

Submissions received on Halswell Quarry Park dog exercise area concept plan, June 2025

Organisations / Businesses

ID	Overall support for the plan	Submitter feedback	Name - Organisation
35978	Somewhat	<p>The Quarry is already busy, and we need to start planning recreation areas to accommodate the imminent residential expansion in Halswell. We support the idea of a fenced dog park in the Halswell Quarry, but there is concern that fencing will detract from the natural values of Halswell Quarry Park and break the park.</p> <p>The proposed boundary fence will make it clear where the dog exercise area is and help Animal Control to enforce the bylaw: when people are walking their dog off the leash in the incorrect area. However, this will only work if they are called out to issues outside the fenced area. The dogs that use areas other than the dog exercise areas will continue to do so, and Dog Control will need to respond as required. The current law states that 'dogs should be on leash in all other areas'. This will not change, so dogs will be around all the other areas and should be 'under effective control'. If some owners decide to have their dog 'under effective control' but not on a lead, that is the same as what is happening now. Education and enforcement must be monitored, and clear signage must be put up at all the entry/exit points of the fenced dog area.</p> <p>The proposed dog exercise area creates a larger area of 4.47ha for off-lead dogs than currently exists. Check what the difference in land size is. I'm waiting on CCC's reply. The upper paddock may be better suited as it has an incline rather than being all flat, but it is further to walk to from the Cashmere entrance.</p> <p>The new dog area entry point is closer to the Cashmere Road car park than the current one. Dog owners can park in the Cashmere Road car park and be further away from walkers and the coffee cart. The downside is that it is still near the BMX track entrance, and bikers will still be there.</p> <p>The shared path/mountain bike park access track runs through the dog exercise area. This proposal will eliminate that conflict. Correction: The current bike track runs along the boundary line of the current dog exercise area, not through it. This would be great for my dogs, as they can be reactive to bikes. Having a fence to run alongside part of the BMX track could be fun for the dogs, could help train them to be less reactive to bikes, and be reassuring for the cyclists.</p> <p>The fencing will prevent off-lead dogs from accessing the lower ponds, which get toxic algae during summer, and will also protect wildlife in those ponds and the conservation area. All the ponds should be fenced so that dogs can not access them. In the fenced dog park plan, I would remove access to the small upper pond, as the water quality is not guaranteed, making it safer for the dogs and their owners' peace of mind.</p> <p>A dog park with a separate secure, smaller area for small, young, or nervous dogs and a larger area for large dogs would be a better idea than just one large area.</p>	Adele Geradts - Halswell Residents Association
35952	Yes	<p>I am involved with the mountain bike trail network adjacent to Halswell Quarry. We are grateful for access to these tracks through Halswell Quarry. Our club uses the current upper paddock area for races from November to March. I understand it will be disappointing for dog owners who are able to keep their dogs well under control to be restricted to a fenced area. However -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dog poo: we have witnessed many people allowing their dogs to run free and not keeping an eye on them and then those dogs stop to defecate and the owner is not aware of it. We have had to frequently remove dog faeces from the race area. If dogs were restricted to running free in a fenced off area it would not matter so much if some poo was missed because general users are less likely to be in the area. 2. Accidents: dog movements can be erratic and it is unsafe when a dog comes running out of the bushes in front of you. No rider wants to hit a dog. Sometimes dogs can be aggressive towards people on bikes and that is always quite alarming. We have also had situations where dogs run all over our race course oblivious to riders and with the owner no-where in sight. <p>Some history</p> <p>The first track at our Crocodile XC Mountainbike Park was built around 2002 when the Quarry was an infrequently used park. The first race was held there in 2005 and some of those earlier races had their start near the Cashmere Road carpark. As the park has got busier we have moved the space we use closer to the mountain bike tracks in order to have minimal impact on other users. The path along the south side of the upper paddock was the original mountain bike access track. As the park got busier this path was not wide enough for the amount of traffic it received and the path on the north side of the area was built at the end of 2014 for access to the mountain bike park. This created a gravelled loop around the upper paddock which became very popular with dog walkers as they could now do a circuit and keep their feet dry while their dogs played in the middle. The circuit was so popular that it was difficult for riders to get past walkers on the north-side track and looking at historical imagery you can see that by the start of 2016 an additional riding line had been formed next to the gravel path. In 2024 significant work was done to raise the path above water runoff from the hillside and to widen it further.</p> <p>Future needs:</p> <p>We have on occasion held significant national level mountain bike events at the Crocodile XC MTB Park and have used the area proposed for the Kahikatea Forest for parking. I think it would be prudent to keep the open area to the west of the Cashmere Road carpark reserved for a future carpark extension. Even now both carparks are often full and with more people moving to the area the demand is only going to increase. In the short term I am hoping that the grass towards the inner quarry next to the Findlays carpark can be used for overflow parking for major events. I understand that funding is not available at this time, but it would also be great if it was noted that an additional toilet block for quarry users coming from the Cashmere Road carpark would be useful. Changes to Kennedy's Bush and Cashmere Roads has affected the availability of extra carparking outside the quarry as well.</p> <p>There are other groups that hold events at the Quarry as well, such as Parkrun, rogaines, school, cultural groups and orienteering and these may also need extra parking in the future.</p>	Rebekah Tregurtha - Christchurch Singletrack Club

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		We highly value the Halswell Quarry rangers and appreciate the work they are doing to make this an enjoyable and useful space for all. A fenced off area will massively increase the safety for both riders and dogs on a daily basis.	
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Individuals

ID	Overall support for the plan	Submitter feedback	Name
36459	Yes	Fencing the dog exercise area will achieve multiple purposes: a) giving dog owners a secure place when their pets can run around without the possibility of getting lost in vegetation, b) clear identification of the edge of the dog exercise area (currently signs are reasonably good but can't be placed at every path junction) c) allowing non-dog owners to enjoy walking in the quarry park again. From recent experience, a walk on the hill tracks in the quarry will always mean having to pass several dogs which are not on a leash. I was chased by a group of 3 bichon(?) dogs last time I walked on the hill track on the north edge of the park. Owners are predominantly antagonistic when I point out that their dogs should be leashed in those areas. One friend living on Kennedys Bush Road will not venture onto the quarry rim trail at all due to the number of joggers and walkers with loose dogs.	Susan Elder
36442	Yes	As Halswell is my closest supermarket, I often exercise my dog at Halswell Quarry Park dog exercise area, which is a great opportunity for my dog to socialise with other dogs, which is good for her mental health and encouraging/reinforcing behaviour. As an avid bird watcher, I also do a lot of bird photography in the Halswell Quarry Park, usually after exercising my dog. I put her on a hands-free leashed harness once we leave the designated dog area. I strongly support the proposal to have the dog exercise area fenced. However, I have noticed a trend for dogs to be banned, even on leashes, from remaining areas of parkland once a fenced reserve is established. Every time I go to the Halswell Quarry Park I see families recreating with their children and dogs in the "dogs-on-leash" areas, and it is very important this is allowed to continue. What I would like to see, however, is more policing of the dogs-on-leash areas. As a responsible dog owner, nothing annoys me more than the many people I see allowing their dogs to roam off-leash outside of the designated dog park area. This increases risk for other park users and, in turn, creates conflict between users and dogs that often leads to unnecessary banning of dogs altogether. I have been visiting Halswell Quarry Park for far longer than I have owned my dog (approximately 13 years) and never once in that time have I seen council staff checking that dogs are on leash outside of the dog park area.	Stephen Attwood
36410	Yes	My husband and I own 2 dogs and are regular users of Halswell Quarry and exercise our 2 dogs there most days. I believe the proposal will have positive outcomes for both dog owners and others. The increased foot traffic to the park and through the current dog exercise area is making it more challenging to keep all safe, including dogs.	Elizabeth Schmidt
36403	Yes	A fenced off-leash area clearly defines where dogs can run freely, helping to avoid confusion over boundaries. There is research that shows that designated off-leash parks “reduce violations of the leash law and subsequent public complaints” by offering a clear alternative. I’ve experienced people claiming “dog ran away from me from the dog park” when you question them why their dog is off leash in a leash-only area, or ‘my dog is under control’ when the dog running off-leash almost tripped an elderly walker. Seems some dog owners feel they can get away with it because everything is open, and they seem to feel a sense of ownership of open spaces. No fencing, no access control, and mixed-use trails, worsening safety and compliance. Vulnerable people and people with anxieties about dogs or unexpected animal behaviour want to enjoy being outdoors too and want to know they safe and can clearly avoid those designated areas too.	Yvonne Williams
36357	Yes	- As an owner of a leash-reactive dog (i.e. my dog is anxious when she is on leash and other dogs are off leash), I cannot stress enough how fencing a designated dog park would be beneficial. The proposed area is significant, with open space and fencing clearly indicating boundaries of freedom. Without significant change, I'm unsure how likely it is that people will stop their off leash dogs in the rest of the park. I am completely understanding of those dog owners with very well behaved dogs, however, after living near the park for the last 3 years we have been rushed by dogs, attacked by dogs almost every visit we've had, and this space is now ruled out for us despite on-leash areas expected to be 'safe zones'. These visits completely changed my dogs personality forever, and unfortunately the damage has ben done, she is no longer as friendly as she used to be. With the rapid increase in population and infrastructure in Halswell, the current precedent for off leash dogs roaming throughout the entire park will likely only exacerbate the problem. - As an ecologist, I further cannot stress enough how important the designated area will be. Not only does it protect and allow for restorative and regenerating native wildlife, but toxic algal blooms are expected to only increase in the future and surrounding stagnant ponds and streams will only increase as hotspots. The designation of one pond in the dog park can therefore be wisely managed and monitored, but still provide benefits of enrichment for dogs. For the sake of keeping this response concise, I can only further support the Kahikatea forest, ecologically, ticks all the right boxes and will be socially beneficial for recreational walkers but also provides opportunities for teaching (primary through to university) of regenerative native forest (see comparisons to native forest in Banks Peninsula) . Currently the quarry supports high diversity of flora albeit, low native species proportionally. An increase of native flora will further support native fauna, particularly for migrating birds (e.g. Tui) from Port Hills and Banks Peninsula. Anecdotaly, every time I have visited Halswell Quarry, I have seen dogs harassing birds, trampling wetland flora, all things that to the average dog owner may not see as destructive. As a dog owner myself, I know these dogs cannot be blamed - these are dogs doing dog things! However, the proposal for the fence would provide beneficial protection for out native flora and fauna - particularly the wetland areas! Christchurch is a natural delta and therefore any enhancement/protection of wetlands will have many benefits (can't list them all here!) - Apologies for the length! I can see both sides for or against, but anecdotaly as a both a dog owner AND an ecologist I think the proposed area would be a beneficial addition to the park.	Izzy Busby

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36330	Yes	A fenced in dog exercise area and punishments for people who have their dogs outside the area off the leash would make me feel a lot more comfortable taking my two young children to Halswell Quarry.	Dominic Stent
36327	Yes	My wife and I are regular visitors to Halswell Quarry. We use the current dog park area to access the Crocodile mountain bike trail and the Kennedys Bush track around three times a week when they are open. We also enjoy walking in the park about three times a week and often take our grandchildren there to explore. Given the wide range of activities happening in the park, having a defined, fenced area for dogs would be a valuable addition. It would ensure there is a dedicated space for dogs while helping to keep them out of restricted or sensitive areas. While cycling, we have had dogs chase us, bark, snap at our legs, and even run directly in front of our bikes. When walking, we have encountered dogs behaving aggressively, barking in a threatening way. Halswell Quarry Park is an outstanding place that should be enjoyable and safe for everyone.	John McConchie
36318	Yes	Great idea and will help contain dogs in the one area and away from other park users. Will also be much clearer that other areas of the quarry are on lead only.	Mike Davies
36247	Yes	Very excited. Thank you very much. Our favourite park is Rangiora which has the following features. Fabulous for dogs and owners. High fences. Double gated. Agility area. Covered seating for dog owners. Walking track inside fences. Water for dogs and owners. Rubbish bins. Poo bags a welcome bonus. Separate fenced areas for large and small dogs.	Diane Harker
36231	Yes	Would love the area fenced because although there are signs everywhere about keeping dogs on their leash many owners ignore this. I love dogs but have in the past been attacked by one and walk regularly around the Quarry and feel nervous when dogs are running free. When dogs rush towards me it is even worse. Owners often say they won't hurt you but when you have already been attacked it can make you feel extremely anxious. I think it would improve everyones experience.	Bernadette Smith
36204	Yes	I fully support a dog park at the quarry. Please also add playground equipment and a flying fox at the Quarry also with a nature play theme. There is heaps of land not fully utilized at the quarry. The Ranger guy there is fabouls too. Great guy and great to chat too, an asset for the council. Also look at putting in a permanet track where the Halswell quarry parkrun goes as some ofnit is grass. That parkrun is super popular and an asset for community health. Thanks.	Rod Brown
36190	Yes	We must do more to make the Quarry accessible to all. I Cannot currently visit due to numerous instances of dogs charging my small children when we have tried to visit. They are now terrified of dogs, and get anxious even when seeing leashed dogs now. Current signage and enforcement hasn't worked, and keeping the status quo excludes many people from the park. Many dog owners are responsible, but many are entitled and selfish, with no regard to others. This clear demarcation will make it clearly obvious who is who.	Archie Goldsmith
36181	Yes	Yes, I support fencing the dog exercise area at Halswell Quarry Park. As it stands, off-leash dogs pose a real safety concern, particularly to children and to other dogs who may be anxious, reactive, or on-lead for a reason. While many dog owners are responsible, a fenced area provides a safer and more controlled environment where off-leash play can occur without impacting the wider public. It also helps prevent dogs from straying into other areas of the park, including shared paths and picnic spots. Given the high use of Halswell Quarry by families, walkers, and other recreational users, a designated and secure off-leash area would help balance the needs of dog owners with the broader community.	Kyle Sutherland
36176	Yes	Brilliant idea. My dog often goes in the water (as they do!) but would prefer he didn't have access as if the signs are up indicating stagnant water and harmful algae, I don't let him off the lead. This limits his exercise and freedom to run during these times. Would much prefer a fenced in dog exercise arena.	Chloe Bowes
36168	Yes	Great plan. I've been bitten by a dog as I biked through and not impressed being around dogs whose owners let them off and do not control them. It will be great to have a space away from them to get to the bike park and to run. Thanks!!!	Suzie Sauer
36165	Yes	Great idea! On a side note- would be nice to have a small playground for kids	Caitlin Henderson
36162	Yes	I'm all for fencing off a dog exercise area! We go daily but have to avoid the cycle track that goes through the current dog area as one of my dogs gets anxious around bikes. With it being fenced off, we would be able to use the whole area and we would have very happy and well exercised dogs!	Elysse Payne
36156	Yes	Need to be well signed, hopefully with fines for not following rules	Jared Brookes
36148	Yes	I have not used the Halswell quarry since having children as I've heard of so many dog attacks here that I'm not willing to take the risk. A fenced area would be a logical solution to help prevent these	Donna Stewart
36147	Yes	Honestly it's about time this happened. Even just little pockets of fenced area designated for off leash dogs would make such a difference. It doesn't have to be massive. Replicate Kakaha park with a specific space for small dogs.	Alyssa Labradores

