
REPORT 1
(1215/53/IM)

DOG EXERCISE AREA RELOCATION FROM COG PARK TO KAINUI RESERVE

1. Purpose of Report

To obtain committee agreement for changes to the dog exercise area at Cog Park, and the decision to be forwarded to Council for resolution.

2. Executive Summary

Cog Park, on the seaward side of Evans Bay Parade, is to undergo major redevelopment works. As a result of these works the dog exercise area currently on Cog Park is to be relocated to the opposite side of Evans Bay Road, on Kainui Reserve, this is to be a permanent relocation. The concept design for the redevelopment of the park was approved by Strategy and Policy Committee on 16 February 2006 and full Council on 8 March 2006.

Cog Park dog exercise area as outlined on the attached map is to be classified as a controlled public place and the declaration as a dog exercise area is to be removed. That area on the opposite side of Evans Bay Road (Kainui Reserve) as per attached map is to be classified as a dog exercise area.

Wellington Consolidated Bylaw Part 3 (Animals) provision 3.3.3.1 requires this change to be by means of a publicly notified resolution of Council.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Recommend that Council resolves that the area known as Cog Park dog exercise area shown on the attached map marked appendix 1, be declared a controlled public place. Further, that the area of Kainui Reserve west of Patent Slip no.2 as shown on the attached map marked appendix 2, be declared a dog exercise area, for the purposes of the Wellington Consolidated Bylaw Part 3 (Animals). This shall have effect 14 days from the date when passed by Council resolution.*

4. Background

Cog Park Enhancement – concept design was approved by the Strategy and Policy Committee on 16 February 2006.

The proposal put before the committee included a complete redevelopment of Cog Park which is to include re-siting of buildings within the park. These buildings are intended to be located in that area currently designated as dog exercise area. The proposal also outlined moving the dog exercise area to the opposite side of Evans Bay Road, to that area of Kainui Reserve west of patent Slip No.2.

Comments made in the report to Strategy & Policy committee were as follows:

The Council's Animal Control Officer agrees that the Dog Exercise Area could be re-established on a little-used open space area on the inland side of the road to enable more appropriate utilisation of the coastal park area. This land is Zoned Open Space A as well. The relocation of the Dog Exercise Area is a key to the redevelopment of the coastal park area; without this space, the club buildings (whether new or existing) would have to remain on their current site.

Relocation of the Dog Exercise Area directly across Evans Bay Parade from the present area would not only achieve separation of dogs from the general public using the existing or proposed new path through the park, but would also facilitate better utilisation of the redevelopment area as a quality coastal park. The road side of the new Dog Exercise Area would be surrounded by a new wire mesh fence similar in nature to the existing area.

The Committee at this time resolved to change the current dog exercise area, however this requires full Council resolution to meet the requirements of the Consolidated Bylaw, additionally a date for the resolution to be effective was not included in that report.

This report before the Regulatory Committee is to address the requirements under the Wellington Consolidated Bylaw Part 3 (Animals) with regard to changes to a dog exercise area. The requirements under the Bylaw are as follows:

3.3.3.1 The Council may, by publicly notified resolution, declare any public place to be a 'controlled public place', a 'prohibited public place', a 'prohibited (specified times) public place' or an 'exercise area' and may impose prohibitions and restrictions in respect of that area.

Controlled public places and exercise area are defined by the Bylaw as follows:

controlled public place means any area declared under clause 3.3.3.1 where dogs are allowed as long as they are on a leash

exercise area means any area declared under clause 3.3.3.1 where dogs are allowed and are not required to be on a leash

5. Impact on Dog Owners

The proposed dog exercise area will be fenced from Evans Bay Parade to provide a barrier between the dog exercise area and the road and footpath. This fencing will be similar in nature to that provided currently at Cog Park.

The proposed dog exercise area will provide less conflict than the current exercise area. The current exercise area provides a point of conflict between users of Cog Park and dogs, as currently a public footpath runs through the middle of the dog exercise area. This footpath provides a point of contact for other users of the park and dogs that are being exercised off-leash. As this footpath has relatively high pedestrian traffic there is the potential for members of the public to be uncomfortable with this point of contact eg, cyclists, children etc.

The nature of the area proposed on Kainui Reserve whilst smaller in size to the existing dog exercise area is considered suitable by Animal control staff as a dog exercise area, there is not considered to be any likely negative impact on dogs using this area.

Dog owners have been consulted on the change in the dog exercise area through the March newsletter sent to all registered dog owners in Wellington. There has been no feedback from dog owners on the proposed change to the exercise area.

6. Conclusion

That the removal of the dog exercise area from Cog Park and subsequent designation of the area opposite Cog Park as a dog exercise area will allow Council to undertake the proposed redevelopment of Cog Park.

The relocation of the dog exercise area will be of benefit to other users of the open space in this area.

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Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

The proposed change to the dog exercise area contributes to :

Community Health and Safety

Outcome 2.1: Safety

To ensure that people in Wellington feel safe at any time

Outcome 2.8 Public Health

Public Health efforts promote the health and wellbeing of the population

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

N/A.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

N/A

4) Decision-Making

The report assumes the Cog Park concept plan has already been agreed to by Councillors.

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

Dog Owners have been advised of the proposed changes, via the Dog Owners newsletter sent to all registered dog owners within Wellington City. No feedback has been received by Dog Owners. Council is not required under the Dog Control Policy to consult on this matter.

b) Consultation with Maori

No Treaty issues apply in relation to the proposal.

6) Legal Implications

Council's lawyers have been consulted during the development of this report.

7) Consistency with existing policy

The recommendation is consistent with the Wellington City Council Dog Policy 2004.



Evans Bay Parade

Existing
Dog Exercise Area

Cog Park

DATA STATEMENT

Property boundaries
Level 1 information R22
Landscape Information R22
Owner Copyright where valid
Accuracy in urban areas: 40m
Accuracy in rural areas: 40-50m

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**Cog Park Dog Exercise Area (Existing)
Appendix 1**

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**Relocated
Dog Exercise Area
(Kainui Reserve)**

Evans Bay Parade

Cog Park

DATA ELEMENT

Property boundaries
Aerial photography
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Accuracy: As of 2012, 40m
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**Dog Exercise Area (Relocated)
Appendix 2**

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