

Hearing panel decision report on local dog access in the Henderson-Massey Local Board area 2016

Purpose

1. To report the decisions of the Henderson Massey Local Board Dog Access Hearing Panel on proposed changes to local dog access rules in the Henderson Massey Local Board area.

Executive summary

2. The Henderson-Massey Local Board adopted the proposed changes to its dog access rules at its business meeting on the 19 May 2016 (resolution HM/2016/69).
3. The Henderson-Massey Local Board Dog Access Hearing Panel ('the Panel') was appointed to hear, deliberate and make decisions on submissions received about proposed changes to its local dog access rules (resolution HM/2016/69).
4. The Panel considered 575 submissions and heard from 19 submitters on 16 August 2016.
5. The key decisions of the Panel are:
 - to enable under control on a leash dog access to the walkway and parks at Harbourview-Orangihina to protect wildlife
 - to investigate fencing along the walkway on the seaward side of Harbourview-Orangihina to better protect wildlife
 - to enable under control off a leash dog access from Waimanu Reserve to Kelvin Strand Reserves (including walkways)
 - to enable under control off a leash beach access, at high tide, from 72R Spinnaker Strand to the north east beach of Kelvin Strand
 - to provide under control on a leash beach, at low tide, from 72R Spinnaker Strand to the north east beach of Kelvin Strand, to protect feeding shore birds
 - to not to allow dog access on all other beach and foreshore areas in the Henderson Massey local board area, for the protection of wildlife
 - to introduce under control on a leash dog access on Jack Colvin Park, Jack Pringle Park, Te Pai Park, Te Atatu Peninsula Park, Tui Glen Reserve and Featherstone park for public safety and comfort
 - to retain an under control off a leash rule on all other parks and any new parks in the Henderson-Massey local board area.
6. The Panel's decisions will be reported to the Henderson-Massey Local Board on 15 September 2016. If adopted, the local board will request the governing body to make any necessary amendments to the Auckland Council Policy on Dogs 2012 and the Auckland Council Dog Management Bylaw 2012.

Proposed Changes to Local Dog Access Rules

7. In 2012, local boards were delegated responsibility to review dog access rules for local parks, beaches and foreshore areas (resolution GB/2012/157).
8. Reviewing dog access rules requires the special consultative procedure under the Local Government Act 2002. This process requires that proposed changes to dog access rules ('proposed changes') are adopted, and the public is notified for public submissions. Public hearing and deliberation must take place decisions are made on the proposed changes, which must take into account the matters raised in submissions.
9. At its business meeting on 19 November 2015, the Henderson-Massey Local Board resolved to review its local dog access rules in 2016 (resolution HM/2015/134)
10. Following a pre-consultation period to research, gather information and initial community views, staff presented the 'Statement of Proposal' to the Henderson-Massey Local Board. The Henderson Massey Local Board then adopted these proposed changes on the 19 May 2016 for public consultation (resolution HM/2016/69).
11. The Henderson-Massey Local Board Dog Access Hearing Panel ('the Panel') was also appointed to hear, deliberate and decide on submissions to the proposed changes (resolution HM/2016/69).
12. The proposed changes to dog access rules are:
 - to prohibit dog access to the Harbourview-Orangihina area, as well as beach, foreshore and intertidal areas around the Te Atatu Peninsula to protect vulnerable bird species
 - to identify 168 under control off a leash areas within the Henderson Massey local board area
 - identify Jack Colvin Park, Jack Pringle Park , Te Pai Park and Shona Esplanade as areas where dogs must be under control on a leash and apply a default rule, that dogs must be under control on a leash unless otherwise specified
 - to remove the ambiguous dog access rules that reference picnic areas and fitness apparatus and replace it with a place-specific dog access rule.
13. A full copy of the proposed changes is contained in the hearing agenda.

Public Notification for Submissions

14. The proposed changes were publicly notified for submissions on 10 June 2016. The submission period closed six weeks later on 17 July 2016. The proposed changes were notified through:
 - notices to all registered dog owners with their dog registration reminder letters
 - a public notice in the New Zealand Herald on 10 June 2016
 - a public notice in the July edition of Our Auckland
 - a notice on the Auckland Council website
 - a notice in the June People's Panel e-update
 - updates to local board registered stakeholders
 - notices to previous submitters on the 2012 dog access review, residing in the Henderson-Massey Local Board area

- a notice in local board social media channels (i.e. the Henderson Massey Facebook page and on Neighbourly)
 - a press release and a notice in the Western Leader
 - notices on community newsletters
 - 17 billboards at Harbourview-Orangihina walkway, Jack Colvin Park, Te Pai Park, Jack Pringle Park and Shona Esplanade
 - flyers and posters in local libraries, the local board office and community centres.
15. All relevant documents, including submission forms, were posted on the council's website and made available through local libraries and service centres.

Hearing and deliberations process

16. The process to consider and decide on proposed changes to local dog access rules is:
- to receive all submissions, including any late submissions
 - to conduct public hearings and hear from any submitter who wishes to speak in support of their submission
 - to publicly deliberate on the matters raised in written and oral submissions
 - to decide on changes to local dog access rules (including a start date) by adopting a decision report containing amendments to the Auckland Council Policy on Dogs 2012
 - to request that the governing body amend the Auckland Council Dog Management Bylaw 2012 accordingly at its 29 September meeting.
17. The Panel needs to consider the following requirements in its hearing, deliberation and decisions:
- public safety and comfort, the protection of wildlife, and the recreational needs of dogs and their owners
 - the region-wide standard for summer beach time and season (if a time and season rule is proposed)
 - making dog access rules that are easy to understand (i.e. practical, enforceable and clear)
 - the views and evidence raised by submitters
 - information used to develop the proposed changes.
18. These statutory and policy requirements are contained in the hearings agenda.
19. A total of 48 submitters indicated that they wished to be heard.
20. The Panel heard from 19 submitters on 16 August 2016. The Panel held deliberations on all submissions on 16 and 17 August 2016.

Decisions on proposed changes to dog access rules

21. The decisions of the Panel are grouped in topic areas to align with the proposed changes for ease of reference.
22. Attachment A contains the changes to local dog access rules to give effect to the decisions of the Panel. The current access rules are also included in Attachment A for completeness.