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		I hate it when my labs go for the ponds too but it's so hard to stop them. They don't care and just love being in the water. I haven't taken them for an off leash walk at the quarry for years now as don't want to give them an ear infection and also disturb the peace of the wildlife.	
36146	Yes	As a father of small children who are scared of dogs, I would support anything that makes it more obvious where dogs can be let off the leash. I've had so many instances of having to pick up my child because of out of control dogs and I feel like a fenced area will really make it obvious to people where it is acceptable to let their dog off the leash.	Oliver Edwards
36141	Yes	Fencing would be very helpful and I would feel more confident using the rest of the park with my reactive dog in other areas of the park as it would be clearer where they should be on leads	Kezia Rodden
36134	Yes	Please do it! Dogs are making the quarry walking tracks terrible for families and people trying to walk. A defined area where dogs can be unleashed would save a lot of strfe as there would be clear boundaries	Karen McKinnon
36132	Yes	I think it's a good idea, I have a dog and use the dog park but also use the walking trails. People always have there dogs off lead around the rim track. I've been knocked over from an excited uncontrolled dog. So hopefully this would help with this. Most people suck at effective control.	Fiona Bond
36122	Yes	Yes please, I would support fencing the area and making other areas dog free or leash only at the very least. I do not enjoy visiting the quarry because of the badly behaved dogs here and their inconsiderate owners. It is especially a shame to see so many unleashed within the wetlands area. Please consider higher penalties for rule breakers to help fund the fences	Robyn White
36121	Yes	I approve there being an off lease area that is fenced, only on the condition that all other parts of the quarry remains leased dog friendly (like it is at the moment). Maybe have really obvious signs at the carparks.	Lottie Armstrong
36120	Yes	Overall I agree with a fenced dog area as being a positive concept for Halswell Quarry. However I don't think that the wetlands conservation area should be included in the fenced dog/off lead area. Surely dogs should be on lead in the conservation area, so as not to disturb and threaten the birdlife that naturally gravitates to that area of Halswell Quarry!!	JoAnne Dalton
36119	Yes	My dog has been the victim of an attack in the dogs exercise area. I would like to walk my dog at the quarry in leashed areas, however am deterred by the fact that dogs seem to be off lead everywhere in the quarry. There is also a lot of wildlife in areas of the quarry that require dogs on lead. Signage directing these owners to the off leash area would also help members of the public reinforce the message to people disobeying the rules.	Sarah Hampton
36116	Yes	Please fence this area!	Bex Lingley
36110	Yes	Need more than one rubbish bin (seems like only one on the plan).	Jacinta Cairns
36104	Yes	The rest of the area should be no dogs. I no longer use the wider quarry area as my 2.5 yr old daughter is allergic to dogs and we've had them run up to her almost every visit, even on leesh.	Zarah Green
36034	Yes	See attachment I love the look of the plans, especially the Kahikatea area. I have mixed feelings about fencing the dog exercise area. On one hand it will be great to be able to walk over to that area & up the hill where the new plantings & zig zag paths are, without having to worry about unruly dogs from the dog park ambushing myself & my nervous fox terrier dog. I used to do a big loop, from my house on Hyndhope Rd, but there was no way to avoid going through the dog park. My dog was traumatised on a few occasions by big dogs running up to him & I had to ask their human to call them off, but the dogs didn't have good recall. After that, I started avoiding the dog park & going around the periphery of the wildlife reserve where dogs are not allowed at all. But there was no way around without encroaching slightly into the wildlife reserve. I hope there will be paths around the periphery so I can avoid off-lead dogs & protected wildlife. The fencing will make it clearer where dogs can & cannot be off-lead. I would still really like to see more signs around the areas outside the dog park, reinforcing that dogs must be on-lead. I am also concerned about whether the fence will be 'in keeping' with the natural aesthetic of the quarry reserve as a whole & not ruin the natural beauty of the park. I have attached a screenshot of your plans. I have added a red line showing my basic route. The map doesn't include where I start from Hyndhope rd, across Kennedys Bush rd, past the cottage, up the quarry rim & to the top paddock & down. The red mark starts at the bottom track before the oval, across the oval, around the wildlife reserve & across KBR, through my neighbour's property to mine. The aqua line shows where I would ideally like to walk around & up the opposite hill, avoiding the dog park & carpark, to the kahikatea forest & home through our neighbours property. I wondered whether the dog park would also benefit from some wooden agility type equipment for dogs to focus their energy on, like ramps, upturned logs to walk on & lying logs to walk across. I'm sure there are dog training & agility experts who could advise. I am most concerned about the area across the road from the quarry which borders with my property. The council owns this land now & has told us that greens drain will be moved from my property onto this land & there will be retention ponds & wetland plantings & also a shared pathway through to Halswell quarry road. I was happy with this plan but after 2 or 3 years of waiting, I am anxious to get this drainage work done as it will directly affect my property & leave a large gap where the drain is now. I want to get native wetland plants in place of the drain asap so that they can grow & fill the huge gap & provide something beautiful where there has been a dumping ground for tyres & debris, floodwater pooling, huge piles of soil blowing dust our way through the dry weather & parking for heavy machinery. It is wonderful that there is funding for all this work in the quarry but it seems premature when we have been waiting for years for something to be done with the eyesore across the road from the quarry. In the last big rainfall, Kennedys Bush rd flooded, as did greens drain & all the properties containing it. Hundreds of houses have been built on what was paddocks, increasing the need for storm water to be drained. We have found it so hard to get information about the timeline for all this. Riverstone development put in their retention ponds & wetlands before the houses were built. But somehow 'The Carter Group' has not had to do the same. It has been a very long & frustrating process with noise & dust from machinery & constant roadworks. We feel we had no input in the changes made to Kennedys Bush Rd, which has added to our frustration. The most irrational change for us has been the carparks outside the quarry along Kennedys Bush Rd. Prior to the roadworks, there was once a large angle carpark, right outside the quarry gates, a photo of which you have included in your plans. That carpark was removed & replaced with a wide strip of grass & a lesser number of parallel parks. Worst of all has been the removal of our neighbours native plantings on the opposite side of the road, to accommodate a very long parallel park at the bottom of the hill, just after the bend. In our opinion, if the angle park had to go, this parallel park could have been moved further along so that it was outside the new wetland area & retention ponds. This would have saved the removal of our	Katherine O'Connor

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		neighbours beautiful plantings & made it much safer to cross, because it would have been further away from the bottom of the hill & the bend. When I tried to contact the council to present this alternative, I was told it was too late as the work was about to start. Yet just a few weeks ago, Andrei Moore, counselor for Halswell, managed to change the plans so a footpath & 2 pedestrian crossings could be included. I also emailed Johnson Civil & Davie Lovell-Smith to express my concerns about the possible pitfalls of these plans but received no reply from either party. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to have some input on the Quarry park reserve. It is enjoyed by many people in Christchurch & is a wonderful resource for our community.	
35987	Yes	It will be important to get proper path. Love the kahikitea forest and hope we can take dogs in there. Will be a real shame if we can't , but I know it will lead to more conflict about on/off lead.	Gemma Jackson
35980	Yes	I would like to see clear signage at all the entry/exit points for the fenced dog areas. I would rather see the upper paddock and middle paddock used as the fenced dog park area - The upper paddock may be better suited as it has an incline rather than all flat area, but it is further to walk to from the Cashmere entrance. In the fenced dog park plan, I would remove access to the small upper pond, as the water quality is not guaranteed, making it safer for the dogs and their owners' peace of mind. A dog park with a separate secure, smaller area for small, young, or nervous dogs and a larger area for large dogs would be a better idea than just one large area.	Adele Geradts
35969	Yes	Some seated areas with tables and some agility type constructions like at the Groynes would be useful too. I assume the path would be compacted gravel or similar. The current trail people have made by walking around the area is very muddy and slippery in winter.	Dianne Archie
35955	Yes	A good idea to keep dogs, non dog people and bikers seperate.	Brooke Christie
35936	Yes	I support fencing. Currently numbers of owners let dogs rome.	Les Memory
35920	Yes	When exercising my dog I worry about cyclists riding through the park as dogs play together there movements are often erratic and difficult for cyclists to avoid. I hope the proposed fenced area would include a range of plantings so that it is not just an open field. Although open is great having different trees and bushes add much more interest for dogs to smell and play around.	Carol Brandenburg
35911	Yes	Will be great to have a fenced dog park at Halswell Quarry Park without a bike track or walk track through it. Some dogs are good with other dogs but not with people without dogs. Bins for dog poo would also be good too please. Signs reminding people to pick up their dog poo too please	Catherine Luchford
35901	Yes	Looks great, are the areas for small and large dogs or are they going to have there own areas	Ange Papatheodosiou
35898	Yes	It would be good to have a fenced off area for dogs as the Halswell Quarry Park is currently a difficult area to navigate and enjoy, especially with young children.	Briege Entwistle
35889	Yes	This is a good idea to avoid unleashed dogs roaming into other community ideas. As bikes also use this area, to get thru to biking tracks, how will this be managed?	Robin Curry
35883	Yes	It would be helpful not to have dog walkers and cyclists vying for the path - safer for both if separated by a fence. Also some dogs need to run but are not socialized enough to come back when called so that fence again would make it more enjoyable for those owners.	Caroline oliver
35873	Yes	An excellent and overdue idea. I have had personal experience of being bowled over by a large dog while walking at Halswell Quarry Park. Nothing against dog parks in general, but yes please do fence them .	Keith Adams
35854	Yes	I think to fence the dog exercise area at the Halswell Quarry would be excellent. We, myself, my husband and our small cavoodle, Benji, love the Quarry and go almost daily to walk. It is an absolute pleasure to walk around the Quarry. We do worry about dogs that are not on a lead and in the part of the Quarry where it is required that dogs be on leads. We have a very small dog and he is great with most dogs, but it is a worry for us if dogs approach running free - as we always say - dogs are wonderful but you still don't know what they might do. To fence the dog exercise area to allow dogs to run free and to put clear signage in all other parts of the Quarry indicating that dogs must be on a lead would clarify for everyone where dogs need to be on a lead and where they can run free. It just makes it easier for everyone to know what is required of them.	Carol Gurr
35851	Yes	I would say that it is an excellent idea and about time. It should stop dog biting. I have visited Halswell Quarry from its conception and the number of dogs visiting there has increased considerably. I am not anti dogs as my son and daughter in law have a Lab and Spradoodle. There are now people walking more than two dogs and they are on the loose. Dogs should be on leads until their humans get them to the fenced in area.	Diane Rolton
35848	Yes	Yes it definitely needs to separate areas for larger dogs and smaller dogs. With double gating coming in and also going from one area to the other. Rangiora has one that is excellent also Kaiapoi. If it was modelled after either of these it would be great. Not like the one in Prebbleton, perfect with exception of the single gate going from one to the other. My small Australian Terrier was attached when a person, walked through leaving the gate open too long, where my dog was playing with his and he went through. and was subsequently attacked. He has fear aggression through being badly attacked by a large dog. Needless to say I have never been back. I complained to the council they said they don't have the funds to fix the problem. Since this happened to my dog I have met so many people with similar problems with smaller dogs, even without having been attacked they can be very snappy and that doesn't work with some so called quiet larger dogs can suddenly become aggressive. I would appreciate a reply. It would be such a great asset for so many people I can assure you. Thank you. Colleen Taylor.	COLLEEN TAYLOR
35844	Yes	I would like to see designated small dog & larger dog areas A great idea to fence them off 👍	Bernadette Smith
35842	Yes	I'm happy for this to be done as dogs need to be off a leash and run free and play. Many dogs these days are kept inside cramoed up or tied up outside so it's important for their well being to be able to run free off a leash.	Christine Tweedie

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35831	Yes	I support it as it will be great to be able to run without unleashed dogs coming at me. As a dog owner myself, it is good to know that dogs are contained as the high levels of rabbits at the park can mean dogs can be tempted to explore more widely. I hope that people will not permit unleashed dogs outside of the exercise park otherwise there is no point in the fencing.	Jacqueline Chester
35811	Yes	With increased number of dogs in CHCH the problem of dogs off leads are fouling the environment and increased bird disturbance I applaud CCC to construct more fenced dog parks plus clearer signage why. I do not live in the area but do go walks there regularly and 100% agree that this plan will resolve the issues encountered like grand children standing in dog poo and/or running up towards us scaring us not knowing if they are friendly OR coming towards us to attack us!	Tanya Jenkins
35783	Yes	I'd also really like to see the access to points from the Cashmere Rd Carpark widened, and for the rocks that the dogs pee all over on the side of the track into the current dog park to be removed. The smell of dog urine on entering the pathway adjacent to the pond from the cashmere Rd Carpark is overwhelming at times. Overall I think this is a great idea though, it will remind dog owners to keep dogs leashes outside of the fenced area which families with young kids will particularly appreciate.	Danielle Waterhouse
35779	Yes	I support dogs being off lead in a fenced area away from other users and wildlife, and support the Kahikatea forest. Given the experience in the recent wet weather in the wet grass, formal paths with a firm surface would be a good future investment!	Michael Town
35769	Yes	This is a fantastic idea.	Jaimie Monk
35768	Yes	<p>BACKGROUND</p> <p>Personal - I have 45 years as a landscape architect working on the design and implementation of projects in the public realm/ open space/recreation/wetlands and waterways throughout Australia and NZ; have lived adjacent to the Halswell Quarry Park (HQP) for 9 years and been volunteering once/twice a week at HQP for over 3 years. I am also a dog owner who uses HQP twice a day/7 days a week, and a mountain biker who regularly uses the HQP for access to the adjacent mountain bike park.</p> <p>HQP Context - since we moved into the Quarry View subdivision 9 years ago there have been approximately 1200 new sections developed within 1 kilometre or so of the HQP, the most significant of which, in terms of impact on the HQP, are the approximately 500 sections developed as part of the Kennedys Green and Riverstone subdivisions fronting Kennedys Bush Road and Glovers Road.</p> <p>ISSUES</p> <p>With the massive increase in local population over the last 3 years in particular dog ownership in the area has also increased dramatically, with resultant unprecedented pressure on HQP as a dog exercise area.</p> <p>Currently HQP has one large designated off-lead and unfenced dog exercise area. The balance of the park, including car parks, picnic areas, Sister City Gardens, Quarry Rim walk, shared pedestrian/bike paths, streams, native bush, wetlands, ponds and wildlife protected areas, is reliant on a range of signage to inform users and the self-management of dog owners to follow the 'rules'.</p> <p>This reliance on self-management is proving totally ineffective especially with new property/dog owners establishing new norms of behaviour which increasingly are the source of conflict between user groups, and increased damage to wetlands, ponds, new native bush plantings, and wildlife.</p> <p>Significantly large areas of HQP, previously free of unleashed dogs, have now become unintended extensions of the dog park - an outcome that is quite outside the guidelines of the existing HQP Management Plan.</p> <p>In addition to conflict and damage there are now a number of significant health and safety issues associated with off-leash dogs roaming outside of the designated off-leash areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - User groups expecting to picnic and walk in safety now have to deal with unleashed dogs throughout the park; - Car parks and vehicle access roads are frequently impacted by off-leash dogs; - Designated wildlife /conservation areas now lack protection; - Safety for walkers and runners is seriously compromised by uncontrolled dogs along narrow paths such as the Quarry Rim track; - The character and appeal of the six Sister-City gardens as places of contemplation and passive recreation are regularly threatened; - Dog excrement from off-leash dogs is now a major health problem to totally unacceptable levels throughout the park - this has become particularly evident during community planting day seasons where volunteers have to be warned to be aware of excrement. Rangers and those involved in planting preparation, set-out and planting are constantly dealing with health issues associated with contamination of planting sites; - Park staff, contractors and volunteers are constantly having to deal with safety issues associated with off-leash dogs, including potentially dangerous conflicts between dogs and vehicles/machinery. <p>SOLUTIONS</p> <p>CCC must acknowledge and resolve these issues before it becomes so significant that the current conditions dog owners consider to be the 'norm' will have become so entrenched that any enforcement or implementation of new proposals will become impossible, and the essence of HQP as a destination for a diverse range of users in an outstanding and unique range of heritage, cultural and natural landscape types will be seriously compromised. HQP is not a dog park and cannot be allowed to become one through Council ineffective management and inaction.</p> <p>The CCC must engage in a concerted effort across a range of fronts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fencing, gates and paths in accordance with the proposed dog exercise area plan to protect and enhance existing areas and the wider visitor experience; - Education - prior to, and following, the fencing implementation initiate a solid month or so of education (across all days and times of the week, including public holidays), where information is handed out to dog owners (verbally and A5 leaflets) explaining where off-leash, on-leash, and no-go areas are and the intention of CCC to instantly fine non-compliance; the messaging should be across all social media platforms and extended to local neighbourhood groups to spread the word and the reasoning behind the new level of enforcement; Signage - new consistent and clear messaging on all signs at transition points throughout the park including the amount of the instant fine for non-compliance; Enforcement - regular periodic enforcement patrols and instant fines. 	Wayne Rimmer

