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Merle Lavin**Subject:** FW: Draft Dog Control Policy - submission

this is a record of a phone call I received this morning from Jason Dorne.

I have highlighted the bits I consider to be his submission.

I have confirmed with him that he wishes to be heard.

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Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 12:48 PM**To:** Ann-Marie Mori**Subject:** Re: Draft Dog Control Policy - submission

yeah these sound ok to submit. thanks for you help and patience.

Also like to put forward what leadership role PNCC is taking in general / nationally (be a leading council doing so) to stop outright, backyard breeding of dogs. At least having "very strong" bylaws that state if you want to breed, then you have to get council permission to do so, that incurs high fees etc. This will at least start an ongoing process to stop the making of money from the "over breeding of dogs" (that just end up at the SPCA and on death row). This needs to be looked at some how. PNCC can lead the country on this, and why not!! It is a hot ongoing topic nationwide now and the public want this to take place big time / most people do. Breeding dogs must stop, they just end up getting executed as we all know to be the case. We all want this to change, time is now

thanks

jason dorne

On Mon, Jan 29, 2018 at 12:39 PM, Ann-Marie Mori <Ann-Marie.Mori@pncc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi Jason

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Thanks for your call this morning and interest in the Council's Draft Dog Control Policy.

In summary I noted your comments in relation to the following key changes to the Draft Policy:

1. On-leash trial of CBD – should be OK, thought dogs were able to be taken in there already.
2. Sportsfields – initially hesitant to support this change (to on-leash when no sports occurring) but also thinks will be OK.
3. Manawatū River Pathway – Quite confusing for people – needs to be made clearer that most of the pathway is “off-leash”; possibly needs more publicity in the newspaper; noted that many people have dogs on leash in off-leash areas and sometimes this can create issues such as dogs becoming excitable, owners criticizing others for having dogs off-leash when they are able to etc.
4. Dog poo bins – needs to be more dog poo bins on the walkway as there is a huge gap in provision. People are dropping bags on the trail – either because they are too lazy or because there are no bins.

Also noted your questions for a Council response:

- How do we put dogs down at our pound (what method)?
- What is our ‘holding policy’ regarding dogs that are impounded? E.g. is there a 7 day timeframe of impoundment after which they are euthanized?

You also raised general comments/concerns about Council's leadership role/leading by example in tackling issues such as animal euthanasia/culling methods (in light of the recent geese culling) and backyard breeding etc.

Questions you had in regard to the geese culling were:

- Why did it happen (what was the justification for it)?
- How long had it been planned for?
- What other options were looked at? E.g. re-homing, re-location
- What was the urgency? E.g. were there complaints regarding the faeces and impacts on users?
- When will it happen again?

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I would encourage you to make a formal written submission but if you are happy with the notes I made above (in relation to the proposed key changes to the Policy) then I can arrange for that to be treated as a submission. Please let me know.

If you are wanting more information please have a look at:

<https://www.pncc.govt.nz/yourcouncil/consultations/draft-dog-control-policy/>

Cheers

Ann-Marie

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name: Anonymous

Organisation:

Email:

Postal address:

Phone number:

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Thanks PNCC, that's great news. Good to hear the Square & CBD are becoming dog friendly areas. Let's hope dog owners use this area with respect for others. Also good to hear Aokautere walking tracks will change to dog on a leash areas. Sadly some dog owners, (probably a minority) have ruined this for everyone by taking little responsibility and letting their dogs run wild jumping up on people, frightening some, I even had a dog run into my home and head upstairs!

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

I understand most of it. Probably 80%

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes, provided it is managed well and those who abuse thecrukes by not having dogs on a leash are fined. Otherwise the minority will ruin it for everyone.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Yes, as above provided it is managed well and those who abuse thecrukes by not having dogs on a leash are fined. Otherwise the minority will ruin it for everyone.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Obvious stuff really. Policing it. Dog poo bins

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Absolutely agree, it's out of control and has become dangerous as it is.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

What if you live or work I.E cbd in a currently restricted dog control area?

Also signs need to be put up on the walkways to advise of the changes and how breaking the rules will be enforced.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Didn't get to that bit

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Absolutely, it's dangerous and needs to be managed far better by council. A very small dog was recently mauled almost to death down there by two big dogs who were off the leash and running amok. The elderly owner was of course terrified and the owners of the other dogs took no responsibility whatsoever and didn't help the elderly woman let alone paying the \$1,800 vet bill their dogs caused. It surprises me that Council can let this happen and are not liable in some way especially with the new Health and Safety act.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Signage and policing are required

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Most people won't read this. Put up more signs

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

Ditto. See above

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

It sounds like a good idea, I didn't read this section so I'm not sure I understand.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Thanks PNCC for being proactive.

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

False

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name: Tim Gibbes
Organisation:

Email:
Postal address:
Phone number:

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:
Yes

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

In most matters. However I feel that PNCC supervision of dog owners is lacking, especially in offering discounts for early registration, when they are not checked for home care or their handling when away from their registered premises.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

How do you expect to monitor these areas?

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Very important that these persons have poo bags easily visible & they are used to adequately clean up. And monitored by PN Dog Control, checking registration discs as well.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Yes with the above proviso - 3 a.

Very important that these persons have poo bags easily visible & they are used to adequately clean up. And monitored by PN Dog Control, checking registration discs as well.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

A provisional yes, but held on short leads that don't allow too much movement that could trip over or agitate other CBD users or pedestrians.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Dogs tend to like sniffing the sides of paths to "read the headlines" of what other animals have passed recently, especially "danger dogs", so they'd prefer not to meet. But in their sniffing they tend to wander from side to side of the paths. Dog owners are the only ones who understand this, so how can we educate other users that dogs do wander?

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Very much ask for more strict control of persons walking dogs, leashed or not, that they carry poo bags & adequately cleanup any dog doos.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Perhaps education classes or notices when dog registration is due.

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

The bridleways along the river are used by cyclists, runners, pedestrians, dog owners, etc. many of whom have headphones connected to their heads. I wouldn't like to see controls put on dog owners when controls are not put on other users. Obviously this would go down well with "others", so why penalise dog owners?

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

I use Linklater Reserve most often, but also walk them according to the weather in Asshurst Domain, Railway Station if it's raining (a filthy place), ANZAC Park (another filthy place), Milverton Park, etc. The first is the only full of leash location.
Levin has a well signposted very good dog park close to the CBD, especially for dogs which enables

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passers by to call & let them run free for a while to relieve travel boredom. Not a very big area but very effective.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Bear in mind that dog owners are one of the few ratepayer groups that pay extra for animals/friends. Unfortunately not all dog owners are friends using their dogs purely for guarding their property & some of these are quite mean as owners & as angry as their dogs. Inspections of these premises where these animals are held need re-visiting.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

As above

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes but true owners who have dogs as friends usually think of their animals before anything else. Fireworks night & fireworks let off randomly indicate non sympathetic persons.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

As above

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

False

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:
Daniel Carrick
Organisation:

Email:
Postal address:
Phone number:

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Partly

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Partly, People already use most sports ground with dogs, so it would be legalising what's already happening.

But I would like to see a high fine added should a person not clean up their dog leftovers & for a way to easily report a person

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I think it's a terrible idea.

I've been attacked by dogs often enough that I am quite wary of any strange dog I see, If people were walking them around the CBD myself & others who are afraid of dogs would be stressed and worried.

Approximately 1/3 of dogs I see on the streets when going for a evening stroll etc are dangerous dogs (Or cross breed dangerous dogs) which are usually walked by gang members (I work at Linton prison & I recognize them from when they were staying there), I think they would walk their dogs down the middle of the footpath & intimidate anyone who didn't get out of their way.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

The Breed of the dog (And not just the registered breed, but what breed the dog appears to be) - Dangerous breeds should be banned.

Size of the dog - Bigger dogs are intimidating & take up more space & the CBD footpaths are usually busy.

Muzzles - I think all dogs in the CBD should be muzzle to stop not just misbehaving dogs biting or fighting, but also well behaved dogs being spooked by random young children & biting out of instinct.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes, Leashing the dogs allows for better control should the dog misbehave or be spooked by animals, children or joggers etc.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

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7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

False

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10191291

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:
Mark Easton

Organisation:
Mr.

Email:

Postal address:

Phone number:

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Absolutely

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Fantastic idea. We'll managed dogs add to vibrancy of community

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Dog breed.

Council should have a right to disallow certain dogs if there has been trouble in the past.

Basically normal, good owners of peaceful dogs should not be limited in with dangerous ones

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No. The walkways are still not heavily used enough. Have there been complaints by public? I was on Titoki on weekend and all walkers had dogs and were enjoying not having leashes on

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

I try to let my dog off leash as much as possible. He is not a menace or annoyance to anyone and I don't feel there is a need to leash him. Obviously this can be an issue with aggressive dogs and in sympathetic to this but it would be great to find a means that allows good dogs as much freedom as appropriate

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

I personally think the whole walkway should be off leash

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No no

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Seems unnecessary but no problem to add

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

False

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10192284

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name: Sarah
Organisation:

Email:
Postal address:
Phone number:

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes, I see people with dogs on sports fields now. It would be nice to have this as an on leash area

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Yes

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

For me the factor is if people are shopping, how will the dogs be controlled if they are tied up outside

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Yes

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

No

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

True

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name: Jess Emmerson
Organisation:

Email:
Postal address:

Phone number:

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I do not think this is a good idea. This is a highly pedestrian trafficked area. What need does an owner have of bringing their dog into this area? I feel it's unsafe to have dogs specifically in the square.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Many dog owners are already not following the on leash rules and poop pick up rules in Palmerston North - why reward them by opening up another area?

It would take a very well trained dog and alert owner to not be distracted by everything in the square. Eg children, ducks, noises. This is an accident waiting to happen! From walking our two dogs down by the river which is also a busy area there simply aren't enough clues on owners to achieve this.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:
 Gerry Keating
Organisation:

Email:
Postal address:
Phone number:

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:
 No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I think this is a ridiculous change to the by-law. For the past 10 years that I have lived in Palmerston North, dogs have not been allowed within the CBD area. And it has been awesome. Why the need for change? If something is working well, why is there a need to change it? There are many, many areas for people to walk their dogs, etc. From what I can see on social media, the people who agree with this change are loving it because they will get to have a coffee at their favourite CBD cafe with their dog sitting beside them. So are we going to end up with a cafe full of dogs? Are these people not capable of having a coffee without their dog beside them? Who will patrol this? Is the cafe owner responsible if something happens caused by the dog? While I applaud the other parts of the change to the policy, this one just makes no sense.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

It shouldn't go ahead. It is a stupid change to the current policy. There is no need for dogs in the CBD. CBD stands for Central Business District. Why is there a need for dogs? Just so people can have a latte with their dog???

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

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10189874

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

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Organisation:

Email:

Postal address:

Phone number:

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes, this is excellent.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes, but can be written in more detail because I know some dog owners will refute it

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes. Fair enough!

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Great idea to have a trial.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Actively handing out fines for people who do not pick up their dog's faeces - make it a hefty one

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No issues with that, but you could do a 12 month trial also before fully deciding

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Sometimes it is not very clear whether it is a leashed or unleashed area, or where the on-leash becomes an off-leash area & vice versa - please put more signs along both areas so they are more apparent to avoid any doubt. Also more bins along the walkways for poo please - you will probably find that owners don't want to carry full poo bags for 3km before they see a bin - you will likely see a decrease in the amount of littering

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes! Dog owners must carry a leash and I think it will be prudent to state that all dogs walking on footpaths beside a road must be leashed as well! The number of times I have had dogs get distracted from walking with their owners to running out in front of my car.... and the number of hit by cars we see in clinic because of that!

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

I trust your judgement, happy if the council felt it was necessary

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Sometimes it is not very clear whether it is a leashed or unleashed area, or where the on-leash becomes an off-leash area & vice versa - please put more signs along both types of areas for the avoidance of any doubt

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

This is most excellent. Be sure to highlight and re-emphasise that all dogs do legally require a microchip because I still see several trickling through our clinic who refuse to microchip their pets & say that PNCC still sent them registration tags regardless of whether there was a chip number associated with the registration or not. Heavier penalties must be imposed on non-compliance and

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routine checks for compliance should be enforced. Look at it this way - imposing hefty fines on non-compliance will also likely increase the council's income.... because there are so many dogs out there that are not microchipped even if they are on your database, and a good number are not even registered!

The by-law should over-ride the vet professional code of conduct and absolve vets of all legalities surrounding client & patient confidentiality by permitting and encouraging vets to report to the council regarding 1) aggressive dog behaviour in public / dog attacks 2) non compliance re microchipping and council registration 3) failure to provide adequate veterinary care including end-of-life care - yes this is currently 100% managed by SPCA but they will always appreciate some help 4) failure to provide adequate shelter, food or water 5) backyard breeding 6) curb pet stores from selling breeders' dogs & use pet stores as avenues for rehoming strays/abandoned pets rescued by SPCA or other welfare organisations/shelters

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Definitely

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Nil

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

True

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10191880

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name: Roy LeQuesne
Organisation:

Email:
Postal address:
Phone number:

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:
No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:
NO....

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

NO..UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD DOGS BE ALLOWED IN THE CBD

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:
NOT APPLICABLE

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:
YES

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:
DOGS ON LEASHES ONLY

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

I Believe that like the Maori wards submissions that no matter what one says the Council will just do as it pleases hence this submission will prove to be a waste of time and that is why it has been only partly completed. REMEMBER TWO THIRDS WERE AGAINST THE MAORI WARDS BUT COUNCIL STILL VOTED IN FAVOUR OF THEM..

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):
False

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:
 Quinton Keyser

Organisation:

Email:

Postal address:

Phone number:

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

yes, however more bins and dog poo bags will need to be available

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

As an Agility competitor who trains with his dogs, no - I would like to let my dog off the lead and train sprints, distance handling etc and a sports field is big enough for this. I believe that for the average Joe bloggers with a dog this bylaw will be ok

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

This is an AWESOME idea, my only opinion will be that there are dog poo bags and dog poo bins available to prevent any issues arising.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

The availability of dog poo bags and special bins for it to be successful

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Have there been any events regarding safety in these areas?

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

off lead the whole way please

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

add more areas

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

no

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

no

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

False

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10192772

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name: Heather Glasgow
Organisation:

Email:
Postal address:
Phone number:
Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:
No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I think this is a brilliant idea! This works well in other cities as there are already rules to deal with bad behavior. The CBD is very large and often fairly empty - it makes sense to broaden its appeal in any way you can. More people will bring more people!

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

The Council should think about putting in more infrastructure to encourage good practice to help ensure the trial is successful. This could include fountains to get water for the dogs and dog bag dispensers (!).

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):
True

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10192536

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name: Karen Adams
Organisation:

Email:
Postal address:
Phone number:

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes I agree with this proposal as many sport fields are walk through areas this makes sense, no dogs during sports events and off or on leash at other times (quiet times where no one else it there they can throw a ball etc for the dog to play fetch.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Agree.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Dogs must be well controlled, dog waste has immediate pick up and owner fined and animal banned if caught doing so.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No, there are too few designated off leash areas as it is, the public have many other areas to use as it is.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Cyclists using the esplanade and bridle tracks in both off and on leash areas scares not only dogs but also owners, walkers and runners. I think there should be a speed limit for cyclists along all shared pathways and areas eg 10km/hr or fast walking speed where there are pedestrians/off leash areas.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes agree

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No, definitely not. Clear signage is all that is required and then people can make decisions on how and which areas they use (eg teaching children to ride bike along the pathway etc)

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Please retain all areas of off, we only have one car so we are lucky to be able to walk to our area, if it wasn't there we would have to drive to an off leash area across town.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes as long as it well articulated any costs and agreement to pay any incurred costs during registration. There should be at least a two step procedure for contacting the owner in the vent of an emergency.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name: Glen Eustace
Organisation:

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes, however there appears to be little to no enforcement. We regularly see people walking their dogs around city streets without a leash on their dog. The dog may be well behaved but the streets are supposed to be on-leash. Also, when the dog is not under control, people often do not both picking up the dog's faeces.

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

No. With the high incidence of people not cleaning up after their dogs, having a sports player slide a tackle into a pile of doggy poo is not pleasant.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

In principle, I think it is a good idea but I am still concerned that in a pedestrian traffic areas, having dog poo on the footpath would not be good. Our dog, an elderly bitch has a tendency to 'mark' everything, in the CBD I think this would be unacceptable.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

The council workers that currently do the litter pickup in the Square may need to extend their duties to picking up doggy poo as well.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No opinion at this time

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Without enforcement, the designation or areas as on or off leash is really pretty meaningless.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No, the area alongside the Esplanade is more vulnerable and dogs shouldn't be able to enter it uncontrolled.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Owning a dog demands being responsible for that dog in terms of its health, welfare and social interaction. I think there needs to be a significant education campaign and some penalty for owners who do not demonstrate that responsibility.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

I think the scheme is a good step to recognising those owners who take their responsibilities seriously.

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:
 Ariana
Organisation:

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

No it doesnt

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I think it is great

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

as long as the owners are picking up their dogs droppings and that the owner agrees to take full responsibility of the dogs actions

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No, I do not agree. I think that dogs need an area that they are allowed to freely roam. If the council are looking at opening other areas to be dog exercise areas, then I will agree.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

no

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

no

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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10219092

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name: Wendy Newth
Organisation:

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Great Idea

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Huge enforcement of poo control.

All owners to carry bio degradable bags whenever out in these areas.

I have seen the effects of no dog poo laws in France and Spain. Yuk

But, on the other hand it is wonderful to socialise dogs with people.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Absolutely. Unleashed dogs are unpredictable, and even little ones can be in danger.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

poo bags available from the council maybe when dogs are registered.

Poo bins all over the place

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Encourage them.

Gets people off their butts as well

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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Merle Lavin**Subject:** FW: Submission - Tony Reddrop

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Subject: Submission - Tony Reddrop

Hi Ann-Marie

I have spoken to Tony on the phone regarding his previous concerns (KBase below) about dogs at the Linklater Reserve.

Tony is of the opinion the front area of the Linklater Reserve (from the planted gully forward to the front boundary) should be made on leash. He noted the concern with dogs, food and children mixing around the new picnic and BBQ area and thought that off-leash was not suitable there. Tony was comfortable with off-leash after the planted gully and thought as the park opened up and was established further back the on-leash area could extend but was happy that this might be something that happens once further areas have had time to establish and be attractive to dog walkers.

Tony would like this verbal submission/his previous concerns submitted to the Dog Control policy. Does this need to go through the submissions email system?

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Start Date: 10-Jul-2017 10:48 AM
 Referred From: Resident
 Category: WYWO Message
 Referral Method: In Person

Request Details

Status: Please contact back

Caller's Name: Tony

Preferred Contact Option: Phone

Number, Email address or Link:

Details: Customer has some concerns about the Lindwater Reserve, as it is a dogs off leash area. He said there have been a few menacing dogs in the area and is worried for his kids safety. He has asked that there is some reconsideration around this, and possibly making a time for it to be on leash. He would also like to know when things are progressing up there. Please call to discuss. Thanks

Is Complaint?: *

Staff members department: City Networks

Please remember to resolve this WYWO when completed by clicking Action -> Resolve below.

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10219872

Merle Lavin**Subject:** FW: Dog Control policy**Subject:** Dog Control policy

Hi Ann-Marie

I have spoken with Ashley who confirms her concerns remain about the swings and spaces at the Linklater Reserve as per the below earlier K-Based comments. Ashley is concerned that either dogs will run in front of swings and be knocked over/hurt and/or a dog will get excited by the swinging children and attempt to grab at their shoes. Ashley's preferred solutions are:

- Ideally the swings and picnic area would be fenced off to prevent dogs entering the area.
- If not that then at least the wider area that the swings and picnic are within be a dog on lead area.

Ashley is happy for this record of our conversation to be submitted to the policy review as her submission.

Regards

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From: Aaron Phillips**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 February 2018 10:01 AM**To:** Ann-Marie Mori**Subject:** Linkalter - first - others to come

I will call to say submission opportunity available or can submit this Kbase as a submission

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Cellphone:		Fax:	
Wants Feedback?	No	Preferred Method:	
Feedback Notes:			

Request Details

Street Number:

Street Name: LINKLATER RESERVE, Palmerston North

Roadway Feature:

2nd Street Name:

Location: LINKLATER RESERVE, Palmerston North

Details: Hi PNCC

I love the recent and ongoing work happening at Linklater reserve. I can't wait to try out the dogwash shower. Linklater is such a nice size for an offlead park. I know many people with dogs who love going there regularly.

One concern I have is the swings. Seeing the reserve is also an off lead park I am worried about the potential of swinging children making usually well behaved off lead dogs get excited. I'm worried that a child's shoe hanging down and moving fast could be mistaken for a toy.

I know that the work is still ongoing, is there any new fencing in the upgrade plans? There definitely would be the space to put a small fence around the swings. If it's not in the plan, is it something you would consider?

If I should be talking to someone else I would be grateful if you could point me in the right direction.

Regards,

Ashley Dodunski

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Ashley Dodunski

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

No. When sportsfields are not being used they should be dog exercise areas. If no one is playing sport, the space is wasted by making dogs have to remain on lead. As long as people follow the rules, dog under control and pick up waste, why can the dog not be off lead and make the most of the field? Dogs must still be under control and have their waste picked up while on lead on the field, so what benefit does having them on lead achieve?

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Fully support this. In Auckland and other regions around NZ there are dog friendly cafes and events in the CBD. This creates a wonderful community of people with dogs and allows better socialisation of pets.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Ensure waste bins are located around the CBD and regularly emptied. A dog water fountain somewhere would be helpful.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:**6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:**

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No. Dogs need areas to run and play. Humans are able to read signs and put their dogs on and off lead.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

I regularly walk my dog at Linklater Reserve which is a dog exercise area and therefore offlead. It is a wonderful space that so many dog owners and dogs value.

Recently a swing set and bbq area has been installed. My concerns around the swing set follows the bylaw that dogs are not allowed within 30m of play equipment. Why was this put in an offlead area then? I would like to see a small fence (like the chain between posts at the front of the reserve) going around the platform with the swings. This will deter dogs from getting close and either trying to play with the children on swings or being bowled over by them. Most dog owners who use the reserve walk loops following the track. The track and the dog fountain are close to the swings. I don't want to lose the resource of having the park there for dog walking but see that the space should be used for more than just dogs.

Having the bin up hill and by the bbq is great. I would love to see this monitored and emptied more. In the weekend just been, a large group of people had a bbq and bit of a party up there. On Sunday morning the bin was overflowing, broken bottles were everywhere. As the bbq gets used more and more frequently the bin will overflow more often.

The last thing for Linklater Reserve is the fence line at the front. I would like to see some low to

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medium density planting along there. Just to make slightly more of a barrier and keep dogs and children safe. The road is very busy in front of the park.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

I would like to see more bins around Palmerston North for dog waste. There never seems to be a bin around when you need one. This may encourage more people to pick up after their dogs.

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

False

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Christine Sylvia Johnston

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes, I agree with the Council's approach on these matters. It is imperative that public safety is upheld at all times. Most dogs are well controlled by their owners, but there are always exceptions and the Council needs to be able to intervene appropriately when necessary.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

The explanations of the different areas of dog control are useful for avoiding misunderstandings and clarifying expectations so that dog owners can exercise their pets without discomfort to the general public.