Summary of Submissions

23. A total of 575 submissions were received with 1680 submission points. There was one late submission and two kinds of pro-forma submissions. Table 1 below summarises the submitter groups.

Table 1: Submitter groups to Henderson Massey local dog access review

Submitter group	Number of submissions	Percentage of submissions
Dog owners	277	48%
Non dog owners	294	51%
Local residents	449	78%
Non-local	122	21%
Local dog owners	221	38%
Local non dog owners	228	40%
Pro-forma 1	12	2%
Pro-forma 2	210	40%

24. The submission points are summarised by proposed changes. Issues outside the scope of the statement of proposal are summarised in Submission Topic 7. For each topic, staff comments and other relevant information is provided where appropriate.
25. A full copy of the submissions is contained in the hearing agenda.

Submission topic 1 – General Commentary

26. A number of general submission points were received that addressed proposal as a whole. The Panel considered these under the subsequent submission topics.
27. A total of 67 submission points addressed the overall proposal. Of these:
- 13 supported the proposal in its entirety for the protection of wildlife
 - 34 opposed the proposal in its entirety and 20 requested more dog access. Reasons included opposition to proposed dog prohibitions in popular dog walking destinations.

Submission topic 2 – Highly Sensitive areas

28. Highly sensitive areas are places where the presence of a dog can have a negative effect, such as ecologically sensitive habitats where vulnerable species of birds roost, feed or breed.
29. The proposal prohibits dog access to all foreshore, wetland, shell banks and intertidal areas from Harbourview-Orangihina (including the walkway), in the east around the Te Atatu Peninsula, to Moire Park and State Highway 1 in the west (Attachment 1).
30. Currently dogs are allowed under control on a leash on all foreshore, wetland, shell banks and intertidal areas, including the Harbourview-Orangihina area.
31. It is noted that the Department of Conservation prohibits dogs on crown foreshore areas adjacent to Pollen Island and Traherne Island, located next to Harbourview-Orangihina area.
32. A total of 843 submissions centred on the proposal for highly sensitive areas and the protection of wildlife. A total of:
- 245 submission points commented on the proposal for highly sensitive areas in general (i.e. all foreshore, wetland, shell banks and intertidal areas)

- 339 submission points commented on the proposal for Harbourview-Orangihina area, including the walkway
- 238 submission points commented on the walkway around the Te Atatu Peninsula, i.e. from the Harbourview-Orangihina in the east to Moire Park and State Highway 1, in the west
- 21 submission points commented on specific parts of the walkway around the Te Atatu Peninsula

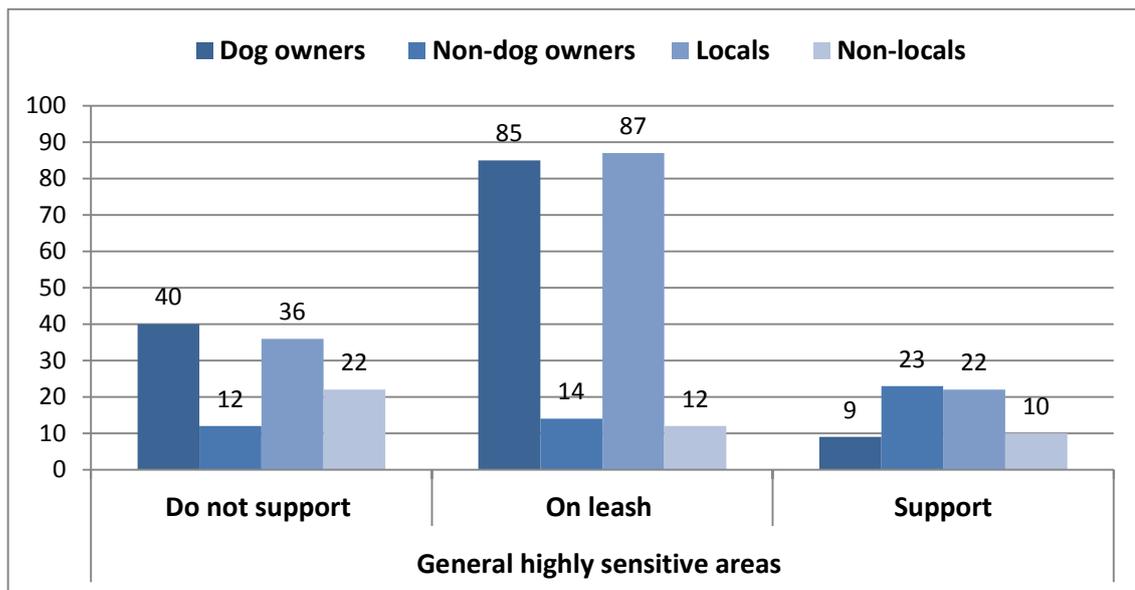
General proposal for highly sensitive areas

33. A total of 227 general submission points were received. Of these:

- 38 support the proposed prohibition of dogs. Reasons include:
 - area is an important and diverse habitat for vulnerable native wildlife
 - evidence of the impact of dogs on vulnerable bird life
 - witnessed off a leash dogs chasing wading birds and shorebirds, despite the on leash rule in this area
 - continued non-compliance with the current on leash rule in this area is increasingly a risk to wildlife.
- 57 oppose the prohibition of dogs. Reasons include:
 - birds in these areas are more likely to be threatened from cats, stokes and possums than dogs
 - proposal is a major restriction on access to the coastline and unfair on dog owners.
- 112 want dogs allowed under control on a leash in highly sensitive areas. Reasons include:
 - dogs on a leash are not a threat to wildlife
 - insufficient evidence that dogs threaten the wildlife in this area
 - the areas in the highly sensitive proposal are popular dog walking destinations.
- 10 want dogs allowed under control off a leash

34. 8 want a time and season rule. Two submitters commented on using the time and season rule around key breeding seasons instead of the proposed prohibition of dogs along the foreshore areas.

