

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Liz
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Last name	Cullen
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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?	Prefer not to say
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Are you a dog owner? <i>You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.</i>	Prefer not to say
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Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	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?

Not sure

Please tell us why.

The dog agility will be in the wrong place for best enjoyment by dogs and owners. On leash compliance could therefore be very poor.
I can't see a gated fence/ barrier between the two zones. Putting such in place may help with compliance and decrease the fear that an off lease dog may run over the boundary to have a snarl or snap at you.

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

Compliance could be a problem as I have found about 1/3 of dog owners ignore on lease and most people with a healthy concern for their safety feel too anxious to approach these owners to ask for respect of the bilateral. However, it is a great idea to have a go with the on lease system as it may allow more people enjoy the space.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Dog bites cost too much in human suffering; ACC claims (paid for by our taxes) are too costly due to the number of attacks each year in NZ.
The dog agility course would be better for dogs and owners to enjoy in an off lease setting.

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
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Booklet in my mailbox

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First name	Tania
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Last name	JOBSON
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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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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

The joy of Linklater park has always been the community of other dogs and dog owners interacting - dogs running and playing together, swimming in the wetlands area, and the ability to mix up the routes depending on time available. When we lived closer and went every morning there would be a large group of familiar folk and dogs who mingled; some of the folk and dogs were elderly and couldn't make it far from the car park but would always do the first paddock as far as the bridge, or when things got really uncomfortable let their dogs in to play with the others while they stayed at the fence. The whole appeal of Linklater park for us is that it is off-lead, designed for dogs and dog owners of all ages and energy levels. There are many PN parks which are on-Leash only - this one is fully fenced, expansive and welcoming of all. Or it was....

Cutting the off-leash area down so much would be awful, so disappointing. And I assume the dog agility course would have to be moved because you don't want to try and do that with a dog on-lead. And excluding the wetlands area takes water-play out of the options for dogs because few owners will go in there on leash. No. We thought the park had been designed with dogs in mind. Please leave it that way - we travel far now to it especially for that reason: it's fenced, it's big, and like any facility it's only a very, very few who abuse it. Don't restrict all for the sake of the few.

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

If you feel you have to make a restricted, on-lead only zone, make it smaller than the proposed area. Fence across the tree line behind the bike pump-track, fence down between the flying fox and the wetland. Let the dogs be free to fling themselves into the water - its joy, its life, its fun. I always hoped the council would encourage coffee carts to set up at the entrance.... I get the feeling there are more barriers (costs) to the operators to this than benefits, but it shouldn't be about revenue generation for the council, more about enabling small businesses to offer, try something the public might enjoy and add to the park's appeal. Encourage, don't discourage.

I would also LOVE to see a dog-wash station installed near the car park ... I would spend \$10 /wash there regularly as part of the walk! Again, resist the need for greed /profit - do it for the community first, and keep it in the reasonable price range to encourage frequent use.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Because this really matters to us as dog owners. Linklater park is special because of its expanse and how well it seemed to have been designed to encourage dog walking and outdoor exercise, without over-regulation and constraints, and no fast cyclists (as met on the river bridle path). Let this park stay devoted to that intention. There are plenty of other parks and walkways nearby which dog on-lead advocates can use if that is their preference. But this space is ours and we are horrified by the threat to diminish it.

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

Family or friends

Other: Other dog walkers at the park

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First name	Sara
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Last name	Potter
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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.

Linklater Reserve is a unique asset to Palmerston North in that it is a wide open, fenced, off-leash area for dogs. You could argue that the Manawatu River pathway is a similar place, and it is similar but not the same. When the river is in flood Linklater Reserve is a much safer place for dogs and owners to get the same level of exercise they would at the river, and the same socialisation with other dogs. Socialisation should not be undervalued and the availability of free facilities like Linklater Reserve allow people who can't afford services like doggy day care to socialise their dogs. Having brought our dog across from the UK, where dog access in public is far more widely permitted, I can say that our dog is much better socialised than if we hadn't been able to take her to cafes or pubs, on the train and bus and through town. We are also far more conscious as owners of the responsibility and duty to socialise our dog, train her properly and be aware of how other people feel around dogs. The way to train animals is not to limit their environments, in the same way it doesn't benefit children. Linklater Reserve IS that safe and controlled environment for young dogs and new owners to learn skills and how to coexist in a socially acceptable way. Kids have parks to do this (so many parks), please keep Linklater Reserve as it is for the other species we call family.

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

Please consider developing the park further with trees.

It would make more sense, financially and logistically, to make the off leash area so as to include the dog agility course.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

We use the Reserve frequently and our dog loves to play with other dogs there, run about and jump in the ditches.

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

Poster, sign or billboard

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Last name	Wilde Wilson
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Hearing

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About yourself

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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	This is one of the main parks that dog owners use in PN because it is off leash and is a beautiful big area. There's more than 100 other parks in PN where people can go with their children and many other parks with dogs on leash. People who don't like dogs off lead can still walk their dogs on a lead up there! It's absolutely a shame if this happens and will be very disappointing for the thousands of dog owners that love taking their dogs up there off lead and enjoying the whole park space. People can still utilise the park with dogs off leash!
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I love walking my dog up there and off lead and my dog socialising with other dogs offlead. Also being able to walk and enjoy the whole space myself
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First name	Leandri
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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?	Yes
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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	I feel the dog agility area should be off leash. They can get tangled and hurt when they are jumping full speed over the obstacles. It's a dog park at the end of the day. There are many other parks people can enjoy where pets should be on leash.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Make a rule. It's your own responsibility if you enter the park. If you are scared of dogs, Don't go to a DOG PARK!!
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	The on leash in the dog agility area is ridiculous.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email

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

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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

Primarily, I do not agree that a dog agility area can be used on lead. This proposal currently adds benefits for children including those who wish to climb the Cessna, but this means that dogs will not be able to fully use the dog agility area, as some parts of the agility area require dogs to be off lead (eg the tyre jumps.)