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

I think this is a very sensible proposal. It should still be necessary for dog owners to remove any dog faeces from sports grounds so that fouling does not interfere with the use of the space for its intended purpose.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I fully support any initiative to enable freedom of dog owners to exercise their dogs responsibly in public areas. I think this proposal promotes fuller use of the CBD and adds to its attraction, particularly of The Square.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Facilities for disposal of dog faeces would be helpful, such as plastic bags for collection of faeces and extra rubbish bins. I can imagine that business owners would promote use of their premises by providing a post where leashes can be secured, with drinking water for dogs. This is evident in other metropolitan areas I visit from time to time and I greatly appreciate it. I am sure it would add to the attractiveness and use of the CBD and encourage people to relax and enjoy the space.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

I don't really have an opinion on this, as I don't use these areas to exercise my dog.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

No

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:**6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:**

No, I think it's reasonable to expect dogs to be leashed on this busy section of the walkway.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Only that I would like to see more of them! Hawkes Bay has a beautiful park with shade and the Council supplies stations with plastic bags for removal of faeces and rubbish bins for depositing them. It is very well used and much appreciated by the community.

Whangarei also has a fenced park for exercising dogs which is very successful, although a bit too small in my opinion.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

It is good to have expectations clearly described.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes, I think it is a good idea.

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Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to express an opinion and share ideas.

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True

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy Submission

Hello

We are dog owners in Palmerston North and we would like to put forward a couple of comments.

1. There are plenty of areas for people to take their dogs currently and therefore there is no need to allow them in to the square which is a picturesque, well tended area (currently). Children can run freely without worrying about dogs and dog poo - it will be left!!!!!!.

2. We don't think it's a good idea to permit dogs on playing fields when they are not in use. Many people do not pick up their dog mess as can be seen already on the many walkways where dogs are permitted.

There is already a shortage of dog poo bins around town and a problem of people clearing up after their dogs - why bring this issue it to what is meant to be a family friendly, central focus of our city? We believe there are probably more things that the Council could be doing with their time and money involving people rather than animals.

anonymous

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Barb Adlington

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

YesYes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

It will work fine as it will only be good dog owners who will take their dogs into the CBD. My guess it will be mainly little lap dogs that will be taken/ carried into the CBD

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Owners must pick up their dogs' poo. You also have to consider them urinating on the pavement/ wherever. Owners really can't control this

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No I don't. Too many of our off leash areas are being taken away. Dogs need to run free, especially the bigger breeds of dogs

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

We are losing many of our off leash areas. We need places where our dogs can run free in safety. The river is not safe anymore - too many fast, inconsiderate cyclists. My dog has been injured by a cyclist. I won't exercise my dogs . down at the river anymore

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

We pay dog registration fees over and above our rates so we should expect some good, safe , off-leash areas. Linklater Park is wonderful, but it is not safe - for both children and dogs. We need a fence to keep dogs and children safe from the constant traffic on Tremaine Avenue!

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Just give us good dog owners a fair deal. My dogs and I do our bit for the community _ I have Pet Therapy dogs. All i want is some good, safe off-leash areas

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Barbara Adlington

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

On the whole, yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I really don't think many people will bring their dogs into the CBD. Those that will, will be, on the whole, responsible dog owners - cafe goers that want to take "Fluffy" with them when they go for a coffee. I wouldn't take my dogs into town unless really necessary

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Maybe more poop bags available

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No, we need MORE off leash areas, not less

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Yes, we need more safe, off leash areas for dogs in Palm.Nth. There is going to be one secure area down by Maxwells line which is wonderful but what about the dog owners up the other side of town, ie Kelvin Grove. Linklater is great but is not safe, too close to a very busy road - Tremaine Ave - needs to be fenced off. The river is a nightmare. Too many fast, inconsiderate cyclists. When you are walking down there you have to be constantly looking over your shoulders for cyclists as you can't hear them coming up behind you till they yell at you to get out the way! My dog has already been hit by a cyclist

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

There should be a control policy for the cyclists - a speed limit, and give way to pedestrians. Most shared pathways in the world have these rules. Common sense really

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

We need more safe exercise areas. We pay expensive dog registration fees, what do we get for them?

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:**Withhold my contact details (but not my name):**

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Jordan & Elizabeth Dempster

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Much of it seems quite subjective and lacking real definitions of what would be classified as such - eg one dog control officer may consider a barking dog to be a nuisance, but another might not. What's the classification of a nuisance? Only one complaint? Or three or more on different occasions?

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Completely unreasonable and unrealistic to say "In all public places where dogs are not prohibited or required to be on a leash, dogs must be under the control of their owners at all times. This means when referring to a dog, either controlled on a leash, or controlled by voice command where the dog obeys the commands of its controller without hesitation." - as of course owners should endeavor to have their dog responding all the time, this is impossible with puppies/young dogs, who need to be let of the leash to socialise and learn - but will not necessarily respond every time. If this is the case, there would be no dogs off leash ever.

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes and no - It's a good idea to let dogs on grass sports fields when they are not being used, however it should go further and be OFF-leash for some eg Panieri Park (at the end of Maxwells Line).

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Great. Our city needs to be more dog friendly and is lacking in this department.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Owners need to have poo bags with them at all time. Perhaps there should be a dog type station where there is a place for dogs to have water, discard of poo bags, and have bag dispensers available. If dogs are going to be in the CBD, there needs to be environmental change to support it and give it the best chance of success.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No - should remain off leash. OR if it is going to become on-leash, provide or make available another off-leash space.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

No

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Refer to earlier comments in 2a.

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

It's good how it is.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Need more off-leash areas and looking forward to the dog park being built at Waitoetoe - much needed!! We know of many people who travel to Levin just to go to their dog park.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Think it's good, and like how it puts the onus on the owner, rather than blaming the dog. Responsibility should lie with owners.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

Good initiative.

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

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It's a good idea but seems more focused on the dog not harming others, rather than the safety of the dog itself- both should be included equally.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Onus should be put on owners. There needs to be more off leash and contained dog exercise areas.

There needs to be more dog friendly culture and environmental changes.

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Michelle Amos

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes, great idea

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Fantastic idea

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

If you're dog misbehaves perhaps you should be banned from the area for a period of time?

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No opinion, doesn't affect me

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Would be good to have more shops that are dog friendly and more cafes cater for dogs in their outside seating. This works well in other cities.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes, should be allowed off leash the whole way

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No, it's good

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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10219097

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:
 Graham Slater

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:
 No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:
 Yes I do. However, policing them is a fraught activity and many of these are openly flaunted already.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:
 Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:
 No, dogs running free when owners are in poor control are a hazard at all times.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:
 I am totally opposed to this and would leave the region if it became reality.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:
 That I did not live here any longer

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:
 Yes I do. Encountering free running (enthusiastic) dogs is an issue.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:
 Yes, even the areas where dogs should be on leash are frequently ignored. As are picking up the poop rules.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:
 The phrase "under proper control" is a farce. Most dog owners consider they have their dogs under control, but seldom does Rover heel or return on demand.

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:
 Yes, I can no longer use the pathway for walking or cycling after a number of incidents where I felt threatened. Not always by just the dog. Some owners are feral as well.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:
 They should be fenced and secure.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:
 Dogs left at home all day, lonely and barking are an issue that needs addressing.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:
 No, it seems adequate.

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:
 Yes for the sake of the dogs and the public when they run free in such a situation.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:
 Any person who has ever been attacked by a dog has developed a fear of them which NEVER goes away. The best way to avoid ongoing issues is for good legislation which can be policed. Also, for dog owners not to consider a person who has developed a fear of dogs to be treated with consideration rather than as a weak person to be despised.

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Vanessa & Jerome Pitt

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Not entirely. See 5A

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

There is no mention of what the safety concerns for these specific walkways are other than being "confined over time". As a daily user of these walkways at varying times of the day, my dogs have never strayed more than 2-3 metres off the path (into the streams mostly!) and at their busiest, I may come across 3-4 walkers, who also usually have dogs with them too. It is unfortunate that the council is considering changing these to on-leash only "in case" there is an incident. Dog owners who I have come across on these walkways (& include myself) are in control of our dogs, deliberately choose these walkways because of their location and the ability to give our dogs a good explore in a safe and low-use area. I have never come across a dog that is not registered, or that has not been under control of its owner. Dogs may growl at each other, but once they've had their customary sniff and tail wag (under owner supervision) they are always on their way.

I would be very disappointed in the council at creating a bylaw for a problem that does not even exist. I would understand if there had been multiple reports of dogs roaming onto properties or someone being attacked, but I do not believe that the council has any evidence of this.

I am also wondering if the council will be spending a lot of money on improving the paths in this area so that if I am walking my dogs on their leashes and they pull, that I will not fall down the stairs that are uneven, lacking in fill or that have the wooden boards as a trip hazard? I am also wondering about being pulled down the steep paths on loose shingle, especially when tree roots and new shingle that has not been compacted are also trip and fall hazards. Currently I manage these hazards by having my dogs off their leashes so that I can either hold the rail on the stairs or concentrate on avoiding the tree roots and loose shingle - it will be much harder to do this whilst holding my dogs on a leash.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

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7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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10218562

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Dog control bylaw

Sent: Friday, 2 February 2018 8:41 AM
To: Submission
Subject: Dog control bylaw

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

While I can understand from certain dog owners that they are frustrated because of the restrictions put on the dogs movements we should not forget the reasons for this.

There are dog owners who not remove dog droppings. Also some dog owners believe they are allowed many dogs. For some people a dog can be a lifesaver but for others it is just an animal which they put outside in day time and sometimes at night.

The consequence of this is barking or other noises.

When someone is on his/her daily walk dogs in front gardens chase to the fence line and start barking.

Sometimes a person get a fright. When it is more than one dog barking at the same time from one property it is more concerning.

Therefore we are against allowing dogs into area's where people play sport or where food is sold or served.

Kind regards,

Joe Erkens

10219098

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Robin Wood

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Yes

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Water and poo disposal stations required.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No. Need leash free area at gorge end of town.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

More poo disposal stations required.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Adequate water and poo stations should be provided.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:**8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:**

Should be a greater discount given to preferred owners.

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:**Withhold my contact details (but not my name):**

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10220978

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name: Neil Miller
Organisation:

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

Yes

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

The proposal objectives omit an important reason for dog control. Public safety is only one purpose of the policy.

The Dog Control Act section 4 includes as an object:

(iv) by imposing on owners of dogs obligations designed to ensure that dogs do not injure, endanger, or cause distress to any stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

See above.

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Agree that dogs should be allowed on leash in the CBD.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

1. Dogs should not be allowed onto the Square where urination could make the area unpleasant for people to recreate.

2. Dogs should be muzzled if tethered in a public place out of the immediate control and supervision of their owner. Tethered and unattended dogs are a hazard, particularly to children.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

My comment is that this is the default position for all public space that is not a dog exercise area.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes.

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes on leash at all times. Dogs are a particular hazard to cyclists.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

The City is providing a generous amount of dog exercise areas.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Yes, too many dog owners are not responsible as they regard dogs as "fur babies" when they are in fact animals with very particular behavioural need and characteristics. The issue with dogs is not breed, but competent and responsible ownership. Small dogs can be just as much a problem as larger breeds.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No.

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

The primary instrument for control is the Dog Control Act 1996.

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Neutering could be further encouraged as appropriate for a dog in an urban setting to reduce wandering and behavioural issues.

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10221205

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft "Dog Control Policy"

Sent: Wednesday, 7 February 2018 3:27 PM
To: Submission
Subject: Draft "Dog Control Policy"

To whom it may concern,

I have read your major changes, and I do not agree, You have already made strict requests what more do u want, a human can't even live with his best mate, without being dictated too, we pay our rates, and we have to pay to have our dogs registered, u must know, that a dog is part of a family, yet the council is making it more difficult, what u really shud focus on is people that have animals and abuse them, breeding, neglect etc, so for myself as a ratepayer, u shud be more focused on things like the poison 1080 instead of trivial things

Anonymous

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Me#Against#the#World

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10221102

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Brook Rush

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:**2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:****3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:**

Yes, please make this a reality. In Cloverlea we have a great Park which we currently can't take our dog to. There are no other parks close by, so allowing on leash activities at these types of parks is a great move.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Great idea - very modern.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Only issue I can think of is people with aggressive looking dogs bringing them into the CBD. It may be that these dogs are harmless, but there are a number of people in our city who have a phobia of dogs and it may be unfair on these people to allow these type of dogs into the CBD. Just something to be mindful of I guess!

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:**5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:**

I would support making the walkway along the mangaone stream an on leash area. At least once a week we are approached by off leash dogs while walking and more times than not the owner hasn't got control of their dog (eg it won't return to them when called).

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:**6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:****6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:****7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:****8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:****9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:**

I'm sure most people have someone they can call on if needed. I personally think including this in the policy is a step too far. It doesn't have anything to do with 'dog control'.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:**Withhold my contact details (but not my name):**

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10221202

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Kelly corbett

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I think it's a good idea. As a dog owner I tend to frequent cafes and shops outside of the CBD more because it means I can bring my dog with me. If my dog were allowed in the CBD I would visit those shops and cafes more frequently

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Making sure owners clean up after their dogs

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No opinion

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes, I didn't know which parts were on and off leash prior to reading this.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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10230419

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Rachel

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

No

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

No, I regularly see people with dogs where they shouldn't be, I have been chased by dogs on my bike on the river track, I have also been hit with a device used to throw dog balls at the esplanade. I would like to take my toddler for a run about down paneri park but I cant because it's often over run with dogs. I find the majority of dog owners don't care about any council laws and tighter dog control is needed. I've never seen a council worker fining anyone but plenty of people breaking the rules. I strongly think dogs should be completely banned from anywhere that children play. (Other than disability dogs) There should be designated parks specifically with dogs in mind, that only dog use. As shown in this link.

<http://www.fibar.com/playgrounds/dogparks.html>

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Stupidest idea I've ever heard of, can you imagine trying to enjoy a picnic or eating at a cafe with a dog sniffing at your food? Or the dog crap everywhere? The scared dog of traffic and busy streets that bites or runs on to the road, the dog that pisses everywhere (because they do!) I certainly wouldn't shop in town with dogs and I think the majority of mums with babies feel the same way. WE DONT WANT OUR CHILDREN BITTEN! OR MADE TO FEEL AFRAID!

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

I completely disagree with it and if it does go through I'll be organising a protest.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes dogs should be leashed anywhere where children may be.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:**6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:**

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes, unfortunately some people have no consideration for children or babies and throw balls along the path, which gets the dog worked up and thats often when they bite. Ive been bitten twice and it's very traumatizing and it was from playful dogs, I've almost hit dogs on my bike also.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:**7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:****8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:****9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:****Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:**

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10233622

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Dog Control Policy submission
Attachments: pick up dog poo (1).jpg

I wish to make a submission on the Dog Control Policy

I am completely in favour of allowing 'leased' dogs in the CBD.

Obviously there will need to be signage instructing owners to pick up their dog's doo. Please note, not grammatically incorrect as attached (Ruamahanga Crescent to river bank sign).

Also easy access to plastic doo pick up bags and, if necessary, separate dog doo collection bins.

Also sports fields to become dog friendly when 'leased'. Agree.

I hope this email submission is sufficient. I do not wish to appear before the Council.

Ken Bateman



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10232518

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

iola haggarty

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

My concern is that the proposed changes are not defined adequately and could lead to wide interpretation by PNCC. There should be time frames for the reporting of misdemeanor and in my view decisions should not be being made by Council Officers without some form of redress support for the dog owner.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

My concern here again is the lack of rationale for having 3 different types of Dog Control areas. Why are you proposing to have some areas in Aokautere dog on lead areas ?? Who will be policing this?

By all means remove the dog on leash area behind the Esplanade from the current dog control area as it has clearly been a nonsense.

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Why on a leash?? Mostly dogs that are on land adjoining playing fields and sometimes on parts of the playing fields is because the grass in parks are not maintained to a standard that allows ball or frisbie play. Also with the longer grass on parks as opposed to the well cut grass on playing fields, the winter wet grass is at times impossible to walk through for dog owners without getting wet up to your knees.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I believe that as you are committed to having the CBD become a free entertainment area that companion dogs should be allowed into the CBD. Not sure why you want to limit it to 12months, how will you measure the success or otherwise of the proposal?

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Doggie Doo bins and water stations please.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Absolutely I do not agree with this. For a lot of dog owners they choose where to build their homes and or live to being nearby walks /exercise areas for their dogs. PNCC needs to be a more dog friendly Council if they want to attract people to make their homes here.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Dog on leash areas should be limited to City footpaths and no other areas. PNCC is obliged to provide Dog exercise areas and these areas have to be where dogs can run free, explore and meet with other dogs. Too much school marmish rules from this Council and too few implementations of ideas to make the City a friendly caring place that Dog owners would want to live.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

I do wish that PNCC would accept that as you are willing to take my money for dog registration that you treat me as a responsible educated thinking adult. Your obligation is to supply me with areas that are dog friendly where my dog can run free, controlled by a whistle or hand signal. I do not need you to make a decision on what is control when clearly you would be saying it is a dog on a leash. We already have the rule about carrying a leash. If anything I would like you to insist that every dog in a dog off leash area is wearing a collar and an identifier.

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes the section from the Holiday Park to the bridge should be consistent with the rest of the shared pathway and removed from the dog on leash regulation. However I do think that more doggie doo

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bins need to be added to all the shared pathway areas and water fountains available every kilometre along the way.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Yes doggie doo bins or dedicated worm farm areas for doggie doo and definitely water stations at least two in every park.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Please understand that the registered dog owners in Palmerston North are already responsible dog owners. The cost of owning a dog is about \$5,000 to \$8,000 a year, as you can see by the number of Vet clinics, dog groomers and pet food suppliers. 6 years ago i did a survey of businesses that were dependent on Pet Ownership in Palmerston North and it was over 800. Even K.Mart said that dog food was important to them as it bought pet owners into the stores and they tended to buy other things as well.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

This has to be a worry if you limit the scheme to PNCC's interpretation of a preferred dog owner. I will look at your proposal and read between the lines of what is proposed.

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

You say the onus is on dog owners in an emergency, other areas, countries with local SPCA's immediately put in place animal rescue plans in an emergency, why don't you?? After all the majority of dog owners in P.N. are people over 60 and what if they are unable to do it. What plans do PNCC have for catering to this need in an emergency ? Have you got a list of shelters where dog owners will be able to go to ? Have you a list of dog friendly motels/ temp housing that maybe needed in an emergency?? Where is some evidence of evacuation sites for lost pets in an emergency where an owner who may have been working away from home can find out if his/her pet is there as fences etc have been destroyed??

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Yes i think it is a total waste of money and resources to be forever redoing draft policies when changes has not been asked for by the Community.

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

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10232019

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Michelle Haydock

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Fantastic news and long overdue. For a regional city, we are so behind in dog friendly attitudes compared to bigger NZ and Australian cities.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Basic & obvious dog owner responsibility of maintaining control of your dog/s and cleaning up after them

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

I don't use these walkways so unable to comment

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Not at this stage

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Don't use enough to comment

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Yes

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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10232131

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Robert Groom

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes, This is one of the better ideas.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I am a dog owner and I believe that this draft is pointless. There really is nowhere for dogs to go in the CBD and before the trial is complete there will be complaints about dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs. Because it is such a public place the acts of those who really shouldn't have a dog anyway will overshadow the acts of the rest of us. Don't bother with this part.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

See above.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

I don't walk my dogs in these areas but any reduction in the amount of off leash areas is a bad move.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:**6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:**

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes. It would be nice if I could walk my dog off leash the entire length of the walkway.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

no

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

no

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:**Withhold my contact details (but not my name):**

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10231199

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Chris Larking

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

I do not agree with these new changes , EVEN if they are a trial!.

We do not police people with Dogs in public places now , what would it be like if it was opened up. Ask yourself as councilors , have you walked on any of the Tracks around Palmy and are they clear of Dog Droppings NO.

I have been involved in Rugby Admin for 30 years and i now first hand that people do not pick up their dogs droppings and even if they do there is always a residue of it left on the ground.

Do you want your sons face smeared in this and the complications in infection on cuts etc.

Ask yourself also how many people are prosecuted for not picking up Their dogs droppings , i bet it was nil last year.

As for the Square , Surely people have the right to wander it without worrying about that menacing dog walking towards them or there Children.

Get focused on things that matter in Palmerston North like water storage so we don,t have these water restrictions.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes , but the status quo should stand.

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

A definite NO!

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

A definite NO!

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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10230418

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Anthony Ward

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

see 4a below

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

see 4a below

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

see 4a below

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

My submission comments re the new propose dog control policy are as follows:-

1. I agree that the obligations and responsibilities be that of the dog owner.
2. I do not agree that "most" dog owners are responsible – refer this to the SPCA
3. I do not feel that the wider community will be happy at all with large dogs being controlled on 30 metre leashes in the CBD. And also, for the same dogs being left outside shops whining and becoming anxious – what about the dog's wellbeing you are referring too in your policy attached below.
4. Perceived benefits, well now the dog owner will get to take their dog shopping – whoopee. Whist other shoppers, who may well be frighten of dogs, now have to avoid being bitten, treading on their faeces or tripping over their leads. Including possible harm to small children, whose parent may not be giving close attention?
 Why change!!! There are absolutely no benefits for the majority of the council's rate payers. My opinion is that you are wasting our time & money, which could be better spent fixing what rate payers want done.

I would hope that this policy revision is not being driven by dog owning councillors and that of you that are pushing for this revised dog control policy declare your interest in this matter.

Regards,

Tony Ward

♣ To outline the obligations and responsibilities of dog owners. The overall purpose of dog control is to maintain and improve public safety. The Council recognises that most dog owners in the City are responsible and that most interaction between dogs and the community is positive. This policy aims to balance dog control and public safety while recognising the health, well-being, and wider community benefits of dog ownership. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:**5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:****5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:****6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:****6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:****6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:**

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7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Anthea Finlayson

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Good

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Careful monitoring, education of owners and members of public

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No as too many of the dog exercise areas are also bicycle areas where speed and sharing the road aren't taken into consideration

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Palmerston North could do with some fenced dog exercise areas (like Christchurch has) suitable for people to safely take young dogs and help train them to come back without fear of getting into traffic or annoying people who are scared of dogs

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

We still need more with good visibility and without cycle pathways

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

Yes

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:**Withhold my contact details (but not my name):**

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Jacqueline Koenders

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

No comment

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

No comment

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes I agree. However I would go one step further and allow dogs off the leash. Should there be issues then the dog control policies should kick in.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Yes. Get with it PNCC. Europe allows dogs everyway - restaurants, public transport, shopping malls and retail shops. This is only a small step to where it should be.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

More doggy poo bins. Bags so there is no excuse for not picking up. Water bowls and taps or fountains for dogs to drink from. I am happy with on the leash only as this is a busy area and not all people are dog lovers. Also, I think NZ is still got some way to go before it has the maturity of European countries when it comes to dog behaviour and control.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No comment

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

No

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

No comment

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

I think that it is fine as it is at the moment, that is off the leash everyway except between the holiday park and Fitzherbert Ave.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Yes, more signs for cyclists to be courteous to dog owners and dogs who are off the leash. There are more cyclists without bells on their bikes than who do have bells and most do not warn you they are coming from behind with many cycling at full speed. They are inconsiderate and do make for some frightening experiences when walking the dogs.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

If owners of dogs would pick up their dog poo then dogs and dog owners would have a better reputation and there would be a better respect between those who have dogs and those who don't. As a responsible dog owner I always pick up my dog poo. I see many many who don't. There needs to be more policing for this and steeper fines. Let's have council staff walking around dog areas and policing and handing out instant fines. One fine should be \$500 and there should be demerit points against the owners. It would only take 100 fines to pay a full time wage for a dog policing officer. Get tough.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No comment

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes I agree

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I haven't read the full policy, but what I have read I am generally in agreement with. I think there need to be more leniency with where dog owners can take their dogs and more off lease areas, but I also at the same time believe there needs to be stricter enforcement for those owners who don't follow the rules, particularly around dog poo and out of control dogs.