Figure 1: Submitter profiles for the overall proposal on highly sensitive areas



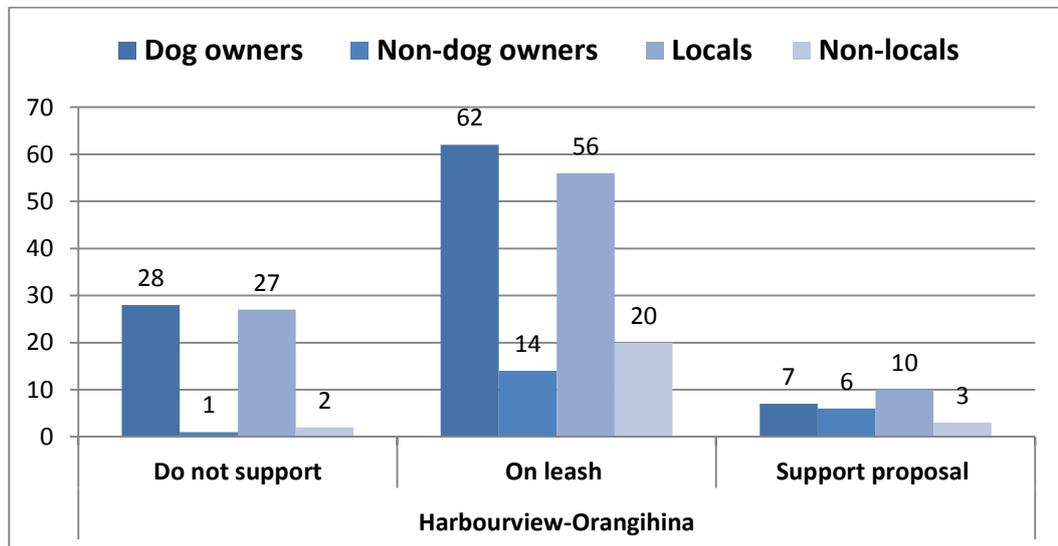
35. Figure 1 above illustrates the main views by submitter group. Majority of the submitters for this proposal are local dog owners. About 125 submitters oppose the proposal, 85 of these would prefer an under control on a leash rule instead.

Harbourview-Orangihina area and walkway

36. A total of 328 submission points were received on the proposal to prohibit dog access in the Harbourview-Orangihina area. Of these:
- 14 supported the proposal. Reasons include:
 - evidence of significant native bird species in the Harbourview-Orangihina area in particular
 - dogs are a threat to the birdlife in the ecologically sensitive areas, but also a threat to resting shorebirds along the walkway
 - the level of non-compliance with the current under control on a leash rule along the walkway poses a threat to wildlife
 - area should be consistent with dog prohibitions on wetland areas across the region.
 - 237 (including the submission from pro-forma 2) oppose the proposal (including to the walkway). Reasons include:
 - a ban on dogs from the walkway is too restrictive for dog owners in the area
 - insufficient evidence of vulnerable wildlife that warrants a prohibition of dogs.
 - 77 want under control on a leash rule on the Harbourview-Orangihina walkway. Reasons include:
 - agree with the intent of protecting wildlife, but dogs on a leash unlikely to be a threat to wildlife in the area
 - pests, including cats, stokes and possums are more likely to pose a threat to the birds than dogs

- the majority of responsible dog owners should not be punished for some non-compliant dog owners
- typically, dogs do not access the ecologically sensitive areas along the walkway.

Figure 2 : Submitter profiles for Harbourview-Orangihina submissions



37. Figure 2 above illustrates the main views by submitter group. Overwhelmingly, local dog owners submitted on this proposal, with the majority requesting on leash access to the area. Of those who support the proposal, most are local residents and dog owners.

Te Atatu Pony Club

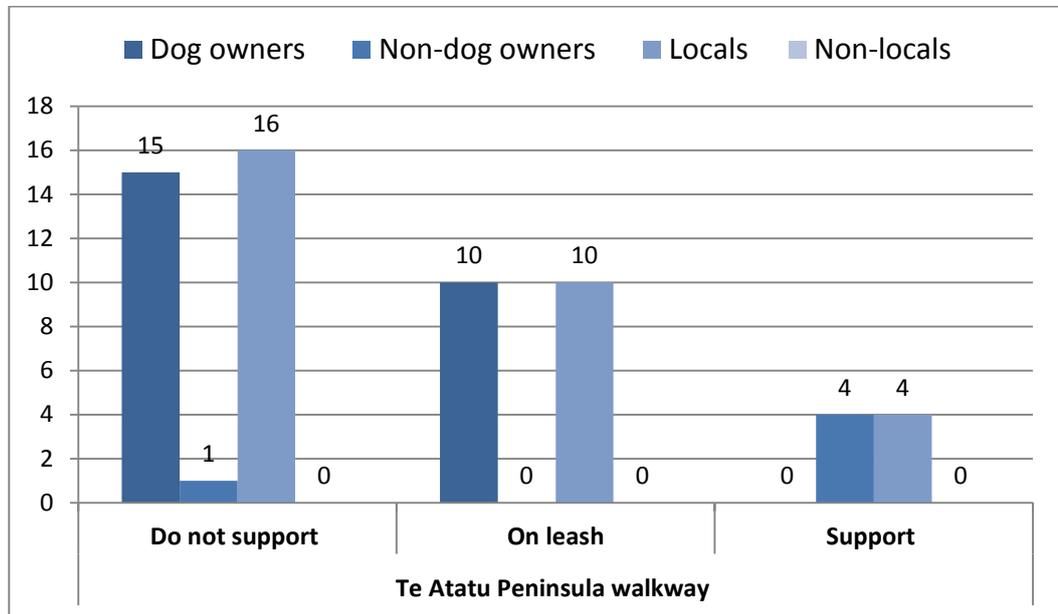
38. A total of 4 submission points commented on the upper terraces of the Harbourview walkway (i.e. the location of the Te Atatu Pony Club). Comments include:
- the extensive fences at the Te Atatu Pony Club have provided security for the bird species that gather, rest and breed on the grasslands
 - the area has become a de facto wildlife reserve and aided the presence of rare bird species such as wrybill and dotterels
 - if the Te Atatu Pony Club vacates, the fencing should be secured to protect this birdlife.