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		<p>Enforcement must not be a role for the rangers (and by association the volunteers) - they are the interface between Council and the park, and must be able to retain this positive and educative role if there is to be a long term reliable and confident relationship with our community.</p> <p>IN SUMMARY</p> <p>Non-fencing of the proposed dog exercise area is not an option given the current levels of non-compliance with the HQP Management Plan, the increased local population, the increased pressure on HQP as a recreation destination for an increasingly diverse range of user groups, the increase in conflict between different user groups and off-leash dogs, the health and safety issues for users, staff, contractors and volunteers associated with off-leash dogs, and the impact of unleashed dogs on the heritage, cultural and conservation areas within the HQP.</p>	
35760	Yes	Please have an internal separate area for small dogs. Otherwise a great proposal for the Quarry. This proposal is needed.	John Walker
35750	Yes	It would be ideal.	Agustina Gratton
35749	Yes	Yes be good. As long as you can still access all areas	Hayley Jones
35740	Yes	Plant plenty of trees and water they can drink from	Kate Shuker
35739	Yes	<p>It would be great if there were some small "one dog at a time" fenced areas where you could have ten minutes to yourself.</p> <p>This is because many folks' dogs are just not under effective control and it's hard to know which dogs are going to end up being aggressive.</p> <p>So would just be easier if did that are recovering from an attack (like mine) could be given a safe little bubble - even if only for a few minutes- to stretch their legs without interference.</p> <p>And I know the argument is that we should just get a bigger yard but honestly when we got a dog we thought the Quarry would be a good place to exercise her in and didn't realise it was going to turn out to be frequented by irresponsible owners and have regular attacks.</p> <p>Between the Quarry and Wetland the amount of out-of-control and honestly dangerous dogs is unbelievable and there's nothing the council can do unless you happen to get identifying details of the owners. So the next best option is to have some little one-in-one-out mini Paddocks. Only need to be a quarter acre max! Or even less.</p>	Holly Phillips
35734	Yes	I think its good and be a good idea to have a large and small dog section	Jack Perkins
35731	Yes	Makes sense to fence the area off, but shame not to include the upper field too.	Danielle Belcher
35728	Yes	I really want the fenced area to happen so it is again safe to take my dog walking without it being attacked. I know so many people who are tired of dogs being loose with no recall.	Barbara Burgess
35718	Yes	Fantastic idea to improve safety. The current open dog area coincides with the mountain bike track and common walkers routes. I currently do lot let my dog off leash at the quarry in case she bothers anyone or runs into a bike. A fenced area would be a welcome respite to feel more comfortable letting the dogs run around more where they are welcome to. The quarry is a fantastic part of the city, it would be awesome to see a dedicated dog space with appropriate safety measures so everyone can enjoy the space.	Danielle McCulloch
35713	Yes	<p>Fencing the dog exercise area at Halswell Quarry Park is a sensible and timely idea. Although the park's current management plan reflects a rural setting, this no longer aligns with its reality. The park is now completely surrounded by new housing developments, and this urban growth has led to a significant and rapid increase in park usage—particularly over the past few years, which could be supported by visitor data. To meet the evolving needs of the community, the park's management approach must also evolve.</p> <p>One key improvement needed is a fully fenced dog exercise area. This would provide a clear, unambiguous space where dogs are allowed off-leash. At present, it's common to see dogs off-leash in areas where they shouldn't be, with owners often claiming they were unaware of the rules. However, this is not a signage issue—the park is already well-marked with signs and maps indicating where dogs may be exercised off-leash. In reality, a responsible dog owner should also check park rules online before visiting.</p> <p>The core issue is that without a physical boundary, the rules are too easily ignored or overlooked. A fenced area removes all doubt, making it obvious where dogs can be off-lead and helping to ensure greater compliance.</p> <p>Equally important is the impact this has on other park users. When dogs are off-leash in non-designated areas, it can cause fear and anxiety for people—especially those who have had traumatic experiences with dogs in the past. For someone living with such trauma, visiting a public park should feel safe and welcoming. Instead, they may be deterred from coming altogether due to dogs roaming freely throughout the park.</p> <p>This undermines the goal of making parks inclusive and enjoyable for everyone. A fenced dog area would help address this, by ensuring dogs can still be exercised freely, but in a controlled and appropriate environment</p>	Asher Richards
35710	Yes	<p>Firstly, I'd like to say I love the effort CCC puts in to dog exercise facilities. Generally speaking there's lots of options and they're maintained extremely well.</p> <p>My only request/concern comes from the perspective of the owner of a dog who isn't sociable but would still love to be able to go to an enclosed area for a run once in a while.</p> <p>We moved from Wellington last year and that's a notable distinction between the way the two authorities setup their dog parks; we had several near us with a dedicated area for solo dogs/dogs that didn't want to socialise with lots of others. They aren't big areas so you don't sacrifice lots of room to provide it, but just enough space to let them chase a toy, whilst being kept seperate from dogs that are happy to mingle with others. These areas also used some block-out fabric around the fence line so the dogs couldn't see each other through the chainlink fences.</p> <p>I'm aware this would add some additional cost, but it would cater to owners who may not have a big enough garden to let their dogs run off lead - something that's becoming even rarer as the housing plots cross the city get ever smaller.</p>	Phil Williams
35703	Yes	<p>Great idea. You can't have a wetlands area that is not fenced off as is the current situation.</p> <p>I note you intend to keep the pond, which is great, but it needs to be kept clean with fresh flowing water. Currently it's full of algae and duckage and not suitable for dogs.</p>	Bill Sissons
35697	Yes	<p>Yes, please combine this with enforced fines for those who have their dogs off leash in the on leash areas.</p> <p>It would also be nice to have a separate area for small dogs</p>	Sophie Morton

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35688	Yes	This is a great idea as it will allow people to let their dogs off leash and exercise. Hopefully it'll mean they'll keep dogs on leash outside the fenced area and those of us who are not dog people can enjoy the rest of the quarry without random dogs off leash running aggressively at us.	Marie Percy
35686	Yes	Fencing should run either side of the formalised path linking Cashmere Rd car park to the exercise area because dogs run free and uncontrolled from the minute they are let out of the vehicles ATM. Will dogs running unleashed around the Halswell Quarry Rim Track & the rest of Halswell Quarry Park be regulated & enforced as a result of more land being allocated to dogs at the lower levels?	Jill Handoll
35684	Yes	I think it needs to be fenced - there has been a number of reports on facebook of dogs being attacked by other dogs and nothing being done by the owners.	Jill Banbury
35681	Yes	Yes, I'd like to suggest having a separate fenced area for small dogs. I have had many bad experiences in the past when taking my small dogs into dog parks where large and small dogs are in the same area. It would be nice for those of us that would like to keep our small dogs safe, to have this option.	Lisa Wright
35680	Yes	There should be clear signs all around the park telling the public that dogs should be on leash untill inside the dog park. Many dogs are let off leash strait from the car park and run around the paths annoying on leash dogs and people.	Abby McLauchlan
35674	Yes	Fencing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The pond should be in a separate area (ie with access via a small gate from the dog exercise area). This makes life a lot easier for owners of dog who love water, but don't want to deal with a wet muddy dog every time they exercise them. ▪ The entrance gates need to be double (ie with a separate holding space), as is done at the new Prebbleton dog park. This stops off leash dogs running out into the main park area. ▪ There needs to be a smaller separate small dog section. Confident/social small dogs can still access the main exercise area. Again refer to how it's done at the Prebbelton dog park. Other Matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It needs some agility apparatus ▪ The dog wash station needs to be separate from the drinking station (the photo example is totally impractical) ▪ A perimeter walking track is ok, but unnecessary as dogs and people tend to interact in the central area of these spaces ▪ Will the lower paddock be suitably drained? A dog exercise area needs to be not muddy, and well mowed. ▪ An extra doogy doo bin at west end of the proposed fenced area is needed. 	Richard Hallum
35670	Yes	Great idea. Lost dogs come up to our driveway above the current dog park frequently and run on Cashmere Road which is getting busier with new housing.	Lucy Burgess
35669	Yes	An excellent idea- will stop my dog jumping in the muddy water and getting filthy! The large area is great for them to run and doesn't need to be split into large and small dog areas - Victoria Park works very well	John Dumsday
35668	Yes	I don't mind how it's done. This brilliant area right next to our garden for the last 45 years has become hopelessly difficult to manage and must be treated as less 'a landscaped botanic garden' and more a shared space for vastly more users than before.	Jan Walker
35666	Yes	It needs to be like the Prebbleton dog park with separate areas for small dogs and large dogs as there are too many dog fights and owners that don't care about their dog off the leash at the Quarry and I stopped going there because of this years ago. From reading the community page on facebook, there is still plenty of this behaviour occuring.	Mel Murrell
35663	Yes	A fenced area stops dogs running out on the road.	Gretchen Boyd
35662	Yes	Fantastic plan. This will make the rest of the park available to families with children not comfortable with dogs off leash. Policing the on-leash rule for the rest of the park will go a long way to making the Quarry park a friendly place for everyone.	Dave Elder
35661	Yes	Have been a regular for quite a few years now and think the proposal is a good one. Allows freedom for the dog people and also the many other users of the park.	Deborah Hawkins
35660	Yes	I think it's a great idea, I use the quarry for mountain biking, but think it's an awesome facility for many diverse types of users and as such it's getting busy. Not a dog owner but could imagine it is well enjoyed as owners get to let their dogs off leash to run and have fun with others but this can be a bit unsafe as the bikers currently traverse through a mixed shared area. The fence would create a safe barrier that i would not have to be excessively high or obtrusive. Overall I can't see it as anything but a positive.	brendan Hellyer
35659	Yes	Great idea to keep them away from the bikes that are heading to the bike park and keep them out of the water	Tayla Wright
35657	Yes	Great to keep dogs and bikes away from each other. I see dogs run in front of bikes and I see cyclists going fast through the dog park - no blame, just that they don't work well in the same space.	Dan de Boer
35653	Yes	Could you consider having a small dog area separate from the big dog area similar to Kakaha Dog Park, please?	Crisselda Singson
35652	Yes	I would prefer the pond be gated off optional access as we struggle keeping our dog out of it if she gets too hot running around, and it often is not safe for dogs to swim in. Not fussed on small dog areas. Drinking fountains for dogs a must.	Celia Popkin
35651	Yes	Fencing the dog area is a good idea to separate the dogs from the walkers.	Scarlett Mcconnell
35650	Yes	Yes fenced is a great idea.	Danielle Marra
35645	Yes	A fenced dog area is a great idea. I dont have a dog (i like them) but i like walking there, it would feel safer knowing where the off leash dogs. I have a toddler and i am pregnant, currently its not safe to walk there because of offleash dogs can be anywhere and last time one jumper up on my toddler.	Angela Carmine
35636	Yes	So so much better having the dog area fenced makes off leash area clear and love the area choosen and that pond is included our dog loves the pond when its clean	Elvina Clarke

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35633	Yes	We walk our dog in the area weekly, but don't let off the lead in the open area due to the bird sanctuary near by. Would be great to not have to worry.	Sean Smith
35632	Yes	It's a good idea to have a fenced dog exercise area at Halswell Quarry Park because some people have high energy dogs and the owners are not fit enough to run with their dog, nor do they have adequate control over their dog. However my experience of fenced dog parks is that they are not suitable for smaller dogs that are easily intimidated by inconsiderate high-energy dogs. By inconsiderate I mean dogs that don't approach other dogs gradually having regard for the body language of the other dog. That type of behaviour is a contributor to small dogs developing defensive aggression. Because I have a small non-aggressive dog I find that dog parks are scary places for her that don't meet our needs. We look for parks that allow dogs off-leash along routes rather than in fenced fields. The reason this makes a difference is that other dogs are travelling in only 2 directions and are more easily managed by owners. If inconsiderate dogs are coming towards us, the interaction can be managed and is soon over, if inconsiderate dogs are coming from behind us, we can stand aside and let them pass. In a small field like Victoria Park there is no well-defined ring route and it's just dogs going willy nilly, and the dog density is too high. I have to protect her from inconsiderate energetic dogs, so it's not a great option. Our happy places are the wetland ring routes (Te Kuru, Sparks, Cracroft) and the Port Hills tracks - the ones without mountain bikes so she doesn't get run over.	Alicia Warren
35631	Yes	This is an excellent idea, especially given the frequent number of unpleasant, sometimes harmful incidents occurring between dogs and/or their owners and innocent children, adults and other dogs. This initiative will not, however, solve the problem entirely. In the 29 years that I have lived here, I have seen plenty of aggressive behaviour by dogs and their owners, who also are often uncaring and irresponsible, so I do not believe that all dog owners will respect the fences. To give them an incentive to follow the rules, I suggest an on-the-spot \$500 (or more) fine for certain offences, e.g. taking one's dog - leashed or unleashed - into the conservation area and taking one's dog unleashed anywhere else outside the fenced areas. If the owner cannot pay immediately, I suggest the dog be impounded until the owner pays the full amount. Although such a penalty may seem draconian, I believe a 'soft touch' will not make the Quarry Reserve safer for innocent adults, children and well-behaved dogs - I have simply seen far too many unpleasant incidents over the years. The fine revenue could fund the appointment of a part-time inspector/enforcement officer.	Sidney Weil
35628	Yes	No I happy with fencing ' I hope I can still walk the hills with the dog on leash	Lynn Sessa
35627	Yes	Would love this - we love visiting with our Labrador and he always ends up in the water so would love a fenced area for him to play!	Daisy Sinclair
35626	Yes	Fencing is needed and would be good if it was done like Prebbleton and had a separate small dog area	Michelle Blake
35625	Yes	There needs to be one for small dogs and another for bigger dogs ,the small dog one needs to be a generous size as the Prebbleton one is hopeless for walking small dogs their big dog one is ok .	Diane Richardson
35624	Yes	Great idea, we love this area along with our dog. As Halswell locals, we would use this area a lot more if it was fenced so we can trust our dog is contained and not at risk of chasing a rabbit or roaming. The fenced area appears practical and doesn't negatively affect any of the popular walking/biking routes. Fully supportive of this project!	Aidan Wills
35623	Yes	It would be great as our little dog doesn't always come back on recall so a fenced area would make our experience so much better knowing the dogs are safe and won't disturb any birds nesting etc.	Malin Smith
35620	Yes	As a MTB user of the park, this is a great idea.	Daniel Tredinnick
35619	Yes	Would this then be known as a dog park as it will be fenced and gated? Unsure what the difference between dog park and dog exercise area is in this case.	Nova Knight
35616	Yes	This is such a good idea!! Please please please do it. It's a great place for dogs and would help with safety in the high traffic areas. I am there very often with my dog and that area is mostly used by people with dogs.	Francesca Bosca
35615	Yes	A much needed area for both the dog and others using the area	Dean Thomson
35613	Yes	The proposal looks large enough to accommodate the current high level of people and their dogs using the Quarry. Multiple access areas is important to ease any congestion at gates.	Jany Taylor
35612	Yes	Yes I think the fencing is a great idea. It provides a safe and contained space for our doggies to play and socialise. The current setup isn't great as it is hard to know exactly where the dogs are allowed to be off leash. There is also the pond which has unsuitable water for dogs to swim in, it's very hard to keep our swimming mad dogs out. There also needs to be some way to manage people that don't pick up their dogs poo, there is an increasing amount being left behind across all dog parks in Christchurch, very gross and frustrating for us responsible dog owners who don't take eyes off our dogs.	Katie Dalton
35611	Yes	Having a fenced dog area at the Halswell Quarry Park is a terrific idea. My dogs have decent recall but I'm still not that comfortable letting them loose at the current exercise area due to it not being that far from Cashmere Road as well as the fact people in bicycles have a shared path that runs through the exercise area. I do worry about where anyone with a horse would be able to go under these proposals as from what I understand where the new fenced area ventures into is where the people and their horses can go on.	Debbie Mirambel
35609	Yes	I have pointers and they like big open spaces to run in. There a lot of pointers/retrievers in ChCh who are the same. I rotate through the various parks but the Groynes takes a while to get to from our side of town so visit the Victoria Dog park nearly daily. Having another alternative, especially a big space with trees and nature for them to explore would be a huge benefit. I am sometimes reluctant to let them off there if its busy because you can't control MTBs coming through, or non-dog people who don't necessarily want to interact with our friendly dogs.	Gillian Krzanich
35607	Yes	This is a great idea and fully support, thank you	Fiona Small
35605	Yes	Walk my daughter's dog there. Great area and I value the opportunity to enjoy native plantings.	Sonia Bell