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10242111

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Danielle harris

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

No Comment

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes I am very supportive of this approach as it enables owners to take their dogs on leashes for a greater variety of walks in the City.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I think this a great idea as dogs are mans best friends. In many other cosmopolitan Cities around the world you see dogs with their owners walking around in the Cities. fortunately in some countries you can even take you dogs into establishments like pubs and restaurants.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Obviously the leash approach.

There will need to be doggy bins to dispose of dog waste.

Perhaps some dog fountains for the summer and a facility that sprays up water so you can wet them in the summer as well.

So the few do not ruin it for the rest perhaps dog owners get three strikes so to speak. Thus if their dogs behaviour lead to complaints they get three warring and after the third they then get prohibited from being able to bring their dog into the CBD.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No its another of dogs get the short end of the straw as the expense of humans.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

NO

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes I think it should all be dogs can be exercised off the leash.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Only that welfare is important and owners should abide by the code.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes where you can.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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10247336

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Romina Iwikau

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes I do, however I believe there needs to be more flexibility to meet each situation. When we purchased our home, there were two very aggressive dogs in the house behind our home. They would charge the fence and bark aggressively when we were in our backyard. The council were quick to send a dog control officer to inspect when i made a complaint, the dogs were so bad he refused to enter the property due to safety concerns. Even though they posed a threat and neighbors had made many complaints the officer and the council weren't able to do anything until one of them attack a human. The Officer did all he could to confirm our property safe, but he was restricted by the laws. Sadly it wasn't the dogs fault, it was simply because the owner wasn't able to control the dogs and therefore they weren't take out or stimulated.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes they do. I believe we are lucky to have so many places to exercise our dogs. However, i would like to see any area that is fenced and doesn't allow cyclists. We have a small dog which we keep on a lead, but i find often cyclists aren't very open to sharing a path with dogs and I often get looks from people walking. I think there needs to be more of a reminder that we all share these areas and therefore you must be mindful.

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

I believe this is fair as these grounds are specifically for sports, etc and should be maintained as such.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I think it's a bad idea and I don't see the benefit. I believe it will add some negativity to public events held in the square, it may not be safe for the ducks, many people fail to pick up the dog poo and it could also be unsafe for the dogs. I often also find with our small dog, he is so cute that children (and sometimes adults) rush to him and he gets a fright. I know he would hide rather than bite, but not all dogs would react the same.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

There needs to be fines for unleashed dogs and for not picking up dog poo. Also a limit as to how many dogs you can bring into the CBD and where people can park with their dogs. I would image parking on the outskirts or in The Plaza wouldn't be ideal.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

yes

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

no

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

yes, but i believe there needs to be reminders to the public that these areas are shared with dogs.

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes, but there needs to be an area where bikes are not allowed.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

as mentioned above

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

There needs to be more bins and reminders to clean up after your dog

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

no

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

no

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10246134

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

katherine gibbs

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

Yes

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

My dog is kept behind 2 difference fences and does not bark. However i am keen generally for these provisions to be as strong as possible.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:**3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:**

Personally I believe this ruling is too difficult to enforce so I think sportsfields should be open to full dog use, when sports are not being played. Open sportsfields lend themselves to people having fun with their dogs - throwing balls for them etc. But what is the point in throwing a ball for the dog if it is on a leash?? Due to work and family commitments many people walk their dogs early in the morning, after dinner and at the weekends - where are the council staff then to enforce this rule? Living in Ashhurst and with the threat of the cannine park being taken over for the bypass means that we are facing a potential change to where and how dogs can be let off the leash anyway. I think the sportsfield (Lincoln St) should be an off the leash area - that is what it is already being used for. In the 6 months I have owned a dog it is only today (14/2/18) that I have seen some dog droppings on the sportsfield which hadn't been picked up (which was disappointing). However the rubbish lying about and the broken glass littering the area around the rugby club rooms from Saturday night's party that was held there is far more offensive and dangerous in my opinion.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I would not take my dog into the CBD and can't understand why you would want to. Dogs need to be able to run around and the CBD is not the area for this. As a shopper I would not want to be tripping over dogs while out and about. As a dog owner I am not in favour (except for seeing eye dogs or something like that).

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Lots of dog dropping bins. Wider footpaths to allow for dogs on leashes - I have found it quite easy to trip over my dog while out walking as they very suddenly walk right in front of you. In the CBD given there would be quite a number of people out walking at the same time - window shopping with kids and elderly - well, I would foresee some potential accidents.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:**5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:****6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:****6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:****6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:**

As a new dog owner I have been surprised at the lack of control many people have over their dogs. Some are trying to control more than one big dog at a time and most people struggle to do this. I have made several complaints esp after my dog was attacked by one where the home owners were used to not locking their dogs away behind a fence. I was told by PNCC when I have phoned to complain in the past that dog owners need to have a 'semblance' of control over their dog/s. I think

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this criteria is difficult to judge. I want people to have more than just a 'semblance' of control when my small-ish dog and I are walking towards them and their two big 30kg dogs are straining at their leashes, dragging their owners along in their attempt to get at us!

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

I think this section should be as strong as possible. How many dogs are people allowed to own in a built up area? Is there a limit? Does the policy set this out? I couldn't see anything. Some people seem to have quite a number and they all bark every time you walk past their house, which sets off the ones next door and then those next to them etc. It can be quite unpleasant!

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

I may have missed something but what is the point of it - do you pay reduced registration fees? I couldn't easily see anything written about this, but could be an oversight on my part

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Very good and it wasn't something I had given any thought to. We haven't even got an emergency pack for the people in our family, let alone our dog. But hopefully this will prompt us to do something for dog and humans! Also going back to my point above as to how many dogs people can own - those with multiple will need to give this aspect even more care and thought!

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

There are regularly dogs being walked in the Manawatu gorge - I hadn't realised this wasn't allowed.

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10242733

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Fiona McNair

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes I think it would be good for responsible owners to walk their dogs through the centre of town, as long as dogs are on a leash.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes, it is too hard to enforce the current rules, dogs on leashes are fine on sports parks

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Great idea. Most dog owners are pretty good, always going to be a few exceptions to the rule.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Adequate places to put dog faeces, if need be.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes, saves dogs spoiling bird life, and frightening other walkers.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:**6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:**

Yes, well thought out.

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:**7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:**

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:**9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:****Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:****Withhold my contact details (but not my name):**

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10253426

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Stella Berendt

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

I do not agree with this change. Unfortunately not all owners pick up the poo and I find it unhealthy that children will play on a field that has been peed on by dogs. I find it incredible that it is okay for dogs to pee anywhere but a huge fuss would be made if humans started doing it. Considering the number of dogs in Palmerston North now.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I do not agree. There are enough places to take a dog without going into the CBD. I do not wish to have dogs around my legs in the CBD. Concerts in the Square are for families, where children can run a little freely without the worry of dog bites. Even though dog owners will say 'the dog won't bite' we know this is not always true especially if excited by small children unintentionally.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

A very short leash. Not allowed in the Plaza or any other shops. Kept off streets around the Square. The owner must have control of the dog. eg not allow someone too small to control the dog to be in control of the leash.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Dogs should always be on a leash in these areas

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

The idea is great if all owners adhered to this rule. Often the leash is far too long and therefore the dog is not under proper control. Not everyone likes to be sniffed at by a dog when being passed on the walking track or to be told 'it will not bite'.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

.Yes. Most dog owners are responsible people and control their dogs well but of course there is always the ones who don't. While out on the track I still see poo that has not been removed. I often walk Special Needs students on the track and it can be quite frightening to have a dog rush up to them.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

There are some great areas by the river that are wide enough to provide these areas along the full length of the track.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes. Humans should always come first in emergencies.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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MY response is not because I dislike dogs but that some owners do not take the responsibility of owning a dog seriously enough.

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10252225

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:
Lydia Read

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I agree with the trial.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Consider number of dogs per person, length of the lease so it doesn't tangle around mobility scooters etc, obviously any soiling to be removed.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

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10246698

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Ma Hart

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Yes

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Really important that dog walkers are monitored pro make sure they pick up any dog excrement and heavy fines are imposed if they don't as a deterrent.

However applaud the council for allowing this trial and hope that as a progressive city we allow this trial to become a permanent option. We love it when we visit cities where dogs are included in the CBD and were particularly impressed at a dog tie/ up and drink station area at a Mall.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

No

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes I do, I believe dogs should be leashed when using the entire shared pathway. Because the pathway is shared and used by cyclists, walkers and families with children not all unleashed dogs are kept under control.

I don't believe it is an appropriate exercise area for an unleashed dog

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

I do believe that we have too little deterrent in regards to picking up dog excrement. Often the pathways and streets are full off it and poo if picked up is then discarded in its bag further along.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Finally amore progressive , modern and inclusive approach. Well done !!!

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name

Imogen watson

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

No

I do not agree with on leash area in map 9 Turitea walkway Aokautere

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Ok I agree as long as the dog policy is fully enforced to act on breaches particularly dog mess not being cleaned up. Will there be designated dog poo dispensers and waste bins for this? If so will they be regularly emptied?

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

As above, dog patrol officers ensuring that the dog policy is upheld and that there are adequate facilities such as poo bag dispensers and bins that are emptied often. The dog patrol team should be active at all times.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Absolutely not. I use these walkways regularly particularly early mornings before 0800 and only see other people exercising their dogs off leashes at this stage. It is a great spot to avoid bikes which is not the case along the river. I am a responsible dog owner and clear and carry my dog mess as the bins are few. More of a concern to me is the litter and household Rubbish that is to me more of an issue and needs addressing by the council. As a compromise could the proposal for dogs on leash in this area be after 0900? This would then not disadvantage people with dogs who are able to exercise off the leash. As I mentioned before the most used times for these walkways are before 0800 and rarely are non dog walkers using it. Because there are no street lights in the area users without dogs tend to walk later anyway.

What is the evidence/ incidence that has forced this walkway to be reviewed as on leash? I would appreciate feedback on this specific matter in writing to my address please.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

More poo dispensers and bins required

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

More public signage required throughout.

And while you are doing that add more bins and collection of rubbish signs for everyone to use please

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No we need off leash areas like these, please do not take these away too!

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

More poo dispensers, bins that are more regularly emptied and dog water facilities

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:
8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:
9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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10251470

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Adam Rose

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Likely to cause a problem with dog mess around the CBD and I believe a number of people will bring their aggressive dogs into the CBD which is akin to carrying a weapon. I hope I am wrong on both accounts.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

I do not agree with the proposed change. As a dog owner who has been walking my well trained, sociable dog on these walkways for the past 9 years it would be highly upsetting to have this imposed. There are few enough off-leash areas in Palmerston North and this area of walkways around Aokautere is a brilliant place to let dogs run free. It is important for owners to be responsible and only allow their dogs to roam if they are socially able to do so.

My dog was attacked by a dog which broke free from it's owner whilst on a lead on the walkways around Massey, off Old West Road. Being on a lead made no difference and after \$2000 of surgery and 2 days in ICU at Massey vets I am aware that the offender having their dog on a lead made no sense. I actually had my dog on a lead that day and had he not been he may have escaped attack.

Fortunately my dog has made a full recovery and is again enjoying his lead-free walks along the Aokautere tracks.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

No

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

No

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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10254574

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Rachel Anderson

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:**2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:****3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:****4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:**

I am vehemently opposed to this idea.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

There are several factors I believe need to be considered. Firstly, given that our courthouse is within the proposed area, I believe allowing dogs on a lead will give people the opportunity to intimidate using their animals on Main Street, through the thoroughfare by the courthouse and maybe onto Church Street. Several gangs are known for their use of dogs and aggressive breeds for fighting and intimidation. What is to stop them in this instance.

This leads to the second point of consideration. Who will monitor this in terms of the dogs being on a leash? As a side note, there is a big assumption by the council that on a lease means under control. In fact, there are daily instances where you see people struggling to curtail their dog's energy on walks. How would this work out in town with people in mobility scooters, with prams or small children. Are the people who don't register their dogs going to care about a fine should they be singled out for attention by whatever means the council intends to monitor this trial.

Shit! There is plenty of it on our streets and some owners do not feel obliged to pick it up despite a potential \$500 fine. What would this be like in the CBD. Will there be special Poo Patrols? Will the council issue Poo Tickets to mitigate any increase in excretion?

I am a responsible dog owner of 2 Labradors - I love dogs but I do not believe, other than assistance dogs, there is any need at all to bring them into our CBD,

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Agree

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Owners can sometimes over-estimate their off-leash control and this puts people and others around them at risk.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:**6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:****6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:****7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:****8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:****9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:****Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:****Withhold my contact details (but not my name):**

True

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10284575

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Sue Cooper

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

Yes

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I think its a good idea if policed properly, as it will allow better socialisation of dogs

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No. These areas are not (and cannot become) "confined" with greater development as they are at the bottom of gullies and development is at the top. The walkways are little-used - on an average half hour walk with my dog I meet 1.4 people. No problems with off-leash dogs in these areas have been reported, to my knowledge. They are safe for dogs because they are well away from roads, and for owners (especially female) because they are nevertheless within shouting distance (and often sight) of houses. They are the only off-leash areas this side of the river. Larger dogs cannot be fully exercised on-leash. Unlike the riverbank, these tracks are unsuitable for cycling - a bonus for dog walkers. The riverbank is the nearest alternative area - it is crowded with dogs, walkers and cyclists, and currently is a disease (parvovirus) risk. Also it requires vehicle travel to get there - not environmentally sound

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Some are unsuitable for purpose. Check out the "Rugby Street drainage reserve" for starters

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

You could incorporate recognition of Canine Good Citizen in this

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Its something good dog owners will have done anyway

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

False

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10252367

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

peter phillips

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:**2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:****3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:**

no i do not. lots of the parks in palmerston north are attached or frequently used by schools during the week. i have walked around playing field during the week and have come across dog droppings frequently. these leave unwanted germs on or in the grass which is great when you are being tackled and come up close or have contact with these areas,
 there are plenty of dog areas for exercise, people still abuse these areas by letting their animal roam off leash

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

un needed, when i go shopping i dont want to have to watch out for uncontrolled dogs on a leash pulling away from their owners across the footpath that you are trying to negotiate, which is already got many obstacles on it like beggars (one i know has a dog, not on a lead already), and with cafes having chairs and tables protruding into the pedestrian thoroughfare

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

shouldnt even be considered, you can walk around the city now and find dog excrement next to the footpath now, is this going to be another minefield on the square area footpaths, sorry but there are a lot of irresponsible owners out there, (sorry to all the very responsible owners). and yes i am a dog owner and do not see the need to take my dog up town as they can get hot and quickly dehydrated especially in crowds of lots of people with not a lot of fresh air on them

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

that is not an area that i visit so cant comment

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

no

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

seems to be working alright so far

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

no

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

no

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

no

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

no, a responsible owner should do this anyway

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

just by way of a sidenote//when are we going to be more stringent on the continual use of fireworks for weeks after, lovely for some animals

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

True

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10253963

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog control policy submission
Importance: High

Good Morning,

I am a dog owner, I disagree that dogs should be allowed into the CBD for a number of reasons.

1. Not all dogs are friendly, do not accept every dog that walks by... (We went to the Hokowhitu farmers market this morning 18/2/2018 where there were lots of dogs and a couple started to **fight** with each other. Then walking past a café, we couldn't get past for dogs outside the shops. We will now stop going to this market again as dogs/pets, and food are not a good mix.) If dogs are on their own in the CBD tired up and this happens it would make other people feel uneasy. I know that I would STOP shopping in Palmerston North if dogs are allowed into town. I have been attacked by a dog in the past. Yes, a very long time ago but I'm still uneasy with dogs that I don't know.
2. Are you going to install more bins, dog poo bags, and water bowls?
3. Are you going to **wash/clean** the footpaths/seats each day as dogs like to **mark** the area that they are in? This will bring fly's if you don't.
4. Where will these dogs be tired up?
5. You have people using Mobility scooters, Wheel chairs, Walking frames, Prams, people walking in the CBD not all dogs like these things!!! This may not be the dogs fault, but could be the person using these items.
6. **The only dog's that should be allowed in the CBD are guild dogs, and an assistant dog (working dogs)**
7. Who will be monitoring these dogs while in the CBD
8. Is this going to **increase** the number of **dog thief's**?

Kind regards
 Maxine Jones
 Palmerston North

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10251459

Merle Lavin**Subject:** Draft Dog Control Policy submission**Name:**

Sarah Callum

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

I am only writing to make a submission solely regarding dogs in the CBD.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

I am only writing to make a submission solely regarding dogs in the CBD.

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

I am only writing to make a submission solely regarding dogs in the CBD.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I think this is a terrible idea, and could not be more against it. Unless PNCC was allotted another ACO, who's responsibility it was to solely look after the CBD (INCLUDING WEEKENDS) and make sure this is being enforced, I am absolutely against this. Allowing this increases the risk of dog attacks, littering (in terms of feces not being picked up), and isn't welcoming to our visitors. I have travelled to Paris/Europe and have been to cities where dogs were allowed in the CBD and it was terrible, not only is smelly, it is extremely frightening for young children who are afraid of dogs in the first place. All it takes is one idiot who wants to play fetch with his dog at the Square for a bad incident to happen. As it is, it's near impossible to follow up/enforce dogs that are not in leash in leash only areas, so until we get that under control, why would we add another problem area??

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

I am only writing to make a submission solely regarding dogs in the CBD.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

I am only writing to make a submission solely regarding dogs in the CBD.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

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6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

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6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

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6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

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9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

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Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

I am only writing to make a submission solely regarding dogs in the CBD.

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False



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Please keep details private. W. Grammer

Your contact details

Full Name: William Grammer

Organisation (if applicable): _____

Postal Address: _____

Phone (day) _____

Email: _____

Do you want to speak to the Council in support of your submission? (please tick)

☐ Yes

☒ No

Submissions hearings are planned for April 2018.

1. Council's approach to administration and enforcement

The policy sets out how it links to the bylaw and what enforcement tools are available to Council. It explains Council's approach to dog attacks and dangerous dogs, barking dogs, roaming dogs and dogs under proper control.

Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?

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2. Explaining dog control areas

The policy outlines the three different types of dog control areas in Palmerston North and explains the rationale for prohibited public places and dog exercise areas.

Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?

3. Proposal to re-categorise grass sportsfields as on-leash control areas when sports are not being played

At the moment, all Council sportsfields are prohibited public places, where dogs are banned at all times. We are proposing that this category only applies when they are being used for organised sport, such as games, matches, tournaments or training. Outside of this, dogs will be allowed on grass sportsfields on a leash.

Dogs will still be prohibited from all artificial sports surfaces such as tennis and netball courts and any specialist sports surfaces such as hockey turfs.

Do you agree with the proposal?

No. Definateley no dogs on Grass playing fields. Owners wont keep dogs on leads, No fun for rugby, soccer players etc.

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4. Proposal to allow dogs on-leash in the CBD for a 12-month trial period

The central business district (CBD) or city centre is currently a prohibited public place. The Dog Control Policy defines the CBD as the area within the ring road formed by Grey, Princess, Ferguson and Pitt Streets (see map on page 22 of the policy). It includes The Square.

The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?

Bad Idea , the CBD dosent need it , ~~again~~ you can still get intimidating dogs on leads & owner's that wout pick up the dogs mess .
I am a dog owner .

If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?

Should never go ahead .

5. Proposal to change some Aokautere walkways from dog exercise areas to dog on-leash areas

Poutoa walkway, Titoki walkway and Pari Reserve and walkway are currently dog exercise areas, where dogs do not have to be on a leash. However these places have become confined as they've developed over time. To address safety concerns, we propose changing these to dog on-leash areas.

Do you agree with this proposed change?

Yes

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Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?

6. Clarifying dog exercise areas

We've added a new section to the policy to explain what dog exercise areas are and what dog owners' obligations are when using these locations. It makes it clear that dogs must be exercised under proper control and dog owners must carry a leash.

Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?

Apart from the section between the Holiday Park and the Fitzherbert Bridge, the Manawātū River shared pathway is a dog exercise area, where dogs can be walked off-leash.

Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?

Yes

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Ronald Huggins

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Great idea fully supported

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Containers available for disposal of dog droppings

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

No

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes. For clarification the entire pathway should be off-leash.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No. Very pleased as they are.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Np

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

True

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:
 Liz Cross

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

Yes

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

No strong feelings on this, but always good to have more places to walk the dog. Not everyone can get in the car to drive to a dog exercise area - defeats the purpose a bit - nice to be able walk on a grassy area rather than all tarmac.

Think this may be a contentious area, though, if dog owners are not responsible in picking up dog poo. Extremely unpleasant for sports participants if there is faeces on the playing surface. Perhaps the provision of disposal bags and bins in these places would be helpful in encouraging compliance.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I think it will bring life to the Square and rest of the CBD.

As at 21 November 2017 there are 6,323 owners of registered dogs in PNCC area. Many of these owners(and their families) will be delighted to have the freedom to walk with their dogs in the CBD, to enjoy a coffee or food in George Street or Broadway with their doggie companion at their side.

It would be lovely to be able to bring dogs to events in the Square. It is a good opportunity for dogs to socialize with each other and with new people.

It could also benefit those who are unused to dogs, or perhaps even fear them, to be able to encounter them in a non-threatening environment, on neutral ground.

On visits to European cities, I have always been struck by the number of dogs walking happily with their owners through the city streets and lying quietly at their feet outside (and inside!) cafes and bars - even accompanying their owners in shops and restaurants.

Let's give it a go.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

I think the concern for most people would be the "poo factor". Most owners are responsible in picking up dog poo so bins to dispose of it would be good (free poo bags are a wonderful bonus but most people carry their own). There will inevitably be a small number inconsiderate owners who fail to pick up, but there is already considerable effort put in to cleaning up the bird poo around the square (no owners paying registration fees for that !) why not accept that it should be extended to clean up the odd bit of dog poo too. I would suggest a very visible presence of dog wardens at start of trial to establish the rules with dog owners and to issue warnings and/or on the spot fines for those who don't carry the required disposal bag or don't clean up.

We have a lot of idiot drivers on the roads, but we don't stop all people from driving because of them. We try to correct aberrant behavior by imposing penalties.

Would be great to have a "Launch Day" with doggie events and info on puppy classes, obedience classes, canine good citizen classes, support dogs, PNCC dog control policy and perhaps some demonstrations of dog agility and obedience, sheepdog demonstrations and fun events. Pet stores and vet practices may wish to rent a space to advertise their wares/services.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

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Shame to lose off-leash exercise areas but if there are serious safety concerns (it would be interesting to know what these are) it is appropriate that the council review the classification.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Always appreciate clear signage when out walking and transitioning from one pathway to another.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

I think it makes sense at present. It would be nice to be off-lead all the way but I think that The Esplanade links with this section of pathway and the need to have dogs on lead in the areas where they are permitted in the Esplanade means it is less likely that dogs will wander into the Esplanade area by mistake while off lead.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

I love being able to let my dog exercise off lead in such a wonderful area and such a huge space along the Manawatu River pathway. Great for dogs getting a good run and socialising with other dogs. Great for meeting and socialising with other owners too !