Te Atatu Peninsula walkway and foreshore areas

39. A total of 238 submission points were received in relation to the proposal to prohibit dog access on Harbourview-Orangihina walkway and from all foreshore and beach areas around the Te Atatu Peninsula to Moire Park and State Highway 1. These submissions centred on the walkway that circles the Te Atatu Peninsula. Of these 238 submission points:
- four support the proposal to prohibit dogs on the Te Atatu Peninsula walkway and foreshore areas. Reasons include:
 - the diversity and vulnerable nature of native wildlife in the wetland and shoreline of this area deserves protection

- non-compliant dog owners who let their dogs wander into these sensitive areas threaten the existence of these wildlife.
- 224 oppose the proposal (this includes submission points from pro-forma 1). Reasons include:
 - proposed dog ban too restrictive
 - walkway ban suggests that users cannot access foreshore and beaches along the Te Atatu Peninsula with their dogs
 - insufficient evidence that a ban on dogs will protect wildlife
 - Te Atatu Peninsula is well used by the locals, especially dog walkers and the proposal will negatively impact on their experience of the walkway / beach and foreshore area.
- ten want an under control on a leash rule for the Te Atatu Peninsula walkway.

Figure 3: Submitter profile for Te Atatu Peninsula proposal



40. Figure 3 above illustrates the main views by submitter group. Majority of the submitters are local dog owners and do not support the proposal for the Te Atatu Peninsula.

Specific comments on the walkway

41. A total of 16 submission points commented on different parts of the walkway, from the Harbourview-Orangihina walkway in the east, around the Peninsula, to Moire Park and Henderson Creek in the west (Table 2).

Table 2: Summary of decisions sought to highly sensitive area proposals

Location	Submission Points			Decision sought				
	Total	Total dog owner	Total non-dog owner	Highly sensitive areas	High use area	Standard area	Dog friendly area	Less restrictive
Lower Harbourview walkway (towards Pollen Island)	1	1		1				
Lower Harbourview walkway (Horse Paddock)	3	1	1	1	1		1	
Northern Harbourview Orangihina walkway to Henderson Creek	4	4				4		
Dawnhaven Esplanade	1		1					1
Spinnaker Strand to Kelvin Stand	2	2					2	
Danica Esplanade to Pollen Island	1			1				
Chapman Esplanade	1						1	
Henderson Creek Esplanade	3			1	1	1		

Hearing panel decision

42. The Panel deliberated at length and carefully considered its statutory and policy obligations around the protection of wildlife, public safety and comfort, and access for dog owners.
43. Written and verbal submissions suggest different levels of dog access, wildlife and public safety concerns at different parts of the Te Atatu Peninsula.
44. As such, the Panel considered dog access on the Te Atatu Peninsula in four 'sectors':
- Harbourview- Orangihina area (from North Western motorway in south to Harbour View Rd)
 - Waimanu Strand to north east beach at Kelvin Strand (including Spinnaker Strand)
 - Kelvin Strand (from northern tip) to Chapman Strand
 - Chapman Strand to Taipari Strand.
45. The decisions of the panel is as follows:

Matter considered	Decision
1. Harbourview- Orangihina walkway, foreshore and reserve (from North Western motorway in south to Harbour View Road)	To identify the open grass area to the north and west of the Te Atatatu Road access road and car park as a dog friendly area where dogs are allowed under control off a leash. To identify all other areas on Harbourview Orangihina as a standard area where dogs are allowed under control on a leash. This includes the area (including walkway) bounded by North Western Motorway, Te Atatu Road and Harbour View Road and foreshore.

	<p><i>Reasons include:</i> To achieve a balance between the protection of wildlife and enabling reasonable access to responsible dog owners.</p> <p>The Panel also note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the Department of Conservation prohibits dogs from the Harbourview-Orangihina foreshore (please refer to Attachment B) • the Panel will raise, with the Henderson Massey Local Board, the idea of investigating a fence on the seaward side of the walkway • clear signage of the dog access rules on the park and foreshore is needed • more enforcement is needed to ensure compliance with dog access rules.
<p>2. Waimanu Strand to Kelvin Strand, including Spinnaker Strand. Area is north of Harbour view Road to north east of Kelvin Strand</p>	<p>To identify the walkway and park areas as a dog friendly area, where dogs are allowed under control off a leash.</p> <p>To identify the beach and foreshore area (from 72R Spinnaker Strand to North East beach on Kelvin Strand) as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a dog friendly area <u>at high tide and 2 hours either side of high tide</u>, where dogs are allowed under control off a leash • a standard area <u>at low tide</u>, where dogs are allowed under control on a leash. <p>To not allow dogs elsewhere on foreshore in this area.</p> <p><i>Reasons include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to achieve a better balance between the protection of wildlife while enabling reasonable access to dog owners • to protect shore birds that use the area at low tide • to provide dogs access along the beach portion of the coastal walkway at all times • to provide for under control off a leash dog access on the beach and foreshore at high tide when wildlife are not present.
<p>3. Kelvin Strand (from northern tip of Kelvin Strand Reserve) to Chapman Strand</p>	<p>To identify the walkway and park as standard areas where dogs are allowed under control on a leash.</p> <p>To identify the foreshore of this area as a highly sensitive area, where dogs are not allowed.</p> <p><i>Reasons include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to better provide for public safety and comfort on narrow areas of the coastal walkway, while still providing for under control on a leash dog access • to better protect wildlife on the foreshore.
<p>4. Chapman Strand to Taipiri Strand</p>	<p>To identify the park and walkway as standard areas where dogs are allowed under control on a leash.</p> <p>To identify the foreshore of this area as a highly sensitive area where dogs are not allowed.</p> <p>To identify Taipiri Strand as a dog friendly area where dogs allowed under control off a leash (refer to Submission Topic 4).</p>

	<p><i>Reasons include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to better provide for public safety and comfort on narrow areas of the coastal walkway, while still providing for under control on a leash dog access • to better protect wildlife on the foreshore • to provide under control off a leash opportunities where appropriate (Taipiri Strand).
5. Henderson Creek foreshore (including Moire Park foreshore)	<p>To not allow dogs on foreshore in this area.</p> <p><i>Reasons include:</i> To better protect wildlife in the foreshore and saltmarsh areas of Henderson Creek.</p>
6. Esplanade and reserves adjacent to Henderson Creek	<p>To identify the esplanade and reserves as a dog friendly area where dogs are allowed under control off a leash.</p> <p><i>Reasons include:</i> To provide under control off a leash opportunities where appropriate and where there is little risk to wildlife.</p>