Secondly, the majority of users seen in the park are dog walkers, including families with dogs, particularly in the morning and later afternoon, and they are being penalised by their use of a circuit of the existing park to less than half. Dog walkers walk their dogs all year round, and in all weathers whereas the park is used by children more only during school holidays and weekends. There are also other parks for children to play in the surrounding residential areas, where dogs cannot go off-lead.

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

If the council has to change this precious facility and restrict the off-lead areas for dog walkers, then make it along the hedgeline behind the bike track. If really necessary to meet these restricting requests of the Kelvin Grove residents (who already have Kelvin Grove Park, and Celaeno Park Playground, as well as Kaimanawa Park and several other reserves), to include the Cessna, then move the Cessna into the proposed on-lead area in the lower paddocks 1 or 2, but please do not restrict the greater areas for the majority of regular dog walkers/owners to just the top of the Linklater Park. This is a Palmy treasure that has to work for the residents too, but not to upset the majority of the regular current users. As a compromise, make the main playareas, ie the first 2 paddocks including the flying fox, wetlands and play areas on-lease, but not the dog agility field please. Please leave these top 3 paddocks to the off-leash exercise of the majority of the regular users dogs.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I want to stand up for the regular dog walking users who use this park, rain or shine, everyday and not just weekends, holidays or after school.

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say?
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Poster, sign or billboard

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First name	Shelley
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Last name	Foaleq
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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?	Yes
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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	<p>I do not support the proposed changes at Linklater Reserve that would see half of the space — including the wetlands area — turned into an on-leash zone.</p> <p>As a local resident who lives within walking distance of the park, this change would have a significant negative impact on my daily routine and my dog's wellbeing. I manage ongoing health issues, and Linklater Reserve is one of the few places where I can easily walk to and allow my dog to get the exercise and stimulation she needs — without the physical demands of a longer walk to other parks or areas.</p> <p>Converting part of the park, especially the wetlands area, to on-leash use would mean that the most interesting and enriching part of the park for my dog would become inaccessible for proper exercise.</p> <p>Additionally, there are many other parks in Kelvin Grove and surrounding suburbs where on-leash walking is already required. Linklater is one of the few dedicated off-leash spaces, and it plays a vital role in promoting responsible dog ownership, canine socialisation, and community interaction.</p> <p>Please keep Linklater Park fully off-leash. It's more than just a dog park — it's a lifeline for many in our community, including those of us who face physical limitations.</p>
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	<p>While I don't support the proposed change, if the council decides to go ahead with it, I would suggest placing the new fence at the first tree line, where there is already an existing fence. I would also like to see an additional fence built to exclude the wetlands area on the left as you enter the park, so that this space remains part of the off-leash area.</p> <p>This layout would allow the dog agility area to stay within the off-leash zone, while keeping dogs out of the remaining children's play areas. I believe this would be a more balanced outcome — one that preserves the most engaging and natural areas for dogs, while still addressing concerns around shared use.</p>
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	<p>I wanted to ensure the council hears from everyday users of the park. I think there are fairer ways to meet everyone's needs than what's currently proposed.</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> <p>Booklet in my mailbox</p>

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First name	Estelle
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Last name	Capper
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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?	No
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Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Yes
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Do you support this change?	Yes, I support this change
Please tell us why.	I have had a friend attacked by a dog.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email

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First name	Karen
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Last name	jessett
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Hearing

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About yourself

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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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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

I have been using Linklater park well before any of the amenities were installed. Infact there was a tap some bags and an older building in the way of a summerhouse when I first started going there with one of my dogs. The barbecue tables from memory were there but definitely not the playground and flying fox or any of that added equipment, so why for such a popular off lead park would you recommend half of it is removed. There are a lot of dogs using this park off lead, so by making half on lead it means a higher concentrated area of off lead dogs and in my view this could lead to a problem.
So there for I would recommend it be left as is

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I feel very strongly about have off lead areas for our dogs Our sections are getting smaller and smaller with PNCC wanting to build so many homes. Not to mention are the drains etc up to the extra houses, all the other parks in the City with the exception of pit park are all on leash. So for a lot of people it easy and socially acceptable to exercise you dog here

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

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Booklet in my mailbox

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First name	Lynette
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Last name	Singleton
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Hearing

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About yourself

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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	I do not support this as it means that it is not possible for the dogs to use the dog agility park of the park. Could you please tell me how a dog on a leash can jump through the tyres..... it makes perfect sense to have dogs on leash in the very front part of the park. Here there is a bbq area, play park and flying fox. It would be easy to install gates at the end of this section at the pergola or the bridge and then create an off leash part at the back where the dog agility section is. If the problem is the aeroplane, maybe consider why this is near a dog agility section of the park?
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I am feeling dissapointed with the current decision. I like being able to take my dog to this park and for him to be able to play and run with other 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	Sandeep
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Last name	Gupta
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Hearing

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Do you support this change?	Yes, I support this change
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email

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Last name	Jha
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Hearing

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Do you support this change?	Yes, I support this change
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email Social media

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Last name	Gupta
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Hearing

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About yourself

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Are you a dog owner? <i>You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.</i>	Prefer not to say
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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.	Once my dad who is 75 year oldwas frowned and chased by a lethal dog. Same thing happened with me and my god sons.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	We wish to have a part of the reserve where dogs are leashed.
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	Gulab
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Last name	Kumar
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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.	Lots of kids don't feel safe around dogs without leash and their needs to be a kids friendly area in the reserve where the kids can be themselves without any inhibitions.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	My kids were chased down by dogs couple times and since then they've stopped going their. Making this change will allow us to start visiting the reserve again. Thanks.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Brenda
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Last name	Mackenzie
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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?	Prefer not to say
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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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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

Will these areas be fenced so that it is obviously on & off leash?
Has it been considered to have a fenced small dog and separate larger dog area?
If the areas are not fenced this is not going to stop the uncontrollable dogs from running into the leashed areas

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

Two separate fenced unleashed areas are required. Small dog area and larger dog area

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

My small dog loves to run around and Linklater is a great space BUT he has been harassed/almost and attacked by large dogs that are off leash and uncontrolled. I no longer will take my dog to this park as it is unsafe for him because of the larger dogs. So my preference would be two sperate fenced areas at Linklater. No I do not want to have to drive to the other side of town every time my dog needs a run to go to the very small and not fit for purpose park that is there.