The River pathway is a huge blessing for dogs and dog owners in the city.

I think the shared pathway can lead to clashes now and again - Dog owners hate it when cyclist are going too fast along the tarmac pathway and , over the past year of daily walks, I have only heard cyclists use a bell (or even nicer, the cyclist who whistled a nice loud tune !) on a handful of occasions. It is really important to have notice of bicycles approaching from behind to allow time to call your dog to heel (and stop jumping out of your skin when they flash past your elbow !)

More electric bikes means more bikes travelling (quietly) at speed on the walkways. More bicycle bells please - it's courteous ,rather than rude, to ring as you ride.

I dislike the new on-path signs which seem to indicate that dogs should be on leads to be under control - when ,in fact, this is a designated off-lead area.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Always good to clearly state expectations.

It would be helpful to receive a copy of the dog control policy or a simplified leaflet version when first registering a dog in the City.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes. Good to encourage people to plan for such scenarios.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

True

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Deborah Wood

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I am a responsible dog owner who likes being able to take my well controlled dog to many areas around the city. However, I don't think it is a good idea to allow dogs into the CBD. It is a small area that is currently prohibiting dogs & does not really impact dog owners. Unfortunately, not all dog owners are considerate & as is obvious around many areas of the city there is a lot of dog excrement that is not picked up. Allowing dogs into the CBD & Square, I believe, would create a dog poo issue. I also think that it is undesirable from the point of view of all the activities & events that are held around the area & the families & children that use the area.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:**5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:**

Yes

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:**6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:****6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:**

Not necessarily so long as there is adequate signage

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:**7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:****8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:****9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:**

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True

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10269901

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Evelyn Ray-Johnson

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

YES

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

NO

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

If we wish to make PN a vibrant inclusive place for all let us welcome people with dogs. They are likely to want to socialise and patronise local eateries and cafes. Those places outwith the city centre that already welcome dogs outside are always popular. For many people their dogs are an integral part of their lives and no one expects a free for all with uncontrolled dogs running amok.

Cities where folk bring their dogs are the places I would want to live in and I am pretty certain that anyone bringing their dogs into the city are likely to be the "pick up dog waste types who don't believe that there is a poo fairy!

Lets not get caught up with scare scaremongers who suggest dogs will cause mayhem. Look at the example of Wellington where dogs live and walk in the city. Many lonely folk have their day made when they have a conversation generated by mutual interest in their animals.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

EDUCATION AND RECEPTACLES FOR DOG WASTE

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

NO

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

YES

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

NO

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

NO

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

NO

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True

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Vikki Duker

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

No. You will be relying on all dog owners to be responsible for controlling their dogs around other people also using the surfaces, and for the dog owners to be responsible enough to pick up their dogs waste after them - but there will always be some people that won't. Timona Park in Feilding is a prime example. My son was playing cricket there a couple of weekends ago and we were dodging dog poo there, which not only is a health risk but its also plain disgusting for other users of the surfaces. It only takes a few irresponsible people to ruin it for everyone and I doubt anyone from the council will be policing the areas, and if they did it would only cost ratepayers more money.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I am against it. Again you are relying on people to be responsible for their dogs and pick up their messes after them. The council have spent a lot of ratepayer dollars on trying to make the CBD more attractive and allowing dogs to use the area will only detract from this effort.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Save everyone some grief - don't trial it - end of.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Im not against it.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

No

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

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No

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No

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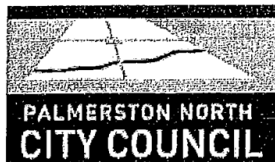
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True

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Organisation (if applicable): -

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Phone (day) _____

Email: _____

Do you want to speak to the Council in support of your submission? (please tick)

☐ Yes ☒ No

DETAILS PRIVATE PLEASE

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Yes

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Yes

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Dogs will still be prohibited from all artificial sports surfaces such as tennis and netball courts and any specialist sports surfaces such as hockey turfs.

Do you agree with the proposal? No

Children & others play on sports fields when organized sports are not occurring. There would only be a small risk of direct injury to children if dogs are on leash, but this rule is often not obeyed. Neither is the advice to pick up dog excrement. The fields will therefore be contaminated. Do we want our children to have more exposure to dog excrement? Most sports involve falling to the ground. Do ~~we want~~ sports people want further exposure to dog excrement?

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4. Proposal to allow dogs on-leash in the CBD for a 12-month trial period

The central business district (CBD) or city centre is currently a prohibited public place. The Dog Control Policy defines the CBD as the area within the ring road formed by Grey, Princess, Ferguson and Pitt Streets (see map on page 22 of the policy). It includes The Square.

The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD.

What do you think of this idea? *It is a very bad idea for the following reasons*

- ① The council's own policy (in section 19 paras(a)+(b)) gives cogent reasons for keeping the CBD as a prohibited public place. What has changed that these reasons no longer apply?
- ② A recent visitor from Auckland was shocked by the amount of dog excrement on Palmerston footpaths. Many owners don't pick up after their dogs. Do we want the CBD to be made less attractive to citizens and visitors? For those owners who do pick up, bins will be needed. These are not attractive
- ③ What benefit will accrue to dogs being taken into the CBD? Is this a congenial environment for them?

If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?

5. Proposal to change some Aokautere walkways from dog exercise areas to dog on-leash areas

Poutoa walkway, Titoki walkway and Pari Reserve and walkway are currently dog exercise areas, where dogs do not have to be on a leash. However these places have become confined as they've developed over time. To address safety concerns, we propose changing these to dog on-leash areas.

Do you agree with this proposed change?

Yes

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Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?

These rules are often broken i.e. dogs are often off leash in these areas (estimated $\frac{1}{2}$). I often walk the River pathway and often receive unwanted attention from dogs, which is offensive to me. On one occasion a large dog jumped on my back - if I was frail I would have been knocked to the ground.

So - dog on leash areas need to be enforced.

6. Clarifying dog exercise areas

We've added a new section to the policy to explain what dog exercise areas are and what dog owners' obligations are when using these locations. It makes it clear that dogs must be exercised under proper control and dog owners must carry a leash.

Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?

Yes

Apart from the section between the Holiday Park and the Fitzherbert Bridge, the Manawatu River shared pathway is a dog exercise area, where dogs can be walked off-leash.

Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway? Yes as long as the entire pathway is a dog on

leash area. On walking the pathway I note a significant number of dogs on leash even in the off leash areas. It is therefore quite acceptable to a number of dog owners to have the whole pathway as on leash. There are plenty of dog off leash areas - we don't need any more.

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Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?

7. New section about responsible dog ownership

A new section in the policy makes it clear what we expect of responsible dog owners. This reflects the requirements set out in the Dog Control Act. A comment has also been added about the Animal Welfare (Dogs) Code of Welfare 2010.

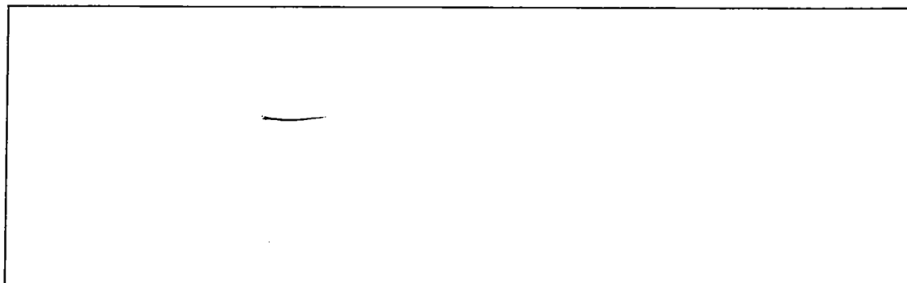
Do you have any comments on this section?

8. New explanation of preferred dog owner scheme

We've changed the wording to reflect Council's current practices and information.

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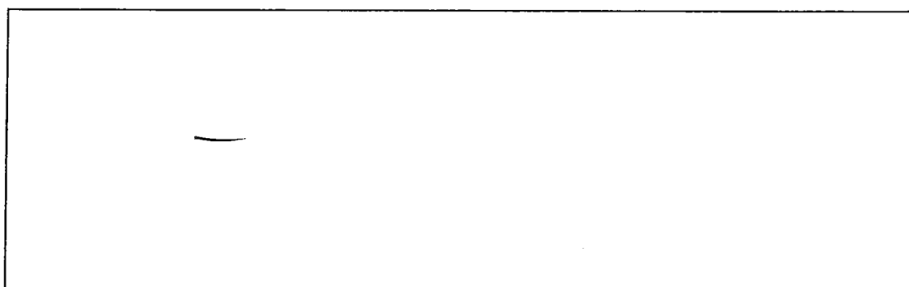
Do you have any comments about this section?



9. New information about emergency preparedness

A new section highlights the onus on dog owners to plan and prepare for the care and welfare of their dog/s in anticipation of an emergency.

Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?



10. Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018

There should be more publicity about the opportunity to make submissions.

Hopefully there will not be a repeat of a previous occasion when dog owners were notified of this opportunity, but non dog owners were not. This resulted in a very biased set of submissions.

Remember non dog owners vastly outnumber dog owners - the silent majority.

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10275988

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Miriam Cahill

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Partially. If a dog owner is able to control their dog, I do not see any reason why sports fields cannot be dog off leash areas while there are no organised sports in progress.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I think it is a great idea. To support this however, there is a need for many more rubbish bins around the CBD in order to dispose of dogs' waste.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

As above, more rubbish bins needed.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No, because there is already an inadequate number of dog off leash areas around palmerston North. The off leash areas that already exist, i feel are not suited to having your dog off leash, as they are quite open and busy with people and it concerns me that a child would be frightened by a dog being off leash, even though i am confident that my dogs are harmless, there are those who feel uncomfortable about dogs running around freely.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Generally, around Palmerston North, tjete are not enough rubbish bins.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes, however, i do not feel that this pathway is suitable to having dogs off leash as it is consistently busy with walkers, cyclists amd families with small children.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

As previously mentioned, there are adequate spaces to have dogs off leash. Dogs require some time to run around freely, chase a ball etc, and there simply is nowhere to do so without the worry of upsetting other people and children. There really does need to be a park area designated to dog off leash exercising, clearly marked, so that dog owners can confidently let their dogs run around freely without the worry of upsetting other patrons.

Also, as mentioned, there is a major need for many more rubbish bins along pathways, there really are far too few.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

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10276292

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Wayne Steward

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yeshivas

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

No

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

This is a bad idea. I am a dog owner and feel that there are already adequate areas to exercise dogs. I see many instances of owners not picking up their dogs droppings and do not want this repeated in the CBD.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

The views of CBD business owners would be paramount .

Council would need to review dog behaviour -(excessive barking, attacks on other dogs or pedestrians) and if any soiling of footpaths

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Can we have signs at each end of walking tracks within the city reminding owners of their responsibilities to pick up their dog's droppings. Maybe fear of penalties would also help improve the situation.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Dogs off leash should be muzzled

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:**8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:****9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:**

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:**Withhold my contact details (but not my name):**

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10270156

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Shelley Harland

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes but owners must pick up after their dog, even if just walking around the edge of the playing fields. we see dog poo all the time around the edge of playing fields

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Yes this is a great idea and in keeping up with other cities and towns in New Zealand, who allow dogs into the CBD with no problems what so ever.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Owners of dogs must pick up after their dogs and this must be enforced. We see so much dog poo in the Palmerston North area, more than any other region we have ever visited or lived in. It appears to be mainly owners of larger dogs who totally ignore their dog doing its business in public places or on other peoples grass verges or footpaths. There is no excuse for not carrying a bag to pick up after the dog and then wait until they find a bin to put it in. Enclosed dog bins will have to be installed in the CBD to encourage people to do this.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

No

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes it would make sense to have it all the same and off leash

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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10281472

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:
 Kathleen Field

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes. My main suggestion, that will be consistent throughout this submission, is that there needs to be clearer signage at the boundaries of each different dog control area outlining the owners responsibilities within that area. This is particularly important where usage has changed or changes according to the time of day use of the area by the public.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I think this is unnecessary. Apart from working dogs, there is no need for any dog to be walked or exercised within the CBD. There are plenty of other areas (including the streets surrounding the CBD) where dogs can be exercised on lease. I fully believe it is better to keep the CBD clear of dogs for health and safety reasons and cannot imagine a situation (apart from a dog at work) where it is necessary to take a dog into the CBD.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

What perceived need is being met that cannot be met by other exercise areas?

Are retailers being inconvenienced?

Are shoppers, pedestrians, drivers, tourists, those enjoying the town and square, being inconvenienced?

Are the dogs using the area on leash? Under control (or waiting at shop doors)? Happy and well in the environment?

Is dog muck being collected?

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes. I am fully in favour of increasing the number of on lease areas as I believe that most dogs exercised off-lease are not truly under control of their owners (despite their owners belief that they are). However, more and better signage is needed to make it very clear that there has been a change and exactly what that change is - at every entry point to the area.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

More clear signage at all entry points. Our experience is that people frequently walk dogs off-leash in on-lease areas.

We exercise our dog along the Manawatu river between the camp grounds and the Fitzherbert bridge and people often treat this as an off-lease area. There are few signs as far as I'm aware indicating that the Central Esplanade is a prohibited area. I would suggest that it is inconsistent to be trialing allowing dogs in the CBD when the central Esplanade area is prohibited from on-leash use...

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes but your policy needs to be followed up with lots of clear signage indicating how dog owners are to use the different areas.

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No! Only if the entire river-way becomes on-lease and I think that would be unfair to owners who wish to exercise their dogs off-lease. Our dog needs to be on-lease (finds other dogs difficult) and this is one area where we can enjoy the river walkway and still exercise her. While we acknowledge

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that she has particular needs, we believe retaining this small section of on-lease river walk does not unduly restrict other people and dogs, and still allows those dogs who need to be on-leash a safe haven. She finds other dogs running at her off-lease extremely difficult. If other dogs are on-lease we have time to take her in a different direction, or settle her where she cannot see the approaching dog, or lift her up, or hold her on a short lease and keep her haltie tight to restrict her from barking - we have time to take any number of actions to keep her under control. Off-lease dogs, however are unpredictable and cause her and us a great deal of stress.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Only to please increase signage and bins.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No. Only one suggestion - that there is some investigation done on environmentally friendly methods of dog-waste collection and disposal and that incentives for these methods are included in the Responsible Dog Owners section. By this I think I mean the encouraging the use of biodegradable plastic bags, but there may be other methods as well that that I'm not aware of...

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

It seems common sense but fine to include it.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

None.

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Sheryl Marriott

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Meaning Palmerston North will become the same as many cities in NZ and will be keeping up with the rest of the world.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Dogs must be on lead a. The must be registered, usually better owners register their dogs

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Not really

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

I think as is now is fine but most people have dogs off lead in on lead section. There are no controls over speeding bikes

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Make it easier to walk dogs as Health wise it helps people

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

No

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10276941

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

larry loo

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

yes, provided owners pick up the dog faeces.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

good, in auckland it has worked. It seems to be more friendly to animals

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

should make sure owners have absolute control

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

need to replace with areas that dogs could run free

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

will PNCC be able to act quickly on dogs-+ owners if dog become a nuisance ?

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Also owners should pick up thier dog faeces where applicaple. Many owners donot!!!!

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

not sure

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

some cyclists are a danger to dogs the way they ride esp at speed

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

no

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

no

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

nopt sure

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

nil

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True

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10282275

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Gerard Atkin

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:**2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:****3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:**

Dogs should be prohibited from sports fields at all times. I am both the coach of a junior rugby team and a registered dog owner with the PNCC. I do not believe that it is necessary for dogs to be on sports fields at any time. There are plenty of places around the city where dogs can be taken 'off lead' for exercise without needing to use sports fields. As it currently stands, there are occasions on which dog faeces are found on playing fields such as Coronation Park and Pineri Park.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I do not believe that there is any need for dogs to be in the CBD. I do not believe that it is a suitable environment in which to exercise a dog. Presumably then, most people who take dogs into the CBD will be there for other purposes i.e. shopping of visiting cafe's and other eateries - what will these people do with their dogs while they are in shops/cafes?

When I take our dog for a run around city streets I take a plastic bag to pick up her faeces. I do the best that I can, but it is impossible to pick it all up. These footpaths are exposed to the elements - sun and rain in particular - and I feel that these will 'clean up' the small bits that I miss. Footpaths around the CBD tend to be covered and not exposed to the elements. I believe that, despite the best efforts of dog owners, dealing with these small amounts of faeces will be an issue. If I stand in something on the footpath near my hose I remove my shoes before I enter the house - not a practical solution if I'm visiting shops etc. in the CBD.

We own a German Sheppard. For the most part she is a placid dog and very good with our two small children. However, I know that many people are intimidated by her because of her size. There is no way I would consider taking her into the CBD as I do not think this would be fair on people who might be intimidated by her. There are plenty of places dogs can be taken in palmy, they do not need to go into the CBD. I am assuming that dog owners are a minority in the city, although probably a fairly large group. I do not think it fair that the 'wants' of part of this group should be put ahead of non-dog owners.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:**5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:****5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:****6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:****6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:**

No, I believe that the current situation works well. I know from experience that some cyclists in particular are very vocal about dogs being off leash along the river pathway. From my observations

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(I run down there, cycle along the pathway at times, walk and run with our dog, as well as take two small children for walks or to ride their bikes) the biggest issue to be addressed is the speed of some of the cyclists (who have the option to cycle as fast as they want along any road in the city, whereas dog owners have limited locations in which they can take their dogs off leash).

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Sally Mannering

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:**2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:****3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:**

Yes, this is a good idea as it allows multi-use of these areas.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:**4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:****5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:**

No I do not agree with the proposed change.

Adderstone Reserve is dog on-lead only already and this is a good idea because of the bird life present in this reserve, with pukeko, ducks etc. These birds are in this reserve due to the pond. The reserves listed above do not have a large water reservoir (like the pond in Adderstone Reserve), so these ground-dwelling water birds are unlikely to take up long-term residence in these reserves. The waterways in these reserves are prone to flooding or completely drying up - depending on the weather.

In my opinion, there is no good reason for restricting these reserves to dog on-lead only. This would just curtail the enjoyment of many dog-walkers who regularly use these areas. Although I appreciate some people are nervous of dogs, as a dog walker myself who regularly enjoys these fabulous walkways with my dog and friends, I have never seen a dog here that is aggressive to people. This extensive network of walkways is a tremendous asset to Palmy and our friends visiting from other areas are always very impressed. Part of the enjoyment of these areas is that our doggie friends can pause to sniff things of interest to them and enjoy the walk without the constraint of a lead. Please don't force dog walkers to get into cars and drive to the river for this off-lead experience. This would leave these walk-ways severely under-used and wasted. Either that, or the on-lead instructions would be widely ignored anyway.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:**6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:****6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:****6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:****7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:****8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:****9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:**

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Anne Ridler

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:**2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:****3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:**

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Good

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:**5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:**

No I do not. As a resident of the Summerhill area for the past 7 years, I have walked and run around these pathways on a daily basis along with my dog. I have never encountered nor witnessed any issues with dogs off-lead in these areas. I see that "safety concerns" are cited as the reason for proposing to change these to dog on-leash areas - I'm not sure if these "safety concerns" relate to the (highly unlikely) possibility of a dog attack or people tripping over dogs but either way I do not think this is a legitimate reason for making the change - as stated above I've never encountered any issues and don't know anyone who uses these pathways who has. Surely the priority should be to encourage people to use these lovely pathways - putting restrictions on them will not achieve this. If these walkways are changed to dogs on-lead only then there will be virtually no off-lead areas on the Massey side of the river, in which case people like me who want to walk their dog off-lead will be forced to drive to the river pathway to walk. I do not think this is a desirable outcome. One of the things that makes Palmy a good place to live is that its such a great place to own a dog and enjoy the walkways with a dog, and I think this proposed change would be a seriously retrograde step.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:**6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:****6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:**

Please please don't try and make the entire river pathway dog on-leash!!

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:**7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:****8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:****9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:****Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:****Withhold my contact details (but not my name):**

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Raffat Shameem

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes but don't agree

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes. The dogs being walked in the entire Manawatu River track are usually unleashed and dangerous to bikers. Many without any warning can dash out in front of the bike and cause an accident. A cyclist described how a dog had run into his bike causing an elbow fracture and which required surgery. I had a near miss yesterday with the owner not paying attention to all three dogs she had. One of her dogs ran alongside my bike jumping up against my wheels. Not all dogs are adequately controlled by their owners and cause a biking hazard on the walkway. I think all dogs using the walkway need to be leashed due to the unpredictability of their movements and the lack of consistency of their response to cyclists.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Meredith Pitcher

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Generally yes, feel there should be greater liaison between PNCC and local obedience clubs. They are the ones providing consistent and ongoing dog ownership education to the general public.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes. Would like a map with greater detail of the various walkways covered in the policy - especially those where change is proposed.

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes, I live opposite a sports field and agree with the change in policy.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

No, I do not think that this is at all necessary.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Affects all aspects of dog control - 'control', interaction with the public, leaving unattended, water available, toileting etc...

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No, feel this is totally unnecessary. I have used some of these walkways, occasionally. Reclassification to "on-leash" is not necessary, I have never encountered an issue with other dogs and the majority of walkers were there with their dogs.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

As above.

This is totally unnecessary. I have used some of these walkways, occasionally. Reclassification to "on-leash" is not necessary, I have never encountered an issue with other dogs and the majority of walkers were there with their dogs.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes.

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

I am fortunate that I have "off-leash" areas a short walk from my home and think that other dog owners should have similar available. I believe that dogs need on and off leash exercise to develop physically and to stimulate mentally.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No.

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:**Withhold my contact details (but not my name):**

True

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10279680

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Andrew Mercer

Organisation:

Concerned citizen

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

This will have a massive impact on the well being of my family and I. We live near a sports field where dogs are banned. Organised sports are going on a max of 2 hours on a week day. This will save a petrol and time

Loving the idea, thanks PNCC

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Not fussed, I would not take advantage of it

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Na

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Great idea

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Can you move the Manawatu gorge walking track to the same status

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Great

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Nope, it can change

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Really looking forward to the walk way connections to Ashhurst, and Foxton along the banks of the river

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Good

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

Good

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Good

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Manawatu gorge walk way needs to be dog on leash

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False

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Sabrina Anne Watene (Jones)

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

yes

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

That café and bar areas have the right of refusal

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

No

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

No

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Glenne Sheppard

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

yes

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Cafes have the right to define a no dog area if desiredyes

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

yesno

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

no

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

yesno

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

no

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

no

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

no

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

no

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

christopher read

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:**2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:****3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:****4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:**

i do not want to sit at a cafe with a dog next to me. will owners be allowed to go into cafe with their dog to order or will they leave them outside then they will have no control over them. would not like to be on city pavement with dogs.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

dogs have to wear muzzle.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:**5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:****6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:****6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:****6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:****7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:****8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:****9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:****Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:****Withhold my contact details (but not my name):**

True

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10281462

Palmerston North City Council
Private Bag 11034,
The Square,
Palmerston North

9 February 2018

Dear Sir/Madame

Draft Dog Control Policy 2018

ORIGINAL TO FOR ACTION AND REPLY		
REC'D	23 FEB 2018	PNCC
COPY TO		
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2.		

