checking regularly that people are following the on lead rules otherwise people will just do what they want!
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	My two comments above are the most important to me. I'm am thankful for the opportunity to say so
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Council website Letter or email Social media Booklet in my mailbox

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Kaela
Last name	Andrew
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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
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.

I agree the kids play area and BBQ should be off leash- even I lose control of my dogs when someone is having a BBQ but mine LOVE the swing bridge and streams and bridges and root out the rabbits in the bush. This is the ONLY safe place anywhere to take our dogs and I don't think it's fair to section off so much as a not a free area. Section off to the bush, swing bridge and just around that top section. It's fantastic exercise launching balls from the top of that hill for dogs.

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

Plant more bush please and if you are going to section off so much, make a dog park somewhere else where non dog people can feck off

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I don't agree with sectioning off so much

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

Social media

Radio

Poster, sign or billboard

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Jake
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Last name	Benge
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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?	Yes, I support this change
Please tell us why.	I have opted for other parks because of uncontrolled dogs in this park. The proposal strikes a balance and keeps an area free for off leashed dogs.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Reminding people to keep their dogs on a leash if their dogs are not trained via signs
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Will use this park again
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Other: Central Vets waiting room

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Michelle
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Last name	Cleland
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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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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.

This is one of the few places in PMR that we can give our dogs a safe and fenced area to run. Cutting this amount of the park off means the dogs favourite swimming spot (under the bridge) will be out of bounds. I would like to point out that this area would be unsafe for young children as it is not fenced. There are many other parks in PMR that people can already go that are not dog parks.

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

I acknowledge the issue of aggressive dogs is a serious one and needs to be dealt with directly with the dog owners. I have been a dog owner in PMR now for almost 12 years and have never had any complaints against my animals. They are loved and cared for which includes insuring they get regular exercise.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I am concerned that there are becoming fewer places to safely run my dogs in Manawatu. I feel anxious now when I take them out at other places including the river due to aggressive cyclists who verbally abuse me, my dogs and others if they even briefly get in their way. They consistently refuse to slow down. Linklater is one of the only places my dogs can run freely.

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

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Beth
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Last name	Weir
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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?	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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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

I am a dog owner who is most grateful for the reserve about four times a week. My small dog is high energy and social so I am delighted to have a place where she can run, mess about in the water and sniff at will. It is the highlight of her day. And makes mine easier. Having the extensive exercise as she requires means that negativ behaviour such as barking is minimised.

I have not encountered any problems with other dogs in the 12 months I have been using the reserve and have enjoyed enormously the health benefit and social outlet the walks with pets provide.

While I do appreciate that users of the space would like unfettered access to a dog free zone, Palmerston North is blessed with many such parks and reserves, but fewer areas where dogs may run free.

I would also like to add that the reserve is unique in my experience. I have lived for a long period in the US, the latest city being Seattle, WA. The dog parks to which I had access there were crowded, dirty, had almost no facilities and unpleasant to visit. Linklater Reserve is a complete gem and the fact that many visitors bring their dogs from long distances attests to that fact. It is something of a tourist attraction - I have taken friends from out of town with dogs to walk there and they are surprised by the glorious facility. Not to mention envious. Personally, I would love to see it remain fully open to dogs and their owners.

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

I would like to thank the council for the careful upkeep of the reserve. It makes using it most pleasant.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

My experience with many crowded and unpleasant dog parks in other areas of the world. Linklater is unique and I would like it preserved as is for that reason.