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

Social media
Family or friends
Booklet in my mailbox
Poster, sign or billboard

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	James
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Last name	Yang
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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>	NZDF
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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
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Please tell us why.	There are plenty of on lead parks. No need for another
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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 Cristina

Last name Yang

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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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

Majority of the dogs playing at the Linklater are friendly and we want our dogs to be able to play and running freely and socialise with other dogs.

Most of the parks in PN require dogs on leash and linklater is one of the only ones gave out fur friends space to play and socialises with other dog and human friends.

For those who wants dog on lease they have plenty of other parks that they can go for walks without being disturbed by dogs.

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

It's not fair that our dogs have to be at the tactics area on leash.

As long as dog owner can follow the rules like dogs on leash around the play ground area and also to pick up dog poops I think we are doing pretty well.

Majority people going there for walks are dog lovers and we wouldn't mind having dogs running around.

There are plenty of other parks in PN and nearby people can go for walks without being disturbed by off leash dogs.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I am a responsible dog owner and linklater is the place we go so my dog can play and socialise with other dogs and people. We don't mind driving a long way to go as it's a dog friendly park.

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	Ardyn
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Last name	Prentice
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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.	Its not bothering anyone. If anyone has a complaint about dogs. Why go to a dog park
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	Madison
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Last name	Walker
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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.	Although there is a large part of the park that is off leash, it may affect some of those that can't make it all the way to the other side of the park to let their dogs off leash. I think that this park should be fully off leash due to it being fun and interactive for both the dogs and there families. People who don't have well behaved dogs/dogs that don't intereact well with others should be on leash and owners should know these boundaries. I disagree with the new change and think it should be kept the same.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	My dog loves interacting with different dogs and enjoys the freedom to run around, she enjoys the ponds and the chasing while my nieces and nephews are on the swing.
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	Jess
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Last name	Marshall
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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 should be the other way my dog won't do the obstacle course on a leash. Or just make the dog park off leash as it a good place to take your dogs
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Keep the whole park off leash as its a good park for dogs
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Because I would like to keep the park as a off leash park or change it around as my dog won't do the course with a lead on and also my young children like to help my dog
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	Daniel
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Last name	Schwarz
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Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

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

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

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

Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	This proposal reserves a disproportionate share of the park for onleash dogs that does not reflect the share of people who will use this area for other reasons.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	<p>If the council is determined to make an on leash area then it should be significantly smaller and not in key areas where dog walkers enjoy off leash walking. Why for example is the agility course in an on leash area? Poorly planned and proposed.</p> <p>No more than 1/6 of the total area should be on leash—as a better reflection of the ratio of dog walkers versus non dog walkers who use the park.</p> <p>The off leash area should be moved forward to include the entire paddock with the agility course, up to the pine tree line.</p>
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I completely disagree that a on leash area is required and find the entire proposal to be ridiculous considering how few people use this park for anything other than dog walking.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	<p>Council website</p> <p>Family or friends</p>

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First name Sharon

Last name Feekes

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.	No reason to change works well
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Change unnecessary well used park by families and dog owners
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	We use the park daily
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	Sharon
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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.	There are so few areas within Palmerston North where dogs can be off leash legally. To cut the area in half is really unfair.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	A suggestion would be to fence the play ground area
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	Eleanor
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Last name	Leslie
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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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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>When you restrict the area to be smaller for dogs to be off leash, more issues occur as there is less space. Since it is a super popular park, currently there are lots of pathways to cut around and down to avoid issues with other dogs.</p> <p>I think it should be a bigger area off leash and smaller on leash as there is more control for the on leash people. If you used the existing Fenceline with the trees, it keeps that big open top area for dogs to run around and not be too close together.</p>
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I own dogs and am aware of the risks at the park but love having a big open area for them to come to. If it gets smaller i will be more anxious about issues occurring.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	<p>Social media</p> <p>Poster, sign or billboard</p>

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First name	Kane
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Last name	McKenzie
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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

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	Theresa
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Last name	Yates
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Organisation you represent

If applicable. Please only answer this question if you are speaking on behalf of an organisation.

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?	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?	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 the only spacious dog park we have and as rate payers and registered dog owners this is not acceptable. There are over 100 parks in the manawatu region for people to take their children to. If you confine the dogs in to a smaller area this will cause issues for the dogs and owners. This park was kindly left to the Manawatu dog owners so why have you installed a children's area and now are trying to limit the amount of space for dogs to socialise which is important otherwise you will have more aggressive dog issues

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

The kindness of the Linklater family to donate this park to dogs is special and should not be exploited for any other thing. The money that would be spent to curb the areas off will be astronomical and unnecessary to rate payers. Leave the dog park as is if you want to spend money move the plane.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Because you need to leave a dog park alone as there are a multitude of children's play areas that the council have built and rate payers paid for so please leave us one safe and secure area for pet owner & rate payers.

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

Social media

Family or friends

Other: People at the dog park

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First name	Amanda
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Last name	Basher
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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.