I am writing in response to your letter dated, 26 January 2018 regarding the proposed changes to the current Dog control policy.

I have several concerns relating the proposed changes, as follows:

- More congestion around and on the footpaths
- Lack of outside seating particularly around Café's due to our windy climate will only encourage people to leave their animals unattended for long periods and/or expect their animal to accompany them into stores/food areas.
- Children (with or without adult supervision) approaching animals regardless of whether the animal is on a leash or not – there is a huge risk particularly as the Square is a place that children regularly run around and should feel free to do so without the added worry of being bitten or chased. I have witnessed plenty of occasions where unattended animals have reacted defensively towards rambunctious kids with horrendous results.
- With my own personal observations I have noted that on occasions in public parks and on beaches where dogs are allowed many owners do not have any measure of control over their animal nor the skill set required to have an animal out and about in a public setting.
- Hygiene – disposal of waste again I have personally experienced and seen dog waste left behind and no effort made by the owner to clean up after their animal (I am including urine and faeces)
- We will require more poop bins around the Square in particular which in the heat of summer which will carry a foul odour in a space that people frequent to eat not to mention flies etc.
- Allowing dogs into town has the potential to create chaos in an already busy environment – mongrel people with mongrel dogs.

I am in no way anti dogs in public designated dog spaces and I have happily owned dogs myself for many years. I am however of the opinion that the Square is not the place for dogs leashed or otherwise. I hope that you take my concerns seriously imagine how you would feel if a child or adult in your family was permanently scarred as a result of these proposed changes.

Kind regards

Braeden Whitelock



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SUBMISSION FORM

Palmerston North City Council
Draft Dog Control Policy 2018

We've prepared some questions to highlight some key changes to the policy. You can make a submission on any part of the proposed policy. There is a blank section at the end for any comments you'd like to make.

Please note, as required by the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, your submission (including contact details provided on the submission form), will be available to the public and media as part of the decision-making process unless you request that these details be kept private.

Your contact details

Full Name: Bronwen Murray

Organisation (if applicable): _____

Postal Address: _____

Phone (day) _____

Email: _____

Do you want to speak to the Council in support of your submission? (please tick)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Submissions hearings are planned for April 2018.

1. Council's approach to administration and enforcement

The policy sets out how it links to the bylaw and what enforcement tools are available to Council. It explains Council's approach to dog attacks and dangerous dogs, barking dogs, roaming dogs and dogs under proper control.

Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?

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22nd February 2018. Re Dog Policy

As a responsible (and preferred dog owner) of approximately 40 years I would like to vote against allowing dogs into the CBD

I walk my dog daily – festooned with plastic bags – as would never leave dog poo anywhere.

Unfortunately, this doesn't apply to many owners who are irresponsible in this regard.

Having the CBD footpaths soiled is therefore inevitable.

Dogs would be on hot footpaths subjected to just viewing peoples feet

Leave pets at home while shopping or socialising in cafes.

Bronwen Murray .

Bronwen Murray

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10279881

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:
 Bruce Roberts

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:
 No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

No. Not all people will be responsible about removing faecal matter and some will always remain on the grass along with any urine. People playing sport, especially young children, will potentially fall and transfer this to ingestion using water bottles and consuming food on site.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Not good, it breaks an established pattern of behaviour already created in owners. Dogs taken into Ashhurst commercial area can cause aggressive outburst, distract road users and foul the paving/green spaces.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

The CBD is used by a wide variety of people, many with disability. By adding dogs more congestion, confrontations and health issues will arise. Will the council clean the dog excrement from posts, footpaths, gutters and gardens like the bird problem?

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Designated areas for this should be clear and focused.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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False

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10279690

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Tim Hesketh

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes. The Council should ensure that appropriate facilities are in place for the disposal of waste, and that the requirements placed on dog owners pursuant to clause 15 are met, and enforced.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

The proposal is nonsense.

The CBD is not a place for animals. Thought must be given to people who are not "dog lovers" and to children unfamiliar with dogs.

There are plenty of available places for dog exercise.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Waste disposal.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

No

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes.

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

No.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

True

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10279921

Merle Lavin

From: Ann-Marie Mori
Sent: Tuesday, 27 February 2018 10:02 AM
To: Merle Lavin
Subject: Carol Beehre - submission on the draft Dog Control Policy

Hi Merle

I spoke to Carol Beehre and she would like the comments she made through the informal feedback process in June 2017 to now be considered a formal submission.

These were her key points:

- Comments were in relation to the dogs being allowed off-leash on the Mangaone walkway; has been instances observed where dogs (possibly pit-bull) have been let off and allowed to run towards small children; and in another instance, a cyclist.
- Wondered if the walkway should be on-leash or if dog walkers go on one side of stopbank and other users on other side.
- Also raised concerns about doggy doo being left on the grass verges.
- Also she made comments about the requirement to take own recordings of dog barking to justify complaint.

She wishes to be heard.

Cheers

ANN-MARIE MORI | Policy Analyst

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10282848

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:
Robert Sawicki

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:
No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:
Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:
Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:
Partially....I agree that restrictions should be loosened. However, this should be an off-leash area (dependent on how close to the street they are - so dependent on location of individual sports fields). If it is on-leash, then there is no benefit of walking dogs on grass as opposed to on the adjoining concrete. The real benefit to this working would be to have them off leash so they can use the sports fields to get some exercise. Those that are conscientious dog owners will make sure to monitor their dog and pick up faeces no differently than when on lead. Those that are no, won't pick up, even when on lead.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:
Great idea - welcome Palmerston North to the 21st century and in line with the rest of the civilised world!

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:
Access to waste disposal bins - would definitely support CCTV monitoring to make sure waste is picked up. Also need to have dog anchor points in front of cafes, etc for dogs to be left at momentarily when ordering.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:
Absolutely not - vehemently opposed to this proposal for a number of reasons. This is the main reason why I am submitting feedback. These areas are no more confined than they were 10 years ago. In terms of safety of neighbouring properties, they are all separated by natural barriers (bush or trees) or fences. So there is absolutely no risk of dogs entering properties. In terms of the walkway being more of a confined space - this reasoning is absolutely ludicrous. Do you actually propose that it needs to be less confined so that people can avoid and "run away" from dogs easier? Do you really think that is the best idea when dealing with dogs - to outrun them? They are already termed as "Dog can be off leash but must be under control" areas. To me, under control is the key phrase. If a dog is under control, confinement of the space is irrelevant as dog will actually be under more control in a confined area where it is easy to recall it than in a wide open field that is not confined and where a dog can wander further away. Therefore, confinement as a reason to put animals on-leash is counterintuitive - I would say take them off leash as they are easier to control. Furthermore, this severely limits areas where you can exercise your dog to residents of this area. This area has a very high dog ownership percentage and this would severely impact on residents. At the least, the council should release the research that has gone into this decision and what evidence exists why 1.This area needs this proposal and 2.How on-lead dogs will make this area safer.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:
All decisions need to be made on evidence-based research that unequivocally shows how making that decision will make Palmerston North a safer area. As of now, I have not seen the council release any such evidence. It seems as if decisions are being made on a whim.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:
Yes

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6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No - I am happy with the way it is currently set out. HOWEVER, I do have a huge issue with cyclists. They are inconsiderate and rude to pedestrians. A pedestrian is defined as someone who walks rather than using a vehicle, and for the safety of all involved, dogs should be classified as pedestrians. Cyclists must, therefore, give way to dog and it is their responsibility to avoid them (no different than children which use the pathway and may not be the easiest to recall). This needs to be made known to cyclists and signed to this effect should be made public on the pathway.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:**7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:**

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No - happy with the scheme

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Most definitely - Emergency preparedness is vital. MPI has done a huge amount of work in the past year in this regard and in making information about animal preparedness available to all individuals. I would really like this widely marketed to individual animal owners.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:**Withhold my contact details (but not my name):**

False

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Martyn Nail

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

In large the proposals are a welcome update to the local dog control policy. However, I strongly object to the proposed new restrictions in two current dog exercise areas (specifically Poutoa and Titoki Walkways) which are considered far too restrictive. This proposal would afford inadequate provision for responsible dog owners on the far side of the Manawatu River to properly (off leash) exercise their dogs.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

As a responsible dog owner-yes. However, I am doubtful this will work in practical terms due to the following reasons:

1. Currently PNCC affords inadequate provision of associated signage, dog waste bag dispensers, dog waste bins across the city to encourage responsible dog ownership.
2. Current PNCC educational rather than punitive approach to the less responsible owners, will not be effective to keep sports pitches 'clean'.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I am unlikely to need access for my dogs to use the CBD area. However, I recognise others will.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Adequate provision of associated signage, dog waste bag dispensers, dog waste bins across the city to encourage responsible dog ownership. Also visible enforcement by dog control officer(s).

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

For years now I have used these walkways daily to exercise myself and my dog (off leash). I rarely see anyone else except for other like minded responsible dog owners and people exercising. I strongly object to the proposed new restrictions in these current dog exercise areas (specifically Poutoa and Titoki Walkways) which are considered far too restrictive. This proposal would afford inadequate provision for responsible dog owners on the far side of the Manawatu River to properly (off leash) exercise their dogs.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

PNCC draft policy acknowledges most interactions between dogs and public are positive, yet propose overly restrictive local controls due to a minority of irresponsible dog owners. For the sake of public and dog safety, it is recommended that PNCC exercise full powers against such people. Again, currently PNCC affords inadequate provision of associated signage, dog waste bag dispensers, dog waste bins across the city to encourage responsible dog ownership in these areas. There is no visible enforcement of the current policy.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes, clearly. Now please enforce it.

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

The area could be fully designated an off leash exercise area. But again PNCC could do more to encourage responsible dog ownership, including:

1. Provision of associated signage, dog waste bag dispensers, dog waste bins.
2. Offer visible enforcement (i.e. via the dog control officer) and education, but also apply a punitive approach to those less responsible owners.

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6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Healthy canines need time to be exercised 'off leash'. Canine behaviour can often deteriorate when on leash, creating confrontation and increased tension with associated aggressive behaviour. With the increasing human and canine population in the city, it is vital that PNCC budget appropriately to be able to fully support and enforce realistic policy. The answer is not to simply apply more restrictive control of dog exercise areas.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Good, please enforce it.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

Do PNCC really have sufficient animal control funding and service capacity to facilitate the necessary inspections to support this? I would much prefer to see the occasional walking patrol (to build relationships and support enforcement) by the dog control officer(s).

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

It's common sense to the many responsible dog owners. But in practical terms, how is this statement enforced?

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

As described above, it is felt that PNCC could do much better than simply apply a new bylaw.

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

True

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10286542

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Jo-Anne Duncan

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes.

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I do not agree. There is the potential for dog poo to be left in the CBD from dog owners who are not responsible enough to clean up after their dogs.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Dog poo.

Dogs who are not friendly to other people or dogs causing problems.

Dog owners not properly restraining dogs in public areas providing dangers to others.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Most of them are shared with other users, which make it safer for all parties involved.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes.

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

All owners should be responsible for their dogs at all times.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No.

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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True

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10283550

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Dog Control Policy Submission

Tena katou katoa,

I wish to take the opportunity to express my opposition to item No.3 in your Proposal,
"a trial period of 1 year to allow dogs on a leash to be in public areas of the square".

My personal observation and experience as a resident of this city who walks on the public footpaths in the Roslyn area where on a daily basis I observe owners of dogs both on a leash and not on a leash who allow their dogs to defecate on the sealed and grass verge and not remove it makes me wonder at the rational for this trial period.

I am quite comfortable with the present law which allows Guide dogs in all areas as I have never seen them cause a problem of any sort.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission and I would prefer my personal details to remain private thank you.

Ian Bruce Bailey

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

John Munday

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

I couldn't see the proposed changes clearly in the policy

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

I think I understood OK before

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

No strong opinion although I would worry that people may not clean up the dog poo which would be horrible for people playing sports

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Yes

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

This reinforces PNs dog friendly reputation so is good.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

I strongly disagree with this and question why this change is proposed. Have there been problems with dogs in these areas? I walk my dogs in these areas daily and almost never see people on my walks. My dogs are under control the entire time and I have never had problems with people. My worry is if these are on-lease then there will be nowhere for people on this side of the river to walk off-leash. If the reason for this is to give people with fears of dogs access then I would suggest that you could have different times. So have on leash from 9 to 6 and the rest of the time keep the status quo. I think the council should remember that PN has a great reputation which is well earned of being dog friendly. Making these walkways on-leash only dents this reputation severely and would have to be done with very good reason. Currently my experience is that there is no problem to solve by making these on-leash.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

False

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10285092

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Paula De Goldi

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:**2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:****3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:**

No I do not agree with this proposal.

It is currently very common to see dog owners exercising dogs, off-leash, on sportsfields. If dog owners do this when it is a dog-prohibited area, there is very little chance that they will keep their dogs on-leash if the policy is changed.

It is very common to see dog owners walk past No Dogs signage onto sportsfields. Changing the signs will not change people's compliance with the signs.

It is also very common to see, or stand on dog poo on sportsfields. Changing the rule for dogs on sportsfields will not change the behaviour of dog owners who currently don't pick up their dog poo.

Section 16.1(b) and (d) of the draft Palmerston North Dog Control Policy state that 'Prohibited public places are locations in the City where dogs are not allowed at any time for a number of reasons, including in areas where:

(a) ...

(b) Children or other vulnerable people gather or play, and the presence of dogs may pose a risk to their health and safety;

(c) ...

(d) The nature of the public place or facility makes it inappropriate to have dogs present.'

I support Clause 16.1 (a) (b) (c) and (d).

Children and other people gather and play on sportsfields even when there is no organised sport being played. The nature of sportsfields make them inappropriate places to have dogs present.

Current behaviour suggests that if dogs are allowed on sportsfields when no one else is around (i.e. when there is no organised sport) dog owners are more likely to have their dogs off-leash and less likely to pick up their dog's poo because there are fewer people around to see this. (CPTED principles show that passive surveillance increases compliance). Fewer people = less passive surveillance.

Our experience is that when dog owners are challenged about having their dogs on sportsfields and/or picking up their dog poo, the response is always aggressive and threatening. As a result, people tend to turn a blind eye to this behaviour and the non-compliance becomes more common.

Sportsfields should remain prohibited public places for safety and health reasons and enforcement should be increased.

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4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I strongly oppose this idea.

Section 16.1(a) (b) and (d) of the draft Palmerston North Dog Control Policy state that 'Prohibited public places are locations in the City where dogs are not allowed at any time for a number of reasons, including in areas where:

- (a) There is high density of pedestrian traffic where dogs may compromise the health, safety and comfort of people;
- (b) Children or other vulnerable people gather or play, and the presence of dogs may pose a risk to their health and safety;
- (c) ...
- (d) The nature of the public place or facility makes it inappropriate to have dogs present.

I support Clause 16.1 (a) (b) (c) and (d).

There is a high density of pedestrian traffic in the CBD, so according to the draft policy, dogs may compromise the health, safety and comfort of people and should therefore be prohibited.

Children and other people gather and play in the square on a daily basis, therefore dogs do not belong there.

People go to the Square to sit on the grass, to eat, to picnic, to socialise; to lie on the grass to relax, to read, to sleep. The nature of the square makes it an inappropriate place to have dogs present. Dogs defecate on the grass and many dog owners do not pick up the poo. While some do pick it up, it is extremely unpleasant to find that where you have chosen to sit to eat your lunch is the very spot where unbeknownst to you, a dog owner, minutes earlier, scooped up the poo but the fluid and the smell has remained on the grass and has now transferred to your clothes. The nature of the Square makes it an inappropriate place to have dogs present.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

I strongly oppose the trial. See 4a.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

I support changing these to dog on-leash areas.

The narrow nature of the tracks makes dogs off-leash a risk to other users.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Increased education and enforcement is required.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

It generally does - but how will dog owners be educated about this?

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

I support the existing on-leash requirement between the Holiday Park and Fitzherbert Bridge.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

I do not support the Turitea Stream Esplanade Reserves (Green Corridors) being reclassified as a dog exercise area. The sensitive nature of the reserve and the narrow pathways make them unsuitable to have dogs off-leash.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Increased education around these responsibilities is vital.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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Regarding disposal of dog waste:

City ratepayers should not have to provide plastic bags and bins for dog owners. Part of the responsibility of owning a dog in the city should include disposing of the dogs waste. Dog owners should provide their own bags for waste and take the waste back home for disposal.

PNCC supports a ban on single-use plastic bags and therefore should not provide single-use plastic bags for dog owners. Dog owners should provide their own receptacles for carrying dog waste while out walking, and take the waste home for disposal.

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

True

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Chris Charleston

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes.

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes - I strongly agree with this proposal. I think that for this to be successful it will be especially important that owners clean up after their dogs; could it be worth emphasizing the point in the policy?

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Great idea; strongly support.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

(as above): I think that for this to be successful it will be especially important that owners clean up after their dogs. Could we have a few poo-bag dispensers around the square? Presumably using the existing rubbish bins is OK and we wouldn't need any more bins...

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes; understand and agree.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes; very good.

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes, I strongly support this proposal to make this section of the pathway an off-leash area, to be consistent with the rest of the path. Great idea.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No, thank you.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Good idea to include this.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No.

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes; great idea. Would it be worthwhile including suggestions/ recommendations about having sufficient food & water provisions available to cover interruptions that could occur in a serious emergency (like a major earthquake)?

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

None, thanks.

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

True

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Stephh Greig

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Best idea ever. I love that I could walk through town with my dog. People who say no because they don't like dogs need to realise that they won't be forced to interact with dogs. Might as well ban coloured people from town so racist people don't have to see them if that's how this works.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Obviously if the dog goes to the toilet then you need to clean it job so having dog bags around would be good. Water fountain for dogs so they don't get dehydrated.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No. Dogs need space to run around and there are very few off leash areas as it is.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

No.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Off leash areas leave as they are.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Most people care about dogs more than humans, myself included. All the improvements and freedom for dog owners is one of the best ideas PNCC has ever had.

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Karen Jones

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

No

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I would not be interested in having my dog in the CBD. I just don't see the point. The CBD is a business/shopping hub and not an attractive place I would want to take my dog.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

I strongly disagree with this proposal. I see no safety concern issues here. In 20 years of using the Aokautere walkways I have never encountered any trouble with a dog off-lead. Dog owners know their own dog and if it needs to be on a lead, or muzzled, responsible owners comply. I prefer to exercise my dog off-lead in this area too because it is safe from cycles and there are very few pedestrians/joggers to be found, especially down in the gullies. My personal experience has been that far from being scared, children and other users often reach out to enjoy a dog encounter. These tracks are a wonderful resource for the whole community to share and I would hate to see this proposed restriction affecting well-behaved dogs who enjoy a safe place to play and a watery frolic.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Glynis Sinclair

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes I do

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes they do

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

I do agree that dogs should be on leash in these areas. However as my home fronts onto Hokowhitu Domain I see Dogs in this Sports ground all times during the day and evening, 90% of them are off leash. If these rules are going to be applied I would hope that they are going to be reinforced and policed, as currently they are not. We see owners out in the Domain currently with one or more dogs off leash throwing balls etc for their dogs, or running with their dog, but they do not pick up the dog waste, they ignore that the dog has even done it. I am a Dog owner of two small dogs so I am fully aware of and appreciate dogs need to run around etc, I am far from anti-dogs but I am anti- owners that do not clean up after their dogs.. However it appears to me that if the dog is off leash then it is far to easy for the owners to ignore that the dog has done his business and they do not bother to pick it up. It is the same in the streets, the number of times we are walking our dogs and we see owners out with their dogs off leash and they just keep walking or running while their dog leaves his business on the footpath or grass verge. I think dogs should be on leash in all public places including the streets. I see that their is going to be a Dog Park established in the city and it will be excellent place to take dogs to run off leash so there is no need to use Sport grounds to exercise dogs. I just hope that these new proposals are policed or there is no sense in putting these into place, because the signs on the likes of the Hokowhitu Domain are completely ignored now so I dont see them being any different after this proposal is in place.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I agree with this, I think we are one of the few cities that has a Dog ban in the CBD.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

"Doggy Doo" bags should be available in The Square near rubbish bins as they have in overseas cities and have been in the past at the Riverwalk.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes I do

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

I think that all public places, i.e. city streets, parks and CBD should all be on leash areas. There are exercise areas that owners can use off leash.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes but only if there is a Dog control officer enforcing the new policys

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes again this is a public walkway and I have heard of a few dog attacks on other dogs because one of them is off leash.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No, apart from Doggy Doo bags being available so there is no excuse for not cleaning up.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

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No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Alesha mcquinn

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

I agree with some of these.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

I fully support this. As a ratepayer, my money goes to fund these areas so I would like the opportunity to use them.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I fully support this idea. Dogs on leash in the cbd is a very common sight in the major centres of New Zealand and the world. It encourages responsible ownership and education on animal welfare. I believe that dogs on leash in the cbd will be beneficial, both to the businesses of the area as well as to those of us who live near the centre and would like to walk our dogs. It encourages well socialised, registered dogs and their owners to take advantage of the cbd as opposed to leaving town to exercise them.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Perhaps a flyer sent out advising how to approach dogs as this is a new concept to Palmerston North.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

I disagree with this. There are too few off leash areas as it is.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:**6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:**

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

More fenced dog exercise areas would be beneficial

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:**Withhold my contact details (but not my name):**

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Anne Chadwick

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

No I don't. Dogs pee and poo anywhere and I don't want my grandchildren or anybody's child rolling around in these when playing sport. Not all dog owners clean up after their dogs so who will do this before a game or training, the coach or parents? Not all dog poo is nice and hard so not all poo is removed from the ground when picked up and one single dog dropping can contain 3 million faecal bacteria, along with parasites and viruses that can be passed to humans, adults and children, as well as other pets. Surely there is no need for dogs to be allowed access to sports fields when there are so many other places they can go not that owners obey this rule now. We go to Paniri Park and there is often poo on the field so imagine if they were allowed how much there would be. LET OUR CHILDREN HAVE A FAIR GO THEY DESERVE IT TOO. I have seen many dogs at sports events held on sports fields, even seen a dog poo on the field in the middle of a child's rugby game. I have spoken to the owners regarding this but they don't care and also called Council but they don't care either. So at least keep it a prohibited place to try and stop as much as possible

The proposal states Dogs will still be banned from artificial sports surfaces such as tennis and netball courts and any specialist sports surfaces such as hockey turfs. So are you saying people who play netball, tennis, hockey or other sports that use these venues are more important than people who play rugby, cricket, soccer or any other sport played on fields. People do not roll around on these surfaces and yet you are happy for sports fields to be used as dogs toilets.

Leave as the status quo

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Why?? WHAT VALUE IS A DOG IN THE CBD. Does it spend money in shops or cafes. I know the owner spends the money but they would do this without the dog. I would like to go to a café and not have a dog there but can't do this outside of the CBD. I would like to bring my grandchildren to the CBD and not worry about dogs. All dogs can be unpredictable and so can children. When I read stories regarding dog attacks it often has "My dog never hurt anyone before" or "the child bent down into the dogs face". Can we not have somewhere to go where there aren't any dogs to have a coffee or shop. One of my grandsons was scared of dogs when younger and is still wary of them, or anything with more legs than him. I sometimes like to bring him for coffee/brunch in the CBD and we have had to leave a café because there has been a dog there. Is this fair? I would have spent money buying food and drink for my family but didn't in the end. I have on quite a few occasions called the council and nothing was ever done about it. No animal control officer attended. Every week I see a dog in the area and it is getting more common and after the change it won't just be the nice little fluffy companion or handbag dog it will be all dogs. Just the other day I was outside Bethany's having a coffee when a dog off leash ran up to my table and put it's front paws on the chair next to me. When I informed the owner regarding no dogs in CBD she said the bylaw had changed, I said it hadn't yet but her reply "she was entitled to bring her little darling into the CBD he

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wouldn't hurt anyone".