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 Tracey

Last name Jenkinson

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

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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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

Its one space- in an entire city, just one, for dogs. PEOPLE can walk anywhere and everywhere, they have dozens of parks to choose from, off-leash dogs do not. Its a classsic case of silencing the squeaky wheel, a few complain and everyone else has to be punished. Its as old as time itself. How hard is it to say, no this one space is for the dogs. And I laughed when I saw it was proposed UP TO THE AEROPLANE. So were not even allowed to use the dog agility course anymore either. Theres a clue in the words "dog agility course"- not people. Or we can but the dogs have to be in sstriaghtjackets to use it ? The first 2 playgrounds arent enough for those vocal few who are whining that they cant have all of the city for themselves their way so they must have the agility course too. Its a disgrace. I hope there is one person in authority who has not only common sense but also the courage to say no .. but probably not. ONE SPACE in an entire city of parks and that is unacceptable. I expect this will be ignored as was first submission .. its nonsense to ask for feedback when any given that doesnt support the decision you have already made months ago is ignored. Im very angry this small area is being taken away from the reponsible dog owners for some drum beating entitled individulas that have to have it all. I have used Linklater to walk my off -leash dog for over 6 years and NEVER had an issue with anything, any dog or anyone.

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

Because Its unfair. People know its a dog park, if they do not want to see a dog, then go to any other of the dozens & dozens of parks, walkways and playgrounds - they are the ones dogs are not allowed in. Its akin to my buying a house beside a footy feild then complain I hate rugby so they need to shut it down. The kicker is - they probably would. Just nonsense.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Because it angers me so much.

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

Other: I use the park everyday, people are angry and talking ..

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First name	Cushla
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Last name	Haxton
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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? <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?	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 feel there enough acreage for everyone to enjoy the park whether on lead or off.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Booklet in my mailbox Digital advertising, eg an advert on TVNZ+, Stuff, MetService etc

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First name	Joanna
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Last name	Anderson
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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?	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 off leash area has been decreased too much. A better option would be to make the separation along the existing wire fence line just beyond the bike track. This would mean the dog agility would stay within the off leash area, and allow for a decent sized space for dogs to exercise. We currently enjoy walking the entire area, and our dogs enjoy running, sniffing and socialising. One big advantage to the current size (other than allowing a decent walk) is that it is easy to steer clear of other dog groups if you want to. I appreciate that families want dog on-leash spaces around the play equipment, and the space up to bike area is ample. Not forgetting that there are a lot of other dog free spaces for families to enjoy in Palmy.

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

Maybe place signage at the dog agility equipment to state that that is what it is, as young children are often playing on it when we have wanted to be able to take our dogs on it!

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I am disappointed at the potential loss of size of what is the only decent and safe dog exercise area 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

Poster, sign or billboard

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First name	Vanessa
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Last name	Smith
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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?	I like to travel in to Palmy to use the Reserve
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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 the on leash area should end at the row of trees past the biketrack.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	As a dog owner, I think it is important to have a large off leash area for free playing.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Family or friends Poster, sign or billboard

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First name	Megan
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Last name	Greenwood
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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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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.

We don't support this change as we drive over to Linklater specifically to socialise our dog who has a great time with every other dog off leash! And on sometimes! And we taught him to use the agility park and how on earth can you use that with a dog on the leash for goodness sake. Since going to the park my husband and I have taken up disc golf and our dog runs around while we play. Others do this too. If we throw disc in front of an off leash dog thats at our peril, so we dont. And the dogs are too busy playing with eachother to worry about discs anyway! Can't do that with him on the leash so won't be going. Never had a problem with any dogs, or owners, in 4 years. We respect owners with dogs on leash for whatever reason, vice versa. I already provided substantive feedback for keeping it as it is along with 80% of palmy. That some locals don't like dogs and want to walk there and started a petition shouldn't overrule the majority feedback already received! Can't believe you're wasting my ratepayer time and money on this.

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

How would this be policed? Public scrutiny? Putting up an expensive fence? This is ridiculous. You can walk your dog on leash almost anywhere, why ruin this for the vast majority who have dogs that just want to play? I get dogs will go on the kids play areas if not controlled and there are parents that can't do both, but maybe they can if dog on leash and they pick up the poos? Have you thought about that?

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I'm angry actually. And disappointed that PNCC are wasting time and resources on this. Do something about the mess that is Featherston Street and get rid of the 'window washer' who's far more dangerous than anyone taking their dog to Linklater.