Submission topic 3 – High use areas

46. A high use area is a place that attracts a lot of people at certain times of the day or year. When there are a lot of people without dogs, the presence of dogs can affect public safety and comfort and it is appropriate that dogs be prohibited or under control on a leash. At low use times, it may be appropriate that dogs be allowed under control on or off a leash access to meet the recreational needs of dogs and their owners.
47. The proposal does not identify any high use areas, but did propose a time and season rule should any high use areas be identified through public consultation (Attachment 1).
48. Currently there are no time and season rules in the Henderson Massey local board area.
49. Submission points that want proposed highly sensitive, dog friendly and standard areas to be high use areas are addressed in submission topics 2, 4 and 5.
50. The Panel only need to consider the following submission points about the proposed time and season rule if it determines that a specific location should be identified as a high use area.
51. A total of 124 submission points were received on the time and season rule. Of these:
 - one opposed any time and season rule
 - 123 suggested various time and season options. Overall, the submission points suggest the following combinations:
 - summer season start Labour weekend (n=5) and ends 31 March (n=4)
 - summer core hours should be 10am (n=13) to 7pm (n=7)
 - summer access before 10am should be off leash (n=9); from 10am to 7pm should be on leash (n=7) and after 7pm should be off leash (n=8)
 - winter core hours should be 10am (n=9) to 4pm (n=7)
 - winter access before 10am and from 10am to 4pm should be on leash (n=9), with winter evening access as off leash (n=10).

52. The majority of submitters are dog owners (n=101) and local to the Henderson Massey area (n=85). About 24 submitters are non-local and 17 are non-local dog owners
53. Local submitters supported the principle of a time and season rule to balance use of an area between non-dog owners and dog owners. Dog owners supported using a space in off peak hours, and submitters who do not like dogs coming up to them supported the idea of a prohibition of dogs during peak times
54. Both local and non-local dog owners supported a region-wide time and season option to enable ease of access to beaches across the region.

Hearing panel decision

55. The decisions of the panel is as follows:

Matter considered	Decision
1. Time and season rule for Henderson Massey	That a time and season rule is not required in the Henderson-Massey Local Board area to manage the safe interaction between dogs with their owners and people without dogs.

Submission topic 4 – Dog friendly areas

56. A dog friendly area is a place that is suitable for dogs to run and play off a leash. Non-dog owners may use these areas less frequently; or shared use, may not have a significant impact due to the size of the place.
57. The proposal identifies 168 esplanades and parks within the Henderson Massey local board area as dog friendly areas.
58. Currently, all 168 esplanades and parks allow dogs under control off a leash.
59. A total of 24 general submission points were received on this topic. Of these:
 - 17 (including 14 local dog owners and one non-dog owner) supported the proposal. Reasons include:
 - having a specific list of parks suitable for dogs off a leash (areas are not busy)
 - having a specific list means non-dog users know which areas to avoid
 - provides large areas to exercise bigger dogs.
 - four want all parks to allow dogs under control off a leash because dog owners can keep their dogs under control
 - one wants dogs on a leash and muzzled in public places
 - two made general comments about signage in dog friendly parks
60. A total of 26 submissions points were received about specific dog friendly areas. The decision sought and reasons is summarised in Table 3.

Table 3: Summary of decisions sought to dog friendly area proposals

Location	Submission Points			Decision sought						Reason
	Total	Total dog owner	Total non-dog owner	Highly Sensitive area	Standard area	Dog friendly area	Do Not Support	More restrictive	Less restrictive	
Chapman Strand	1	1				1				Popular with dog owners
Colwill Esplanade	1			1						Protect wildlife
Featherstone Park	1	1			1					Public safety and comfort
Henderson Park	3	2	1			3				Provides dog exercise spaces
Kakamatu	1	1				1				Popular with dog owners
Kelvin Strand	2	2	0			1			1	Popular with dog owners
Lowtherhurst	3			1				2		Protection of wildlife
Moire Park	4	2	2			2		2		Popular with dog owners Protection of wildlife
Taipiri Strand	7	6	1			5	1		1	Popular with dog owners
Tui Glen Reserve	1	1			1					Public safety and comfort
Te Atatu Peninsula Park	2	1	1			1		1		Provides dog exercise spaces Public safety and comfort

Hearing panel decision

61. The decisions of the panel is as follows:

Matter considered	Decision
1. Lowtherhurst Esplanade Reserve	To identify these parks as dog friendly areas, where dogs are allowed under control off a leash. <i>Reasons include:</i> The prohibition of dogs in the saltmarsh areas adjacent to these parks adequately protect wildlife.
2. Colwill Esplanade Reserve	
3. Tui Glen Reserve	To identify these areas as standard areas, where dogs are allowed under control on a leash.
4. Te Atatu Peninsula Park	
5. Featherstone Park	<i>Reasons include:</i> To better provide for public safety and comfort.
6. Taipiri Strand	To identify Taipiri Strand as a dog friendly area where dogs are allowed under control off a leash.

62. The panel notes the region wide rule that applies to playgrounds. If a playground is located within any park, dogs are prohibited on playgrounds at all times and must be under control on a leash in the vicinity of the playground when in use (please refer to Attachment A, region-wide rules).

Submission topic 5 – Standard area

63. A standard area is a place that does not fall into any of the other three categories. These places may include:
- moderate or low use places that are not suitable for dogs to run and play off a leash
 - high use areas where the proposed time and season rule would be less appropriate in terms of balancing the need to ensure public safety and comfort and the needs of dogs and their owners
 - areas that allow for dogs to be included within family activities without interfering with other users.
64. The proposal identifies Jack Colvin Park, Jack Pringle Park, Te Pai Park and Shona Esplanade and default rule as standard (under control on a leash) areas (Attachment 1). The default rule applies to all park, beach and foreshore areas, where dogs are not stated as being prohibited, under control off a leash or subject to time and season rule.
65. Currently these four parks identified above and default rule are under control off a leash areas.
66. A total 75 submission points were received in relation to this topic. A total of:
- 50 submission points were received relating to Jack Colvin Park, Jack Pringle Park, Te Pai Park and Shona Esplanade
 - 24 submission points commented on the proposed default rule.