Statistics say 16,000 people will have been bitten nationally by dogs by 2020. By allowing them in more areas this number could/would increase. Do you want to see this happen to one of your family members?

Leave it as the status quo.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

I won't give factors or conditions as I don't want it to go ahead at all.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

No

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes dogs on leash

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

N/A

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

There are more people without dogs then with dogs so why are their WANTS being put before ours.

Most dogs are lovely but not in the CBD or on sports fields

I feel the real reason for the change is PNCC Animal Control don't have the staff /time to deal with dogs in the CBD/sports fields or council the money to improve the service so lets make it a controlled activity. It's not controlled now and would be even less if it is changed.

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Bronwyn Lipsham

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

To have discussion is important. I don't know why it should take till October to decide when we have until Friday only to participate. The process is too long. To be able to visit cafes and parks with your family pet on a lead can be an important part of a person/families' wellbeing. To be able to do this in Manawatu will bring our laws into line with other regions around NZ which allow dogs in public places.

Most dogs on leads are able to be controlled and be a welcome part of community life.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes. The majority of the time the land is not used so yes please, lets make it more user friendly for more people.

We pick up our dog poo and detest when others do not. But lets make our dog owners responsible for this and not straight out blanket- ban use of the fields just because some people are useless.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I love going to other parts of NZ and finding I cant take my dog to a cafe. Lets do this. We wont suddenly be inundated with dogs and poo and we might find we can be inclusive of people and what is important to them.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

More poo bags available for forgetful owners.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Absolutely yes. Many people already do. What is the harm in an on-leash dog? It cant eat poison or harm wildlife. Its great for the wellbeing of the family and the pet if they can go together on a walk. It is more community orientated.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Most on leash dog exercise areas are also suitable for off lead exercise. For example there is no reason why Linklater cant be an off lead area - and in fact everyone does! I've not seen any dog get over/ through the fence into the farmland.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes, most people will have their dog on a leash if they know their dog needs to be. We need to educate people not ban people from enjoying time with their pet off leash.

People walking along might not know the boundaries difference - so lets make it straightforward.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Lets be inclusive and allow what is already happening without dog owners being made to feel like villains for owning a dog. Let them have their pet in public areas.

In Wellington at the waterfront market on a Sunday people take their dogs. People and dogs can exist together without all hell breaking loose!

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Making some irresponsible dog owners do an obedience course is a great idea. Micro chipping is important.

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I note in the Policy that roaming dogs' owners are attempted to be contacted prior to impounding - this is good. Lots of people in the community would rather return a lost dog than have it impounded.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

Its fine.

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Thank you for having this conversation. Being inclusive will contribute to the overall well being of the community and its vibrancy.

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

True

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Christine Hughes-Anderson

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

Yes

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

No I do not agree with this proposal as having a dog "on leash" is no guarantee that dog excrement will be removed from a sports field as not all dog owners are diligent with regards to picking up their dogs excrement. I see evidence of this on the footpaths of our city every day when I walk with or without my own dog.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I do not like this idea for a number of reasons. Firstly the possibility that the streets of the CBD will become a repository for dog excrement. Secondly where will people "park" their dogs when inside shops. Dogs around shop entrances can be daunting for those who have a fear of dogs. Thirdly many dogs are not well socialised with respect to other dogs/people as is evidenced during daily walks with my dog which could lead to some dogs posing a risk to others dogs and humans. Dogs of all breeds can have miserable temperaments.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Dog parking
Dog excrement
Policing of dog behaviour

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

When I am moving around the area on foot and bicycle many dog owners have their dogs off leash in on leash areas so more sign posting would be appreciated. Many dogs off leash are not under control (I was injured in a fall off my bicycle by such a dog on river walkway) so I would suggest that all areas be on leash apart from off leash areas that are fenced to avoid off leash dogs posing a hazard to other walkway users.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes. On leash all the way

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

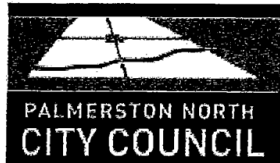
Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

False

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We've prepared some questions to highlight some key changes to the policy. You can make a submission on any part of the proposed policy. There is a blank section at the end for any comments you'd like to make.

Please note, as required by the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, your submission (including contact details provided on the submission form), will be available to the public and media as part of the decision-making process unless you request that these details be kept private.

Your contact details

Full Name: DAVID REX PINKNEY + Rosemary Dawn Pinkney

Organisation (if applicable): _____

Postal Address: _____

Phone (day): _____

Email: _____

Do you want to speak to the Council in support of your submission? (please tick)

☐ Yes

☒ No

Submissions hearings are planned for April 2018.

1. Council's approach to administration and enforcement

The policy sets out how it links to the bylaw and what enforcement tools are available to Council. It explains Council's approach to dog attacks and dangerous dogs, barking dogs, roaming dogs and dogs under proper control.

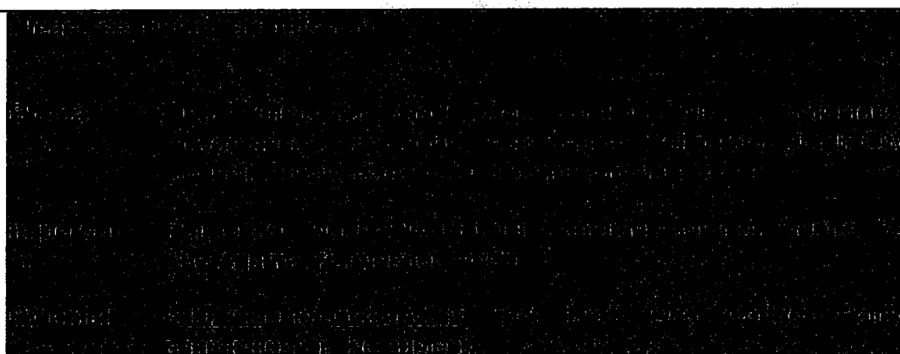
Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?

Don't agree with Dogs on leash in C.B.D.

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My Submission is: — The C.B.D. is an area to enjoy shopping, meet and chat with friends. The elderly using walking sticks, walkers or scooters should not have to be watching out for dogs. I do not agree with dogs in the C.B.D.

R.D. Pinbray



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My submission is that the central business area should remain free from dogs other than those used by disabled people keep the status quo like blind or other types of disability ORPitree

Please send your submission:

By mail Draft Palmerston North Dog Control Policy Submissions, Governance and Support Team Leader, Palmerston North City Council, Private Bag 11034, Palmerston North 4442

In person Palmerston North City Council Customer Services Centre, 32 The Square, Palmerston North

By email submission@pncc.govt.nz (put Draft Dog Control Policy submissions in the subject)

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4. Proposal to allow dogs on-leash in the CBD for a 12-month trial period

The central business district (CBD) or city centre is currently a prohibited public place. The Dog Control Policy defines the CBD as the area within the ring road formed by Grey, Princess, Ferguson and Pitt Streets (see map on page 22 of the policy). It includes The Square.

The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?

The central business area is a place where disabled and elderly people manage to negotiate; by having dogs on leash is not acceptable; it is limiting the pleasure of movement for them walking sticks and walkers will be inhibited by dogs on leash - we would have thought that the council would be more considerate than to change the status quo.

If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?

5. Proposal to change some Aokautere walkways from dog exercise areas to dog on-leash areas

Poutoa walkway, Titoki walkway and Pari Reserve and walkway are currently dog exercise areas, where dogs do not have to be on a leash. However these places have become confined as they've developed over time. To address safety concerns, we propose changing these to dog on-leash areas.

Do you agree with this proposed change?

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:
 Javier Medina

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

We think this is a great idea and a worthwhile endeavour.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Placement of doggie poop bags around to ensure that people pick up after their animal.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No, we believe there is no need to change the area from an off-leash but controlled area to on-leash only.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Although these are areas that are being developed, they are still quiet and the walkways far enough away from residential property.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes, all as a dog exercise area.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

None

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

None

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes, but there is responsibility also of the care of the dog as well in an emergency (to provide food, water and shelter).

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

None

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Peter Reay

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Yes

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Not in general. I noted that the number of walkers (with or without dogs) seemed to be much less after dogs on leash was implemented between the Fitzherbert bridge and the camp ground. I do not exercise a dog there, but often bike through. Yes

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No, only because there were vocal objections to dogs of leash along the section, but also because dogs can enter the esplanade 'off leash' which is not suitable. The rest of the walkway is suitable for dogs off leash.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Responsible dog ownership should include a requirement for the dog to wear its dog tag in public. Many dogs on the shared pathway Fitzherbert to Maxwells Line do not have dog tags.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

At present a dog can be classified as any breed at the 'owners' wish. Labradors are the most popular dog in PN, but not among the walking population. It seems that dogs looking like pitbulls are registered as Labrador cross.

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Ange Fowles

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

No

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:**3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:**

No. Not all dog owners are responsible when it comes to picking up dog poop. Why should any sports player have to dodge or walk into excrement. There are plenty of dog off leach areas around Palmerston North. No-one has to walk great distances to utilise these areas.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I do not agree with this idea. As a dog owner myself, I leave my pet at home to come up town. I prefer listening to the birds in the trees and not dogs barking.

Nor do I think its appropriate to have my Grandchildren sitting on the grassed areas in the square watching concerts or involved in other entertainment knowing that dogs have been allowed to urinate and defecate everywhere. That is totally off putting and will be the end to any of our family involvement down at the square.

You stated "Prohibiting Dogs in the CBD Limits some use of public places and may not contribute to the vibrancy of the City Centre". Not everyone is dog friendly, I think you will find you will limit public participation in the square if dogs were allowed.

Why do you feel that there needs to be dog access to every public place?

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

on-leash trial SHOULD NOT GO AHEAD

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

There is not enough information given to make a decision on this proposal.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:**6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:**

yes - it is a shame that people follow another set of rules all together.

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No, most people using this pathway have a dog with them anyway. Based on the fact it is an off leash area.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:**7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:****8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:****9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:**

absolutely

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:**Withhold my contact details (but not my name):**

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10290185

Merle Lavin

Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy

From: Chris Teo-Sherrell
Sent: Thursday, 1 March 2018 1:16 PM
To: Ann-Marie Mori
Subject: Draft Dog Control Policy

Hi Ann-Marie
I've copied it into the email below in case the submit button really isn't working. Sorry formatting isn't great.
Regards
Chris

Your contact details

1. Name * Chris Teo-Sherrell
1. Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing? *
 - o ☐ Yes
 - o ☐ ()
 - o **1. Council's approach to administration and enforcement**

The policy sets out how it links to the bylaw and what enforcement tools are available to Council. It explains Council's approach to dog attacks and dangerous dogs, barking dogs, roaming dogs and dogs under proper control.

- o 1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters? Yes, seems okay still.

- 1.
- 2. Explaining dog control areas**

The policy outlines the three different types of dog control areas in Palmerston North and explains the rationale for prohibited public places and dog exercise areas.

3. 2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control? Yes

- 1.
- 3. Proposal to recategorise grass sportsfields as on-leash control areas when sports are not being played**

At the moment all Council sportsfields are prohibited public places, where dogs are banned at all times. We are proposing that this category only applies when they are being used for organised sport, such as games, matches, tournaments or training. Outside of this, dogs will be allowed on grass sportsfields on a leash.

3. Dogs will still be prohibited from all artificial sports surfaces such as tennis and netball courts and any specialist sports surfaces such as hockey turfs.
4. 3a. Do you agree with the proposal? I agree they should remain prohibited from artificial surfaces.

I do not think allowing dogs on leash to use sports fields should be a general approach due to the

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health and unpleasantness associated with dog shit being left on the surfaces (unfortunately there are still too many people who don't pick it up after their dog has deposited it). Even if removed on, say, a Friday, there will be a residual effect on Saturday sports field users?

However, I agree that having some additional areas where dogs (on leashes) can accompany humans distributed around the city might be helpful. Perhaps a few sports grounds could be identified and dogs be allowed on leash around the outside of the actual playing fields.

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2. **4. Proposal to allow dogs on-leash in the CBD for a 12-month trial period**

The central business district (CBD) or city centre is currently a prohibited public place. The Dog Control Policy defines the CBD as the area within the ring road formed by Grey, Princess, Ferguson and Pitt Streets (see map on page 22 of the policy). It includes The Square.

3. 4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea? I don't think this should even be considered. A CBD with all the people and movement and noises is exactly the sort of environment where some dogs will get over-excited or feel threatened and do what comes so naturally to them. Although there are some dogs that would be fine there are others that would not be. Unfortunately, people are not very good at telling the difference and, in fact, it is sometimes very difficult to predict how any given dog will respond to such a situation. So where does one draw the line on which dogs are allowed and which ones aren't?

Once again there is the issue of dog shit left behind but the potential for biting and frightening of humans in the CBD is too great a risk to warrant this change.

- 4.
5. 4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered? See above. Too difficult to enforce meaningful factors/conditions.

1. **5. Proposal to change some Aokautere walkways from dog exercise areas to dog on-leash areas**

Poutoa walkway, Titoki walkway and Pari Reserve and walkway are currently dog exercise areas, where dogs do not have to be on a leash. However these places have become confined as they've developed over time. To address safety concerns, we propose changing these to dog on-leash areas.

2. 5a. Do you agree with this proposed change? Yes. If the human use has increased (as we know it has) then having dogs off-leash is incompatible with that.
3. 5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas? I believe all areas where dogs are allowed other than those specifically designed and intended to give dogs a high level of freedom, such as at Waitoetoe Park, should be on-leash areas. However, as mentioned above, there should probably be several more such areas around the city as compensation for all other areas being made on-leash or dog-prohibited areas.

- 1.
2. **6. Clarifying dog exercise areas**

We've added a new section to the policy to explain what dog exercise areas are and what dog owners' obligations are when using these locations. It makes it clear that dogs must be exercised under proper control and dog owners must carry a leash.

3. 6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas? It clarifies it but the issue remains that many dogs are not under full voice control by their owners yet are allowed to run off-leash.

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4. Apart from the section between the Holiday Park and the Fitzherbert Bridge, the Manawātū River shared pathway is a dog exercise area, where dogs can be walked off-leash.
5. 6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway? Yes, it should be on-leash along the entire pathway due to the same factors as apply to the Aokautere paths - human use has increased enormously and some dogs are not well-controlled or appropriately behaved.
6. 6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?

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2. 7. New section about responsible dog ownership

A new section in the policy makes it clear what we expect of responsible dog owners. This reflects the requirements set out in the Dog Control Act. A comment has also been added about the Animal Welfare (Dogs) Code of Welfare 2010.

3. 7a. Do you have any comments on this section? No

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2. 8. New explanation of preferred dog owner scheme

We've changed the wording to reflect Council's current practices and information.

3. 8a. Do you have any comments about this section? No

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2. 9. New information about emergency preparedness

A new section highlights the onus on dog owners to plan and prepare for the care and welfare of their dog/s in anticipation of an emergency.

3. 9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy? Yes

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10295169

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Vivienne Shaw

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Definitely not. Its great to be able to walk freely without any sign of dogs and dog poop.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

I like it the way it is now - no dogs please.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:**5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:****6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:****6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:****6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:****7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:****8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:****9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:****Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:****Withhold my contact details (but not my name):**

True

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10295280

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Amelia

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I think this is a bad idea for the city. There is no need for dogs, other than service dogs, to be in the CBD. They aren't allowed in restaurants or shops, nor should they be, so it would only result in dogs being tied up on the pavement while their owners are busy elsewhere. The smell of dog urine would be terrible on the concrete. There are also a number of citizens with a fear of dogs, and actively avoid areas where dogs are allowed. This would rule out the centre of town for them. It would also cause an issue at events in the Square. It doesn't seem appropriate for dogs to be allowed in the CBD, and I think it is a really bad idea.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

More bins and bags for dog faeces would need to be in place, and there would need to be active patrolling to ensure all waste was disposed of appropriately. The pavements would also need to be washed down regularly to remove smells from dogs spraying and urinating. Dogs should only be allowed on very short leashes, and perhaps muzzles should be considered to make citizens feel safe.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

No

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

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10295971

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Ben Koch

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

In principle, no.

There needs to be clearer definition around what is a sports event and who determines this and when it is made clear to dog walkers. In the first instance, are we looking at individual events or regular Saturday sport. I believe we also need to consider the clean up aspect of the on-leash policy. The regularity of sport in some locations means that field mowing is not always possible in the winter months therefore a mechanism to ensure animal waste is clear of sport fields, however ensuring the children are not competing in their sport in a environment which is open to potential animal excrement is not a positive experience for children and families. It also promotes more traffic on some areas in particular and given that Manawatu Rugby fields scored below the national average for "quality of surface" in the recent Sport NZ Survey of the participant this needs to be considered. More traffic and animals equals more mud and a decreased experience for the sport participant which is our ultimate goal.

I would love to be able to support this proposed change, however given there are no clear mechanism to manage animal waste and quality of surface at this point we can not. There are certain venues where field quality is less of an issue (Panieri Park) so this may be more suitable, however Ongley park for example the winter months is not suitable.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:**4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:****5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:****5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:****6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:****6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:****6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:****7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:****8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:****9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:****Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:****Withhold my contact details (but not my name):**

False

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Derek and Sheryl Marriott

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

The approach is sound.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Despite the current ban in place on sports fields I have seen many owners and dogs on these fields (particularly Ongley Park). On almost every occasion the dogs are off leash. If the rules are broken so blatantly as they exist I feel any change is going to have even more dogs running free.

I do not feel that it is appropriate for dogs to have free access to grounds where sports are played.

Who wants to dive for a try or a cricket ball and end up in dog poop! It is a health, safety and hygiene issue.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I feel that this move would be a step towards our city becoming a more inclusive, family friendly city. For many families the dog is a member of the family and provided guidelines are followed should be allowed in the inner city.

I can walk my large dog along Fergusson Street behind The Plaza with no issues but anywhere nearer the Square and he becomes a problem.

In the last 6 months I have travelled extensively around New Zealand and overseas and have paid particular attention to the place of dogs in cities as I was aware these changes were proposed. During visits to Dallas, Miami, Sydney, Wellington and Napier I saw dogs walking in inner cities, sitting outside cafes with owners and even in some cities in malls and stores. Not once did I see any problems with dogs or their owners. Some cafe owners I spoke with were quite happy to provide a water bowl for the dog as the owners relaxed with a coffee.

I cannot believe that Palmerston North dogs and their owners are any less civilised than those of Wellington or Napier in our own country.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

It is important that should the changes go ahead, the rules put in place should be very closely monitored and enforced right from the start. They should be enforced with the same vigour that parking infringements are enforced!!

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

One rule for the entire pathway would be easier to enforce.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Rules that are put in place need to be monitored and enforced, or why make the rules. I walk on the riverside pathway at least 4/5 times a week over the last 7/8 years and have never seen anyone monitoring the enforcement of on-leash rules. I am not suggesting fines or punishment but just

reminders.

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If it was important enough to make the rules in the first place it is worth monitoring.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Fine with me

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

Fine with me

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

yes

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10295479

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Janice Mechen

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Yes

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

In all areas where dogs are walked I would like to see more enforcement of the rules about cleaning up after dogs. Many owners allow their dogs to defecate in streets, parks, etc and make no effort to pick up the poop. Perhaps they are embarrassed to be seen carrying bags, and more rubbish bins might help.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

I am not familiar with these areas.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Where paths are designated 'shared' cyclists should respect this ruling rather than expecting all other users to get out of their way. Some of the paths are used as if they are race tracks by cyclists with little regard for other users.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No. I am happy to have my dogs on leash in this area, but would not like to see the same restriction put on the entire pathway.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Would like to see all dogs wearing their council registration discs when being walked.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No.

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes.

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Ross Archibald

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes they do

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

I believe dogs should not be allowed on designated sports fields at all times.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

No, i disagree. Please keep dogs out of the CBD. Even now dogs are taken into the CBD and tripping over dogs and their leads is a problem. There are plenty of places outside the CBD where people can walk their dogs or find a place to eat or drink.

And I have seen dogs foul in the CBD which owners do not pick up.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Don't consider it.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

These walkways should be off lead areas.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Enforce them or give the Council power to enforce them.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes I do. There are some people who are afraid of dogs and would like an area where they feel safe.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Make people really aware of their obligations of dog ownership, I witness it my own neighborhood families getting a puppy but the novelty wears off when they realize that dog ownership requires effort. Picking up poo a'int that much fun. .

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

Makes sense

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes. Long life dog food is essential.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Some good work has gone into this policy. But, you really need some resource to deal with irresponsible owners.

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10297098

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Kim Harrison

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

No, all sports grounds should stay prohibited.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I am a dog owner, and have been for many years, but.....I DO NOT agree with this at all. Why on earth would anyone take their dog shopping with them?? This is NOT a good idea, as if the owners were shopping and their dogs were tied outside, would they be safe?? How long would they be there for?? How would anyone know if the dog had just been 'dumped'?? Lastly, I feel it is very cruel to leave a dog alone outside in a strange place. I also know that a lot of dog owners are not responsible owners, what about picking up the poo, or with make dogs cocking their legs and weeing up shops e.t.c.!! 12 month is way too long for a 'trial', 2 months maximum at first as a trial would be much better.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

a/a I have said what factors.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

NO

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Oh yes!!

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Yes it is very clear to us responsible owners :)

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No, it is very clear.

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes I agree.

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Sophie C

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

No - the last thing a parent wants is having their children standing in dog poo while at a sports game/training

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

This trial should not go ahead. It is busy enough walking in the CBD without having to avoid dogs. Many inconsiderate owners won't keep them tight on their lead and they will get in the way of pedestrians.

Also there is the risk for small children, dogs get excited and can knock them over easily.

My children had a dog jump on them in bills bush last weekend, they were both pushed to the ground by the dog, thankfully they were uninjured, just a few scratches. The owner yelled out to the dog but it wouldn't listen.

Dogs are unpredictable, there's a time and place for them and the CBD is definitely not the place.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

None, it shouldn't go ahead

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

I think the bush walk area in bills bush should be classed as dogs on leads only.

There are many children walking through the area these days, and after a bad encounter of our own my children are now hesitant about going back there again as they are worried a dog will run up to them and hurt them again.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

The entire pathway should be classed as dogs on leash for the safety of all the pedestrians using the area

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

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10292878

Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Dog Control Policy Submission

Hi

i just want to say i dont think having dogs in the inner city is a good idea
ok if all dogs are as well trained as guide dogs but sadly there will be messes and dog fights maybe
ps I am a dog owner so not anti dogs

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jenny Roberts
Subject: Dog Control Policy Submission
Date: 6 February 2018 10:27:56 AM NZDT
To: submission@pncc.govt.nz

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Andrew & Susan Hainsworth

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

This is sensible.

Obviously dog owners will need to be responsible and remove any faeces -as expected in all circumstances.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Yes with responsible dog ownership this should not be an issue.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No

These areas are a great environment for off lead exercising. We use these areas frequently as do many dog owners. With responsible dog ownership using these areas off leash causes no problems. The owners we have met while exercising all agree that these are great off leash areas and should remain as such. Responsible owners control their dogs when approaching children or vulnerable people.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

It would be less confusing. Being an off leash area the entire walkway would work fine with responsible ownership.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Responsible owners would do this anyway.