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

Social media

Newspaper

Other: I saw the article in the paper about the petition, then social media posts from others who went to Linklater and saw the signs and were equally annoyed as me!

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First name	Tali
Last name	Cooper
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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
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?	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.

This park is one of few which are dog friendly and it is used by a large number of the public all year round.
By keeping the whole of linklater dog friendly, it is more family friendly and convenient.
This reserve has been a space for off leash dogs for many years and has been a huge success for the dog owning community. Groups come together to walk their dogs.
Additionally, the back of linklater reserve is quite secluded and out of view and so this would make it more dangerous for people (especially younger children) who would have to go all the way to the back. The proposed restrictions would make it less safe for dog owners and also inconvenient.
Linklater is currently a vibrant park which is used by a large number of the community and the proposed changes would reduce the vibrancy and the natural surveillance which come with the current dog walking community.
The accessibility of the back of linklater would also be a problem for those with strollers or wheelchairs.
The proposed changes are a safety risk for dog walkers and should not be implemented

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Linklater reserve was always a place that my family and extended family would go because it was off leash for our dogs. It's a park which has given us a dog community.
It is a go-to option every time we want a picnic or need to walk the dogs as kids can run around with the dogs on the playground, and so it suits our needs.

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

Social media
Family or friends

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First name	Wendi
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Last name	Roe
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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.

I would like to see more of the park remaining off leash. There are many no-dogs and on-leash parks and playgrounds around Palmy that people can access if they want to be away from off-leash dogs. There are very few safe areas for off-leash dogs. I use Linklater Park with my dog 3 times per week, and I would say that around 99% of the people I see there with dogs are responsible owners. It seems unreasonable that these 99% should be disadvantaged because of the irresponsible ones (who often don't follow rules anyway).

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

I would like to see the middle section (where the dog agility area is) and the wetlands remain off-leash, and only the section by the playground and flying fox change to on-leash. In my experience, these are the areas that most of the non-dog people use. I rarely see people without dogs in the other areas.
Alternatively, maybe the wetlands and agility area could be off-leash outside of certain hours (e.g. before 9am).
It would be a huge shame to lose half of this amazing space.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Linklater Park's large off-leash area is one of my favourite things about Palmerston North. I am in the process of deciding whether to move away from Palmy, and although this probably sounds odd, access to this large fenced space where my dog can run free is one of the things that keeps me here.

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	Alvira
Last name	Murison
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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
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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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

There are very few off lead parks in Palmy and plenty of other on lead, child friendly parks.

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

The children's play areas and BBQ section can be fenced in, instead. This will be way cheaper and will prevent dogs wandering over to families. Though I do feel that if you're in a dog park that you should expect to see dogs. People who don't obey the law and have unsafe dogs need to be prosecuted.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

The pure joy of seeing a dog run across the hills needs to be protected. I worked at an organization overseas for over decade that had a fraction of the funds available here. The few officers we had worked alongside police and on their own to gain evidence and prosecute negligent and abusive dog owners. The same can be done here. Just because bad people make some feel unsafe, doesn't mean that something nice needs to be taken away from everyone else.

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 Andrea

Last name Collins

Postal address

Email

Phone

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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? Yes

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.

There are plenty of on leash playgrounds around Kelvin Grove and the surrounding area that people and children can visit and enjoy a dog free experience. As a dog owner we take our dogs here regularly and they absolutely love the freedom, interaction with other dogs and the facilities. This park has been a huge advantage to us and our dogs social interaction with other dogs. Linklater is unique in the respect that our dog can run free. Why would you restrict that? If people do not like dogs or are afraid of them, visiting an off leash dog park is ridiculous. I suggest if there is one leash restrictions put in place its is much smaller and attractions e.g the plane is moved to a more condensed area which will keep children and non dog owners in a more confined area.

