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Subject: FW: Linklater on-leash controls submission

From: Judith Lacy
Sent: Monday, 28 July 2025 12:57 pm
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Linklater Reserve Proposed On-Leash Area

What a fascinating issue! I've left my submission to the last minute as there has been so much to mull over, plus two walks to fit in.

It is unfortunate Linklater Reserve has become known as the "dog park". While it is indeed dog friendly and offers a large off-leash space, it is not dog exclusive.

Any dog or human who goes to Linklater Reserve needs to be able to share a public space. Dogs need to be friendly towards fellow canines and two-legged users.

I support some of the reserve becoming on-leash as not everyone likes dogs getting in their personal space. The reserve is huge and there is plenty of room for dogs to be off-leash.

However, making the reserve on-leash up to the aeroplane is too extreme. Why not use the existing fence past the bike track and gazebo?

This would save money and would also mean the dog agility area doesn't have to be moved.

The high-pedestrian area at the Kelvin Grove Road entrance and where the main attractions are (play equipment, swing bridge, picnic area etc) should definitely be on-leash.

There is a great entrance off Roberts Line now that allows dogs and their walkers to avoid the high-pedestrian area.

The reserve is a fantastic spot for plane spotting, taking in the ranges, and admiring the sunset. People should be able to do this without worrying about a dog jumping on them or worse.

One issue I've noticed is non-attentive dog owners. They should not be scrolling and strolling.

The furry friends signs at the park entrances outlining the rules of use are clever and informative, but could be bigger and also within the reserve.

Why not develop a character like Link the Lab and get schoolchildren involved in developing a code of conduct?

Being dog-friendly does not give dogs carte blanche to do whatever they like at the reserve or for their owners to take their eye off the paws.

I had an enjoyable, if somewhat muddy, walk on July 20. However, one small white dog put its two front paws on my leg and another, slightly larger, white dog blocked my way. Both owners were attentive and I wasn't perturbed but I could understand why others would be.

On July 27, I walked with a friend. We hadn't even entered the park when she remarked: "I don't come here because of the dogs."

My friend was astounded at how big the reserve is. We had an enjoyable walk despite some dogs getting in our personal space.

The aeroplane is too far from the entrances. This makes it vulnerable to vandalism and hard to access when the ground is sodden.

I think some of the heat in this issue comes from Kelvin Grove once being promised an alternative "esplanade-type" reserve on the former Linklater block. Esplanades are about walking for pleasure not dodging dogs.

Kelvin Grove lacks many amenities found in other Palmerston North suburbs eg. medical centre, pharmacy, cafe, restaurant, a school that is not special character, petrol station, library.

Yes, only the latter is part of the council's purvey.

I appreciate a library requires considerable capital and operational investment, but a book bin does not. Awapuni and Highbury both have a library and a book bin. Kelvin Grove has neither.

It does have a community centre but it sits right on the Roslyn boundary of the suburb.

Thankfully, Kelvin Grove is well served by public transport and yes, it does have many green spaces.

It is disappointing neither the A4 poster nor the pamphlet I received in my mailbox had the submission closing date on them. The submission form has the closing date, but not the time.

But what is more disappointing is that I had to go hunting to find the proposed cost of a fence. This is what journalists call "burying the lead".

Thank you for reading this far. I'm used to reading submissions rather than writing them.

Judith Lacy

Yes, I would like to speak in support of my submission.

Yes, I am a Linklater Reserve user and a Kelvin Grove local.

No, I am not a dog owner but I appreciate many dogs.

From: Caroline Lockyer
Sent: Thursday, 24 July 2025 10:03 am
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Subject: Linklater Reserve Submission

Design Best Practices

1. Complete Fencing

- Fully enclose the park to prevent dogs from escaping.
- Use natural barriers if fencing isn't feasible

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2. Double-Gate Entry System

- Allows safe entry and exit, minimizing accidental escapes.
- Provides a space to leash/unleash dogs before entering the main area

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3. Separate Areas for Small and Large Dogs

- Reduces risk of injury and intimidation.
- Helps puppies and shy dogs acclimate safely

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4. Adequate Space and Surfacing

- Ensure enough room for dogs to run and play.
- Use durable, dog-friendly surfaces like turf, mulch, or decomposed granite

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5. Water Access

- Include drinking fountains for dogs and humans.
- Consider splash pads or shallow pools for cooling off

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6. Shade and Seating

- Provide shaded areas and benches for owners.
- Trees or shade structures help prevent overheating

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7. Agility and Enrichment Features

- Add climbing structures, tunnels, and ramps.
- Encourages physical and mental stimulation

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Management Best Practices

1. Clear Rules and Signage

- Post park rules prominently (e.g., leash laws, aggressive behavior policies).
- Include emergency contact info and hours of operation

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2. Regular Maintenance

- Clean waste stations and refill bags.
- Inspect fencing, gates, and equipment regularly

3. Community Engagement

- Involve local dog owners in planning and feedback.
- Host events or training sessions to promote responsible use

4. Conflict Mitigation Strategies

- Train staff or volunteers to monitor behavior.
- Encourage owners to supervise and intervene when needed

5. Accessibility and Inclusivity

- Ensure paths and amenities are accessible to people with disabilities.
- Consider multilingual signage in diverse communities

Outstanding Questions

1. Where is the money coming from?
2. It is not policed at the Esplanade or at the Square and plenty of dogs are off leash – what is the point of the all this expensive fencing and signage

I am at Linklater park early in the morning, there is people rushing there at a walk to give there dogs a run. If you make the whole first part of the park on leash that becomes impossible.