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Pamela Mawhinney

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I'm not keen. I (and a number of people) am nervous around dogs. I expect to encounter them when walking beside the river, but don't want this in the busier environment of CBD where it is not as easy to give dogs a wider berth.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Maybe limiting the time to outside standard business hours when town is busier? Say, adopt the free parking hours of before 8/9am and after 6pm?

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

No

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes - I would much prefer dogs to be leashed.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

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Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

No

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Against

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

No opinion

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

No opinion

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True

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Sean Monaghan

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

No

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I think it's a terrible idea.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

How to educate dog owners should the trial fail - so that they know that dogs are no longer allowed in these areas after that twelve month period is over. At present people already bring their dogs into the CBD. I often see dogs under tables while their owners have coffee at inner city cafes. It seems to me that more education would be useful even if the trial didn't go ahead. Parts of the new document do some of that, which is a good step.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

Yes.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No. I like the river walkway and it's good to have a separation - dogs can have an off-leash area, and people (like myself), who dislike dogs can at least have a section where dogs are controlled.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

As someone who finds dogs frightening, it's great to have some areas where dogs are banned, and other areas where dogs must be leashed. Unfortunately for me, too many dog owners either willfully or ignorantly take their dogs into dog-free areas or have their dogs off the leash in on-leash areas. I won't go on the Sledge Track anymore because so many dog owners ignore the dog-on-leash rule and allow their dogs to run free. It's good having sections of the river walkway and other areas clearly marked as dogs-off-leash - I know it's good for dogs to have space to run and so on, and I can simply avoid those spaces. I realise that there will always be some dog owners who will do whatever takes their fancy with regard to where they take their dogs, and where they unleash, but I feel that it would be useful to have more education about on-leash and no-dogs areas so that dog owners are more aware of their responsibilities.

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Your contact details

Full Name: Kathleen May NEVATT

Organisation (if applicable): —

Postal Address: —

Phone (day) —

Email: —

Do you want to speak to the Council in support of your submission? (please tick)

☐ Yes

☒ No

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1. Council's approach to administration and enforcement

The policy sets out how it links to the bylaw and what enforcement tools are available to Council. It explains Council's approach to dog attacks and dangerous dogs, barking dogs, roaming dogs and dogs under proper control.

Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?

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2. Explaining dog control areas

The policy outlines the three different types of dog control areas in Palmerston North and explains the rationale for prohibited public places and dog exercise areas.

Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?

Yes.
The "Dog owners must carry dog waste bag to collect and dispose of dog faeces" often is not adhered to.

3. Proposal to re-categorise grass sportsfields as on-leash control areas when sports are not being played

At the moment all Council sportsfields are prohibited public places, where dogs are banned at all times. We are proposing that this category only applies when they are being used for organised sport, such as games, matches, tournaments or training. Outside of this, dogs will be allowed on grass sportsfields on a leash.

Dogs will still be prohibited from all artificial sports surfaces such as tennis and netball courts and any specialist sports surfaces such as hockey turfs.

Do you agree with the proposal?

Dogs should only be permitted around the outside perimeter of playing fields. Dog should be 'on leash'.
Dogs excrement is a health hazard to players especially those whose bodies have contact with the ground eg rugby players.

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4. Proposal to allow dogs on-leash in the CBD for a 12-month trial period

The central business district (CBD) or city centre is currently a prohibited public place. The Dog Control Policy defines the CBD as the area within the ring road formed by Grey, Princess, Ferguson and Pitt Streets (see map on page 22 of the policy). It includes The Square.

The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?

I disagree with this idea.
Please refer separate sheet.

If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?

5. Proposal to change some Aokautere walkways from dog exercise areas to dog on-leash areas

Poutoa walkway, Titoki walkway and Pari Reserve and walkway are currently dog exercise areas, where dogs do not have to be on a leash. However these places have become confined as they've developed over time. To address safety concerns, we propose changing these to dog on-leash areas.

Do you agree with this proposed change?

Yes

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Further to Submission Palmerston North City Council Draft Dog Control Policy 2018

Submission from Kathleen May Nevatt

Question 4 Proposal to allow dogs on-leash in the CBD for a 12-month trial period

The central business district (CBD) or city centre is currently a prohibited public place. The Dog Control Policy defines the CBD as the area within the ring road formed by Grey, Princess, Ferguson and Pitt Streets. It includes The Square.

The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD.

What do you think of this idea?

I disagree with this idea. I support that the CBD remain a prohibited area for dogs (exempt working and disability assist dogs)

This is an area that fills all the criteria of the Dog Control Policy, Clause 16 Prohibited Public Places, namely:

- (a) There is high density of pedestrian traffic where dogs may compromise the health, safety and comfort of people;
- (b) Children or other vulnerable people gather or play, and the presence of dogs may pose a risk to their health and safety;
- (c) It is a sensitive natural environment;
- (d) The nature of the public place or facility makes it inappropriate to have dogs present.

The CBD needs to remain an area where people can go about their business; where they can shop; have coffee or lunch etc. take their children without:-

- Worrying about the dog walking along the street towards them or the dog that is in amongst the pedestrians that may or may not bite someone if its foot is accidentally trodden on.
- As a pedestrians walking in the street in the CBD having to worry about dodging dog poo not picked up the dog's owner (as I have had to do in Paris)
- Having the disgust of seeing a dog defecate on street, this is particularly disgusting if you are sitting in a café/restaurant.
- Being in a café and at a nearby table dogs are sitting on a chair with their heads on the table (as I very recently saw in Rotorua)
- Having dog wee on every post, lamp pole, tree, and the grassy areas, etc, etc.

Remember that if dogs are in the CBD they **will** defecate there. Most owners will pick it up BUT some will not. Picking up the poo does not guarantee that all traces of the poo is removed.

NZ has many Health and Safety rules, surely by the PNCC allowing dogs into the CBD they are forcing more health and safety problems on the businesses throughout the area.

I am a dog owner, however I think that some places should be dog free. I like to think of the Palmerston North CBD as being clean and tidy. There are already some exemptions to this expectation, eg the duck pond, the birds in the trees and the leaves that get everywhere. Everyone copes the best that they can with these, lets not add dogs to the equation.

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Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?

6. Clarifying dog exercise areas

We've added a new section to the policy to explain what dog exercise areas are and what dog owners' obligations are when using these locations. It makes it clear that dogs must be exercised under proper control and dog owners must carry a leash.

Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?

Apart from the section between the Holiday Park and the Fitzherbert Bridge, the Manawātū River shared pathway is a dog exercise area, where dogs can be walked off-leash.

Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?

No. The on leash area between the Holiday Park and the Fitzherbert Bridge is a popular and busy area for walkers, runners, cyclists, and families. This section of the River Walkway connects with the Esplanade.

Leave this as an area where no one feels threatened by running free dogs.

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Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?

7. New section about responsible dog ownership

A new section in the policy makes it clear what we expect of responsible dog owners. This reflects the requirements set out in the Dog Control Act. A comment has also been added about the Animal Welfare (Dogs) Code of Welfare 2010.

Do you have any comments on this section?

8. New explanation of preferred dog owner scheme

We've changed the wording to reflect Council's current practices and information.

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Do you have any comments about this section?

9. New information about emergency preparedness

A new section highlights the onus on dog owners to plan and prepare for the care and welfare of their dog/s in anticipation of an emergency.

Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?

Yes

10. Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018

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Your contact details

Full Name: Heather Dianne Baker

Organisation (if applicable): —————

Do you want to speak to the Council in support of your submission? (please tick)

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?

Yes.

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At the moment all Council sportsfields are prohibited public places, where dogs are banned at all times. We are proposing that this category only applies when they are being used for organised sport, such as games, matches, tournaments or training. Outside of this, dogs will be allowed on grass sportsfields on a leash.

Dogs will still be prohibited from all artificial sports surfaces such as tennis and netball courts and any specialist sports surfaces such as hockey turfs.

Do you agree with the proposal?

I agree. Dogs should be leashed at all times.

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4. Proposal to allow dogs on-leash in the CBD for a 12-month trial period

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The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?

Should be ok as long as dogs are leashed

If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?

Owners to pick up after their dogs, carry their own plastic bags for this

5. Proposal to change some Aokautere walkways from dog exercise areas to dog on-leash areas

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Do you agree with this proposed change?

I do!

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Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?

6. Clarifying dog exercise areas

We've added a new section to the policy to explain what dog exercise areas are and what dog owners' obligations are when using these locations. It makes it clear that dogs must be exercised under proper control and dog owners must carry a leash.

Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?

Dogs need to be leashed.

Apart from the section between the Holiday Park and the Fitzherbert Bridge, the Manawātū River shared pathway is a dog exercise area, where dogs can be walked off-leash.

Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?

There should! Keep it simple - in all public areas dogs should be leashed.

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Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?

Have an enclosed off leash area for small dogs + one for large dogs. Sheltered seating for dog owners + bins provided.

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Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?

yes.

10. Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Jenny Davies

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:**2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:****3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:**

I do not agree with the planned change

Dogs should be banned from all public sports grounds etc 24/7 Since there is now a "dog park" and maybe another should be planned for another part of the city this where dogs should be Families, children and elderly and sports people do not want to play amongst "dog excrement" on the sports grounds that are groomed for their enjoyment

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I totally disagree with this suggestion

Dogs have NO place in the CBD leash or no leash

Having experienced dogs in the CBD in other countries dog fights under the coffee tables, or dogs taking precedent on buses before children and elderly, mangey dogs with our beggars , Young children are attracted to dogs and many dogs are protectively aggressive so, how will the PNCC deal with a child savaged by a dog in the CBD if this bylaw is invoked??

The child will be damaged

Many elderly are also frightened by dogs

Dogs have NO place in our CBD after all you have successfully and promoted a cessation of smoking in the CBD and the PNCC is to be congratulated on this advance

Customers may well be discouraged from "shopping" in the CBD with dogs under their feet let alone the smelly dog excrement We cannot have CBD picnics now with "duck poo" and then our CBD cleaners will have more excrement to clean birds, ducks, dogs

NO DOGS

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

NO DOGS

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:**5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:**

Dogs free in their own "exercise areas" only

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:**6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:**

Yes absolutely

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:**7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:**

Not every dog owner is responsible many could not care they have a dog

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:**9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:**

Yes

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

John McGifford

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

No comment

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

No comment

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Central Football opposes the problem. Despite the bylaw there are still issues with dog excrement of sports fields which is a significant health issue. Whilst understanding the "on leash" proposal it will result in the more negligent of the community taking advantage and more "off leash" activity. That in turn will result in more excrement through neglect of not picking up or not knowing when and where their dog(s) have actually done their business. Again the excrement is a health hazard and whilst that is at the worst end of the scale even standing in it is awfully unpleasant for anyone.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

No comment

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

No comment

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No comment

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

No comment

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

No comment

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No comment

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No comment

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No comment

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No comment

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

No comment

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

No comment

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Dave Miller

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

No comment

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

No comment

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

NO. Sports areas are for human use only. Dogs poo and, even if the poo is removed, some of it remains (or the nasty bugs remain) and children and sports ground uses should NOT be exposed to this. Also, not all dog poo is removed - just look at the amount of dog poo on footpaths.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Definitely not. Dog control is a real potential issue. Not all dog users are responsible or have the same standards as those people considering this rule change. The rule change would allow ALL dog owners to bring their dogs into town, and some dogs are not good around people. Saying that PNCC has dog control officers etc does not remove the real threat that some dogs would present. Also dogs on a lease take up more room on the footpath, can change direction quickly and cause accidents (tripping over etc). Please consider how would elderly people be affected?

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

They shouldn't be allowed - as above

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

No comment

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

No comment

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

NO comment

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No comment

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No comment

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No comment

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No comment

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

No comment

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

No comment

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True

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Keith Joblin

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

Yes

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

I believe that PNCC should take a more robust and rigorous enforcement of dog policy. For instance, I am not convinced that enforcement with respect to barking dogs is sufficient. We and our neighbours had to endure 3 months of barking dogs which were illegal under PNCC policy and although we complied with all documentation and policy requests, little action was taken until we threatened to involve a lawyer. Summary - could do a lot better. Perhaps more training for officers or more legal powers to the compliance officers.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

No. Should retain the ban from dogs at all times - provides clarity to all including dog owners and clarity for enforcement. The proposed change is the thin end of a wedge for ambiguity and avoiding ownership of compliance..

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I strongly object to the proposal for dogs (on-lease) to be allowed in the Palmerston North CBD. The three main reasons for this are outlined below.

I enjoy dogs and understand that some people view dogs as their essential companions and want to take them everywhere including the CBD. Unfortunately, this desire is not always matched by respect for those without dogs or those who are afraid or not fond of dogs. I note that there has been a ban on dogs in the CBD in Palmerston North and many other cities for a long time. I think this ban should remain.

1. Turds. Having lived in France and England and travelled widely, in my experience dogs, perhaps despite the best intentions of owners, are often an unpleasant addition to cities and CBDs. Even pampered pets continue to be responsible for sticky nasty turds on streets with some owners unwilling to clean up. Dogs apparently cannot read notices and often their owners ignore guidance or potential penalties. Go to Palmerston North's Waitoetoe Park (dogs are off-lease) to observe dog deposits and plastic bags of dog shit carefully hidden in bushes and nooks and crannies by responsible owners.

2. Noise. Because of the concentration of people and activities in the CBD, the proposed dog policy means that dog-dog and dog-people interactions will increase. This leads to predictable consequences. Inevitably, barking dogs will become a factor - noise from barking dogs is the major source of complaints to PNCC. How will this be controlled? It is important that there are some peaceful parts in the City.

3. Fear-of-Dogs. Many people, including members of my family, are frightened of big dogs. Do they have the right to be in a dog-free CBD? The thought of being confronted by a Pit Bull or a Rottweiler or two is not going to encourage them to visit the CBD. Are you able to have 2 dogs together on-lease? I remember as a child watching my aunt unsuccessfully try to prevent her Spaniel (small dog) from being attacked by an Alsatian (big dog) - both on lease. Dog-on-dog attacks are

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already a problem on the Manawatu River Walkway – what will they be like in the CBD?

It should be noted that the proposed dog policy is likely to increase the number of beggars in the CBD - which already is a concern in Palmerston North. In France, beggars have realised that sitting on the sidewalk accompanied by a dog increases favourable attention and increased donations.

At present, the Square is a place of quiet relaxation and pleasure and enjoyment in Palmerston North. Many millions of ratepayers' \$ have been spent on making this an attractive centre for the City. This summer it has been a place of peace enjoyed by many, particularly during lunchtimes and weekends. It does not take a rocket scientist to realise that unpleasant dog turds, the fear factor and barking and noise from dogs will have a negative impact on the appeal of the Square and other areas in the CBD.

Dog-on-dog attacks, dog crap underfoot, fear of big dogs, barking dogs. Perhaps re-consider the old maxim 'If it aint broke, don't fix it'. Leave the ban on dogs in the CBD please.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

See response to 4a for more information.. Dog-on-dog attacks, people frightened of big dogs, safely, barking dogs and noise, multiple dogs, hygiene and dog crap, beggars in the CBD, keep dogs on-leash out of the Square, penalties and enforcement.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes. Change to dog-on-leash areas.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Yes, retain the present section as on-leash - and convert the rest also to dogs-on-leash.. Waitoetoe Park and some other areas are already off-leash areas for dogs on the pathway..

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Limit dog ownership to a maximum of 2 dogs per household or residence, improve and increase penalties and enforcement

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes. Important to have dog welfare and people safety as priorities.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

True

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We invite your feedback on our recommended changes to the city's rules for dog control.

We're reviewing our current Dog Control Policy. The policy is a requirement under the Dog Control Act 1996. It explains Council's approach to dog control and guides internal operational policy and practice as well as how Council exercises discretion under the Dog Control Act 1996. A main feature of the policy is to describe where you can and cannot take your dog.

When the policy is adopted by Council it is given effect through the Dog Control Bylaw. This means the bylaw becomes the legal means for the Council to take enforcement action if required. Enforcing the bylaw is in addition to general enforcement powers under the Dog Control Act.

Last year we asked you whether the current policy and its associated bylaw adequately manage dogs in the city. Now we've reviewed your feedback, we've drafted a revised policy.

Have we got it right? Download the draft policy then fill in our online form to have your say. Submissions are open until 4pm on Friday 2 March.

Key changes to the policy ▾

Tell us what you think by Friday 2 March ^

Your contact details

Name *

PAUL EDWARD GODBAZ

Organisation

(if applicable)

DOG OWNER FOR OVER 50 years

Email *

Postal address

Phone number *

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Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing? *

☒ Yes☐ No

1. Council's approach to administration and enforcement

The policy sets out how it links to the bylaw and what enforcement tools are available to Council. It explains Council's approach to dog attacks and dangerous dogs, barking dogs, roaming dogs and dogs under proper control.

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?

PARTLY YES / NO.

2. Explaining dog control areas

The policy outlines the three different types of dog control areas in Palmerston North and explains the rationale for prohibited public places and dog exercise areas.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?

NO.

3. Proposal to recategorise grass sportsfields as on-leash control areas when sports are not being played

At the moment all Council sportsfields are prohibited public places, where dogs are banned at all times. We are proposing that this category only applies when they are being used for organised sport, such as games, matches, tournaments or training. Outside of this, dogs will be allowed on grass sportsfields on a leash.

Dogs will still be prohibited from all artificial sports surfaces such as tennis and netball courts and any specialist sports surfaces such as hockey turfs.

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?

DOGS SHOULD BE BANNED FROM ALL
PLAYING SURFACES BUT NOT THE
SURROUNDS AT ALL TIMES.

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4. Proposal to allow dogs on-leash in the CBD for a 12-month trial period

The central business district (CBD) or city centre is currently a prohibited public place. The Dog Control Policy defines the CBD as the area within the ring road formed by Grey, Princess, Ferguson and Pitt Streets (see map on page 22 of the policy). It includes The Square.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?

DOGS SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN OUTDOOR
AREAS OF THE CBD PROVIDED THAT THEY
ARE ON A FIXED-LENGTH LEASH & UNDER CONTROL.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?

OUTDOOR AREAS ONLY AND ONLY ON
FIXED-LENGTH LEASHES

5. Proposal to change some Aokautere walkways from dog exercise areas to dog on-leash areas

Poutoa walkway, Titoki walkway and Pari Reserve and walkway are currently dog exercise areas, where dogs do not have to be on a leash. However these places have become confined as they've developed over time. To address safety concerns, we propose changing these to dog on-leash areas.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?

TOTALLY AGREE.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?

THEY SHOULD BE POLICED.

6. Clarifying dog exercise areas

We've added a new section to the policy to explain what dog exercise areas are and what dog owners' obligations are when using these locations. It makes it clear that dogs must be exercised under proper control and dog owners must carry a leash.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?

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NO. WITHOUT POLICING ALL RULES
ARE USELESS + REGULARLY BREACHED.

Apart from the section between the Holiday Park and the Fitzherbert Bridge, the Manawātū River shared pathway is a dog exercise area, where dogs can be walked off-leash.

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?

NO. PARTS CAN BE ON-LEASH AREAS
WHILE OTHER AREAS CAN BE OFF-LEASH

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?

THE NEW HE ARA KOTAHI BRIDGE AND ITS
APPROACHES MUST BE AN ON-LEASH AREA.

7. New section about responsible dog ownership

A new section in the policy makes it clear what we expect of responsible dog owners. This reflects the requirements set out in the Dog Control Act. A comment has also been added about the Animal Welfare (Dogs) Code of Welfare 2010.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?

NON-RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS SHOULD
BE PROSECUTED.

8. New explanation of preferred dog owner scheme

We've changed the wording to reflect Council's current practices and information.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?



9. New information about emergency preparedness

A new section highlights the onus on dog owners to plan and prepare for the care and welfare of their

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dog/s in anticipation of an emergency.

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?

YES. BUT COMMON SENSE MUST PREVAIL.
DOG OWNERS KNOW THEIR DOGS BETTER THAN
SOME TIN POT SHERIFF / RANGER.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018

THERE MUST BE A DEFINITION OF "ATTACK".
A DOG OR PERSON SET UPON BY ANOTHER DOG
DOES NOT HAVE TO HAVE PHYSICAL INJURIES
TO SHOW THAT AN "ATTACK" HAS TAKEN PLACE.
SEE ATTACHED DEFINITION.

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P. G. Goodby

26-2-2018

Timeline of the review process ▾

More information ^

For more information about the draft Dog Control Policy, please contact Ann-Marie Mori, Policy Analyst, City Future: phone 06 356 8199 or email ann-marie.mori@pncc.govt.nz

Downloads



Statement of proposal: Draft Dog Control Policy 2018
1.5MB pdf

Last updated: 26 January 2018

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15th February 2018.

ann-marie.mori@pncc.govt.nz

Dear Ann-Marie,

I propose to put in a full submission to Council regarding the Palmerston North City Council Draft Dog Control Policy 2018.

But before that I think that several changes/additions should be put into the discussion document before you go any further.

1. All use of the term "public places within the CBD area" should read "outdoor public places within the CBD area". This would stop dog owners taking their dogs into shops, malls or the likes of the Plaza.

2. Definitions. The word "attack" is often used in the discussions and the wording of Dog Control Law.

I suggest that, as used successfully in Australia, a dog attack is defined as "if a dog rushes at, attacks, bites, harasses or chases any person or animal (other than vermin) whether or not any injury is caused to the person or animal."

3. The new He Ara Kotahi bridge and its approaches should be an enforced "on leash" area.

I have attached a copy of the "attack" definition as used in Australia.

If you require any more explanation of the above You can contact me at my postal address above or

P. L. Joubert



FACT SHEET

A Guide to Dog Attacks

A GUIDE TO DOG ATTACKS WITHIN THE KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL AREA **'Information you need to know'**

What is a dog attack?

A dog attack is defined under Section 16 of the Companion Animals Act, 1998 as amended by the Companion Animals Amendment Act, 2005 as **if a dog attacks, bites, harasses or chases any person or animal (other than vermin), whether or not any injury is caused to the person or animal.**

What type of dogs attack?

There is no single type of dog that attacks. It is important to understand that ANY dog can attack or bite. Whilst it is true that certain breeds have traits that give a dog a lower threshold to biting or attacking, it does not mean all dogs of this breed or breeds will attack or bite. The media portray certain breeds as aggressive giving the mis-conception that all other breeds are safe. When the truth is that ANY dog can and may bite, even the loving family pet.

Who is most likely to get attacked by a dog?

Research shows that many people who are attacked by a dog, actually know the dog they are attacked by. Approximately two thirds of all bites involve the family dog or a dog known to the victim. Young children are the most common victims with bites to the head and neck area.

Animals such as cats, rabbits, other dogs and stock often find themselves victims of attacks by roaming dogs.

What do you do if you are attacked by a dog?

1. If you or another person have been injured, seek medical attention urgently. If an animal has been injured, transport the injured animal to the nearest Vet as soon as possible. Even minor wounds (on people or animals) can easily become infected without immediate attention.
2. Report the attack to Council or to NSW Police as soon as possible. If the attack has occurred between 8:30am -4:30pm weekdays, report the attack to Council on 6566 3200. If the attack has occurred outside of council business hours, report the attack to NSW Police on 6561 6199. The Council or Police will investigate all complaints of attacks by speaking with any witness who can give a statement. It is important that the witness can clearly explain the details of the incident. Therefore it may be useful to write down the details as soon as possible to ensure you don't forget.