In palmy we don't have many off leash parks for dogs. Having an off leash park enables my dogs to run free at their own speed and make new friends with the local dogs. If these changes do go ahead. Having the obstacle course as an on leash area is very dangerous as a leash can get easily cause up on the obstacles and choke my dog.

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

PLEASE KEEP THE PARK THE WAY IT IS. DOG OWNERS SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN DOGS. There are usually many people around at the park, so if dog attacks do happen it should be the attackers owner who is responsible.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

This is an issue that I feel very very strongly about. As stated above the DOG PARK should be an off leash area to let dogs have their freedom. If owners have aggressive dogs then they should not take them to a off leash park.

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 Renee

Last name Godfrey

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.	<p>Because there is already a clearly defined area that would work as the bdy for off-leash area. The row of pine trees and fence by the bike track area. It means you don't have to move the dog agility area, most people who go past this point are typically dog walkers anyway. Move the plane to by the tractor/flying fox area somewhere as thats probably as far as most people with kids go unless specifically to see the plane.</p> <p>I have four year old twins who love to ride their bikes around the whole reserve while we walk the dog off-leash too so it would be good to retain more area. It's tricky managing two girls on bikes while the dog is on lead.</p> <p>Other concern with what is proposed is also that dogs like to cool off in the stream by the walking bridge. They won't have access to this as they can't swim on lead (not that my proposal solves this).</p> <p>I see one of the disc golf targets would still be in the off-leash area, could that also move? To be fair the only person I've seen playing disc golf was a man who also had his dog running along off-lead with him.</p>
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Linklater is such a good place to take my dog walking off leash. It's stress free. There is so little places that dogs can be free off-lead, and many other places in the city people can walk/play if they don't want to be near dogs. Let's not make life even more miserable for dogs. A bored dog with too much energy and not enough stimulation can become problematic.
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	29 June 2025, 10:32pm
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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.	It is the only place you can take your dog where you don't have to worry about cyclists, cars etc and they can be off leash. If you don't like it go to literally any other parking Palmerston North.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Linklater Reserve Submission

From: Kelly Spilman
Sent: Monday, 14 July 2025 5:30 pm
To: Submission <submission@pncc.govt.nz>
Subject: Linklater Reserve Submission

Hello,

We dont have a problem with there being an on-lesh and an off-lesh area, the problem we have is is that the on- lesh area is going to be bigger then the off-lesh area and they lose all the fun dog exercise areas if you put a fence up by the plane. Unless you are going to put an obstacle area and a creek at the other side then there won't be much point in us coming over from Feilding.

Why dont you just put the fence up at the row of pine trees just past the log playground.

We have 2 dogs, one on lesh and one off lesh. The off lesh dog is very energetic and needs as much space as possible so we will just stay in feilding if the fence is put up by the plane.

Thank you for your time in reading this.

Kelly

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Let us know your thoughts on our proposed dogs on-leash area at Linklater Reserve

From: carol shaw
Sent: Monday, 14 July 2025 5:24 pm
To: Stacey Solomon <stacey.solomon@pncc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Let us know your thoughts on our proposed dogs on-leash area at Linklater Reserve

I am not that mobile, and usually let my dog off when we get through the gate. He is good at recall, and I cannot walk up the hill area. Thought this was a dog park, and people who want to just go for a walk WITHOUT A DOG should go to another park or walking track. This is the only exercise my little dog gets and he loves running free off the lead.

CAROL SHAW

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Let us know your thoughts on our proposed dogs on-leash area at Linklater Reserve

From: Lara A Thompson
Sent: Monday, 14 July 2025 5:31 pm
To: Stacey Solomon <stacey.solomon@pncc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Let us know your thoughts on our proposed dogs on-leash area at Linklater Reserve

Kia ora,

I reckon leashed up to the plane is not needed. From the fence that goes into the paddock where the plane is could be all leash free. Let the dogs run huge :-)

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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.

I support an on-leash area only around the flying fox and playground, which is the lower half of the planned on-leash area. Also, it will look silly if you must keep the dogs on-leash at the dog agility.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

A great example of how the minor 'hijacked' the public agenda, even though 80% of the 1st round feedback said 'no' to the changes. And, can anyone tell why we had to start the 2nd round of consultation/feedback after receiving 1,200+ submissions on the 1st round.....

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

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Council website

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Hearing

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

No

About yourself

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

The proposed change

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

Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	This is the only off leash dog park in the whole of Palmerston North. I've taken my dogs here hundreds of times and never had an issue. They love it and are not annoying to other people or pets. Making it only half the space to run around in is a joke when there are soooo many other parks in the city that people can go to that dogs are not permitted at. Our dogs love running over the logs/tyres and amongst the wetlands, dipping in the water and going over the agility equipment. Please leave it as is, people with issues can go elsewhere.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	The proposal angers me.
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	LLadira
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Last name	Estay Miranda
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Hearing

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

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

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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

There's a natural boundary already in the Linklater reserve by the tree line that separates the bike track and the dog agility area. It is recommended to use this natural boundary (already has a fence through the trees and requires the installation of gates (x2) vicinity of the pergola and the other by the water hole. This will then secure the area where there is the playground, the flying fox and bike track making it safer for those using the space but who may or may not bring a dog along. Responsible dog owners who travel out to the fringes of Palmerston North specifically to Linklater reserve do so to benefit from the large grounds available for off leash exercise and socialisation. It doesn't make sense to have to have your dog on leash when undertaking the dog agility course. Not to mention that there are a number of other parks that are suitable for kids and those that don't have dogs to visit e.g.: Memorial park.

Recommend from the carpark at Kelvin Grove to pergola treeline to be ON LEASH. The rest of the park to be OFF LEASH.