There are no children at the park at this time

One of the best things about this park is the ability to exercise my dogs and play with my child at the same time – make me put the dog on the leash at the playground or specifically by the flying fox and log climb – that becomes impossible, so we will stop using it. As I can't do both things on my own.

Overall this is one persons whim ^{7(2)(a) Privacy} to ruin a very good city appreciated feature. Another park! Not a feature. A specific dog park! A feature.

Either way you will spend all this money unnecessarily

Nobody will follow your rules

Saturdays at the park will be ruined for families with dogs

Maybe you would be best to consider all the Golf Courses in the city! Do we need all of them! I don't see you trying to add children to golf courses where mostly retirees play. So why are we adding Children to dog parks!

I wanted to come to the walk in drop in sessions, but instead of holding them at the Park on a Saturday – logical.

You held them at the library!

It would have been so much better if instead of holding the session at the Kelvin Grove Centre, the home of ^{7(2)(a) Privacy} and ^{7(2)(a) Privacy} group of retirees on a crusade for the old times, you choose the logical and neutral setting of the Linklater Park itself.

So much of this process has been steeped in undemocratic bias. The need for the review was undemocratic and here we are now with ^{7(2)(a) Privacy} wishes playing out.

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Caroline Lockyer

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Linklater Reserve on-leash area consultation



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First name	Mark
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Last name	Beard
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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

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

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

Do you support this change?	No, I don't support this change
Please tell us why.	I would like to see the area from the aeroplane to the treeline next to the Bike Track be included in the off-leash area. This area should remain off-leash both because the Dog Agility Course is there, and it is a large open area that is great for dogs to run around off-leash.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	Good dog parks are a great asset to the community and I don't want to see them reduced or removed.
How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (select as many as apply)	Letter or email Booklet in my mailbox

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First name Matthew

Last name Smith

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Hearing

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

About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user? Yes

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

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

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Do you support this change?

No, I don't support this change

Please tell us why.

The entirety of the Linklater Reserve should remain 'off leash' for dogs.
Exactly as it is now - no change.
Having one park where dogs and the dog owners can enjoy 'off leash' recreation is vital.
Please do not, unnecessarily, restrict freedoms at Linklater Park. Council has more important things to do than waste ratepayers money on unnecessary regulation and, in future, enforcement when there is no problem to fix. Consult on removing regulation not imposing more.
Please leave Linklater Reserve as is.

Regards, Matt Smith

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

Don't impose more unnecessary restrictions on the people (and their pets) of Palmerston North.
Leave the Linklater reserve as a full 'off leash' park.

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

Frustrated with Council wasting money on such unnecessary, costly, consultation. Stop making more rules for no good reason. Take a look at removing bylaws and regulation first.

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

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email, Poster, sign
or billboard

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First name Sarah

Last name Stephens

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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.	Strongly disagree with the changes being proposed/made. There are many other parks and reserves people can use for their pleasure where dogs are on leads.
Please write down any other feedback you would like to share with us about our proposal.	Fence off the bbq area and small playground at the front of the reserve.
What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?	I use the reserve every morning (including weekends) and it is wonderful so many dog owners are utilising the space and able to socialise their dogs without any problems.
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Organisation you represent If applicable. Please only answer this question if you are speaking on behalf of an organisation.

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Hearing

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at the hearing on 20 August 2025? (Select 1 option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

About yourself

Are you a Linklater Reserve user? (Select 1 option)

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Are you a dog owner? (Select 1 option) *You do not need to be a dog owner to give feedback.*

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Are you a Kelvin Grove local? (Select 1 option)

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ Not Kelvin Grove, but I am Palmy local
- ☐ I like to travel in to Palmy to use the Reserve

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	Disc Golf Course		Dog Agility
	Airways Radar		Log Scramble
	Aeroplane		Wetlands
	Toilets		Car Park
	BBQ Area		Flying Fox



Do you support this change? (Select 1 option)

- ☐ Yes, I support this change
- ☒ No, I don't support this change
- ☐ Not sure

Please tell us why.

It's great to have such a large space for
me + my dog to walk and enjoy of leash,
so good for dogs to be social without
any lead restrictions - (Please keep as is)

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

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How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (Select 1 or more options) Required

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☒ Yes
☐ No
☐ Prefer not to say













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	Aeroplane		Wetlands
	Toilets		Car Park
	BBQ Area		Flying Fox

Do you support this change? (Select 1 option)

- ☒ Yes, I support this change
- ☐ No, I don't support this change
- ☐ Not sure

Please tell us why.

People should be able to visit the park without
possibly being bitten by unleashed dogs

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

What made you want to give feedback on this consultation?

How did you find out about this opportunity to have your say? (Select 1 or more options) Required

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"Linklater Reserve"

Please keep this reserve as it is now.
Keep it totally open for dogs to run free.
I have walked this reserve regularly
for the last 6 years and never had
any problems with dogs. (I don't own a
dog.) I am now in my eighties and
wouldn't be walking there if I thought it unsafe.
I foresee huge expense in the proposed
alterations. Who is going to police dog
on-leash / off-leash issues.

People who don't like sharing this reserve
with the dogs have plenty of other suitable
parks/walks close by.

Trusting this submission helps in your
final discussion

Regards,
Herbert Hind