Jack Colvin Park, Jack Pringle Park and Shona Esplanade

67. A total of 38 submission points were received relating to Jack Colvin Park, Jack Pringle Park and Te Pai Park (also see summary in Table 4). Of these:
- 29 support of the proposal for Jack Colvin Park, Jack Pringle Park and Te Pai Park. Reasons include:
 - inappropriate to have dogs off a leash in a sports park as there is potential for conflict with users
 - potential for dog litter on sports surfaces.
 - 8 want dogs allowed under control off a leash, reasons include:
 - sports parks should be accessible to users when not in use
 - the proposal is an unnecessary restriction on dog owners
 - 1 wants dogs prohibited from sports surfaces.
68. The proposal for Shona Esplanade received some debate. Of the 12 submission points on Shona Esplanade:
- four agreed with the proposal (four local dog owners). Reasons include:
 - concern about the spread of Kauri Dieback
 - do not want off leash dogs in busy sports parks
 - three want off leash rules and a further three do not support the proposal. Reasons include:
 - lack of evidence that dogs spread Kauri Dieback
 - on leash rule too restrictive for a park used by dog walkers

- two submitters want more restrictive rules than proposed to control the spread of Kauri Dieback.

Default rule

69. A total of 24 submission points were received about the change in default rules. Of these (also see summary in Table 4):

- 19 support the proposal. Reason include:
 - some dog owners are unable to control their dogs and it's safer for other users (including smaller dogs) if dogs are on leash
 - some areas are too busy for dogs to be off a leash
 - some submitters do not like dogs coming up to them
 - dog owners like clear guidelines around where they can take their dogs.
- three want dogs to be allowed under control off a leash
- two want dogs to be prohibited. Reasons include:
 - dogs should be prohibited from all public places unless it is safe
 - dogs are a threat to public safety and comfort, particularly around children.

70. One submitter did raise the issue of future parks should be considered for dog friendly areas to add to the stock of these 168 areas.

71. One submission point commented that the Opunuku Stream cycleway should be on a leash.

Table 4: Summary of decisions to standard area proposal

Location	Submission Points			Decision sought				
	Total	Total dog owner	Total non-dog owner	Highly Sensitive area	Standard area	Dog friendly area	Do not support	More restrictive
Jack Colvin Park	13	11	2		9	3	1	
Jack Pringle Park	15	11	5	1	12		1	1
Te Pai Park	10	8	2		8	1	1	
Shona Esplanade	12	10	2		4	3	3	2
Opunuku Stream cycleway	1	0	1		1			
Default rule	24	14	10	2	19	3		
Totals	75	54	22	3	53	10	6	3

Hearing panel decision

72. The decisions of the panel is as follows:

Matter considered	Decision
1. Jack Colvin Park	To identify these areas as standard areas where dogs are allowed under control on a leash. <i>Reasons include:</i> To better provide for public safety and comfort on this sports park.
2. Jack Pringle Park	
3. Te Pai Park	
4. Shona Esplanade	To identify Shona Esplanade as a standard area where dogs are allowed under control on a leash. <i>Reasons include:</i> To reduce the risk of spread of Kauri dieback.
5 Default rule	To retain the default rule as under control off a leash. <i>Reasons include:</i> To enable future parks and reserves to be under control off a leash areas.

73. The panel notes the region wide rule that applies to playgrounds. If a playground is located within any park, dogs are prohibited on playgrounds at all times and must be under control on a leash in the vicinity of the playground when in use (please refer to Attachment A, region-wide rules).

Submission topic 6 - Ambiguous dog access rules

Picnic and fitness apparatus areas

74. The proposal is to remove ambiguous rules and rely on the dog access rule that applies to the wider location discussed in the preceding submission topics under highly sensitive, high use, dog friendly and standard areas.
75. Currently, the Henderson Massey Local Board has a rule that requires dogs must be under control on a leash in any area that is developed or marked out as a picnic area and that dogs are prohibited on or within 10 metres of any area that contains fitness apparatus. These areas are difficult to communicate and enforce.
76. A total of 10 submission points were received in relation to this topic. The submitters supported the proposal as it makes the rules easier to understand.

Hearing panel decision

77. The decisions of the panel is as follows:

Matter considered	Decision
1. Any areas that is marked out as a picnic area	To remove ambiguous rules and rely on the dog access rule that applies to the wider location. <i>Reasons include:</i> To make the rules easier to understand.
2. 10m of any area that contains fitness apparatus	

Submission topic 7 – Other matters

78. A total of 148 submission points were received in relation to matters that are not within the scope of the proposed changes. The Panel cannot make decisions on these matters but can make recommendations to the relevant authority.
79. Six submitters commented about access rules around playgrounds, skate parks, sports fields and town centres. Five of these submitters sought under control on a leash access in each of these areas. One submitter sought a prohibition of dog access to playgrounds.
80. Most of the 'other suggestion' (n=66), majority of submission points raised the importance of controlling the population of stray cats in order to control wildlife. Other topics included:
- inconsiderate owners are an issue
 - complaints about dog fees
 - complaints about council processes
 - the creation of dog parks and litter bins for dog litter.
 - specific complaints about areas in the Henderson Massey local board area that has been considered elsewhere.
81. A summary of the decisions sought are shown in Table 5 below.

Table 5: Summary of decisions sought to other matters

Decision sought	Total submission points
Dog owner education	13
Improvement to the process	12
More dog parks	14
More rubbish bins	3
More/better enforcement	25
More/better signage	15
Other suggestion	66

Attachments

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Attachment A – Amendments to the Auckland Council Policy on Dogs

The changes to the dog access rules are shown in the right hand column, additions underlined and deletions in ~~strikethrough~~.

The changes to the dog access rules commence on 1 July 2017.