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

Dogs need a large exercise area. Suggesting that Linklater park is to be shared 1/2 with on and off leash areas does not adequately take into the account the amount of space large dog breeds need, nor does it take advantage of the natural boundaries the park areas already provide. Ahimate park already has been downsized with same restrictions. Linklater (out in the fringe of Palmerston North) is now being targeted, and yet there are multiple other parks that are specifically ON LEASH only or no dogs allowed. This approach to downsize Linklater begs the question about why other parks can not have zones in place too to promote on and off leash areas.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Because the reduction of Ahimate park off leash area had a significant impact on responsible dog owners being able to exercise large dog breeds and expose the dog to dog socialisation.

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

Council website
Social media
Family or friends
Poster, sign or billboard

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First name	Robert
Last name	Cleland
Organisation you represent <small>If applicable. Please only answer this question if you are speaking on behalf of an organisation.</small>	Self Employed Consultant

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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
Are you a dog owner? <small>You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.</small>	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.	I enjoy walking my two dogs off a leash at the park and do so regularly. I have never ever come across any issue with other dogs or people. There always seems to be an atmosphere of collegiality and friendlessness throughout the park and I see no reason to implement this change.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	I am a strong critic of PNCC and in particular its city and traffic planning functions which border on madness. This park is one thing that the PNCC has done well, and credit should be given for that. However, it seems it was too good to last, and the fun police minority are attempting to impinge upon the enjoyment of the majority.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Because the proposal is dumb and stupid and based on other dumb and stupid actions taken by PNCC's city and traffic planners, is likely to be implemented.
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	Kiri-Lee
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Last name	Williams
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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.

Today Friday 18 July, 5pmish my 15 year old son got bit on his back while at the bottom of the flying fox. He just finished on the flying fox and was about to make his way back when a medium black staffy looking dog attacked him from behind and bit his upper left side of his back. The owner who was at the bottom of the flying fox on the track saw this happen and quickly whistled and they left the park. We had no time get any detail from the owner. He was a european man, dressed in pants and a jacket. This could have been a much younger child. I am really concerned for little people who also want to enjoy the flying fox. Having a dog park and kids play area is not a good idea. Do you have cameras in this area. I'd like the owner to see the damage his dog did to my son. I'm so disappointed this dog owner didn't take responsibility for my son's injury.

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

Fence off the play area. Dogs on leashes or certain breeds on leashes.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

My son was bit by an aggressive breed of dog. Don't let this happen again.

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

Other: I searched Linklater reserve because of the incident that happened to my son today.

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First name	Wendy
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Last name	Watts
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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?	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?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	I'm a regular user of the park with my grandchildren and their dogs. Dogs feel less threatened when they're allowed to socialize with other dogs off lead. There are many other playgrounds in the city that don't allow dogs off leash
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email Social media Radio

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First name	Lauren
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Last name	Orchard
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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.	Thats a massive part of the park to make on lead. There are so many on lead parks around Palmerston North, why can't dog owners have an area that is solely off lead. I have never had a negative experience with dogs being off lead in this park, everyone is very responsible.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	<div>Social media</div> <div>Family or friends</div>

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First name	Jan
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Last name	Reid
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Hearing

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

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

Do you support this change?	Yes, I support this change
Please tell us why.	My dogs enjoy the agility area but are anxious, and we keep them on a lease. Even though we tell people they are anxious, people don't always reign in their dogs. Having part of it on leash would mean we would use it more often.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	It's my community and decisions made impact me and in this case my dogs.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email

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First name	samantha
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Last name	baker
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Hearing

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

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

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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 is ridiculous to have people have to walk all the way up the back, for me personally been a women i do not feel safe walking right at the back alone with my dog let alone the steep paths down that end, u cant push a pram easily on there either. Its the most muddy part in winter and your also taking the little swim area where my dog lives playing away if u make it on leash. You'd be better making a area like Maxwell line dog park so dogs can be off leash been dogs exploring in a safe fenced area

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

No one will follow these changes unless your planning to put in a way to implement it. Its been offleash from the start and now you wish to change it.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Because im a dog owner in roslyn and im sick of having to travel over to awapuni to use a safe area for my dog to explore without the fear of her been attacked or myself!

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	James
Last name	Nicholls
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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
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 a dog park. Dog lovers enjoy taking their dog to this park and we support paying our dog registration fees because the council offer such an amazing reserve where we can walk and train our dogs with having enough space to find a quiet area to train our dogs off leash. Having this area halved is a poor decision.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Don't go ahead with this.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Because I don't support this decision and I believe that giving feedback may help councils change their mind.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email Family or friends

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Jesisca
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Last name	Walker
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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.	If you must take away part of the park from off leash. Move the plane which to be honest isn't the safest for kids in the first place and pull back to the tree line and keep the dog agility where it is. So many dogs swim in the wet are, would love to hear your tips on how to swim a dog while on leash.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	There are already so many parks that are dog free for those who don't want to be around off leash dogs. There's not anywhere near as many off leash parks. This is the biggest and best one we have.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I use this often and it is one of my favorite places. I would prefer that it's not ruined for the appeasement of people who are upset about dogs being at a dog park.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Rachael
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Last name	Jacobs
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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

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 dog agility area is in the "onlead area" and it's a big reduction to the only large park that allows dogs off lead.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Why not just have the on lead arwa up to the existing fence behind the bike track? More space for dogs and less fencing required.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I am a dogownerthst uses the park.
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	May
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Last name	Becker
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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
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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.	Because linklater is one of few off leash areas remaining. It's up to responsible dog owners to be in control of their animals, if your dog is not friendly or sociable, go to one of the on leash parks. There should be another way around this instead of restricting an area where people with social dogs can go and enjoy themselves. You'd be better to put up cameras and take not of regos and animals that are unsocial or have bad recall and chase up those owners and give warnings.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I have 3 dogs, two have zero social skills and need to remain leashed. I walk them in leashed areas and keep them under control. I also have a social dog with excellent recall and that is the only place she can go and run free and have fun.
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	Tongye
Last name	XU
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Hearing