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

Another point to consider is disabled or elderly dogs that can't walk as far to reach the off leash area you are proposing but still enjoy off leash play with other dogs

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

As explained in my above feedback

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

(select as many as apply)

Booklet in my mailbox

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Re: Linklater Reserve dog rule changes Submission July 25

From:

Sent: Saturday, July 5, 2025 1:35 PM

To: info@pncc.govt.nz

Subject: Re: Linklater Reserve dog rule changes Submission July 25

PNCC
Submission

Dear Manager

Good morning, I write about the Linklater Reserve dog rule changes. Thank you for the pamphlet in the letter box early July 2025.

Hope you can redirect this email to Linklater section.

This is my submission that I support the proposal to make half of Linklater Reserve on-leash area (yellow). A suggestion: How about giving it trail basis for three months or so? Then again ask for public feedback.

As I am not a dog owner, I have walked doberman dogs, two together years ago, so know about dogs.

The Linklater Reserve I use as leisurely walks alone, and many times dogs have come up to me and sniffed me. I just stay still.

Other places I have had minor dog attacks. One in Levin, a dog attack on a farm. I was riding a push bicycle in a neighbour's driveway when the farm dog jumped on my left leg while I was bicycling! Lucky someone came to my aid at the time. More of a fright than anything else.

Another dog attack, in Rotorua (on holiday) while walking on a residential street with my father, a german shepherd dog came from behind me and jumped on my back and left arm. It was summer and I was wearing a tee shirt and trousers. The dog grazed my elbow and a small amount of blood came out as a result. I was walking with my father, who said it's was only little. However, I didn't see the dog so it was a shock to me for a dog to pounce on me from behind. My Mother was more compassionate. So, I am very careful with dogs.

Anyhow I do enjoy the Linklater Reserve and dog owners need to go somewhere.

Thank you.

Kind regards

Rhona Johnson
Ratepayer

Miss R M A Johnson

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Lucy
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Last name	Watt
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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?	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 few off leash parks available in Palmerston North, and people wishing to go to reseves or parks without dogs have many options. Linklater is excellent for dog owners and the changes would significantly impact on its quality and appeal for off leash dog exercise.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	The wetlands area being an on-leash area is not helpful - it is the favourite area for many dogs.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I use linklater park with my kids, and although they are apprehensive of dogs we go there knowing it is off leash and that we have other options if we want a dog-free experience. I have many friends who are dog owners and this change would impact them and their use of the space.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media Family or friends School, church or other community group or network, eg newsletter

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Sarah
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Last name	Crosse
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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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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.

Reducing off leash area too much.

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

Agree with some on leash area at Kelvin Grove entrance end but reduce it in size, suggest boundary from the row of existing trees and hill/rise as a natural boundary - so that the bike track, log scramble, wetland area is included in on leash. But have the dog agility, aero plane areas part of off leash still.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I want to use and enjoy the reserve as a dog owner and appreciate the off leash space, but do respect that some users in some areas of the park would appreciate on leash rules. Don't punish the dog owners and reduce the space available for off leash time so significantly. People who don't want to be around dogs have plenty of other options of parks in the city and region, don't need to take so much of Linklater reserve for them.

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	Kate
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Last name	Limsowtin
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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?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

This particular reserve is one of the only large fenced areas where dogs can safely play off-leash. The middle section of the reserve (where the agility course is currently situated) is barely used by people without dogs. I think that the fenceline behind the bmx track could most easily be extended/gated, and that would leave the extensive 'human play' areas as on-leash only. The plane could be moved to the large open area near the log scramble, which would actually be more user-friendly for families. There are many family parks available in Palmerston North where dogs are not allowed at all, or on-leash only (eg the Esplanade).

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

If the current proposal is accepted, the few 'bad' dog-owners will likely continue to create problems, as they do anywhere, and the others will effectively be punished for their behaviour. Please do not take away what is currently a fabulous facility that encourages people from the entire Manawatu to visit.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

My family enjoys this park with our dogs every weekend (travelling in from Feilding to do so). The dogs have the best time using the entire space to run and swim, while we can have a pleasant walk at the same time. We don't have to worry about any traffic or bicycles that can often impact on the safety of off-leash dogs.