Region-wide rules are listed after the table below for information purposes. Region-wide rules also apply within the Papakura Local Board area. Region-wide rules prevail over any local board rule.

Henderson-Massey Local Board Area Rules

Current local dog access rule	Decision			
(1) Dogs are allowed under control off a leash on all parks not specifically identified as a prohibited or under control on a leash area.	(1) Dogs are allowed under control off a leash on all parks not specifically identified as a prohibited or under control on a leash area.			
	<u>Explanatory note: To assist readers, under control off a leash areas include (but are not limited to) the following areas. Sports surfaces and playground restrictions apply, see note ** and ***.</u>			
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(t) <u>Corran Reserve</u>	(br) <u>Kingdale Reserve</u>	(dx) <u>Springbank Esplanade</u>	
(u) <u>Covil Park</u>	(bs) <u>Laurieston Park</u>	(dy) <u>St Margarets Park</u>	
(v) <u>Colwill Esplanade Reserve</u>	(bt) <u>Lavelle Reserve</u>	(dz) <u>Starforth Reserve</u>	
(w) <u>Cranwell Park</u>	(bu) <u>Lilburn Crescent Reserve</u>	(ea) <u>Starling Park</u>	
(x) <u>Cyclorama Reserve</u>	(bv) <u>Lincoln Park</u>	(eb) <u>Sunhill Scenic Reserve</u>	
(y) <u>Cron Reserve</u>	(bw) <u>Lockington Green</u>	(ec) <u>Sunline Park</u>	
(z) <u>Dalmatia Green</u>	(bx) <u>Lone Tree Park</u>	(ed) <u>Sun Place Esplanade Reserve</u>	
(aa) <u>Danica Reserve</u>	(by) <u>Lowtherhurst Reserve</u>	(ee) <u>Sunshine Boulevard Reserve</u>	
(ab) <u>Daytona Reserve</u>	(bz) <u>Lydford Green</u>	(ef) <u>Taipari Strand</u>	
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(ad) <u>Divich Reserve</u>	(cb) <u>Manutewhau Reserve / Walk</u>	(eh) <u>Tatyana Park</u>	
(ae) <u>Don Buck Corner</u>	(cc) <u>Marlene Glade</u>	(ei) <u>Tawa Esplanade</u>	
(af) <u>Don Buck Prim Rec Reserve</u>	(cd) <u>Martin Jugum Reserve</u>	(ej) <u>Thomas Park</u>	
(ag) <u>Durham Green</u>	(ce) <u>Massey Domain</u>	(ek) <u>Tiroroa Esplanade</u>	
(ah) <u>Edgelea Park</u>	(cf) <u>Matipo Reserve</u>	(el) <u>Tracey Park</u>	
(ai) <u>Elvira Walk</u>	(cg) <u>McCormick Green</u>	(em) <u>Trading Esplanade</u>	
(aj) <u>Emerald Valley Park</u>	(ch) <u>McClintock Reserve</u>	(en) <u>Triangle Park</u>	
(ak) <u>Epping Esplanade</u>	(ci) <u>McKinley Park</u>	(eo) <u>Trig Reserve</u>	
(al) <u>Espalier Reserve</u>	(cj) <u>McLeod Park / Esplanade</u>	(ep) <u>Tuscany Green</u>	
(am) <u>Fairdene Reserve</u>	(ck) <u>Meadow Glade</u>	(eq) <u>Ulrich Esplanade</u>	
(an) <u>Falls Park</u>	(cl) <u>Melia Reserve</u>	(er) <u>Valron Esplanade</u>	
(ao) <u>Flanshaw Esplanade Reserve</u>	(cm) <u>Midgley Park</u>	(es) <u>Vintage Reserve</u>	
(ap) <u>Flaunty Reserve</u>	(cn) <u>Millbrook Esplanade</u>	(et) <u>Vitasovich Espanade</u>	
(aq) <u>Forest Hill Park</u>	(co) <u>Millbrook Road Reserve</u>	(eu) <u>Vodanovich Reserve</u>	
(ar) <u>Fred Taylor Park</u>	(cp) <u>Moire Park</u>	(ev) <u>Waimanu Bay Reserve</u>	
(as) <u>Gallony Park</u>	(cq) <u>Murillo Reserve</u>	(ew) <u>Waimanu Strand</u>	
(at) <u>Glen Norman Reserve</u>	(cr) <u>Neville Power Memorial Park</u>	(ex) <u>Waitemata Corner</u>	
(au) <u>Glendene Reserve</u>	(cs) <u>Opanuku Reserve</u>	(ey) <u>Wakeling Park</u>	
(av) <u>Gloria Park</u>	(ct) <u>Pahi Park</u>	(ez) <u>Westgate Drive Park</u>	
(aw) <u>Greenberry Reserve</u>	(cu) <u>Palamino Esplanade</u>	(fa) <u>Westglen Park</u>	
(ax) <u>Gus Nola Park</u>	(cv) <u>Paremuka Esplanade Reserve</u>	(fb) <u>West Harbour Esplande</u>	
(ay) <u>Halyard Common</u>	(cw) <u>Paremuka Lakeside</u>	(fc) <u>Windy Ridge</u>	
(az) <u>Harbourview Corner</u>	(cx) <u>Penfold Park</u>	(fd) <u>Woodford Reserve</u>	
	(cy) <u>Pioneer Park</u>	(fe) <u>Woodside Reserve</u>	