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

About yourself

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

The proposed change

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

Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	This proposal is sucks because this park is the only safe unleash park in palmy
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Stop proposing something ridiculous, get something else meaningful to do
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Because you guys doing something meaningless, try to fix the hole on the road instead
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Council website

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Claire
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Last name	Hillary
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Postal address

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Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

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

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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Are you a Kelvin Grove local?	Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
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Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	This park was designed as a dog park my interpretation of this is that all dog can walk the track with their owner. If people wish to just walk the track that is fine, but they have to be aware this is a dog park really only place big enough to have that freedom. There are other places for people to walk. Please do not bend for a few people who are complaining. This is a big issue especially when it is an election year for the council. Be fair and think about dog owners for a change, you put this as a dog park keep it as a dog park.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	You are only listening to the minority not the majority. I believe there is a Kelvin Grove Committee, are they being reasonable or just down right mean.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Council website Social media Newspaper Family or friends Poster, sign or billboard Digital advertising, eg an advert on TVNZ+, Stuff, MetService etc

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First name	Jordan
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Last name	Calkin
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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.	The most stupid idea ever thinking you should have a leash on area. Should be off leash and stay like that. It's the only dog park around. There are other parks for kids
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Makes me angry you are gonna change the park around.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email

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First name	Rebecca
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Last name	Beattie
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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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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

It seems silly to include the dog agility course equipment in the on leash section, I think the boundary between the 2 areas should be a the line of trees that naturally separates the 2 parts.

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

There are many more locations where dogs are welcome on leash ... but a very small number where dogs are welcome off leash and to reduce this area by half is a real shame 2 thirds, 1 third is fairer in my opinion. I do appreciate the enlarging of the carpark at the 'other' entrance as those is the one off leash dogs would better to use.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I use the park regularly including the agility equipment and it would be counter productive to have my dog on a lead when using this.

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

Other: At doggy daycare

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First name	Ashley
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Last name	Lucas
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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?	Yes
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Do you support this change?	Yes, I support this change
Please tell us why.	I have dealt with dogs not under control running up to my dogs (my past dog 17 year old Lab was out for a relaxing time and our new dog now 3 year old American bull dog) while they are on leash learning and this would cause us problems not in controlling my dog that is with me but in that they did not get hurt. I do not own little dogs and would not like to have this problem if I did have a small dog and for this reason I really like your idea of the 2 zones.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	My only other idea would be a smaller fenced area that is off leash where dogs can have the freedom while be trained and under more control. Thank you.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	To help to make a place that is safe for people and dogs and to enjoy it together no matter the ability of the person and dog young or old.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email Social media Digital advertising, eg an advert on TVNZ+, Stuff, MetService etc

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First name	Susan
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Last name	Doohan
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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?	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 would like to see a much larger area including the wetlands and central field where the agility equipment currently is, stay off lead.

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

I love the current size of off lead area of the park and diversity of terrain. It spreads out the off lead dogs and it's so great they can swim/dip in the stream in the wetlands area.
I do support a fenced on lead only area around the playgrounds and bike track.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I feel strongly that the size off the off lead area is its main draw card and point of difference.

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	Sue
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Last name	Adams
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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 believe the on leash area is too big. I don't believe that it should go back as far as the plane. I think to the tree line behind the tractor area is more than enough. In fact a line behind the flying fox? Mostly because I think dogs should be able to use the water hole.

I believe that the only creatures who use the water hole are dogs... and this would be too difficult on leash. (I have three dogs who all like to swim in the warmer weather)

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

Changing rules very rarely achieves what people think it will. There will still be PEOPLE who break the rules.... (dogs don't even understand what the rules are) I feel that "good" dog owners are being penalised due to the behaviour of a few bad ones. Surely, bad owners being held responsible would be a better option?

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Linklater park is the only leash free area in town - where I'm comfortable to run my dogs. Yes ... there are other areas... but Linklater is fenced.... so ensures that the dogs CAN'T go where they shouldn't.

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

Letter or email

Social media

Poster, sign or billboard

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Anna
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Last name	Krsinich
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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?

Not sure

Please tell us why.

I support the change to some on leash some off leash, BUT I believe the area of off leash should be widened to include the dog agility course and even MORE IMPORTANTLY the creek with the bridge. A lot of dogs LOVE to have a swim mid walk and in the summer this is even more important. There is no shade in the proposed off leash area so cooling down is a safety issue as well as a lot of fun for the dogs! If the area is due to the plane, perhaps the plane could be moved again or the plane itself could be fenced off.

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

There are plenty of places to walk dogs on lead on Palmy. But very limited places for off lead. While I understand the need to devide the areas, please include the creek and bridge area into the off lead area - is the highlight of many dogs run around and would be hard to let them swim in it on lead! They need an area to cool down. The rest of the off lead area has no swim or cool down areas for the dogs. Except for a stagnant smelly trough at the roberts line entrance...

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

We use the park alot and so do alot of our friends. We LOVE it.

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

Letter or email

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First name	Ngaio
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Last name	Beausoleil
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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.

