

Kōrero mai | Let's talk

## **Port Hills paragliding licences**

Nov 17, 2025 - Dec 17, 2025

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Response No:  
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Contribution ID: 40519

**Q1 Are you responding:**

Multi Choice On behalf of a recognised organisation or business

**Q2 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text Canterbury Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club

**Q3 Your role**

Short Text President

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text James Morris

**Q8 Overall, do you support the proposed sites?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q9 What do you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text They are the sites that are currently used by both commercial operators and club pilots. Safety considerations of each site are well understood and operating procedures are in place for them. See <https://www.chgpc.org.nz/flying-sites> for further insight regarding the use of these sites.

**Q10 What don't you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text

**Q11 Is there anything else the community boards need to consider?**

Long Text CHGPC strongly encourages the council to engage with providing adequate space for training and safe launch/landing areas for this recreational activity within the Port Hills recreational reserves. Paragliding has minimal environmental impact on the launch and landing areas, provides a spectacle for tourists and a unique perspective on the city and its environs.

CHGPC and paragliding nationally relies on commercial operators to train pilots to CAA and NZHGPA standards. We work with the commercial operators to promote safe flying at the sites. The operators are expected to engage with the club regarding operating procedures for the most popular sites.

**Q13 Are you..**

Select Box Other (please specify): Canterbury Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club

Response No:  
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Contribution ID: 39779

**Q1 Are you responding:**

Multi Choice On behalf of a recognised organisation or business

**Q2 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text Beach bar Sumner

**Q3 Your role**

Short Text Venue Manager

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Benny Whitnall

**Q8 Overall, do you support the proposed sites?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q9 What do you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text I think it is a great activity and it will get more people out to the area which is a bonus.

**Q10 What don't you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text n/a

**Q11 Is there anything else the community boards need to consider?**

Long Text n/a

**Q13 Are you..**

Select Box Other (please specify): Business manager

**Q1 Are you responding:**

Multi Choice As an individual

**Q2 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q3 Your role**

Short Text

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Toby Lambert

**Q8 Overall, do you support the proposed sites?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q9 What do you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text

**Q10 What don't you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text

**Q11 Is there anything else the community boards need to consider?**

Long Text

Christchurch is a great city and we continue on our strive to be even greater and stay the MVP of NZ. For that to happen we must encourage and support a wide range of activities whether large and popular or niche and lesser known. A great city also has something going on. I personally found it great being in Hagley Park on Canterbury Anniversary Day watching cricket, while hundreds walked, ran and biked around it. At the same time knowing thousands are enjoying the A&P show and many more wondering around town. Then you look to the hills where there too, will be hundreds hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing/abseiling etc and above them where the paragliders zig zagging their way, with views I think we're all jealous of. But there's still more...on the beaches below them we have swimmers, surfers and fishers. I'm also sure you could all add plenty more to that list as well. But what that all paints in a thriving city, one where no matter who you are, there is a place for you to do what you enjoy.

**Q13 Are you..**

Select Box

Response No:  
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Contribution ID: 39850

**Q1 Are you responding:**

Multi Choice As an individual

**Q2 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q3 Your role**

Short Text

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Ariel Waldron

**Q8 Overall, do you support the proposed sites?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q9 What do you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text Having more available landing sites could allow for easier landings in an emergency situation.

**Q10 What don't you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text The one near Little River may bother local residents.

**Q11 Is there anything else the community boards need to consider?**

Long Text Whether money from commercial operations would be passed on to the local communities for the inconvenience.

**Q13 Are you..**

Select Box A user of a park or reserve affected by the licences

**Q1 Are you responding:**

Multi Choice As an individual

**Q2 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q3 Your role**

Short Text

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Martin Ward

**Q8 Overall, do you support the proposed sites?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q9 What do you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text

**Q10 What don't you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text

**Q11 Is there anything else the community boards need to consider?**

Long Text My feedback might be out of date - my wife paid for a tandem flight in port hills around 30 years ago. The operator at time didn't have a second person to assist him, and tried to land same place he took off. Top landings are difficult and problematic and in our case landed us in hospital. The safest and usual landing is a playground, beach, etc.