Current local dog access rule	Decision
	<p>(cz) <u>Pooks Reserve</u> (ff) <u>Xena Park</u> (da) <u>Pulmer Domain</u> (fg) <u>Zita Maria Park</u> (db) <u>Raelene Reserve</u> (dc) <u>Railside Esplanade Reserve</u></p>
	<p>(2) Dogs are allowed on the beach and foreshore from 72 Spinnaker Strand to the north east beach of Kelvin Strand at the following times to protect wildlife: (a) under control off a leash two hours either side of high tide (b) under control on a leash at all other times.</p>
<p>(2) Dogs are allowed under control on a leash in the following areas – (a) All beach and foreshore areas (b) Harbourview-Orangihina walkway and coastal area (c) Any area that is developed or marked out as a picnic area.</p>	<p>(3) Dogs are allowed under control on a leash in the following areas: (a) All beach and foreshore areas (b) Any area that is developed or marked out as a picnic area (c) <u>Harbourview-Orangihina area including walkway (except for grass area located to the north and west of the Te Atatatu Road access road and car park) and coastal area</u> (d) <u>Chapman Strand (including walkway, and the boardwalk and walkway to Kelvin Strand)</u> (e) <u>Dawnhaven Esplanade (including walkway)</u> (f) <u>Featherstone Park</u> (g) <u>Tui Glen Park</u> (h) <u>Tawa Esplanade</u> (i) <u>Renata Esplanade</u> (j) <u>Te Atatu Peninsula Park</u> (k) <u>Jack Colvin Park</u> (l) <u>Jack Pringle Park</u> (m) <u>Te Pai Park</u> (n) <u>Shona Esplanade</u></p>
<p>(3) Dogs are prohibited on or within 10 metres of any area that contains fitness apparatus.</p>	<p>(3) Dogs are prohibited on or within 10 metres of any area that contains fitness apparatus.</p>
<p>(4) Dogs are prohibited on Crown foreshore adjacent to Pollen Island and Traherne Island²</p>	<p>(4) Dogs are prohibited on Crown foreshore adjacent to Pollen Island and Traherne Island² (DOC Map 6.41) for the protection of wildlife, in the following areas: (a) all beach and foreshore areas (except from 72R Spinnaker Strand to North East beach of Kelvin Strand (b) on Crown foreshore adjacent to Pollen Island and Traherne Island² (DOC Map 6.41), including</p>

Current local dog access rule	Decision
(DOC Map 6.41).	<u>foreshore of Harbourview-Orangihina area.</u>

** *Explanatory Note: The region-wide rule that prohibits dogs on any sports surface (unless exceptions are stated) and that requires dogs to be kept under control on a leash in the vicinity of any sports surface when in use as stated in Schedule 1, Rule 1(2) continues to apply. This note is specified in relation to particular parks where a sports field is known to exist to assist readers.*

*** *Explanatory Note: The region-wide rule that prohibits dogs on any playgrounds and that requires dogs to be kept under control on a leash in the vicinity of any playground when in use as stated in Schedule 1, Rule 1(1) continues to apply. This note is specified in relation to particular parks where a playground is known to exist to assist readers.*

Region-wide rules

The following region-wide dog access rules also apply within the Henderson-Massey Local Board area but are not within the scope of this review.

Region-wide rules prevail over any local board rule.

(1) **Playgrounds under the control of the council**

Dogs are prohibited on any playground at all times and must be under control on a leash in the vicinity of any playground when in use.

(2) **Sports surfaces under the control of the council**

Dogs are prohibited on any sports surface at all times and must be kept under control on a leash in the vicinity of any sports surface when in use.

For the avoidance of doubt, dogs must still be kept under control on a leash in the vicinity of the sports surface when in use.

(3) **Roads, private ways, and council-controlled car parks and boating areas**

Dogs must be under control and on a leash on all –

(a) *formed public roads (including any street, highway, access way, service lane, and any footpath, cycle track, bus stop and berm within the boundaries of the road);*

(b) *private ways;*

(c) *council-controlled car parks; and*

(d) *council-controlled boating areas (including any wharf, jetty, boat ramp, boat marshalling area).*

For the avoidance of doubt, this rule does not apply to any unformed road, or any walkway, track or road within or surrounded by a park.

(4) **Council cemeteries, council camping grounds and council holiday parks**

Council cemeteries

Dogs are allowed under control and on a leash in the following council-controlled cemeteries:

- (a) North Shore Memorial Park
- (b) Waikumete Cemetery

Dogs are prohibited from all other council-controlled cemeteries unless permission is obtained from the council (e.g. a park manager with the appropriate delegated authority), or signage indicates dogs are allowed and provided the person whom the dog is accompanying complies with any reasonable conditions imposed by the council in relation to the entry or presence of the dog.

Camping grounds and holiday parks under the control of the council

Dogs are prohibited from all council-controlled camping grounds and holiday parks unless permission is obtained from Council (e.g. park manager with delegated authority), or signage indicates dogs are allowed, and provided the person whom the dog is accompanying complies with any reasonable conditions imposed by the Council in relation to the entry or presence of the dog.

(5) **Default dog access rules**

Unless otherwise stated in the local board dog access rules:

- (a) *dogs must be under control and on a leash in all council-controlled public places with unrestricted access; and*
- (b) *dogs are prohibited in all other public places (e.g. fenced sports stadiums, libraries, cafes, shopping malls, school grounds, non-council cemeteries and urupa) unless permission is obtained or signage indicates dogs are allowed from –*
 - (i) *council, in relation to places under control of the council; or*
 - (ii) *the person in charge of the place, in relation to places not under control of the council; and*
 - (iii) *provided the person whom the dog is accompanying complies with any reasonable conditions imposed in relation to the entry or presence of the dog.*

Explanatory Notes:

Dog Faeces

The owner of any dog that defecates in any public place or private way must immediately remove and dispose of the faeces in a way that does not cause a nuisance.

Dogs confined in a vehicle or cage

Dogs confined in a vehicle or cage are not exempt from prohibited dog access rules. They are exempt from under control on-leash dog access rules.

Working dogs (includes disability assist and police dogs)

Dog access rules in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 do not apply to any working dog accompanying and assisting a person with work, or accompanying a person genuinely engaged in the dog's training.

Female dog in season

The owner of any female dog in season must ensure that dog does not enter or remain in any public place or private way unless that dog is completely confined in a vehicle or cage for the purposes of transportation, or the owner of that dog has the permission of the occupier or person controlling the public place (such as a veterinary clinic) in relation to the entry or presence of the dog, and complies with any reasonable conditions imposed.

Temporary Changes to Dog Access Rules

The council may make temporary changes to dog access rules in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 in relation to leisure and cultural events (including dog friendly events), dog training, threatened or 'at risk' protected wildlife vulnerable to dogs, pest control in any park and/or beach, and events of a comparative nature.

Attachment B – Department of Conservation dog access controls in Henderson Massey

No dog access to Harbourview-Orangihina foreshore