There are so few places that are for dogs and dog owners where dogs can run off leash unrestricted (which is critical to good dog welfare) - Linklater was designed and designated for that very purpose and is completely unique in this respect. There are many other places walkers and those with children can go in the Kelvin Grove (and elsewhere in Palmy) - why does the primary purpose of this unique location have to be compromised so that non dog owners can have another place to use? I have been to Linklater literally hundreds of times with my very active dog (and my children) and never once had a problem with any other user, dog owner or non. Everyone goes there knowing what to expect - it is a dog off leash area. If your children are fearful of dogs, don't come here. There are many other places you can go to walk and play. If your dog is aggressive, walk it somewhere else on leash. This is a very special place for the many people who understand the value of walking off leash for dog welfare and the dearth of places to do so. Please don't take away the one place in Palmy that is for dogs not just for people! We would no longer come to Linklater if you made half of it on-leash, it would be pointless and too small for our dog to get a good off-leash run. I would be so disappointed to lose this wonderful resource.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

It feels like the decision is already made but I still want to feel that I tried to stop this change. We go to Linklater a lot and I'd be so disappointed to lose its value, which is what will happen (for us) if the proposed change goes ahead.

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

(select as many as apply)

Letter or email

Poster, sign or billboard

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First name	Greer
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Last name	Murrie
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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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Do you support this change?	Yes, I support this change
Please tell us why.	I congratulate the decision to change the areas. I've seen too many dogs defecating in the bark areas around play equipment and its disgusting - if dogs are off lead owners can be "unaware" of the mess, bit harder when its beside your leg! Plus it helps to be able to match dog to owner if a mess is observed. Unfortunately there are too many dog owners treating the whole reserve as a Free to Roam instead of an Off Lead area. The destruction of the front wetlands needs to be stopped for them to be of any benefit - I've seen water dogs going crazy down there, and sure its fun for them, but quite a waste as far as conservation goes.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Off leash dogs have created negative experiences for me, my children, and my own well behaved leashed dog at the park. Plus I have witnessed many situations which seem less than ideal.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Social media Other: discussions with my councillor

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First name	Camille
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Last name	Zarate
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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.	I prefer off leash area
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Melissa
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Last name	Jamieson
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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.

The area makes no sense. Especially with the dog agility area for that area to be on leash. If your going to make a space on leash it should be from the bmx track area to the gates on Kelvin Grove road. The rest is mainly used by those with dogs. Also being that the park is a dog park it doesn't make sense to cut the off leash area by so much. I can understand the park area and bmx area but not the dogs agility area as that's where the dogs can play. And how can they safely use the agility park if their on leash and likely to pull owners over or hurt themselves jumping around the course and being pulled back by a leash

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

I understand people want to use the park knowing their not going to have off leash dogs running up to them. However as it is a dog park and they have the agility area it makes sense that this is included in the off leash area for them to play on without risk of injury.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

The fact that where the off-on leash part of the proposal makes no sense with the dog agility area. It's my dog's favourite part and I wouldn't be able to use it with him jumping all over it and over the top if he's on leash without hurting us both!

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
Last name	Hudson
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

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.	It's a dog park, the only dedicated one in town. It should remain a dog park, it is unfair that a handful of people who have had a bad experience should get to generalise every dog and its owner by allowing this submission to even happen in the first place.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	The feedback from the first submission was overwhelmingly in favour of Linklater remaining a dog park. It should have ended there.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I am a dog owner and use linklater regularly and I am incensed because a small group in the community are trying to marginalise us further.
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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Last name	Gilling
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Postal address

Email

Phone

Please provide a daytime contact number

Hearing

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

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Prefer not to say
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Are you a dog owner?	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.	Our dog survived a horrific dog attack last year. It wasn't at the reserve but because of this we stopped taking her to Linklater Park. If this on leash proposal goes through we will enjoy using the reserve again.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email Social media

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Hattie
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Last name	Crawshaw
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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
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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'm writing to strongly oppose the proposed change to introduce an on-leash area at Linklater Reserve.

As a local resident, this reserve is one of the few truly inclusive spaces in our city where I can bring both my children and our dog to enjoy the outdoors together. The current off-leash policy works well, especially with clear rules already in place around children's play areas. I've always found the open layout and visibility at Linklater Reserve make it easy to monitor both kids and dogs, creating a safe and social environment for families and pet owners alike. My children are 1, 3, and 5 years old and walking to the aeroplane with kids and a buggy and a dog on lead is too difficult - it is too far and the kids just want to play at the swings or the tractor and balance beams. We usually don't even make it any further. Often my husband takes my 5 year old on the zip line and having to stand there holding a dog on a leash the entire time with completely change our experience. In fact we don't use the area at all because our dog is a bit golden retriever and requires an off leash walk. If we can't walk him off lead here we won't come at all as what is the point. We go here to "kill two birds with one stone" with kids having fun and dog having a run. Where else can we do that in Palmerston North?!

Turning a central part of the park into an on-leash zone significantly reduces the freedom and usability of the space for dog owners and will unfairly impact those of us who rely on this park for daily recreation - a lot of people!! Rather than promoting shared use, this proposal risks fragmenting a space that currently balances the needs of both families and dog owners well.

I urge the Council to keep the current off-leash rules in place across the whole reserve (with dogs still excluded from the playground areas), and to focus on education and signage to support responsible dog ownership, rather than restricting access.

What's especially frustrating is that this proposal goes against the feedback you asked for. Earlier this year, you invited residents to share our views, and many of us clearly said we supported the existing off-leash rules. To now see a proposal that contradicts that input makes it feel like our voices haven't been taken seriously.

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

It is incredibly discouraging when community consultation feels like a tick-box exercise rather than a genuine opportunity for residents to shape decisions. If the majority of people supported the current off-leash arrangement, why is PNCC now proposing changes that go against that? It gives the impression that the outcome was already decided, regardless of what the community said.

Linklater Reserve is already a well-used, well-loved park. There are many other areas across the city where leashed dog walking is already the rule. Rather than restricting this space, PNCC should be championing it as a model of shared use, with good signage and responsible pet ownership encouraged through education—not unnecessary rule changes.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and to respect the feedback your community took the time to give. Please keep Linklater Reserve a truly shared, off-leash space for families and their dogs.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I wanted to give feedback because I'm genuinely frustrated and disappointed by the direction this proposal is taking—especially after residents were asked to share our thoughts earlier this year. I took the time to respond then, and it was clear that many people—including myself—valued the current off-leash setup at Linklater Reserve and

didn't want it to change.