Dog Attack Complaints

When Council receives a complaint about an alleged dog attack, the incident is thoroughly investigated. Actions taken against a dog owner depend on the specific circumstances involved in an alleged attack. Council needs to have sufficient evidence to uphold any declaration it might make in court. This means Council requires detailed information including the following;

- Statement of facts - date, time, location, description of the attack and any injuries
- Description of the offending dog - breed, colour, distinguishing marks and sex
- Where the dog lives or came from
- Name of the dog, if known
- Name of the dog's owner, if known
- Names and contact details of any witnesses,
- Photographic evidence of any injuries to any person or animal
- A doctor's report detailing the injuries suffered by any person
- A vet's report detailing the injuries suffered by any animal.

Council Officers will investigate the complaint, taking statements and gathering any other evidence which is required to assess whether the dog is potentially a 'dangerous dog' or simply a 'nuisance dog'. Owners (or person in charge) of an attacking dog can face on-the-spot penalties infringements (see over for details) or prosecution in Court and be banned from owning a dog. In some circumstances Council may seize a dog that has been involved in an attack, even if the dog is back on its own property. The owner (or person in charge) of an attacking dog is responsible for the cost of all damages the dog causes to persons, property or animals.

Under the Companion Animals Act, Council is not permitted to release any information about the investigation to the complainant, media or members of the public.

What will the Council do if a dog is deemed to be dangerous?

Council may, if satisfied that a dog is dangerous, declare it to be a dangerous dog. Such declaration cannot be made before the owner of the dog had been provided written notification of the Council's intention to declare the dog dangerous and the owner is provided an opportunity to make a written objection to the proposed declaration. Council must consider any written objection from the owner of the dog before deciding whether or not to declare a dog dangerous. The owner of a dangerous dog can lodge an appeal to the Local Court within 28 days of the Council's declaration. If the dangerous dog declaration is upheld following any appeal, the dog owner MUST comply with strict guidelines on how the dog is kept i.e. purpose built enclosure, desexed, muzzled when out of enclosure etc.

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Kathleen Moore

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

Yes

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:**2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:****3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:****4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:**

A very good idea

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Dog poo bins in various areas

Dog friendly cafes to display a sign saying so

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Not completely as it would be an advantage to dog owners to be able to access at least one walkway to run their dog off the lead. An appropriate sign could be put up to distinguish the correct walkway to do that.

A dog poo bin at each end.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:**6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:**

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:**6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:**

SUMMERHILL RESERVE, Summerhill Drive

This Reserve should be an 'Exercise Off Leash Area'.

This reserve is the only one across the bridge from the city serving all dog owners who live in the Summerhill / Aokautere area.

This area is needed for obedience dog training off the lead.

Puppies and young dogs need somewhere away from their home backyard to learn on a larger area as Summerhill Reserve.

Owners and families use Summerhill Reserve for running, playing, catching the ball area with their dogs as it is a fenced and gated area which separates it from a busy road giving owners and dogs a safe area to train and play.

If we do not have an open exercise area in Summerhill, dog owners would need to drive their dogs over the Fitzherbert bridge to access the city off the leash areas which also adds to environmental pollution and not acceptable for those without a vehicle.

This is an important issue for our community as most adults, including Pensioners in our area who own a dog need an area close by in their community to be able to walk to it themselves with their dog. This has been another draw card for some people wishing to live in our area as it is good for their health.

If there was a disaster on the Fitzherbert bridge, dog owners in Summerhill and Aokautere area who need to exercise their dogs would not be able to access the city off the leash areas.

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Dogs, especially the larger breed, need a large area to work off their excess energy build up which in turn keeps them healthy and more relaxed.

I suggest a dog poo bin be placed by one of the reserve gates.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

All registered dog owners to do a stage one obedience course and health needs of dogs.

If this could be put in place it may help towards educating the public more about their animals needs and what health issues to look out for and when to act on them.

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

False

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Colin Fink

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

No

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

No - if all dog owners took responsibility to pick up dog waste would be more sympathetic to this proposal but unfortunately that does not happen therefore cannot support this proposal

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Definitely NO! Cannot even understand why this proposal is even being considered. The CBD is supposed to be a place where all users want to feel safe and secure. To many times I have witnessed dogs attacking each other within street environs even while on a leash.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Nothing but a total ban

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Agree with this proposal

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

No

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

No comment

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

No comment

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

No comment

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No comment

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No comment

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

No comment

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

No comment

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True

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Marilyn Brown

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

No I dont agree with this proposal because of the problem of dog defecation. I am a dog owner myself and find that there are plenty of parks and roads in the wider Palmerston North area to walk my dog. I find when I am walking that there are many owners that have not cleaned up after their dogs. Sometimes it is hard to pick it all up as well. If dogs were allowed on sports parks then the there would be the same problem. Children playing sports in bare feet and rugby players who are tackled run the risk of collecting dog poo. Not very hygienic and a problem the council does not need.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

No I dont agree for the same reason as above. Dog defecation is not a good look or smell for vistors to our city.

Also some people are scared of dogs and dogs would sometimes be nervous around busy crowds and vehicles in the middle of town. We don't need the problems this would cause.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

Yes when I visited Whangarei recently I noticed they had a fenced dog park which I thought was a great idea. Council could charge a small fee for upkeep say \$5 for half an hour with a locked gate system. Also some water taps would be great

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

Yes I think the Council could provide further education to people thinking of getting a dog to make sure that the dog is well cared for and the people in the neighbourhood are happy.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

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False

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Sue Mitchell

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

Yes

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

Not happy who will pick up dog poop

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Dangerous dogs with say gang members. Who's going to deal with this? Dogs chasing ducks. Now parents let kids chase ducks. Who is going to stop dogs chasing them?

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

Yes

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:**6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:**

Agree that dogs should be under control

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

Would be straight forward for dog owners

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:**7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:****8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:****9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:**

Owners should be responsible for dogs

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:**Withhold my contact details (but not my name):**

False

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Draft Dog Control Policy 2018

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Your contact details

Full Name: Fay Foster

Organisation (if applicable): _____

Postal Address: _____

Phone (day) _____

Email: _____

Do you want to speak to the Council in support of your submission? (please tick)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Submissions hearings are planned for April 2018.

1. Council's approach to administration and enforcement

The policy sets out how it links to the bylaw and what enforcement tools are available to Council. It explains Council's approach to dog attacks and dangerous dogs, barking dogs, roaming dogs and dogs under proper control.

Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?

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2. Explaining dog control areas

The policy outlines the three different types of dog control areas in Palmerston North and explains the rationale for prohibited public places and dog exercise areas.

Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?

3. Proposal to re-categorise grass sportsfields as on-leash control areas when sports are not being played

At the moment all Council sportsfields are prohibited public places, where dogs are banned at all times. We are proposing that this category only applies when they are being used for organised sport, such as games, matches, tournaments or training. Outside of this, dogs will be allowed on grass sportsfields on a leash.

Dogs will still be prohibited from all artificial sports surfaces such as tennis and netball courts and any specialist sports surfaces such as hockey turfs.

Do you agree with the proposal?

Yes agree

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4. Proposal to allow dogs on-leash in the CBD for a 12-month trial period

The central business district (CBD) or city centre is currently a prohibited public place. The Dog Control Policy defines the CBD as the area within the ring road formed by Grey, Princess, Ferguson and Pitt Streets (see map on page 22 of the policy). It includes The Square.

The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?

Great idea, gets dogs out of cars (heat, boredom) good socialising for them.
allows dogs to have more companionable time with their owners, interactions with other people,
Dogs don't need to be left home alone

If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?

People (dog owners to be aware and respectful of other people and other dogs,
aware of need to pick up their dogs droppings.

5. Proposal to change some Aokautere walkways from dog exercise areas to dog on-leash areas

Poutoa walkway, Titoki walkway and Pari Reserve and walkway are currently dog exercise areas, where dogs do not have to be on a leash. However these places have become confined as they've developed over time. To address safety concerns, we propose changing these to dog on-leash areas.

Do you agree with this proposed change?

Let off leash if under control when necessary

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Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?

6. Clarifying dog exercise areas

We've added a new section to the policy to explain what dog exercise areas are and what dog owners' obligations are when using these locations. It makes it clear that dogs must be exercised under proper control and dog owners must carry a leash.

Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?

Apart from the section between the Holiday Park and the Fitzherbert Bridge, the Manawatū River shared pathway is a dog exercise area, where dogs can be walked off-leash.

Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?

Think people should be aware that if their dog is off lead, to have them under control when other dogs (and children and people) are in their vicinity
Prevent trouble, fights, with other dogs!

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Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?

Needs to be some more natural (as in bush, trees, water (ponds, creeks etc) areas for dogs to be free in, Too much manicured (mowed) areas which is not that interesting for dogs (or their owners) and areas with obstacles for dogs to negotiate.

7. New section about responsible dog ownership

A new section in the policy makes it clear what we expect of responsible dog owners. This reflects the requirements set out in the Dog Control Act. A comment has also been added about the Animal Welfare (Dogs) Code of Welfare 2010.

Do you have any comments on this section?

More ~~ed~~ education on exercise, family time, dogs not to be chained up all day or in small (and or hot (no shade) pens, more awareness of dogs needs, stimulation, affection, adequate food, looking into why they are barking (loneliness, boredom,)

8. New explanation of preferred dog owner scheme

We've changed the wording to reflect Council's current practices and information.

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Ref the Dog issue in the Square -

Sorry to send a written submission that:-

I really think that you must be joking to contemplate thinking of allowing dogs in the Square, and the CBD.

To me the Square is a particularly tranquil - attractive place in the centre of the city - Many people walk through it - or eat their lunch on the tables - or under the shade trees - with the addition of the shade trees it's a pretty good place!

Apparently any dog will be on a lead - but who would police this and what about night time. We have some very attractive additions to the Square - in the way of the Duck Pond and the ducks. At present some parents appear to think that the ducks are there for no kind of sport for their children - I have seen parents looking on while their children run and frighten the poor creatures - and who is to say that someday dogs will not be the same - either to the ducks or other dogs -

Many people are frightened of 'bigger' dogs i.e. Rottweilers - alsatians etc. although the women may not have any quarrels - but the reality is that dogs can be intimidating especially to older - not so mobile people, and children.

Having lived in France one sees very quickly the results of dog faeces on the pavement so we really want even the possibility of that in Palmerston North.

Many people are very good and take a plastic bag to collect any dog faeces - but even if one person doesn't do this - you have a potential mess - and a health hazard.

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There is nothing worse than the smell of dog faeces on shoes - it lingers for days and when dried can be blown around and inhaled unintentionally.

Not only do dogs defaecate but they also urinate - on trees - scrubs and statues - and one cannot collect that in a plastic bag!

The Square after the restructuring looks really attractive - many tourists from overseas comment on the fact that few cities have maintained a 'green' area with plants - flowers and trees - do we really want to put them off with yapping dogs - or worse still - fighting dogs -

Also what about the noise - dogs do bark! Some more than others - and some can be very menacing - I can imagine that the Square would not maintain its popularity - and people may even avoid it.

As for the wider CBD - shop and business owners have now to clear up their footpaths - so you can imagine what they would feel about 24/7 dogs - with urine and faeces on the pavements. Is the PNCC going to pay for people to clean up the Square & the CBD?

In conclusion I beg you to really think about this issue, as to the affect on a lovely, tranquil attractive place - such as the Square - the reputation of Palmerston North for visitors - in being a 'clean' city, and the potential dangers from dog faeces to especially young children who are playing in the Square.

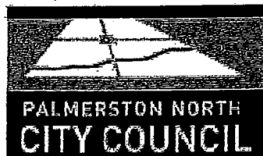
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Angela M Joblin

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<u>Your contact details</u>	
Full Name:	PHILIP GARDSON MONK
Do you want to speak to the Council in support of your submission? (please tick)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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1. Council's approach to administration and enforcement

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Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?

Yes

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2. Explaining dog control areas

The policy outlines the three different types of dog control areas in Palmerston North and explains the rationale for prohibited public places and dog exercise areas.

Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?

yes

3. Proposal to re-categorise grass sportsfields as on-leash control areas when sports are not being played

At the moment all Council sportsfields are prohibited public places, where dogs are banned at all times. We are proposing that this category only applies when they are being used for organised sport, such as games, matches, tournaments or training. Outside of this, dogs will be allowed on grass sportsfields on a leash.

Dogs will still be prohibited from all artificial sports surfaces such as tennis and netball courts and any specialist sports surfaces such as hockey turfs.

Do you agree with the proposal?

yes

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4. Proposal to allow dogs on-leash in the CBD for a 12-month trial period

The central business district (CBD) or city centre is currently a prohibited public place. The Dog Control Policy defines the CBD as the area within the ring road formed by Grey, Princess, Ferguson and Pitt Streets (see map on page 22 of the policy). It includes The Square.

The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?

I am not convinced this is such a good idea but the trial period would prove an outcome

If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?

Must be strictly enforced

5. Proposal to change some Aokautere walkways from dog exercise areas to dog on-leash areas

Poutoa walkway, Titoki walkway and Pari Reserve and walkway are currently dog exercise areas, where dogs do not have to be on a leash. However these places have become confined as they've developed over time. To address safety concerns, we propose changing these to dog on-leash areas.

Do you agree with this proposed change?

Don't use this area so hard to comment

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Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?

No

6. Clarifying dog exercise areas

We've added a new section to the policy to explain what dog exercise areas are and what dog owners' obligations are when using these locations. It makes it clear that dogs must be exercised under proper control and dog owners must carry a leash.

Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?

Yes

Apart from the section between the Holiday Park and the Fitzherbert Bridge, the Manawatu River shared pathway is a dog exercise area, where dogs can be walked off-leash.

Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?

I feel strongly that there should be no change to the current policy. The area upstream from the bridge is an excellent area for dogs to be exercised off lead

The key to this area is for users to accept that it is a "shared pathway" area.

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Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?

I am a daily user of dog exercise areas and have encountered little or no issues with current policies

7. New section about responsible dog ownership

A new section in the policy makes it clear what we expect of responsible dog owners. This reflects the requirements set out in the Dog Control Act. A comment has also been added about the Animal Welfare (Dogs) Code of Welfare 2010.

Do you have any comments on this section?

I just need to read it

8. New explanation of preferred dog owner scheme

We've changed the wording to reflect Council's current practices and information.

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Do you have any comments about this section?

As mentioned I need to get a better understanding of section

9. New information about emergency preparedness

A new section highlights the onus on dog owners to plan and prepare for the care and welfare of their dog/s in anticipation of an emergency.

Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?

yes

10. Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018

Not sure if a lot of people are aware of it

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Merle Lavin

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Draft Dog Control Policy submission

Name:

Mark Inman

Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing?:

No

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?:

Yes

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?:

Yes

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?:

No. I am a dog owner and I also have children. Sports fields should be kept dog free. Allowing dogs onto these areas will only increase the chance of dog mess in a place where people are more likely to have contact with the ground and focus diverted from the ground. There are plenty of areas around the city to walk dogs on or off leash.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?:

I disagree with this. There is no valid reason to have dogs in the CBD and the lack of dog mess at present ensures that it is a pleasant place for community and visitors to be. Dog owners from my experience cannot be trusted to clear mess and I don't think there is any benefit for having dogs there that outweighs the increased chance of annoyance of sitting in dog mess at an event.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?:

Provide plenty of clean up bags and bins. Strongly enforce and encourage the cleanup of dog mess.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?:

I don't know enough about the area. If there is evidence that there is a problem with safety, then agree in principle

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?:

There are plenty of areas around the city for exercising dogs safely and I can't see a rationale for allowing them in the CBD. Unless there have been multiple calls for it, then keep the policy as it is.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?:

Yes

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?:

It would make things simpler, but as a dog owner, I am aware of the on-leash areas and happy to abide by them. The vast majority of the pathway allows for free exercising of dogs and this is most welcome.

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?:

I'd like to see more bins provided for dog mess along the pathway from the Holiday camp towards the end of Maxwell's Line. Also when considering policy that although most owners are respectful, there are a sizeable minority who are more than happy to let dogs foul footpaths and surrounds. For this reason, keeping dogs off areas where children play or people are likely to be in more contact with the ground (sports fields, lawn in the Square etc) is a good policy.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?:

No

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?:

No

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?:

Yes

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018:

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The letter inviting consultation was received on 1st March 2018, despite being dated 26 January. The consultation process ends on 2nd March 2018, which obviously doesn't offer time for proper consideration for those who may not already be aware of the process.

Withhold my contact details (but not my name):

True

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Draft Dog Control Policy

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We invite your feedback on our recommended changes to the city's rules for dog control.

We're reviewing our current Dog Control Policy. The policy is a requirement under the Dog Control Act 1996. It explains Council's approach to dog control and guides internal operational policy and practice as well as how Council exercises discretion under the Dog Control Act 1996. A main feature of the policy is to describe where you can and cannot take your dog.

When the policy is adopted by Council it is given effect through the Dog Control Bylaw. This means the bylaw becomes the legal means for the Council to take enforcement action if required. Enforcing the bylaw is in addition to general enforcement powers under the Dog Control Act.

Last year we asked you whether the current policy and its associated bylaw adequately manage dogs in the city. Now we've reviewed your feedback, we've drafted a revised policy.

Have we got it right? Download the draft policy then fill in our online form to have your say. Submissions are open until 4pm on Friday 2 March.

Key changes to the policy ▾

Tell us what you think by Friday 2 March ^

Your contact details

Name *

Marilyn and Bruce Bulloch

Organisation

(if applicable)

Email *

Postal address

Phone number *

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Do you wish to speak to this submission at a hearing? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

required

1. Council's approach to administration and enforcement

The policy sets out how it links to the bylaw and what enforcement tools are available to Council. It explains Council's approach to dog attacks and dangerous dogs, barking dogs, roaming dogs and dogs under proper control.

1a. Do you agree with Council's approach on each of these matters?

Yes, we agree. The document is comprehensive and clearly set out.

2. Explaining dog control areas

The policy outlines the three different types of dog control areas in Palmerston North and explains the rationale for prohibited public places and dog exercise areas.

2a. Do these explanations help you understand the different areas of dog control?

Yes, we understand the different areas of dog control.

3. Proposal to recategorise grass sportsfields as on-leash control areas when sports are not being played

At the moment all Council sportsfields are prohibited public places, where dogs are banned at all times. We are proposing that this category only applies when they are being used for organised sport, such as games, matches, tournaments or training. Outside of this, dogs will be allowed on grass sportsfields on a leash.

Dogs will still be prohibited from all artificial sports surfaces such as tennis and netball courts and any specialist sports surfaces such as hockey turfs.

3a. Do you agree with the proposal?

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16.2(d) Allowing dogs on sportsfields on a leash. In regards to the above, there is a need to define "outside of this time", i.e. when organised sports are not being played when dogs are allowed on a leash. For example, could "outside of this time" mean throughout the week or in the off season or between games? We think that dogs have historically been banned from sportsfields due to contamination from dog parasites. (Note see last page)

4. Proposal to allow dogs on-leash in the CBD for a 12-month trial period

The central business district (CBD) or city centre is currently a prohibited public place. The Dog Control Policy defines the CBD as the area within the ring road formed by Grey, Princess, Ferguson and Pitt Streets (see map on page 22 of the policy). It includes The Square.

4a. The Council is proposing a 12-month trial allowing dogs on-leash in the CBD. What do you think of this idea?

We support this proposal. We imagine that only a few animals will be taken into town. Currently you do see some animals being walked in the CBD contrary to the current by-law. We have witnessed good interaction between dogs and the public in a small shopping area the suburb of Parnell in Auckland. We recognize that some people may have an irrational fear of dogs.

4b. If an on-leash trial was to go ahead in the CBD, what factors or conditions should be considered?

Dogs should be restrained on a short leash, and not left alone tied up outside businesses. Cafés may provide water bowls but these can be a trip hazard. Dogs defined as dangerous should be prohibited from the CBD.

5. Proposal to change some Aokautere walkways from dog exercise areas to dog on-leash areas

Poutoa walkway, Titoki walkway and Pari Reserve and walkway are currently dog exercise areas, where dogs do not have to be on a leash. However these places have become confined as they've developed over time. To address safety concerns, we propose changing these to dog on-leash areas.

5a. Do you agree with this proposed change?

We are not familiar with these areas.

5b. Do you have any other comments about dogs on-leash areas?

16. Prohibited Public Places. 16.3 and 16.4.
We support the provisions for moving dogs through prohibited public places as described in 16.3 and 16.4. For example, in passing through the Esplanade railway station in order to reach the Manawatu Riverside Walkway. These clauses involve moving a dog through a prohibited public place with provisions as listed.

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6. Clarifying dog exercise areas

We've added a new section to the policy to explain what dog exercise areas are and what dog owners' obligations are when using these locations. It makes it clear that dogs must be exercised under proper control and dog owners must carry a leash.

6a. Does this section clarify expectations about dog exercise areas?

We support the addition of a new section to explain what dog exercise areas are and obligations of owners when using these dog exercise areas.

Apart from the section between the Holiday Park and the Fitzherbert Bridge, the Manawātū River shared pathway is a dog exercise area, where dogs can be walked off-leash.

6b. Do you think there should be a consistent category of dog control for the entire pathway?

We support the whole of the Manawatu River shared pathway being a dog exercise area and there being a consistent category of dog control for the whole pathway. Therefore delete 19(e) (dog on leash area between Fitzherbert Bridge and Holiday Park). Also 20 (e) delete reference to "excluding the section between Fitzherbert bridge and the Palmerston North Holiday Park".

6c. Do you have any other comments about dog exercise areas?

There is a shortage of off-leash areas in certain sections of the city, i.e. areas of older suburbs surrounding the CBD and especially the hospital area. It is preferable that dog owners do not have to drive to an off-leash area.

We support the dog exercise areas as listed under section 20 with an amendment to section 20

7. New section about responsible dog ownership

A new section in the policy makes it clear what we expect of responsible dog owners. This reflects the requirements set out in the Dog Control Act. A comment has also been added about the Animal Welfare (Dogs) Code of Welfare 2010.

7a. Do you have any comments on this section?

Part 4 Dog Ownership Section 22 Responsible Dog Ownership is a good comprehensive new section.

8. New explanation of preferred dog owner scheme

We've changed the wording to reflect Council's current practices and information.

8a. Do you have any comments about this section?

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23 Preferred Dog Ownership (d) "Access to a door on a property without your dog(s) being able to approach people when they enter" Unhindered access to a door should be a legal obligation of all dog owners, not just preferred owners. Is the free access to a door current obligation actively being enforced by council? We request that the access to a door 23 (d) requirement be also listed under section 22 Responsible Dog Ownership.

9. New information about emergency preparedness

A new section highlights the onus on dog owners to plan and prepare for the care and welfare of their dog/s in anticipation of an emergency.

9a. Is it a good idea to include this in the policy?

27 Emergency Preparedness Yes, it is good idea to insert this new section to include a need to plan for emergency preparedness. Dogs should not be abandoned when owners are required to be evacuated.

Please note any other feedback you have about the Draft Dog Control Policy 2018

Is there scope for parts of sportsfields which are not actually being used for sports being used as either on-leash or off-leash exercise areas? For example, parts of the Savage Crescent park are not actually used for sports.
Continuation of answer 3a: such as worms and the potential for these parasites to be picked up by humans. There is now a theory that exposure to worms can be a good thing in assisting

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