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35604	Yes	I believe this is long overdue and a simple solution. A larger area will make it easier for dogs to run with less issues and the fenced area will clearly delineate the dog exercise area making it clearer that dogs should not be off leash elsewhere in the quarry park. A fenced area keeps dogs out of the path of bikes and picnickers etc making it safer for all users A fenced dog park is really helpful for those of us trying to train our dogs as it means if they do take off we know they cant go too far	Kate Cleverly
36508	Somewhat	I support including a fenced area for the dog recreation area in Halswell Quarry Park however I do not support its extent or location. The proposed fence alignment will significantly block pedestrian and other users access from the cashmere road carpark to the quarry buildings and toilet area. Other recreational users should be able to move across the centre of the park without having to negotiate two gates and unleashed dogs. There needs to be a new shared path running from the Cashmere carpark to link with the existing formed path at the western end of the Oval. This path could run from the Rotary Picnic entrance to the existing bridge over the north/south swale and then onto the oval area or it could follow a route to the east of the north /south swale where most people currently walk. Since Halswell Quarry Park was first proposed back in 1989 the surrounding urban area has grown significantly and a lot of people now walk or bike to the park, which is great , placing a large fenced area in the middle of the park will force people to the outer edges and slopes and dominate the ambience of the central corridor and open space. Setting aside nearly half of the open flat central grassed area of the park for a dog exercise is too generous. I don't believe the dog area should extend any closer to the Canterbury wetland and conservation area than its current unfenced location. If, as an alternative, a second fenced area was to be proposed on the upper eastern terrace (also a current designated dog exercise area) instead of the western portion of the proposal then there should also be open north/south shared path between the Gansu and Songpa-Gu sister cities gardens i.e. two separate fenced areas. Good luck and thanks for considering my submission	Dennis Preston
36445	Somewhat	See attachment Yes I do for three 3 reasons: 1. A lack of vegetation for the size of the proposed space 2. The West paddock has some serious issues with flooding 3. A fenced dog exercise area will increase the risk of owners with uncontrolled dogs I've details these concerns in the accompanying document, along with a photo of the West paddock.	Rachel Ah Kit
36433	Somewhat	I don't agree with the proposed boundaries of the fenced area. Parts of the 'lower field' are getting waterlogged in winter and during rainy times in summer, therefore would not be usable for walking and would not be a good replacement for the top field, which is the driest of the 4 grass fields. That also means that the proposed area would not be the same or larger than the current off-leash area. It would also be good to have not only grassed area but also bushes and trees inside the fenced area. At the moment, it looks like it would only include grass. While dogs wouldn't get lost as often, I also don't think that it solves the problem of people walking their dogs off-leash now in the areas where they should be leashed. That would be more a matter of community education.	Carolyn Weser
36404	Somewhat	See attachment I have an internal conflict on where I stand with this. My submission is coming from a somewhat open minded view with both positives and negatives. There is further information in my attached PDF. Summary: I would love to see the Council take a more proactive approach to educating dog owners on proper etiquette and understanding dog behaviour. - Recall. Some people genuinely may not realize that another person (or dog) doesn't want an interaction even if the persons dog is friendly. Dogs should not get in the way of others. - People can forget the walk is for the dog, and its not just physical exercise but mental enrichment. They need to let their dogs engage with the environment, sniff and play – not just walk in a circle. Dogs do show different levels of excitement when exploring different places. - Leaving their dog waste could be deadly for a young puppy, as well as unpleasant for others including gardeners and reserve workers. I hope that fencing doesn't remove any of the existing on-lead areas. The fence would help separate the bikers from dogs, especially the shared pathway between the two dog parks and the dog water fountain where bikers ride past. Will the pond being included in the new dog park be regularly tested for toxic algae? The incline of the (current) dog park 2 is being replaced with a flat swampy area. The former can be used even in rain (due to the slope), but the latter is often very wet with some areas in ankle deep water. Can a swale be built at the boundary of the proposed new area and a raised pathway on the inside. Can the treeline on the quarry side of Dog Park 1 be added into the proposal. Trees and bushes are so important for many reasons. (See my picture and explanation in PDF) Some are mentioning the fence ruining the atmosphere. However if you keep in the trees I've outlined in my PDF this may negate this concern. More people may use the dog park if it is fenced, but this may also bring in more people that have less recall. Loss of swales (while I know its not designed for this), I've seen many dogs (and children in gumboots with their dogs) playing when the swales have a bit of water. Some dogs don't swim, but like to run through shallow water. If a fenced dog park is being considered, will there be an opportunity to include more enrichment structures for dogs? A nature play area could be a cost-effective way to incorporate elements like large rocks, logs, bark or dirt mounds, and herbs (see my PDF for more examples). These features support mental stimulation, which is just as important for dogs as physical exercise. Adding a few extra features might also help appease those who are unhappy with the proposed changes. My PDF has many examples of natural items that could be added some examples include: Sand pit, giant tyres, and a log tunnel.	Ange Nicol

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36365	Somewhat	<p>I belong to the Halswell Small Dogs Group (HSD nearly 300 members), I also volunteer at the Quarry Park (for quite a few years) gardening and pruning So am often in the Park somewhere I do understand and see the problems of balancing the differing needs of all the users The dog park quarry area is one of our HSD walks several times a week and has been for 3 years. Our dogs absolutely love it - they are so deliriously happy There are very few areas where they can do so The bottom field is often too wet walk on (such as on 16th June) The dogs get absolutely muddy and wet - this is not going to work very well Because of the new housing this is only going to get worse unless you put in more drainage In summer it can be so hot in the dog area that we actually walk the dogs under the trees We have never had any trouble with other dogs Our only issue is the small pond, as this is really dangerous for our dogs and we try to avoid it. This could be fenced off We have observed more problems with dogs at the Te Kakaha Dog Park (2 areas) in Prebbleton, Here the dogs are fenced in and the owners stand there on their cell phones! We have even seen owners having a punch up We do wonder also if this proposal will cause more pressure on the car park The only problem we have are some entitled cyclists who feel they do not need to give way to walkers and dogs They do not want to wait or go on the grass - some go right through the group of say 15 dogs and owners! I have observed them also go through the Japanese garden and Finlay Park We do wonder if this proposal will cause more pressure on the car park The cost of the fencing and the drainage that would be required for your proposal could be looked at in another way. That the cyclists enter their mountain biking area - where they jump and dig and make hills; from another area elsewhere The area is accessible from the top of Kennedy's Bush Road for cyclists After all they are accessing a private property The area of the fields is a wonderful open natural area; it would be a shame to fence it off in the way that has been proposed. It has amazing views of the alps and surroundings. The whole Quarry Park is a very special Treasure/Tahonga in the city The rangers (and over 100 volunteers) under the guidance of Nigel Morritt do a fantastic multi-tasked job</p>	Dorothea Herron
36232	Somewhat	<p>We absolutely love the Quarry dog area, we have a small dog who adores bring able to run freely, sniff at trees and engage with other dogs/humans. We have never seen any alterations, dogs or humans, our dog is well socialized, well behaved and this is the only place we have found where she can truly be "free". She is always under our watchful eye, responds pretty well to call, we would encourage you not to fence, then it would just be like all the other dog parks</p>	Gail Towler
36179	Somewhat	<p>Don't feel fences are necessary/ it would feel wrong in this open area. I don't own a dog/ have never met unleashed dogs in wrong area. Feel requirements are clear so owners who ignore would continue to do so.</p>	Dawn Finn
36173	Somewhat	<p>Yes I am all for a fenced off area, but I also have a small dog that likes to run go along the trees on the side and take a leak on the bushes, and wouldn't be able to do that with the fence in place</p>	Jordan Neall
36167	Somewhat	<p>I really love the Halswell Quarry dog park as it is – the open space is what makes it so special. I completely understand the concerns around dogs being off-leash in other areas of the quarry where they shouldn't be. One thing that might help is making the boundaries of the dog exercise area clearer. There aren't that many main entrance points, so perhaps a more natural boundary – something that's not a full fence but still provides a visual or physical marker – could be a good middle ground. I visit the quarry most weeks and really appreciate its beauty and openness without too many fences. That said, I do notice that cyclists sometimes pass through the dog area at speed, which can be a bit risky – better separation there could be helpful. There also seems to be limited signage. Apart from signs at the carpark entrances, it's not always obvious where dogs should or shouldn't be off-leash. Improving signage within the dog park and surrounding areas could really help make the boundaries and expectations clearer. Ultimately, fencing may not stop people from letting their dogs off-leash in other areas of the quarry – some will always disregard the rules. Perhaps part of the solution could be better education, clearer reporting processes for genuinely unsafe dog behaviour, and stronger consequences for those who don't follow the rules. It's definitely a tricky balance, but I wanted to share my thoughts as a regular visitor who loves the space.</p>	Christina Rankin

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36158	Somewhat	Please include existing planting within any fencing! One of the best parts of the current dog park at Halswell Quarry is that it isn't fenced, and that it is surrounded by great native bushes and trees. It's a great planted area, where you can have a nice walk, but also let your dog off the leash. There's hardly any places you can do both those things (Sparks Rd stormwater reserve, Quaifes Rd SW reserve, the big new one on Cashmere road, none of them allow dogs off leash to explore in the bushes. Vic Park dog area is another example of an off-leash dog area surrounded by bush, but the dogs can't go in any of it! It's just a bunch of grass). My dog and lots of dogs love going in and out of the trees and bushes around the edge of the park. If this is going to be fenced, PLEASE can you include as much of the planting surrounding the dog areas included within the fencing as possible? The current plan shows hardly any surrounding bush included within the fencing. At the least, please expand the fencing to include the bush along the southern edge of the main area. No one else uses this. The fencing could just go on the south side of that strip of bush. Without this, it's just another big boring fenced grassed area, and I just won't use it as much. The Quarry is so popular exactly because it currently isn't that.	Duncan Henderson
36154	Somewhat	I think it's important that dogs are still allowed on leash in other parts of the quarry. There are relatively so few walking tracks in Canterbury where dogs are allowed that are easy reach for people. But I agree with separating the bikes from the dogs— that's an accident waiting to happen and no one dog or rider would come off well given the speed of bikes coming down at the end of a ride.	Shantal Jones
36149	Somewhat	I walk Halswell Quarry park at least 5 times a week with my dogs, I keep my dogs on leash and choose to walk the Quarry Rim loop as I have full dogs which other dogs can be aggressive towards. Installing a fully fenced dog area as proposed directly impacts the way I personally use the park with my dogs. I would no longer be able to access the Quarry Rim track from Cashmere Road Car park without having to either use the shared path which includes mtbs (dogs and mtbs do not go well) or walk through gates and fences. Also the accessible walking track is not accessible with animals, dogs are banned from the conservation wetland. I will end up having to access the park from Kennedys Bush to avoid the shared path. The existing shared path narrow enclosed area from the Cashmere Road car park to the accessible walking track is not pleasant to use in peak periods because of the mtbs and other dogs. Strava heatmaps shown the large amount of walkers travelling from the Cashmere Road car park through to the cafe / Quarry Rim track. Why would you block this regular walking route because dog owners want a fully fenced area. The eastern area is understandable to make as a fully fenced area as this is a regular spot used by dog owners, but the western side requiring bridge access to be provided does not. Also the area directly below the Quarry Rim area is not as well used as the dog exercise area, has this been investigated to be used as a fenced dog area? Kakaha Park Dog Park is a 7 minute drive from 4 Foden lane, for drivers travelling from Knight stream it is actually quicker to travel to Kakaha Park Dog park then to Halswell Quarry. Aidanfield it adds an extra minute of driving. Please just consider the history of the Quarry before adding man made structures when there are existing facilities and even another proposed dog park in the south west of Christchurch? Have Papo been consulted with? https://papo.org.nz/permanent-courses/ and other user groups of the park. Facilities proposed within the plan, multiple existing rubbish bins are not shown, nor will 1 rubbish bin be enough for the area being proposed. Te Kuru Wetland has a large amount of animal waste within the first 150m from any entry as there are no rubbish bins, so dog owners are just leaving it behind. Happy to provide the strava heat maps or else talk with Mike Ferigo in the transport planning team for access to them.	David McCormick
36145	Somewhat	It's not clear what the top part of the dog exercise area would be - the top paddock which then goes on to the crocodile park. It's so so common for us (and I'm certain many others) to walk both those areas in a loop or two to ensure our dogs get a good walk in. If this is not part of the proposed fenced area and will no longer be allowable for dogs then I am in less support of the proposal than if it included this large area. We love the freedom we feel by taking our dog to Halswell. It's not just about the dogs running free in a fenced area but there's the space to have a nice walk ourselves in those two paddocks and I'd hate to lose that feeling.	Katherine Taine
36135	Somewhat	I don't like the idea that 50% of the current dog park (the top half that leads to the beginning of the mountain bike forest trail) is now longer part of the dog park. The is short-sighted to then pour rate payers money into establishing a new small additional dog park area. I would also question what the actual need is for fencing - I don't believe the cost/benefit ratio of this is justified.	Brian Woods
36112	Somewhat	I think a fenced area would be great, however I think the crater area should be utilized and the field is kept for community events. To be held in. The crater is hardly used, it is not suitable for planting out, is already in poor condition due to rabbits, and less fencing would be required to contain it. The crater is currently used for community events such as the lions xmas concert and it is not only dangerous as cars are allowed entry, there are rabbit holes everywhere, but also becoming too small. If we want to keep utilizing the quarry for community events a larger area is needed. The fields that are currently used for dog area would be great and has heaps of access. A forest would be a great addition, and I would love to see a fairy forest incorporated would be awesome!	Amanda Kay
36111	Somewhat	There needs to be more than one rubbish bin for the entire park. Selwyn has brilliant facilities for dog parks with toilets at the car park and poo bags at the rubbish bins too. Grass needs to stay maintained as the long grass in summer holds an abundance of grass seeds detrimental to dogs	Sean Leckie
36004	Somewhat	Probably a good idea. Please be aware that many non dog owners walk/ cycle through the dog exercise area and some owners keep their dogs (usually smaller ones) on a leash and then complain when their dog is approached by another larger off leash dog. Also many cyclists travel far too fast and pass by walkers very closely, who are unaware of a cyclist approaching from behind. I and friends have had several close calls . Maybe it could be made compulsory for cyclists to have ,and use a bell when approaching walkers from behind. It would be great if the design of the dog exercise area could be based on that of the Prebbleton dog park with agility facilities, and bags and bins for doggy doo disposal.	Trevor Hemsley
35968	Somewhat	Currently you are able to walk with your dog on both the two open fields in quarry the one in the plan and the next field on the path to the mountain bicycle crocodile track, seem like this the new plan will have a smaller walking area. I would like to see both the existing s fields keep for the dog park as there are areas on the other side for families and the walking track up around the quarry.	Michaela Pearson
35960	Somewhat	Only if it is in addition to a new fenced dog park in southwest Christchurch. I do agree with fencing off the dog park at the Quarry but we need an extra fenced space to exercise dogs to relieve the pressure at the Quarry. I do not take my dogs to the Quarry as the ponds are not fenced off and I cannot exercise my terriers with other smaller breeds.	Karen Upton

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35919	Somewhat	<p>I have no objection to the provision of a fenced dog off lead exercise area.</p> <p>The proposed new area can be wet - today there is water lying on the surface. It is likely to become very muddy and increase health and safety risks to users.</p> <p>The upper exercise area - ie the area to be removed ,is the driest part.</p> <p>I wonder what the plan is for the upper area?</p> <p>The new shared path has replaced two previous paths. I use the path for pushing a pram and exercising the dog at the same time.</p> <p>I suggest that a new bike path is made - this doesn't need to be as wide as the existing path.</p> <p>To encourage responsible and enjoyable dog ownership off lead exercise areas are very helpful . I would like to see some areas of shrubs or small trees in the areas- for dogs to explore.</p>	Julie Robilliard
35903	Somewhat	<p>This seems like a waste of money, including future costs of upkeep and degradation to the area.</p> <p>Other such areas have been poorly maintained over years.</p> <p>This plan doesn't have a single clear reason / impact, but rather a thin layer of many excuses.</p> <p>This seems like an unnecessary investment in control.</p> <p>The expected benefits of this investment are unlikely to be realised. Will walkers now encounter zero dogs ever? Will occasional problems with dogs cease entirely? Will dog walkers get a similar quality environment and experience (open fields with adjacent bush vs a caged pen)? Will dog v dog conflicts be prevented by this?</p> <p>e.g. I suspect people submitting FOR this presume there will be no dogs walked on the tracks outside of the dog exercise area, I don't see that proposed in these plans.</p>	Jeremy Lawson
35879	Somewhat	<p>I half agree with fencing. I would love if the pond area could be fenced in to stop our dogs having access. However what makes halswell quarry dog park special compared to others is the openness and the lack of fences. It feels like being in a big beautiful open space not fenced in. I feel like having it completely fenced in looses its uniqueness. Also the new plans takes access away from walking up the zig zag path which is a good opportunity for both owners and dogs to get a bit more exercise. This would be much harder with dogs on leads. So I somewhat agree but wouldn't want to take away from the beauty of the park.</p>	Oceane Meyer
35826	Somewhat	<p>I support the extension of the lower end but sadden with the exclusion of the existing upper end.</p> <p>Your promotional material push the positive of an extension but no mention of the equal lose of area up hill.</p> <p>The vast majority of current dog users are mindful and good will is evident between fellow users and dogs.</p> <p>Open range encourages Owner responsibility and looking out for fellow dogs and walkers.</p> <p>If the fence proposal goes ahead it may lead to a "All care and no Responsibility" mindset, as in once in side the gate it is free for all and the owner switches off rather than engage in their responsibilities.</p> <p>Once again because of a few incidents the current majority of users are now ring fenced as one.</p> <p>The cost of fencing could be used to finance the new proposed dog park proposed for the area.</p> <p>I would suggest there is more damage and irresponsibility by other park users than the odd dog.</p> <p>The new area for a Kahikatea forrest is an excellent idea, as in more dogy waste bins.</p> <p>The current setup allows sociability with not only fellow dog owners but a much needed interaction with non dog owners that can meet and greet dogs with their owners in a non fearful environment.</p> <p>Signage would be a less costly and visually better solution. The existing dog park was well used and supported before the pressure of local housing in the area has put pressure on it.</p> <p>Please reinstate the current up hill area for freedom dog walking.</p>	Linda MacIntyre
35793	Somewhat	<p>I used to that my kids to the quarry often, but it became unbearable. Constant stream of off leash dogs through the picnic area. I started counting and 12 dogs in an hour came jumping up as we tried to eat.</p> <p>You can make all the rules and put up an the signs you what, but until you start fining people, it'll just get worse. Like the way warning dangerous drivers outside schools does nothing to stop that.</p> <p>It's impossible to go to any parks without dogs running up to you these days. And there's no enforcement age nothing we can do</p>	Don Robertson
35773	Somewhat	<p>I acknowledge Halswell Quarry is much busier than it used to be. More dogs. I would like to propose that the fence height be restricted to standard farm fence of 1.05 to 1.2m high, rather than the very high 1.9 - 2.0m deer fence. This makes a huge difference in feel for people inside the fence, less like a prison. It would both save on costs and be much more aesthetically acceptable. Less imposing, less visible. Of course the odd dog may be able to jump the fence but that is not sufficient reason to put in deer fences. This is a bit of a compromise for the many who actually think fencing people off simply because they have a dog (and there are many and varied kinds of dogs) is blatant discrimination. The odd issue with a bad dog owner should not result in rate payers forking out for ugly deer fences.</p>	Warren Hardie
35742	Somewhat	<p>I am happy with the proposed area however it would be great if the quarry area could be included or changed to a reasonable control area rather than an on the leash area. I enjoying walking this area with the dogs and it would be so great if we can unleash the dogs to enjoy it more too. A lot of people already do but it would be good to formalise it. It's worth while me travelling to halswell to enjoy the area.</p>	William Lawless
35741	Somewhat	<p>It's a great idea to have a fenced dog area to both stop dogs running into the rest of the park and also to avoid accidents between dogs and other park users - particularly cyclists using the Crocodile park.</p> <p>I would like to have a smaller fenced area within this park for small dogs only, much like the area at Kakaha in Prebbleton. My small dog has been rushed at by large dogs at Halswell Quarry, and is tense around large dogs. A separate small dog area would allow my dog to relax and enjoy walks.</p>	Jo Robertson
35719	Somewhat	<p>The fencing shouldn't be hard up against the treelines. Space should be provided to allow for walking/jogging around the outside of the fencing but still on the open grassland, particularly on the south side. Fully fencing the open grassland leaves little to no flat open sunny space to enjoy in the quarry, unless you have a dog.</p>	Dave H