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	Karen
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Last name	Wildbore
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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?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	I have been so many times to all my 4 dogs off leash and have never once encounter a problem at the park. This is the only place local where dogs can freely exercise off the leash - it should remain free for uses to choose if they use a leash or not.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I feel strongly it should stay as it is - I wouldn't use the park if I had to try and lead all 4 of my dogs
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	Ken
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Last name	Bateman
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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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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

Who uses the reserve? some facts:- walking my dog I counted who else was on the reserve. First day I counted that there were 30 dog walkers and zero non dog walkers. Second day I counted 22 dog walkers and 2 non dog dog walkers. Not a comprehensive survey but certainly indicative. Is this a classic case of the "the tail wagging the dog?" A proper factual count (dog walkers vis a vis non dog walkers) should be undertaken. Possibly just sit in your car at the carpark and count who is coming and going. Let's have some facts.

Obviously proposing the dividing line should be through the static aeroplane gives a classic negotiating compromise to fall back to the dividing line being beside the log climbing and tractor. I think the dividing line, if we do really want to make some of the reserve 'dogs on lease' should run from the toilets, past the start of the swing bridge and down to the wetlands.

The argument that if the reserve is not a 'dogs on lease' area and the Kelvin Grove residents want a dogs free or 'dogs on lease' area, the nearest 'dogs on lease' area is The Esplanade is false. They can go to Memorial Park, Hokowhitu Park on Albert Street, The lagoon, Milverton Park, Papaioea Park. Even Kelvin Grove Cemetery! All 'dog free' areas or 'dogs on lease' areas.

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

This is a complete waste of time and money.
So Linklater Reserve becomes split with on lease and lease free areas. Who is going to police this decision? How much money is going to be spent? What cost effective solutions are going to be achieved?

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Spend rate payers money on something positive. Fixing pot holes, rubbish collection on roads leading to Palmerston North city centre. Stop wasting rates payers money and keep rates rises under control.

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	Michelle
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Last name	Manaia
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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?	No
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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.	Currently when dogs go for a walk they have to be on a lead. Why encourage owners to walk their dogs off the lead. Also we had two dogs attacked by dogs off leads and also my father got hurt. We shouldn't have double standards
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Dogs should be on leads all the time when on public parks and streets
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Two of our dogs have been attacked and vet bills are costly
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media Booklet in my mailbox

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name Sandra

Last name Pask

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.	Not a big enough walk ,will have to go around in circles. Dogs will not be able to swim off bridge.many people including myself like to throw ball on front mowed lawn.you will have to mow centre of back areas to allow for more space.one dog park there are many kid friendly parks ,including Peter hall park down the road
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I feel very strongly, been coming here for many years and have met many people who travel from out of town specially for the large off leash area.with so many parks available to families it's very unfair,we pay rates as well.
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	Bernadette
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Last name	Cleland
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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.	This is a beautiful walk to let our dogs socialise and meet new playmates there's not a lot of places to go to let our furry friends off their leads! How can they use the agility with leads on??
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	<div>Letter or email</div> <div>Social media</div> <div>Newspaper</div> <div>Family or friends</div>

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Emily
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Last name	Gott
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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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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.	It's more on leash than off leash. I don't understand why you wouldn't use the existing fence line down by the trees to make sure the dogs can still use the agility area without being on leash. It would also make it more 50/50. Another thought would be to fence the children's areas and leave the rest off leash.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I am local to the park and it is the main way I exercise my golden retriever. She deserves to have a big area to run and be a dog. My parents live in Kapiti and there isn't anything like linklater for their dogs so they use linklater as a haven for them when they visit.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email Social media Family or friends Poster, sign or billboard