To now see a proposal that directly contradicts that feedback makes it feel like our voices haven't been heard, or worse, that the consultation wasn't genuine in the first place. It's disheartening when you're invited to participate in a community process, only for the result to feel predetermined.

Linklater Reserve is one of the few public spaces in Palmerston North where I can confidently take both my children and our dog and enjoy the space together. The open layout, visibility, and well-established community use make it ideal. We already have rules in place excluding dogs from the playground, which I fully support, but adding further restrictions seems unnecessary and out of step with how people actually use and enjoy this park.

I'm giving feedback because I feel strongly that PNCC is making a poor decision here—one that ignores public sentiment and undermines a space that's currently working well for families and dog owners alike.

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

(select as many as apply)

Letter or email

Family or friends

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Georgia
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Last name	Sheard
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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?	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 support making a change, but I don't think the on-leash part needs to be so big. By making it that size you are making it a more costly exercise as you are proposing moving the agility obstacles. Why not just put the fence and the tree line closest to the bike track.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Gerard
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Last name	Buys
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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?	No
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Are you a dog owner? <i>You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.</i>	Yes
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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.	It will give all dog owners and non dog owners the confidence to use this great Palmy asset and it still has the option of having your dog off leash for those who want it.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	I personally feel even more people will use this park once the changes are made.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I would love to start using this dog park knowing there will be safe areas.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Council website Social media

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name Louise

Last name Whitson

Postal address

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Hearing

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

About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user? Yes

Are you a dog owner? Prefer not to say
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.	Leave the whole area off leash, there are plenty of other areas to walk dogs on leash. Also why make the off leash area smaller dogs need space to run. This whole things is a waste of money leave it how it is
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I really think the whole park should remain off leash
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	Erica
Last name	Whittle
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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
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.	<p>You're taking away most of the reserve. This will mean a lot of people won't even bother going there. Up to the plane is mad especially when there's a dog obstacle course before that, so they have to be on lead to use that? At least push it back to the fence line that borders the bmx track.</p> <p>Everyone knows this is a popular dog exercise area and it's primarily dog owners that use the place. What a shame to take half of it away.</p>
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	There's not many off leash areas in palmy. Would be good to keep the ones we do have.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Steven
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Last name	Lee
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Postal address

Email

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Hearing

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

Are you a Linklater Reserve user?	Yes
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Are you a dog owner?	Yes
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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 like the idea of a fence and gate to separate the 2 zones. However, the on leash area in the proposal needs to be reduced. From the Kelvin Grove car park to the playground and flying fox, should be the extend of the on Leash area. You will need to rebuild the dog obstacle course to be within the dog off leash area
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	I rather they build a fenced off area where no dogs are allowed around the BBQ area, rest room and play grounds
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	It greatly affects the main purpose of this park. I visit this area specifically to allow my dog off leash time to socialise with other pets. I drive here from the other side of town 2-3 times a week.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email

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First name	Rhiannon
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Last name	Harper
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Postal address

Email

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Hearing

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

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

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

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

Do you support this change?	Yes, I support this change
Please tell us why.	I think that it's a good thing that dogs are on leash in the playground and BBQ area.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	No comment.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I just wanted to give my thoughts and opinions on this proposal.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Council website

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Richard
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Last name	O'Donoghue
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Postal address

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Hearing

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

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

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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

I do not support this change for the following reasons:

In my own experience as a regular park user (multiple times a week) the majority of users I see are dog owners. This proposal has been brought about by a minority of individuals (~60 signatures from the Kelvin Grove Community Association).

It is clear to me that there has been no data captured relating to park use, I hypothesise you would find the majority are in-fact dog owners.

This change is not in the interest of rate payers or park users due to the cost of the changes, and the interruptions to park use that this will bring. There are far more important issues within our city such as our ageing infrastructure which would be better allocation of rate payer funds.

These proposed changes essentially cut off all water access for dogs, and requires the expensive relocation of the agility course and fencing. This is an absolute waste of ratepayer dollars.

Linklater is the only park in Palmerston North that provides a safe, large, fenced in area where dogs can run, swim, play and walk without restraint. Alternatives such as the river are not suitable due to many reasons such as but not limited to:

Cyclists, heavy congestion, the river being unsafe for dogs to swim in (strong currents and terrible water quality). There is no suitable alternative that provides this kind of experience for owners and dogs.

Regular users of the park are a tight nit bunch, we all know each other and each others families and dogs. We treat the park with respect, and we do not want it to change. We also keep our dogs under control, ensuring that other users visiting the playgrounds, playing frisby golf or those having a BBQ are left undisturbed.

Kelvin Grove is full of other parks, to my knowledge there are 11 named parks / reserves. There are plenty of other places that people within the KG community can visit if they are not comfortable with dogs being off leash.

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

Before committing to any sort of change, the council should spend the time gathering hard data about who park users are, the original purpose of the park and whether or not there is actually any problems with the current configuration of the park that cause unnecessary risk or issues to park users.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

I am a regular user of Linklater, (multiple times a week). Speaking to others within our close Linklater dog owner community, I have to do my part to ensure that this proposal does not go any further. I do not want our special space to change. There aren't any other specialised park options for dog owners, there are plenty for everyone else.

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

Council website

Letter or email

Family or friends

Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Holly
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Last name	Bly
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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
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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 feel like this is too much of the reserve on leash. The agility course is in this area and it would be hard for dogs to use this when on leash.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	I feel the on leash area should finish at the bike track fence line
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email