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35714	Somewhat	Does this actually mean you are reducing the size for off leash exercise as you're not including the current higher part next to shared path so you're misrepresenting that and that would be disappointing, giving dog walkers a wetter softer land area to fence off. Also not sure about your bins, it shows on the plan just 1, currently there 3, again disappointing if this gets reduced. Great to see the pond included but this is dirty water 8 out 10 times so suggest to use funding for that, to improve water quality instead of fencing. The current charm of Quarry park is that it feels like such a nice round walk without feeling fenced in. Bit underwhelmed by the plan to be honest.	Norma Kloosterman
35690	Somewhat	It'll be great to have a safe area for dogs in Halswell, fully fenced. As a small dog owner it'll be great to have a seperate area for smaller dogs to also be safe in the area. I really enjoy Kakaha park in Prebbleton (agility items, seats for owners, shade protection, poo bags provided)	Hannah Peattie
35675	Somewhat	Yes, there is very limited places currently in Chch where you can take high energy, working dogs out to explore and burn off energy without being on lead. Te Kuru is great (thank God for Te Kuru) but there are benefits for dogs to have the freedom to explore tracks and trails and incline areas, not just small fenced in dog parks. Allocate an area in the SW hills where dogs can explore off-lead up trails and in the hills to broaden options for approx 40,000+ dogs in Chch.	Lisa Trimble
35656	Somewhat	I live adjacent to the park and walk there at least 2-3 times per week, often with a pram and my young kids. I am somewhat supportive of a fenced area for dogs, but am not supportive of the proposal in its current form. My main concern is that the size of the proposed fenced area effectively creates a large and long obstruction in the middle of the park that will restrict mobility of other park users. In particular the narrowest section of the proposed fenced area is regularly used by all sorts of park users as a thoroughfare to get from one side of the park to the other (especially since no accessible track currently exists on the western side of the park). While under the plan it will still be possible to go through the gates, fenced dog parks tend to attract poorly behaved dogs and I would no longer feel comfortable using it as a thoroughfare, e.g. with my children. A related concern that there is no funding allocated to complete the accessible loop track. Most of this track has already been completed (and has made it possible to take my baby and toddler on many wonderful walks!) However, our ability to explore the park would be very restricted without the loop track being completed, particularly if the fenced dog park is constructed as proposed. I would therefore suggest the fenced dog area only includes the larger eastern part (right-hand side on the plan), and not the additional western field and adjoining area to keep the throughfare open. Alternatively, I would also be supportive of no fenced area and instead making much greater use of signage. There is currently considerable scope to increase signage - for instance despite using the park regularly I cannot think of a single obvious sign about the dog exercise area. Thank you for your consideration.	Sylvia Nissen
35649	Somewhat	You state that it is not clear where the designated dog areas are. I feel this is NOT true - signs are there and effective IF PEOPLE READ OR CARE ABOUT THEM. The areas are excellent (apart from large areas being unmowed when grass is seeding, which is dangerous for dogs). I see NO reason to fence these areas. It would be easy to assume that any lack of clarity about where the areas are is because people are careless or deliberately disregarding if the signs, as signs about dog control around the entire city are constantly ignored by dog owners. To be clear, I am a dog owner who is frequently frustrated by owners flouting bylaws and signs. I have previously communicated to the Council that their lack of enforcement of bylaws and signs is largely responsible for the situation.	Jan Mitchell
35640	Somewhat	I don't really have an issue with it, but I would want to make sure that dogs on leash are still permitted in the rest of the park. It seems like a waste of money to do this upgrade when it is currently working just fine anyway.	Jessica Newlands
35635	Somewhat	Would be good if there was a better walkers access between the two areas, say a narrower bit in the middle with two close gates (or even a bridge?) so that people without dogs don't have to traverse through rather than walk all the way around. It's a bit of an access barrier for non dog walkers coming from Cashmere Road wanting to access the rest of the quarry, a long way around each way and I think this will just lead to issues with walkers taking a short cut through the dog park. Maybe having the current upper and lower fields instead would avoid this issue and keep it in a corner of the quarry rather than right through the middle. Great idea to have it fenced, so many dogs out of control, we live over the road and we've had dogs come into our house with no owner in sight. Theres also constantly dogs in the wildlife reserve tracks and have seen them swimming in the wildlife reserve pond many times. Unfortunately a hopeless few ruin it for the good owners but I think having it fenced is a good idea for the overall benefit of the quarry.	Nic Love
35617	Somewhat	I do not really support a fenced area for dogs - as a responsible owner there are no benefits at all except that my dog is confined to an area now. a far greater risk to the public is actually mountain bikers flying through the park on shared paths and around blind corners at warp speed but you guys never seem to care about this - allowing multiple competitive races over summer that block every parking spot and a mountain biking club that actively try and keep other park users out of the park during the said events.	Ross Martin
36563	No	As a resident of the area for many years and a frequent Quarry park user, I do not support this fencing proposal. Firstly it goes against the parks initiative, prioritising open spaces for people to move freely. The very foundation of the park was for people not dogs. The space allocated is too large, we already have so many out door spaces, including the Sunderland Road wetlands. Now you have effectively shut out all park users from this space, including those who don't like dogs. Dog owners need to keep a dog on a lead in public spaces for everyone's benefit. Dogs running away or getting lost is not a strong enough argument for this proposal. School cross country races for years start/finish and move through this area, you have failed to realise that. Will the council continue to tinker with our open spaces and fence off areas for other animals species? I believe the council should stop spending funds on this type of project when our rates continue to balloon each year. Dogs don't pay rates people do, people are the voice, please take this onboard.	Simon O'Connor

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36554	No	<p>We have our own dog, and recreate and volunteer in the Quarry regularly.</p> <p>I do not support a fenced dog park within the Halswell Quarry for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I believe the ‘dog exercise area’ is clearly marked. - and that's an easier and cheaper fix than a fenced area. • I have very really seen or heard conflicts between dogs and other park users, and when I have seen dogs off leash in leashed areas they are under effective control, but I see more on leash than off. • I would recommend a small fence or, even better, a hedged barrier between the newly formed bike/walking track and the paddocks of the dog park to help separate different park users, keeping dogs and people safer - rather than a tall fence. • A fenced dog park will significantly alter the natural 'feel' and atmosphere of the Halswell Quarry Park, and this is one of the reasons we visit the park regularly. • I would also like to see the statistics surrounding the increased conflicts within the park. <p>The changes that I do support are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new access path from the carpark, as well as one down by the dressage area (for walkers/dog walkers that are walking to the Quarry, rather than driving). • Allocating an area for forest planting and the goal of establishing a network of native forest patches across the city with multiple benefits for the local area and Ōtautahi Christchurch as a whole. • Protecting wildlife in the lower ponds and the conservation area - but I still don't think a large fence is needed to achieve this. • Protecting other park users eg: picnickers, walkers, joggers from dogs in the rest of the park - but I still believe that signage and natural boundaries, such as native planting hedges can achieve this, while maintaining the 'feel' of the park. • A fenced dog park, somewhere in South-West Christchurch. 	Rebecca Scoltock
36453	No	<p>See attachment</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission in relation to the proposal to create a fenced dog park at Halswell Quarry as set out in the proposal/concept plans published by Christchurch City Council.</p> <p>For the reasons set out below, I do not support the proposal.</p> <p>MY EXPERIENCE AS A REGULAR USER OF HALSWELL QUARRY:</p> <p>Halswell Quarry is one of the best parks in the city to walk your dog. It is one of the few open parks in the city where you can walk your dog off lead (in areas), which I, and I suspect a large number of other users, value immensely.</p> <p>The proposal suggests that the dog park will address conflicts between different park users. What I’ve observed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Halswell Quarry is a popular park with many different types of users. The majority of people who use the park already understand and respect that the park is shared use - and are respectful of each other. Hagley Park is another good example of where there are many different users, including people walking their dogs off lead, who manage to share the use of the park very effectively. - Mountain bike riders who ride their bikes through the dog exercise area (a relatively short section of their overall ride) understand that they share the area with walkers, runners, and dogs and adjust their speed through the area accordingly. - I have seen some instances of dog owners with their dogs off lead in leashed areas. This can be addressed through education, better signage and enforcement. Creating a fenced dog park is not the solution. - I haven’t seen any instances of stray dogs (without their owners) in leashed areas. If this is a problem, then an alternative fencing solution could mitigate this (see ‘other options’ below). - It is incumbent on all users to use the park in a way that is respectful of others and to self-regulate to a degree. <p>DISADVANTAGES OF THE PROPOSAL:</p> <p>Creating a fenced dog park at Halswell Quarry will reduce the amenity and recreation value of the park.</p> <p>Halswell Quarry is a beautiful open park and adding significant fencing to create a dog park will detract from that.</p> <p>It will negatively impact how people with dogs currently use and enjoy the dog exercise area.</p> <p>If you look at how most people with dogs use the dog exercise area, most people walk the perimeter with their dogs off lead (some people keep their dogs on lead).</p> <p>When the dogs are allowed off lead, they can walk freely, sniff and investigate around the edges of the bush and trees – they love it - they get a little bit of freedom to engage in more natural behaviour.</p> <p>They will no longer be able to do this in the same way if the area is fenced as proposed.</p> <p>FENCED DOG PARKS CAN LEAD TO WORSE BEHAVIOUR AND EXPERIENCES:</p> <p>The area proposed to be fenced is a plain, grass paddock, with no interesting features, bush or trees and with less scope for a decent walk.</p> <p>When you concentrate dogs in such areas, with little for them to explore, they start to look to each other for entertainment, which can lead to issues, which can in turn make dog parks unpleasant places to take your dog.</p> <p>I have stopped taking my dog to fenced dog parks altogether because of repeated bad experiences - bad experiences I’ve never had at Halswell Quarry (where most dogs are very well behaved and most dog owners are very responsible).</p> <p>Council should look closely at how people currently use the dog exercise area, and understand how that use will be impacted, before making such a change.</p> <p>UPPER PADDOCK:</p> <p>It’s not clear from the consultation document what is proposed to happen to the upper/eastern paddock – which is the other dog exercise area at Halswell Quarry. The Q&A states that no</p>	Donna Cross

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		<p>other changes are proposed to how people with dogs can use the rest of the park. I take it from that, the upper/eastern paddock will remain an unfenced off lead dog exercise area - which is good, as it is an area that is very well used by dog owners. It would be a shame if that area was proposed to be similarly fenced or to become an 'on leash' area.</p> <p>OTHER OPTIONS:</p> <p>The consultation document does not set out what other options have been explored, other than indicating that signage has not been effective and enforcement is difficult.</p> <p>Other options for more effectively addressing the issues faced by Council could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education; - Better signage; - Allowing the community of users to self-regulate to a degree; - Enforcement; - Alternative fencing options – for example, could a 1.2m fence be installed as indicatively shown in the attachment (if Council is concerned about unleashed dogs entering leashed or protected areas?). This would provide separation between the dog exercise area and other high use and protected areas, while allowing dog owners to continue to enjoy the use of the dog exercise area as they currently do. <p>Thank you again for the opportunity to make a submission.</p>	
36450	No	<p>The existing shared open area is what gives the quarry park its appeal. It is a nice area already to enjoy with and without a dog.</p> <p>Having a fence would detract from the natural appearance of the quarry and limit use of the area by non-dog users.</p> <p>There are enough signs already to inform people where dogs can and can't be off the lead.</p>	M Moyle
36449	No	<p>The quarry is a beautiful open space that currently does feel like a gated or fenced paddock. The freedom of having a safe space to roam free provides a sense of space and vital for a place to feel grounded, escape from the city and get a sense of a natural environment that is so rare and invaluable to the community, children and any uses of the rare and important space. The openness of the quarry is not replicated anywhere else in the city and once divided and fenced off will never again be the slice nature that it currently is.</p> <p>I have been living in the area for 5 years and use the quarry area very frequently, often twice a day with kids, dogs and for cycling. I have never seen or heard of a single complaint about dogs causing an issue on the dogs park side and have not heard of dogs getting in the way of a cyclist. Being a cyclist myself there is a personal responsibility to manage speed and be mindful of other uses including dogs. I think the recent developments of the quarry paths that lead to Mtb trails have funnelled all uses into the same path. Prior to the changes a two distinct tracks were formed with cyclists predominately using one and walkers the other. This was an error with the changes to the path.</p> <p>If the issue is between cyclists and dogs then perhaps having a clear distinction between. Cycle and walk trails could be considered. Or install further features along the walking path that force riders to reduce speed. Other of these options will allow people to use the quarry with less chance of getting in each others way. One of these will not create a visual vandalism that will irreversibly change the beauty, aesthetic and current charm of one of ChCh's best assets.</p> <p>The proposed dog park area is foolish if gone through with will force dogs and owners into an area that during winter is almost a wet land swamp. I do not see current dog owners remaining within the fenced area due to this problem alone. The cost to fix this area and create a useable dog park is an utter waste of money. If the concern is with dogs in the conservation area then fence off the conservation areas.</p> <p>You may also wish to consider moving the entrance to the Mtb trails to the other side of the quarry and enter through the gate by the oriental garden and direct bikes away from the cashmere entrance. This would be far more sensible than a fence. Also, a fenced dog park invites dog owners who do not have control of their dogs and dog attacks will increase.</p> <p>The ability to free roam the quarry is priceless. The orienteering course would also be majorly impacted and moving from one side the other will be frustrating.</p> <p>During the summer months the long grass is amazing and kids love to play in there, I can only assume that this will also change.</p> <p>I would not be surprised if dogs would continue to be walked on the outside of the fenced area, both in and off leash.</p> <p>Please consider carefully before spending a lot of rate money on an eyesore that a great many of a great many quarry regulars and users will feel a great deal of frustration and annoyance towards</p>	Zach Beard
36448	No	<p>I do not want to have a fence for the dog park.</p> <p>It is a lovely park and a special area.</p> <p>There are other fenced parks in ChCh that function as dog off leash areas.</p> <p>The quarry park is an open space that is special.</p> <p>I think it would be better if there was more signage.</p> <p>I think it would be better if there were gates at pathways where the dog off leash exercise area ended.</p> <p>That way people would know they were leaving the off leash area.</p> <p>Most people are very good with their dogs.</p> <p>A few people are not so good or do not have their dog under control.</p> <p>More enforcement of the rules would control the later.</p> <p>I would prefer no off leash area to a fence.</p>	Stephen Wallace
36444	No	<p>See attachment</p> <p>Kia ora</p> <p>We are residents of Westmorland and have been frequent users of the Halswell Quarry dog park for the last five years. Along with our families, we have owned dogs for the last 40 years including working dogs on the farm and pets. We have been users of the van Asch mountain bike area for the past 11 years, accessing the tracks through the park.</p>	Tiffany & James Holborow