I suggest adding a condition in the licence that prohibits top landing for tandem flights.

**Q13 Are you..**

Select Box A user of a park or reserve affected by the licences

Response No:  
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Contribution ID: 39872

**Q1 Are you responding:**

Multi Choice As an individual

**Q2 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q3 Your role**

Short Text

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text David Marriott

**Q8 Overall, do you support the proposed sites?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q9 What do you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text I like see the spectacle of paragliding

**Q10 What don't you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text nothing- it's all good

**Q11 Is there anything else the community boards need to consider?**

Long Text no

**Q13 Are you..**

Select Box A user of a park or reserve affected by the licences

Response No:  
7

Contribution ID: 39873

**Q1 Are you responding:**

Multi Choice As an individual

**Q2 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q3 Your role**

Short Text

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Tessa Hogan

**Q8 Overall, do you support the proposed sites?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q9 What do you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text

**Q10 What don't you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text

**Q11 Is there anything else the community boards need to consider?**

Long Text

**Q13 Are you..**

Select Box A neighbour to an affected park or reserve

Response No:  
8

Contribution ID: 39887

**Q1 Are you responding:**

Multi Choice As an individual

**Q2 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q3 Your role**

Short Text

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Marc COOPER

**Q8 Overall, do you support the proposed sites?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q9 What do you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text Would be great to make the the east end of the port hills a paraglide zone

**Q10 What don't you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text I think especially offering to tourists to gondola up and paraglide down would be a great attraction for tourism. Like a contiki option or general.

**Q11 Is there anything else the community boards need to consider?**

Long Text Landing sites?

**Q13 Are you..**

Select Box A neighbour to an affected park or reserve

Response No:  
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Contribution ID: 39953

**Q1 Are you responding:**

Multi Choice As an individual

**Q2 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q3 Your role**

Short Text

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Richard Griguoli

**Q8 Overall, do you support the proposed sites?**

Multi Choice Somewhat

**Q9 What do you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text I think they have been thought out well.

**Q10 What don't you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text Is there an emergency plan in place for each site?

**Q11 Is there anything else the community boards need to consider?**

Long Text It seems like every time there is a major rescue that puts volunteer rescuers at risk its involving a paraglider down. I support this activity but it does pose a higher risk for technical rescue. Do the groups that are involved in this activity contribute in any way to the organisations that rescue them? If not they should be required to pay a levy and not put that burden solely on the taxpayers.

**Q13 Are you..**

Select Box

Response No:  
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Contribution ID: 40394

**Q1 Are you responding:**

Multi Choice As an individual

**Q2 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q3 Your role**

Short Text

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text James Gibson

**Q8 Overall, do you support the proposed sites?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q9 What do you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text It's great to see paragliders in the skies around the port hills. Giving adequate space for training and safe launch/landing areas for this recreational activity is a great use of the port hills recreational reserves. Paragliding has very minimal environmental impact on the launch and landing areas.

**Q10 What don't you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text

**Q11 Is there anything else the community boards need to consider?**

Long Text

**Q13 Are you..**

Select Box A non-commercial paraglider

Response No:  
11

Contribution ID: 40489

**Q1 Are you responding:**

Multi Choice As an individual

**Q2 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q3 Your role**

Short Text

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Gary Freedman

**Q8 Overall, do you support the proposed sites?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q9 What do you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text

**Q10 What don't you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text

**Q11 Is there anything else the community boards need to consider?**

Long Text

**Q13 Are you..**

Select Box

Response No:  
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Contribution ID: 40491

**Q1 Are you responding:**

Multi Choice As an individual

**Q2 Name of organisation/business**

Short Text

**Q3 Your role**

Short Text

**Q4 Full name**

Short Text Simon Bannister

**Q8 Overall, do you support the proposed sites?**

Multi Choice Yes

**Q9 What do you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text Established, simple, logical

**Q10 What don't you like about the proposed sites and why?**

Long Text Nothing they are perfect

**Q11 Is there anything else the community boards need to consider?**

Long Text Recreational access to the hills and these facilities are very important for mental and physical wellbeing, they provide a critical connection to the land and bring community together with a bit of fun and excitement with minimal impact.

**Q13 Are you..**

Select Box