

**Date:** Monday 7 September 2015  
**Time:** 9:30am  
**Meeting Room:** Albert Eden Local Board Office  
**Venue:** 135 Dominion Road  
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## **Albert-Eden Local Board**

# **OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS**

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**Deliberation worksheet - Albert-Eden Local Board area**

**Submission topic 1 – Beaches and foreshore and adjacent parks**

Decision		Reasons
<p>To apply a time and season rule on the beach and foreshore north of St Michaels Avenue to the northern headland of Point Chevalier Beach.</p> <p>To allow dogs under control off a leash east of the northern headland of Point Chevalier Beach.</p> <p><u>Time and season – Beach and foreshore</u></p>		<p>Reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the time and season rules for the beaches provide the most appropriate balance between the needs of dog owners and the protection of public safety and comfort.</li> <li>dog owners provided more under control off a leash dog access in summer mornings (9am to 10am), and a shorter summer season in most years (Easter to 31 March)</li> <li>provides opportunities for dogs to swim in summer mornings and evenings</li> <li>provides opportunities for under control off a leash at all times dog access east of Point Chevalier headland (e.g. off Oliver Street).</li> </ul>
<b>Summer (Labour Weekend until 31 March)</b>		
10am to 7pm	Before 10am and after 7pm	
<u>Sand</u> <b>Prohibited</b>	<u>Sand</u> Under control <b>on a leash</b>	
<u>Water</u> <b>Prohibited</b>	<u>Water</u> Under control <b>off a leash</b>	
<b>Winter (1 April until Friday before Labour Weekend)</b>		
10am to 4pm	Before 10am and after 4pm	
<u>Sand</u> Under control <b>on a leash</b>	<u>Sand</u> Under control <b>off a leash</b>	
<u>Water</u> Under control <b>off a leash</b>	<u>Water</u> Under control <b>off a leash</b>	

**Submission topic 2 – Wildlife protection**

Decision	Reasons
<p><u>Beach and foreshore</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To replace the current general under control on a leash rule with a specific prohibition of dogs on the foreshore south of St Michaels Avenue to State Highway 16.</li> </ul>	<p>Reasons include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>better provide for the protection of wildlife while providing opportunities for dog access (albeit on a leash) in appropriate areas.</li> <li>specific rules are easier to understand than a general rule</li> <li>all wildlife and habitat areas requiring protection from dogs have been identified</li> </ul>
<p><u>Eric Armishaw Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To replace the current time and season rule with an under control on a leash rule on the open grass areas, boardwalks and walkways of Eric Armishaw Park.</li> <li>To prohibit dogs on the remainder of Eric Armishaw Park. This area includes the salt marsh area. This does not include those areas already covered by region-wide rules (e.g. allowed under control on a leash on car parks and prohibited on playgrounds)</li> </ul>	

**Submission topic 3 – Coyle Park and Gribblehirst Park**

Decision	Reasons
<p><u>Gribblehirst Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To replace the current under control off a leash rule with an under control on a leash rule.</li> </ul> <p>The hearing panel note that there is a lack of appropriate off leash areas within the Kingsland, Morningside, Balmoral area and a review to identify potential additional under control off a leash areas will be undertaken at a future date.</p>	<p>Reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the removal of the under control off a leash area on Gribblehirst Park will better provide for the safety and comfort of park users and better compliance with the region-wide rules.</li> </ul>
<p><u>Coyle Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To amend the time and season rules for Coyle Park to maintain the existing link with the beach time and season rules, i.e. to amend the summer season to be Labour Weekend to 31 March and core hours to be from 10am to 7pm, and other times core hours from 10am to 4pm. Within core hours dogs are to be under control on a leash, and outside core hours dogs are to be allowed under control off a leash.</li> </ul>	<p>Reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>retaining the alignment of the time and season rules on Coyle Park with the adjacent beaches make the rules simpler to understand.</li> <li>dog owners will have greater access to Coyle Park at off peak time to better provide for their needs, while still maintaining the public safety and comfort of other users of the park during peak times.</li> </ul>

### Submission topic 4 – Heron Park

Decision	Reasons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To implement the Heron Park Development Plan - Dogs allowed under control on a leash to the area east of the western end of the playground, and allowed under control off a leash to the area west of the western end of the playground and bounded on the western boundary by the stream.</li> </ul>	<p>Reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>implements the Heron Park Development Plan approved by the local board.</li> <li>the development of the park is likely to intensify the use of the park in the vicinity of the playground and allowing dogs under control on a leash within this area will allow for the integration of owners and their dogs with the higher intensity activities.</li> <li>the concept plan maintains a balance between the needs of dog owners and other users</li> <li>boundaries of under control off a leash areas are easily identifiable 'on the ground'.</li> </ul>

### Submission topic 5 – Picnic and fitness apparatus areas

Decision	Reasons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To replace current general rule with a specific rule for high use area of parks.</li> </ul>	<p>Reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>specific rules are easier to understand.</li> <li>Coyle Park has been addressed under the section 'Submission topic 3 - Coyle Park and Gribblehirst Park'.</li> </ul>

### Submission topic 6 – Dog exercise areas

Decision	Reasons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To reclassify dog exercise areas as under control off a leash areas.</li> </ul>	<p>Reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>it implements the policy on dogs by clearly distinguishing between shared spaces where dogs can be taken under control off a leash, and spaces where dog owners are a priority user (e.g. what is often also referred to as a 'dog park').</li> <li>all 14 parks are shared spaces.</li> <li>majority of dog owners will continue to be able to take their dog under control off a leash in these spaces.</li> </ul>

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### Submission topic 8 - Other matters

The decision of the hearing panel is as follows:

- to request that Local Sports Parks staff work with the Parks portfolio holders to prioritise sign replacement in response to the new dog access rules.
- to request that Auckland Council's Licensing and Compliance Services provides more enforcement (patrols) of dog access rules.
- to note that many submitters pointed out that poor enforcement is leading to non-compliance and urges the Governing Body to resource adequately the enforcement services.
- to note that the provision of dog parks and park amenities is a matter for the local board as part of its administration of local parks.
- to note the provision of a limited number of off a leash dog priority parks across the region is a regional issue and requests that it be investigated as such.
- to note that information provided on Auckland Council's website will be improved as areas are reviewed.