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We do not support the proposed concept plan for Halswell Quarry Park due to culture and health & safety considerations. • We suggest an alternative plan to minimise conflict while maintaining the culture of the existing dog park. • We support the development of an alternative fenced dog park at an alternative location. <p>We do not support the proposal on the basis that it would change the type of dogs using the park and the hence the culture of the park and users. The proposal would also force dogs and owners into an area of the park which is unsuitable for much of winter from a health & safety perspective.</p> <p>An open park attracts owners who have dogs that have good recall and are better socialised in an off-lead and open environment. It also attracts owners who wish to train their dogs to achieve those outcomes. The current culture of the park promotes education of dogs and owners by others who are more experienced. We value the current culture and oppose changes to the park that would impact that culture. Changing the park to a fully fenced area would attract a different set dogs and owners to the park.</p> <p>The proposed ring-fenced areas are prone to standing water and flooding in the lower reaches. These areas would be poorly suited to use in winter, particularly for less-mobile dog owners. The areas would also become pugged and muddy due to the concentration of activity within the fenced areas. We have included a selection of recent photographs showing the nature of the standing water.</p> <p>We suggest retaining the proposed fencing along the southern line and extending the fence to include the southern side of the top paddock. The fence would connect to the fence and gate into the van Asch mountain bike area at the eastern end of the top paddock where the shared path terminates. Fencing along the side of the paddocks only would maintain the current culture of the park, while preventing dogs from crossing into the conservation wetland, the Oval, and the gardens.</p> <p>We consider the conflict between mountain bikers and walkers, dogs, and their owners would be better managed through the sorts of speed-reduction measures undertaken through the bush areas along the redeveloped track. In its current form, the existing track will remain a racetrack for those exiting the mountain bike area on an adrenalin-high.</p> <p>Alternatively, the mountain bike access could shift to utilise the main quarry, the carpark and the stock gate at the base of the hill.</p> <p>We would support the development of an alternative ring-fenced dog park at an alternative site if there is increasing demand for such a facility in southwest Christchurch.</p> <p>We would like the opportunity to speak to the Board.</p> <p>Nga mihi Tiffany & James Holborow</p>	
36441	No	<p>The current dog exercise area at the quarry is a truly wonderful area for dogs to be exercised. Regular dog walkers, like myself, appreciate having a local dog exercise area where dogs can run freely, fossick in the undergrowth, mix with other dogs and all without feeling hemmed in by a fence. Good control of a dog lies in the hands of the owner/dog walker and the vast majority of dogs that I see being exercised at the dog exercise area are under good control and having the best time. I rarely see any dog poos that have not been picked up - testament to how much this dog exercise area is valued.</p> <p>Without doubt some dogs are off the lead outside of the dog exercise area, however, it is unclear in the Council's proposal, how much time has been spent in educating owners/dog walkers of the dog exercise area boundary. An example of where re-educating owners/dog walkers has had a positive impact, is ensuring that dogs are on their lead from the Cashmere Road carpark to the start of the dog exercise area. More often than not dogs are on their lead now whereas prior to the re-educating, the dogs being exercised at the same time as our dog, were off the lead. I am not sure of the "problem" you are trying to solve with a fence as think all the concerns you raise can be solved by education/re-education. It would be an awful shame if owners/dog walkers and dogs contact with nature was restricted by the erection of a fence. To me this would be the solution only after after all efforts of public education/re-education had failed.</p>	Vicki Green
36439	No	I walk my dogs daily at the quarry. I do not support a separate fenced off dog area as I like it the way it is. So do my dogs!	Glyndwr Thomas
36435	No	<p>This is an unnecessary expense as a fenced area is not needed. It is "fixing something that is not broken".</p> <p>Taking your dog to the Quarry is not just about exercising your dog it is also exercise for the dog owner and a chance socialize and talk while walking. You are able to enjoy your dog sniffing in bushes and exploring.</p> <p>This is a "shared area". Each user should respect other users. Cyclists can come up quite quickly and silently whether you have a dog or are just walking. This makes it difficult to react. Cyclists can be quite abusive.</p> <p>There are plenty of other dedicated area for cyclists, dogs or walkers. Halswell is one of the few interesting areas that caters for all. If you don't want to "share" there are plenty of other places to go.</p> <p>There will be more fights if dogs are contained in a fenced area as it will not be possible to avoid bigger, or smaller, dogs or groups you want to avoid.</p>	Michael Chaney
36434	No	<p>My main objection to the change to the dog exercise area is that it changes the Quarry area from an open park to one with small dedicated areas that are not suitable for dogs and dog owners. We walk around the dog exercise area at least twice a week and appreciate the new shared path and other existing paths around the perimeter, as the area outside of this path become very wet and slippery in winter. I note that there is no funding for the path within the proposed fenced dog park. The fenced park will be thus be unsuitable for owners and dogs to walk around when the weather has been wet, particularly in winter and this will encourage owners to let their dogs off to run within the area without close supervision as the park is too wet and slippery to do so. An increase in conflict between dogs could result.</p> <p>The current lower field is to be included in this new fenced area. This area is currently very wet with a lot of surface water and is unsuitable as a dog exercise area. This area needs to have drains and a path around the perimeter added to make this area usable. Once again no budget has been allowed for this.</p> <p>In summer the fenced area becomes like an oven with no shade areas for the dogs or owners and is unsafe for us to use.</p>	Karen Chaney
36431	No	<p>I oppose the proposed plan for a fenced off-lead dog area in Halswell Quarry Park - in fact I oppose any proposal to fence a dog exercise area at the Quarry Park.</p> <p>I have three major reasons for this:</p> <p>Firstly - it will ruin the landscape qualities and distinctive character of that part of Halswell Quarry Park and its many possible uses.</p>	Jessica Halliday

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		<p>Secondly - it won't solve the key problem of dogs being off leash in areas that they are supposed to be leashed, and dogs not being under adequate control - this will continue to happen, even if there is a separate fenced area.</p> <p>Thirdly - you are letting the tail wag the dog (excuse the punny metaphor). Yes, there are problems at the park - but there are also countless positive interactions and a huge number of people and dogs behaving well. How can we maximise the positive and good behaviour, and reduce the good? A fence is not the answer - people are.</p> <p>We use the park regularly - every day members of our household are walking one or both of our dogs in the park. Our dogs are leashed at all times, in all locations. Like many people, we love the Quarry Park. It is one of only two public amenities that are within walking distance of our house (the other is the Sutherlands Road end of Te Kuru). We value it incredibly highly. It's not just a place to walk dogs - it's a place to enjoy the peace and beauty of the sister city gardens, to appreciate wildlife (especially manu/birds, and the frogs on a summer's night), appreciate the art work and landscape design, to stand under and walk through beautiful trees (especially the red alders - they're a favourite) - to appreciate the rich colours and patterns of stone, to enjoy the view of the mountains and the changing seasons. We meet people, greet neighbours, enjoy seeing children play - it's a very social place. It's important for Council to see those of us who are exercising our dogs as not just using the park for walking our dogs - there are many benefits we get from the park. Seeing us as just dog walkers is reductive.</p> <p>The landscape qualities of the park are extraordinary - the park has been incredibly well designed, the sister-city gardens, art works and landscape structures bring important cultural connections and enjoyment. Fencing off these two areas will destroy the landscape design of this section of the park. These sections of the park are quite porous - the edges are permeable, particularly the second section. This is sensed, and brings a feeling of openness and connection to the park - fencing it off will ruin this quality. I'm particularly concerned about the area beside the Seattle sister city garden. This special garden sits on the hillside and flows pleasingly down into this area - fencing off the flat centre will ruin the design and separate off the Seattle sister city garden - reducing its accessibility and connection to the rest of the park. It will lessen the cultural significance of that garden.</p> <p>Fencing off the middle section will also eliminate certain uses of this part of the park. Just to give you one example, children's free play. In summer we see children jumping over and off the bales made from the meadow grasses in this section - something that will be severely curtailed by fencing this area off and calling it a dog exercise area. This winter we've enjoyed watching toddlers and wee ones ride their tiny bikes into the swales, getting wet and muddy - block off one side of the swale with a fence and you'll destroy this free sense of possibility and play.</p> <p>I'm also not convinced that fencing off sections of the dog exercise area will solve the problems outlined. People will continue to let their dogs off the leash outside a fenced area - they want to walk and enjoy the park, not just let their dogs run around. A fenced area isn't going to suddenly improve the behaviour of people who can't or don't know how to bring their dog(s) under effective control.</p> <p>If the problems are really about some people letting their dogs behave badly - then consider finding social and cultural ways to support the change we all want to see. Activate the Friends of the Quarry Park group, support people who are regular users of the park to design, plan and implement education and other programmes to work together to champion considerate dog walking. Get cycling groups to do the same with cyclists, some of them (again, not most - just some) also have a habit of being inconsiderate at times.</p> <p>One of the things I really struggle with with this framing of the problem is that it ignores the 95% of us who use the quarry park but aren't creating problems for others. Thousands of people use the park each week - thousands - and you don't hear about the myriad number of positive encounters - and there are so many! You are focusing on the small number who are creating the problems - and letting that shape and determine the nature of the park. Instead - work with the community to resolve the problems in other ways. I'm sure many of us will be happy to play a part.</p> <p>You are using a sledgehammer to crack a nut.</p>	
36423	No	<p>See attachment</p> <p>Please see attached document as when I tried to copy and paste it lost all the formatting.</p>	Mary O'Connor
36419	No	<p>See attachment</p> <p>I think fencing the quarry park is a waste of ratepayers money, it will ruin the whole open beautiful quarry vibe and the proposed areas are not enough to substantially exercise larger dogs on the flat, they need the hill area to exert them more and the below proposed paddock is currently a boggy mess, no way to actually enjoy walking in that area and also causing a health and safety slip issues.</p>	Kerriane Cowlshaw
36418	No	<p>I have been walking my dog at Halswell Quarry Park for 6 years, almost daily.</p> <p>I am totally opposed to the fenced regime that is proposed, it is fundamentally a waste of rate payers money.</p> <p>I have never seen conflict between dog walkers and the public, 95% of the regular dog walkers are responsible and ensure that their dogs are under control. Last year there was a running club formed on a Saturday morning, all the runners move through the dog walking area, mainly running which in early light can make dogs tense. I voiced my opinion at the time, nothing came of it, just the usual anti dog commentary.</p> <p>I find some rangers very accommodating for dog walkers, others are definitely anti dog walkers.</p> <p>The majority of people who use the park are dog walkers, I have discussed the proposal with others and the general feeling is no thanks.</p> <p>I think the CCC should spend the money on fixing Kennedy's Bush Road, Glovers Road and Cashmere Road in the direct area.</p> <p>Trucks have destroyed these roads with all the new construction that has been done, please leave the park as is.</p>	Carl Ahlfeld
36408	No	<p>I think fenced dog areas are important. But please don't do one at the quarry.</p> <p>In a fast growing suburb our wild/green spaces are so important for our future generations. Our suburb is going to keep growing and we need enough green space for everyone. Please put the fenced park somewhere else. Halswell primary use this space a lot as the school is so packed and now they have to build 4 more classrooms so will have even less space. For environmental education, local geological lessons, cross country - although this year they had to do laps of the school.</p> <p>A fence takes away the wild nature of a place, as a student at ara in the mids 2000's I helped plant a lot of the wetlands. I love biking here, orienteering and letting kids explore. I see the value in a fence but it is outweighed by free spaces in a packed suburb. Put the fenced area somewhere else and leave this open so that dog owners can choose an open or fenced area.</p> <p>If you fence it it will make the track going up to the croc park very busy with bikes and walkers and cause congestion/wear and tear on a track.</p>	Rosaind Potter

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		<p>If anything I hope there are plans for more wild places around Halswell.</p> <p>The quarry was one of the main reasons we chose to live in Halswell, it's an asset we should treasure and be supporting nature. I would love to have tūi in Halswell and if there were other parks people took dogs to it would disperse the amount of dogs at the quarry. I know a fence would contain them but I think only half of the people would use the fenced area and half would go elsewhere in the quarry having an impact on birds. We have got a bellbird in our garden the last two seasons, it's a sign that birds are coming back to our city. Treasure and nurture the wild spaces we have we can't afford not to.</p>	
36396	No	It is wonderful to have open space for humans considering all the extensive housing in the area. It creates an atmosphere which is not conducive to good mental health	Helen van den Bogaert
36392	No	I go here regularly with my dog. I often take her up the hill to the north of the proposed fence, which I would no longer be able to do off leash under this scheme. The hill is often much better and less muddy on the flat, even the recent improvements have not noticeably helped how wet and slippery it gets on the flat in winter. Better to have enforcement of signage and education for both dog owners and non-dog owners in the area. I have been yelled at by a family who had strayed into the dog area for my dog not being on a leash. All park users need to respect that every one has a right to be there. The mountainbikers need to slow down, when they pass through.	Samantha Quigley
36371	No	<p>1. Having a fenced area will not stop those people who let their dogs off leash in the wrong areas. It is clearly signed and those doing it know it.</p> <p>2. A fenced area will however attract owners who have less control of their dogs. Some users of dog parks stand around while letting their dogs run under minimal supervision. Sometimes leading to increased dog poop left around and dog interactions which can become out of control.</p> <p>3. If you need a fenced area you can go to Victoria Park or Prebbleton and as Andrei has said above, there may be another option being added. Therefore there is no need to change the Quarry.</p> <p>4. Fences will change the landscape for the worse. We are losing open spaces and it would completely spoil the experience of walking through the park.</p> <p>5. Many current users of the park will for the above reasons feel alienated and will not want to walk at the Quarry.</p> <p>6. This fence would use tax payer funds that could be used more wisely or for another dog park or other facilities elsewhere.</p> <p>7. There is no evidence that a fenced area will address the issues that a minority have raised.</p> <p>8. If a fence is to be installed how about fencing the conservation area and adding the horse field with planting and picnic tables. This could be an area where no dogs are allowed at all and provides a place for people who do not want to encounter dogs on or off lead as well as make a clear demarcation of the conservation area, whilst keeping the remainder of the park open for dog walkers and everyone to enjoy.</p>	Rob Wilson
36348	No	I strongly oppose the concept plan for the fencing of the dog exercise area. I have never experienced any issues with dogs, dog owners, cyclists, joggers, walkers or just people enjoying the Halswell Quarry Park. I believe that fencing the dog exercise area will destroy the look, feel and enjoyment of this well known and unique park for everyone. Halswell Quarry Park is currently well loved and enjoyed by all. I live in Le Bons Bay and the Quarry is always a must and the highlight of my regular trips on my way into the city. Please by all means and far less expense, sign post the area further to make it clearer to those that are not already aware of the current areas and which areas are 'dogs off leads' and 'dogs on leads', this would be an easy solution, for what seems like a non-existent issue.	Catherine Hamblett
36242	No	<p>See attachment</p> <p>Comments in my attached submission document.</p>	Douglas Horrell
36224	No	<p>I have walked in the Quarry with my dog 6 days a week for more than eleven years. It has been literally a life saver. I have in that time been diagnosed with stage 3 incurable cancer. The quarry has been a major part in my maintaining some sanity and joy during those years and I am grateful. I will not walk behind high fences nor will I walk where the dog is not allowed off lead so cyclists can get to their areas up the hill without seeing a dog off leash. !!</p> <p>In those years I have seen three very large dogs of a special breed intimidate small dogs and I have seen perhaps three or four disagreements between dogs in total. I have never seen blood drawn.</p> <p>The problem is faeces and the council is at fault. They removed most rubbish bins throughout the dog walk system without any warning and no educational campaign. Similarly there is no understanding in the ordinary community about the consequences of poo everywhere and plastic bags of poo everywhere. Selwyn puts massive signs up telling people the consequences of their unlawful behaviour in no uncertain terms. There has been no action by CCC at all to support proper action by citizens re dog poo. After years of compliance and support of CCC you are removing from me and others a solace that has without exaggeration saved my life. When I come to the quarry I look forward to the laughter of fellow dog owners as we watch our dogs play, the conversations that we have and the views of the mountains beyond. As I said it has been a life saver in more ways than one.</p>	Karolin Potter
36209	No	<p>As someone who regularly walks my dog at Halswell Quarry, I don't support the fencing in of the dog exercise area or moving the area to the 'lower paddock'. Dog walking in the Quarry is sociable for both the dogs and humans: the dogs enjoy being able to go into the wooded area to sniff and explore and jump into the pond and river, while humans know the area is safe from hazards.</p> <p>The lower field which is being proposed for the dog exercise area is often flooded making it inaccessible for large periods of time, while the lower part of the current field is also very boggy - this means that a large percentage of the proposed dog area would be extremely wet and unpleasant.</p> <p>It feels like other uses of the park are being prioritised over dog owners - unfair considering the quarry is so unique and popular for dog walking - mainly because of the current set up which works so well for dogs.</p>	Rachel Kelly
36196	No	<p>As a dog owner and frequent park user, I believe the proposal for a fenced area, which would effectively exclude others, but specifically for dogs, is unnecessary. Dog owners are very aware of the behaviour and practices of their pets, and as such discipline in dog control is their principal prerequisite. It is very rare to experience an unruly occurrence of dog misbehaviour.</p> <p>The proposed project is an overreaction, not needed, and repartitioning of catering to the few, which is detrimentally precedent in other areas of the city. The extensive cost would be</p>	Tony Gardiner