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Tyla
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Last name	Stevens
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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.	<p>This space is one of the few where dogs can truly enjoy the freedom to run, play, and socialise off-lead in a safe and open environment. It's a well-loved spot for many dog owners who use it specifically because of the off-lead access.</p> <p>There are already several areas and walking tracks around Palmerston North that cater to dogs on-lead. If a dog is not suited to off-lead environments, owners have options that are more appropriate without reducing the space available for those who rely on areas like Linklater for off-lead.</p>
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	I respectfully ask that the Council consider preserving the current off-lead status of the park. It's an important space for both dogs and their owners.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I'm a regular visitor to Linklater and we enjoy being able to run our dog all over the reserve.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	<p>Social media</p> <p>Family or friends</p>

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Peter
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Last name	Dixon
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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.

This is one of the few areas where dogs can run freely, and is a great asset to the city. I feel strongly that the whole park should be kept as it is, with no leash required. The great majority of dogs are well controlled and it is a great pleasure to see them enjoying freedom to runs and interact with each other. Why should all dogs and owners suffer because a few people are intimidated by normal dog behaviour?! If they don't like it, there are plenty of other parks where dogs have to be on a leash, where they can be confident.

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

It would be a GREAT SHAME, if the council concedes to a small minority of users.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I love this park and travel across town to reach it, because it offers the opportunity to have my dog off the lead in an open space. Every dog owner I know feels the same

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	Nathanael
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Last name	Shaw
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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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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.

Too much on-leash area. Need to reduce by one or two fields. The best solution is to fence at the end of the wetland, this is already a natural place for the fencing, it leaves the dog exercise equipment out of the on-leash area and includes most of the play equipment in the on-leash area.

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

If it goes ahead, consideration needs to be given to exactly where the fence goes, to avoid impact on the Disc Golf course.
I would like at least some of the DG course to be off-leash area (or expand the DG course by building a "back nine" into the off-leash area).

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I regularly exercise my dog at Linklater while playing the disc golf course.
I would like at least some of the Disc Golf course to be off-leash area.

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

Social media

Family or friends

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First name	Alex
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Last name	Ritchie
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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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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

I believe this is an unnecessary proposal as the status quo is fantastic and works just fine. The dogs are so happy to be roaming off leash and running around, it would be sad to see the dogs on a leash at a park that was dedicated to them.

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

I'd recommend the area stay off leash. I'd suggest CCTV in the car park to identify dog owners of problem dogs. These problem dogs should be barred from the park as they are the ones which make it unsafe.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

A colleague of mine notified me of this proposal, the more I thought about it, the sadder it made me. The Linklater family did a remarkable thing in donating this land to the council with the intended purpose of having a beautiful green space for dogs to play as they wish. I don't think its right for the council to impose changes like this that go away from the intended purpose of this land when it was generously donated. I'd ask that you keep the wishes of the Linklater family in mind when considering future changes to this land.

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

(select as many as apply)

Council website

Family or friends

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First name	A & R
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Last name	Kidd
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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?	Yes
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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.	Currently, some dogs off leash are not under control of their owners and cause issues.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Want dogs, their owners and other users of the Reserve to be safe.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email Booklet in my mailbox

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First name	Jeremy
Last name	Braddock
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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
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?	Yes

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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

With so many wonderful parks and reserves in the Manawatu we only really have this one leash free area for the many dogs that go there, I've been going there regular for 15 years and never had or seen any problems with dogs of leash.

The large majority of uses are friendly and big groups of dog owners often gather and enjoy watching their dogs socialise of lead. There's many other spaces for people who feel unsafe around dogs. Don't ruin this one amazing reserve please.

I'm saying all this if we do have to compromise I think the existing tree line between the bmx track and the dog agility course would be a much fairer result

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

This way playground areas are all on leash only. The agility course would not need moving and to be honest not many non dog walkers go further than this point anyway

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

To save the best dog park in nz from being ruined

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

Letter or email

Social media