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		better applied to more immediate, worthy development projects in the greater city. Subject to being advised of a serious occurrence that is contrary to my view, the proposed park area should be left as is.	
36189	No	Me and my husband have four kids and one dog. We use the quarry daily and it is our favorite place in Christchurch! We love the flow of the quarry and being able to enjoy all of the different areas with the kids and our dog. I run at the quarry and around all of the tracks with my dog, letting her off lead in the designated areas. I would no longer be able to run in the fenced dog area and it would limit our use of the park. It would completely change the nature of our beautiful quarry and I think, could cause even more problems! Fenced dog areas often draw in more people and dogs, and owners tend to use them like a pet sitting service, giving less attention to their whereabouts. The proposed area also gets super boggy in winter, as it is at the moment. I think a much better solution would be to create a separate fenced dog area at another location in the south-west. The quarry and the beautiful flow and accessibility of the geography should be left alone!	Dana Paton
36187	No	Fencing encourages owners whose dogs have zero recall to visit, who often have other behavioural issues / antisocial tendencies. As this is already a frequented dog park, and people who visit know there will always be dogs about, I don't think it should change. Also to consider, the pathway to the Forrest for mtn biking access looks like it'll be included in the fenced area, so then this becomes a hassle with double gates, unruly dogs and bikes.	Brigitte Unger
36186	No	1.Having a fenced area will not stop those people who let their dogs off leash in the wrong areas. It is clearly signed and those doing it know it. 2.A fenced area will however attract owners who have less control of their dogs. Some users of dog parks stand around while letting their dogs run under minimal supervision. Sometimes leading to increased dog poop left around and dog interactions which can become out of control. 3. If you need a fenced area you can go to Victoria Park or Prebbleton and as Andrei has said above, there may be another option being added. Therefore there is no need to change the Quarry. 4. Fences will change the landscape for the worse. We are loosing open spaces and it would completely spoil the experience of walking through the park. 5. Many current users of the park will for the above reasons feel alienated and will not want to walk at the Quarry. 6. This fence would use tax payer funds that could be used more wisely or for another dog park or other facilities elsewhere. 7. There is no evidence that a fenced area will address the issues that a minority have raised. 8. If a fence is to be installed how about fencing the conservation area and adding the horse field with planting and picnic tables. This could be an area where no dogs are allowed at all and provides a place for people who do not want to encounter dogs on or off lead as well as make a clear demarcation of the conservation area, whilst keeping the remainder of the park open for dog walkers and everyone to enjoy.	Tania Byrnes
36182	No	I am strongly opposed to this concept plan. Halswell Quarry is such a picturesque and aesthetically pleasing park and fencing would certainly destroy this. It is a wonderful place to walk in, have picnics, take photos, exercise, go to for school cross country races or hill training for runners, and to just be. I have used it in so many different ways over the years. Sometimes with a dog in tow, sometimes without. This place brings joy to so many. Part of the joy comes from seeing our furry friends play together in the clearly designated off leash area. I don't see any issues with the way Halswell Quarry Park is now and am concerned that such a drastic change is even being considered.	Kerryn Christensen
36178	No	I use the dog park multiple times a week and love it how it is. I've never seen any issues (though as you've written in for proposal there obviously are some). What I like about the quarry dog park not being fenced is that largely only people with well trained dogs let them off lead. When I go up to the vic park dog park (fenced) there are dogs all over the place, and fights a lot more often as owners with less well trained dogs can let them off the lead because they know they'll be able to get them back again. I think adding a fence at the quarry will start attracting more dogs/owners like this, making it a less safe place rather than a more safe one. It's beautiful how it is. Please don't change it!	Maria Thompson
36177	No	In my experience Fenced dog parks seem to be an invitation for less desirable behaviour/irresponsible owners	Vanessa Alcock
36175	No	Believe this is unnecessary and will not alter poor dog owner behaviour in other areas of the Quarry. The fenced areas will detract from the natural beauty of the Quarry.	Steve Rea
36171	No	I have used the current dog walking area in the quarry nearly every day for the last 14 years. It's a place of great pleasure for both me and my last three dogs. An enclosed exercise area is just that - an exercise area where dogs can do what they like while owners often stand around not always watching or controlling their dogs. We have these areas in Prebbleton and Victoria Park- not too far away. An exercise area has none of the pleasures of a dog walk- dogs love to sniff and explore, push under growth, pick up cones and sticks and enjoy meeting other dogs in a civilised fashion. If other users of the park don't want to encounter dogs off the lead they have plenty of places to go, perhaps an area could be set aside that excludes dogs, rather than excluding would be quarry visitors from dog exercise areas. Then there's the question of cost. Can't the money be better spent than on metres of ugly fencing? Fences are ugly- they won't improve the look of the quarry park. There is a problem with not all dog walkers picking up poo, especially difficult in the wooded areas when dogs are out of sight BUT more could be done to encourage and persuade better management in this area. Prebbleton dog park has clear warning signs, reminding us and threatening us with big fines. They also provide free poo bags and there are plenty of places to dispose of the poo. So, no please don't build fences, look for other ways to solve this problem and leave us with the gift of such a special place to walk our dogs.	Jennifer Halliday
36161	No	See attachment I do not support the proposed fenced Halswell Quarry dog park at all. The concept of a huge fenced dog park in a major open space reserve appears ill-conceived and reactionary, without a thought to the future or many of the users of the park. The proposed plan breaks a huge amount of the connectivity and walkable area for other users that currently exists, which will make the park a comparatively horrible spot to visit compared to how it is now. Council needs to focus its financial resources in this area on completing the footpath network on Council roads that make it unsafe for pedestrians to even get to the park. That is the real	Andrew Metherell

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		<p>safety issue in this area, not the dogs.</p> <p>I think the Halswell Quarry Park is a unique reserve area, and its scale, trees, pockets of different areas is a major attraction and source of open space for the south west, which needs to be protected as a natural setting for the future. Placing a fenced dog park in a prime piece of the park /community closest to the growing residential area would be a hugely negative change to its character and amenity. It also diminishes the effort of countless volunteers over the years striving to create a natural open park setting.</p> <p>As a nearby resident for several years, my family are very regular visitors, multiple times each week, at all sorts of time of the morning, day, and night. The area we use most is accessed through the Cashmere Road car park, being the area the Council now proposes to change to a fenced dog. It is the most walking accessible part to the residential areas around Cashmere Road so enables a good 20-30 minute walk on weekdays.</p> <p>We do also often walk our dog on a leash throughout the park (where permitted). Our dog is now not allowed off lead for health reasons, so we know the challenges of aggressive dogs, and the snapping that can happen with a mix of on leash / off leash dogs. We also know that a high proportion of visitors have their dogs off leash in the on lead areas connected to the current dog exercise area. We have never seen anyone from Council looking to educate dog owners in Halswell Quarry Park, which would seem to be an obvious first step to behaviour change. However the only serious attack our dog has received happened at another FENCED dog park, where owners seem to be carefree and the threshold of training is at a low bar.</p> <p>We regularly take children to the park, and in summer the area proposed for the fenced off area is easily ridden by children on a kids bike. Our experience is that children love to explore on and off the marked trail, including crossing the park area, and it is a great area for them to explore. We are very mindful of dogs being around young children - in the open space it feels manageable and we can give dogs space.</p> <p>On the flipside, from experience at fenced dog parks it will be scary having to take a child through a fenced dog park gate where dogs are most excited. And then walking through the dog park and over-excited dogs thundering past can be intimidating for many. I can see it will just be a huge barrier to safe access to and across a big part of the park.</p> <p>On the plan itself, I have the following specific comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It breaks several big desire lines for walking in the park, and other nice little connections, and will have a big impact of the variety of short walks that nearby residents and visitors can take (refer to attachment). 2. The external loop proposed is a good loop, but it is also a very long loop. It is only suitable for a small number of users to the park. It is not a replacement for what will be lost. 3. I think the fence could create some personal security issues, hemming people into areas around the edges of the park, and through gates, if passing through the proposed fenced dog park. At the moment being able to walk through open areas in the dark and having lots of options to divert your route away from others adds to a feeling of safety/security in the park. I think it is really important the park is accessible and safe as possible for people in the early morning and evening, it is really peaceful and a great place to see the stars (no lights please) on an early morning walk in the dark. What sort of thinking has been given to personal safety in the design? 4. The proposed fenced park is way too big and impacts the park hugely. If that is the size required, find a paddock somewhere nearby, not an open space reserve! 	
36159	No	<p>This submission opposes the proposal to fence the dog exercise area at Halswell Quarry Park. We take our two small dogs to the dog exercise area most days and have done for years now, we particularly love the quarry for its open unfenced area it is much more enjoyable for the dogs and being unfenced it tends to attract dog owners who have more control over their dogs who are better behaved. Our dogs do not enjoy fenced dog areas as much as the quarry and there are several fenced dog parks in Christchurch if wanted.</p> <p>However I do support aspects of the proposal as the dog exercise area would benefit from a dog wash station and more bins that provide poop bags for owners this would be a big improvement to the facilities.</p>	Brittany Williams
36153	No	I don't have a dog but enjoy walking around the park. I believe a fenced area would spoil the area. A better idea would be educating people on where dogs can and can't be on leads.	Steve Roberts
36152	No	please don't fence the area it looks beautiful all the native and this will not change people having dogs off lead. i have been going to the quarry since i was a kid and its amazing a part of chch to go to that has got better with age don't change it ..	vanessa turner
36151	No	I feel the quarry should remain open, build a park elsewhere	Louis Wilson
36150	No	<p>I don't believe fencing the dog area will stop those people who let their dogs off leash in the wrong areas. It is clearly signed and those doing it know exactly what they are doing!</p> <p>Fenced dog exercise areas typically attract owners who have less control of their dogs. Some users of dog parks stand around while letting their dogs run under minimal supervision. One of the things I love about the quarry is that owners actually walk with their dogs, so the dogs don't end up in a pack and getting in to scraps.</p> <p>There are plenty of fenced dog parks around, but I love the quarry exactly because it isn't. I think what is actually needed is enforcement and for fines etc to be given out, so people realise rules must be followed.</p> <p>Fences will change the landscape for the worse. We are losing open spaces and it would completely spoil the experience of walking through the park. Not to mention the cost of putting them in!</p> <p>This fence would use tax payer funds that could be used more wisely or for another dog park or other facilities elsewhere.</p> <p>Please don't change the quarry!</p>	Kelly Hitchins
36144	No	<p>The proposed fence area is in the lowest wettest section of the park. This area gets very muddy and boggy during rainfall the usable areas for practical dog walking will become greatly reduced. The proposed plan is not fit for purpose.</p> <p>Have you undertaken an environmental impact assessment on the effects of the proposed fence around the wetland areas on the wildlife, and also considered water quality from surface water discharge from the dog area to a freshwater environment. Does the fence require resource consent?</p>	Andrew Smith
36139	No	<p>Keep it open surrounds , we always make sure we follow the dogs on lead signage .</p> <p>It's a pity have fences up !!</p>	Deb Wilson
36138	No	Fencing the dog area in my opinion will not solve the issue of dogs off leash. I am a runner who frequently (5 times a week) visits the park for training and leisurely running. The areas outlined for fencing and gates would disrupt the ability for myself and many others to run/walk around the park. In addition to this, i have viewed dogs be let off leash in all areas of the park. I do not	Samuel Doherty

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		believe that a designated fenced area will solve the issue. I think having the whole park as an on-leash area will have more of an impact on safety. I see more people walking with families or individually than I do with a dog.	
36133	No	I believe dog behaviour at dog parks is far worse than at unleashed areas. The signage is clear (to me) but potentially could be clearer. I enjoy going to the Quarry and allowing my dog to be off leash and interact with other dogs, in a space that is not confined. There would also be no shade in summer and would be a boggy pit in winter. This is one of the only areas we can walk our dogs off lead.	Tanya Galbraith
36131	No	We use the Quarry park daily. Currently it is a fantastic multi use space where we walk the dog and spend time with the kids. The kids also sometimes bike. We have never had a problem using the park as it is now for dog walks, family time, picnics, ball games, biking and taking in the view from the bench at the top field by the bike park entrance. If a fenced dog area is created it will destroy what is a brilliant park. I am concerned that the fenced dog area will be unusable in winter as it will be very wet and boggy. What additional drainage measures will be taken? Visit the park today you will see how wet the area is, without restricting dogs to a smaller fenced off area. Dog swamp park no thanks. it is a really bad idea. I think the proposal will make the dog area not usable for 6 months of the year due to wet boggy conditions. Could cause health problems to dogs. Would need lots of drainage measures to make the proposed fenced area safe and usable. What is proposed? A mud pitt?	Samantha Moss
36129	No	I think having fencing in the Halswell Quarry park is a bad idea, it's only making the area smaller, and would cause more problems as with it being a smaller area, for dogs. Not only would it ruin the openness and the space that quarry represents, it will ruin the look as well. Not to mention where the council proposes it, have they actually walked through this area in winter, and when it's raining? It's always so muddy and flooding in the bottom paddocks around this time of the year, if this is the fenced off area then dog owners won't want to walk around here as it's too muddy and wet. No one wants to keep washing their dog every night!!	Lauren Taylor
36125	No	I do not think that we require fencing around the dog park or a new dog park. Most people walk their dogs around the block near their house. With the constant increase in rates each year I feel it the money should go towards repairing the likes of Sparks Road, which is potholes.	Ken Austin
36123	No	The quarry park is an area that gets fantastic views from the top of the quarry and there is a huge change in the landscape since planting had been undertaken. Fencing the proposed area would damage the intrinsic landscape value of the park. It won't change the behaviour of owners with badly behaved dogs. Other dog parks in the city are predominantly not viewed from above. I use the quarry daily with my leashed dog and whilst I have concerns for the dog's safety I think it would be worse with the proposal. Please create a fenced dog park in another part of this growing suburb designed specifically with dogs in mind not retro fitting. Also goes for any proposals for a playground in the quarry - let nature be the kids playground works perfectly for my family.	Kate Ody
36118	No	We go to the quarry early every morning as in 5am to 7.30, we rabbit in the quarry averaging 2 to 3 rabbits a day each dog. This helps keep the rabbits under control. Will there be the option for a wavier to continue this. Some mornings there are 5 or 6 of us most with 2 dogs? If not what is the plan to control the rabbits? I don't support the fence. Seriously I believe there is far more important things I'd like my money spent on like the dreadfully unsafe cashmere road between the cashmere Henderson road and the quarry	Sara Hargraves
36114	No	I walk the quarry every single day, I don't own a dog and I don't particularly like dogs but I do walk in the dog park on my route. I'd be devastated to see an ugly fence put up, I understand the reasoning but I think it will really make the area look so ugly. Please don't ruin how beautiful the quarry is	Sara Phillips
36108	No	I disagree with this project. Big barriers and fences give too harsh of a look to the beautiful natural space.	Georgia Humphries
36095	No	It's way smaller than current open access dog park off leash area. Pretty gutted to be honest as my border collie and I love going on the trails along the northern side on hill slopes. Suggest expanding the area to include everything within current off leash area. There's already enough additional space in Quarry for other users.	Mel Rountree
36086	No	My concern is that having a fenced area will encourage the types of dogs that are not well controlled by their owners and there will be more incidences of dog attacks with more alpha dominant type dogs being taken there. I also worry that it will detract from the natural area that Halswell Quarry Park is. I have a dog and use the dog park often, and I also use the mountain biking and walking tracks. I have never had any issues personally between users. Most people I find to be pleasant and respectful. I enjoy that you can wander between the different areas without fencing etc with my dog and I would probably not be as drawn to using the area if the proposed changes take place.	Dale Shore
36047	No	See attachment	Gordon Fitzgerald
36044	No	I have been going to the dog park for over seven years and have yet to see any issues with dogs and other park users. There has been a new running group in the park on a Saturday morning who seem to be leading the "fence" issue. I don't understand the reasons at all. (Maybe someone should be looking at the loud music they blare out at 7.45 am in the morning!). A fence would be a waste of rate payers money at a time when the council should be tightening its belt given the unsustainable rate rises of recent years and the projected ones. You have made a claim there have been conflicts- why aren't those reports being made available (names taken out) - how many "reports"?- I suspect it's not many and the reports are being made by people with an agenda- it seems typical of the council to use that as a reason to do something they already have preconceived ideas about.	Peter Murison
35985	No	My family and I have been using the Quarry Park since we moved to the area 15 years ago. It is a wonderful asset and beautifully maintained. We visit at least 3 times a week with or without our dog(s). The dog park as it is works well and we feel that, because it is not fenced, people with uncontrollable dogs are discouraged from using it. It is very reasonable for people to have dogs on a lead outside the exercise area.	Susan Whitty

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		Fencing the area will be a waste of money and encourage bad dog owner behaviour. It would make more sense to create a new fenced area for dogs in south west Christchurch and use the money for fencing this one on continuing the planting in the quarry.	
35984	No	<p>It would appear that the council has once again failed to look at how an area is being used before creating a proposal.</p> <p>If someone had sat down and watched how the community is using the area they would have noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The majority of people walk around the outside loop. Doing 1 to 2 laps of both the lower and upper field - The dogs are off lead and running around, including in and out of the trees (still staying within the off lead signs. They love the water and the creek. This also includes running up the banked area on the northern side. <p>This proposal is misleading. The "Larger area" may be in fact larger by m2, however, when people are walking around the outside of the field the perimeter, this new plan is in fact a smaller distance. It also fails to include the other areas where the dogs are running in and out of as part of their m2 calculation. This proposal fails to provide the simulation of going in and out of the trees, sniffing and general stimulation that the current layout offers. If the area needs to be fenced off, it should include the full surrounding area including the northern bank, the southern tree bank. This however wouldnt' work as walkers/bikers using the new track would have to enter it to get where they are going. Which leaves us back at the point of leaving it how it is. From what I have observed while walking my dog around the on lead areas of the quarry, I've asked people to put their dogs on lead when they are off lead. It's not that they don't know. It's that they don't care. Creating a fenced area would not solve the problem only create new problems and reduce the quality of the environment we currently have. What is needed is some enforcement of the rules in the on lead areas.</p>	Gareth Popplestone
35983	No	I think adding fencing to the park will ruin the natural aspect of coming here in the first place. It's big open and enjoyable to walk through with the dog. When not in dog park zone my dog stays on the lead.	Annalise Jackson
35982	No	<p>The biggest issue I see at the Quarry dog park, is lack of signage indicating that the area is an off lead dog park.</p> <p>Other users walk into the area from other parts of the park and there is no clear sign that they have entered an off leash dog park.</p> <p>You get individuals, families, tourists that are not comfortable around dogs who panic when a dog comes up to them.</p> <p>Once the person panics, the dog senses this, barks and then the situation goes downhill very quickly. Often the poor dog owner is left being accused of being in the wrong, or at least feeling bad about the situation.</p> <p>The lower half of the existing area and part of the proposed new area is a swamp in winter, or after heavy rain. Go and have a look down there now and you will see.</p> <p>It is a totally flat area where as the upper part of the existing second field is on an incline.</p> <p>Why not put some fencing up along the perimeter of the existing area and better signage.</p>	Iain Jamieson
35957	No	<p>Overview</p> <p>I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed fenced dog area in Halswell. I support retaining the current approach, where dogs are permitted off-leash provided they are under effective control. My submission outlines key concerns with fencing and makes the case for strengthening the existing model instead</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discourages Responsible Dog Handling Establishing a fenced area may unintentionally reduce owner accountability. When dogs are allowed in the wider park under effective control, owners must be attentive and ensure their pets are well-behaved. A fenced area can lead to complacency, relying on the fence rather than responsible supervision and training. 2. Limits Freedom and Enjoyment The existing setup allows dogs and owners to move freely throughout the park, enhancing physical and mental stimulation. Replacing this with a confined zone would diminish the quality of exercise and interaction for both dogs and people, particularly during busy periods when the space could become crowded or overstimulating. 3. Higher Risk of Dog Conflict Fenced dog areas can increase the likelihood of conflict. When unfamiliar dogs are placed together in a small space, it can lead to stress, overstimulation, or aggression — especially if dogs are unable to create space or leave when uncomfortable. Open areas allow for more natural movement and avoidance. 4. Unnecessary Limitation on Well-Behaved Dogs The majority of dog owners use the park responsibly. Replacing general off-leash access with a fenced area penalises those who are doing the right thing. It unfairly restricts access for well-trained dogs and attentive owners in response to isolated incidents that could be better managed through targeted interventions. 5. Ongoing Maintenance and Cleanliness Concerns Designated fenced areas often require significant upkeep to remain clean, safe, and useable. Without regular cleaning and maintenance, these areas can deteriorate quickly, becoming unhygienic and unpleasant for users. This could create additional costs and potential complaints. 6. Reduces Inclusive Use of the Park One of the key strengths of shared public spaces is that they bring together diverse users. Segregating dog owners from the rest of the park community undermines this principle. A well-managed, shared-use environment encourages coexistence and mutual respect among all park users. 7. More Effective Alternatives Exist If the goal is to ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone, there are more balanced and cost-effective ways to achieve this: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install clear signage reminding owners of their responsibilities • Define informal zones for different uses without restricting access • Deliver community education about dog behaviour and park etiquette • Increase monitoring or enforcement of uncontrolled dog incidents 	Ben Hart

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce time-based off-leash access if needed <p>The move to introduce a fenced dog area is not the right fit for [Park Name]. It restricts enjoyment, may worsen dog behaviour, and sends the wrong message to responsible dog owners. Retaining off-leash access with stronger management tools is a more appropriate and inclusive solution.</p> <p>I urge the council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue supporting dogs under effective control in the open park environment • Enhance current practices through education, signage, and enforcement <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.</p>	
35956	No	<p>We go to the park nearly weekly, weather and other commitments considered. I am at a loss to see what the problem is, I have never witnessed a dog fight, nor a concerned animal owner looking for their dog. I see happy dogs running free and families having lovely picnics in summer, some with dogs, some without. It is never overcrowded with dogs, again what is the problem? Bike riders are generally on the tracks so not concerned with dogs or people, they are also going fast having a great time and more than capable of getting out of the way of dogs and people if they are walking on the tracks.</p> <p>Restricted dog areas lead to dogs fighting, passing on illness like Parvovirus, and in an area as big as Halswell, why?</p> <p>I am more than a little bothered by the constant dog restrictions being applied, absolutely where it is necessary for safety but this definitely is not the case in Halswell. My question to you is how many complaints have you received and are you balancing these fairly against the enjoyment of those who visit this special place, it is easy to apply restrictions.</p>	Margaret McEvedy
35954	No	<p>Yes I do, my dogs love to sniff around the perimeter and mooch about there, they NEVER want to go out into the open grass area. There are no trees or shelter in the grass, you are offering them an open paddock which will be way too hot for exercise in the summer. The open grass generally appears to be used by larger dogs, my dogs are smaller and don't particularly want large dogs jumping all over them.</p>	Alison Smith
35951	No	<p>It will ruin the open natural image of the Halswell Quarry area. The whole side, including the hills are used by dog owners to get their dogs to have a good run. It is one of the only dog parks that has various terrains for your own fitness and your dogs. The proposal to cut out most of the existing dog park and fence it in will minimize the area that you can actually use and reduce the use of the other tracks along the whole side. It is a waste of money to enclose an area that is already dedicated to a dog park. All it is doing is reducing the area further and making an eyesore of the park. I agree in adding the lower area should be added to the overall dog park</p> <p>Yes, expand and add the lower area to the dog park.</p> <p>No, do not put a fence.</p>	Nicole Smith
35950	No	<p>The bottom area in the proposed site should have dogs allowed yes. But adding fences is one an unnecessary cost and two would ruin the whole feel of the park. It is an unnecessary restriction as that would cut off the hills and the upper park which are the best parts.</p> <p>Yes the dog park should be expanded.</p> <p>No there should not be a fence put up.</p>	Mitchell Scott
35948	No	<p>Bikers only bike through the park to access the Crocodile mountain bike Tracks, dog walkers and other community goers without dogs enjoy walking the current loop consisting of the lower area and the area up by the entrance to the Crocodile tracks. Our family lives in the area and we walk down from the top of Kennedys Bush through the park multiple times a week. Although this is a shared track I have been abused for having my dog (always on a lead) as I walk down through the forest tracks to the fields in the Quarry. I have always experienced only positive encounters in the fields with other dog owners with their dogs and people walking. A few complaints is far outweighed by the thousands of people with and without dogs enjoying the fields. Fencing us dog owners in gives power to the complainers who will likely abuse me as I walk up through the park forest returning home with my dog (on a lead). Please don't change such an awesome experience we and thousands of others enjoy every day.</p>	Joanne Wells-Folau
35946	No	<p>It's one of the last off lead large parks you can actually enjoy a decent walk with your dog off lead. I've been coming to the quarry for over 15 years and enjoyed the park with my kids, mountain biking, hiking and dog walking. I have had no issues with any dog and people are respectful. Think of all the positive interactions that come out of a large park off lead for all rather than the minor few negative.</p>	Stephanie Broomhall
35945	No	<p>Do we really need big fences in Quarry Park? I'm not sure we have a big problem at the Park at the moment, although perhaps the problem is policing loose dogs outside of areas where they can be off the lead - and fences won't fix that, in my view. I think part of the attraction of the Quarry is that there are no fences. The Quarry is a high use park that is clearly valued for its naturalness. Putting fences in there to keep dogs confined is really going to detract from that. In addition it might tempt people who don't bring their dogs at present to use the area and arguably that could well end up with more problems outside of those fences. Please don't do this to the Quarry.</p>	Chrys Horn
35918	No	<p>See attachment</p> <p>I feel that the fencing would spoil the whole quarry as this is a lovely open greenspace. I know there have been complaints of aggressive dogs but I don't see how keeping inside a fence will rectify that. I also feel that owners will stand in the middle, chat and not really watch their dogs or pick up after them like I find at Styx Mill. The proposed new area was very wet and muddy as per the attached photos yesterday so drainage is a problem in the winter and in summer both areas are in full sun so the dogs cannot escape that by running around the bushes. I do believe the dog pond needs to be fenced off as it always looks disgusting for the dogs to go into. I feel it is very expensive to fence the areas when it is not needed. Why change something not broke. Perhaps more signage is required</p>	Susan Miller
35894	No	<p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - this plan appears to fence open space only - increasing the number of dogs in a smaller area and decreasing owner vigilance. In general dogs off leash in unfenced areas are those that display better social skills and better focus on owners (ie dogs that the O's trust to be off leash). - If negative events are occurring already this plan may consolidate and increase these events in a confined space, with open lines of sight between dogs at a distance 	nicky kennedy

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - open fenced area invites owners and dogs with less skills, leading to the risks of miscommunication between dogs and a higher risk of adverse interactions and the potential to cause emotional or physical harm. (Seen in the number of negative interactions in the Victoria Dog park) - the need for a processing system for waste - bins, policing compliance <p>Alternatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The better option would be a fenced off region of the park that contains more structures and room for sensory exploration, visual barriers as places for dogs to hide, sniff and play out of sight of one another such as that provided at the Canine neuropark. https://www.canineneuropark.com/ or even the Willows dog park in the Selwyn district. Ensuring planting along both sides of the fence to prevent dogs interacting through fences - triggering potential barrier issues. - Another option would be encouraging the development of privatised fields or paddocks in the area where people can book to spend time with their dog for a fee or at a specific time such as "sniff spot" https://www.sniffspot.com - Encouraging/supporting the development of a Halswel dog club to incorporate some element of training and community such as that at the Rolleston dog park. - spending "dog allocated funding" on owner education and support, attendance at puppy classes and compassionate policing of guidelines 	
35891	No	<p>I do not support the plan as a whole. I am a regular user of the quarry park and visit at least once a week, often more, both as a walker and a mountain biker (Crocodile XC Trail area). I find the openness and ease of use of the quarry to be one of the most appealing aspects, especially when walking. It provides an excellent variety of trails and area to walk unimpeded for as long as you wish. Having a fenced area as large as the plan shows would dramatically reduce the appeal of walking around the quarry - it removes the freedom of movement in and around the areas, where walkers often follow random tracks to make up a walking route. Having to enter the areas through a designated entry point will greatly reduce the enjoyment of the area as a whole for regular, non-dog owner, walkers.</p> <p>As both a walker and mountain biker (who doesn't own a dog), I have never had an issue in the allocated dog exercise areas with misbehaving dogs; most dog users of the park are very considerate of cyclists and other walkers, and most dogs are well behaved. For those that aren't, I don't believe a fenced area would necessarily help anyone.</p> <p>If the consensus is that a fenced area is preferred, an alternative option could be to only fence the western field, which I believe would be big enough for owners who wish to use it.</p>	K Munro
35864	No	<p>I do not support the proposal. It feels, to me, that due to some people not understanding that it is an off leash dog exercise area (due to a lack of signage perhaps?), that dog owners are being penalized and forced into an area that is not ideal. The proposed area, although larger than the existing area, is not suitable for year around use. Currently a large amount of the proposed area is under water and stays that way for most of the winter because it is low lying. It is also flat and featureless. I enjoy walking up the hills and enjoying the views looking across to the quarry itself. Why only use the lower paddocks for the dog park? Why not fence the existing, upper, area?</p> <p>If the new area is too be fenced, what happens if the fences become broken and a dog escapes? Who is responsible? My take is that the council are providing a secure area that prevents my dog accessing areas it's not meant to. If the fences are damaged and my dog escapes, it is the councils failing, not mine. If my dog escapes and gets injured, will the council pay my vet bill?</p> <p>I support an additional, off leash, dog park in the south west area as there are currently only 2 (Halswell Quarry and Victoria Park). I'd suggest, in the new dog park, an area for dogs that are becoming socialized, that is fenced off from the rest of the dog park. Selwyn (Foster Park) as an example, has such an area.</p>	Roland Pinches
35855	No	<p>There are no areas of shrubbery or bushes within the dog exercise area. This is currently the main thing I like about Halswell Quarry dog exercise area, the ability for my dog to run amongst the trees and bushes so she can smell all the smells around. The proposal turns the quarry into a bland grass field with nothing else of note (other than the pond). I suggest moving at least the south fence out a further 20 m to encapsulate the scrub there and the walkway through the back of the trees there.</p>	Nic Bason
35813	No	<p>See attachment</p> <p>I am a local at the Halswell Quarry dog park weather it's rain or shine, I noticed in the recent awful weather the only people at the Quarry are dog owners which also support the quarry cafe when others don't come out in horrible weather.</p> <p>I have noticed the new fenced dog park is located in the back area which floods over winter and also by the conservation area which is unsafe for wildlife.</p> <p>It will change the dynamic of the quarry with having fences all around and will make it lose it's native vibe. If people want a fenced in dog park they can go 5 minutes up the road to dog park off Ellesmere road.</p>	Lisa Edmonds
35804	No	<p>There is absolutely NO need to fence this area off. It is a waste of money and will disadvantage the huge number of people that walk in this area. We overlook the park and regularly (one of us walks in the park every day) walk in this area. We love dogs and have never experienced any difficulties with people having their dogs off the leash in the area that this proposal is talking about. If people are experiencing issues, then they are not looking after their animals. There are signs up stating when dogs need to be on their leash. If you have to do something, then make these larger and more explicit. Don't disadvantage the majority for the few. We have lived here for 6 years during which time we have seen constant 'stop/go's on our road - if you wish to spend our hard earned money on something for our community - FIX the dam road and allow us to drive freely without the constant (and without any notice) stopping of free flowing of traffic in this area.</p>	Pamela Morgan
35790	No	<p>I've walked my dog daily at the quarry for over 6 years and have ridden my bike and walked the tracks for longer, and I've only ever seen 1 fast bike vs dog encounter, otherwise everyone is very courteous and respectful. A fence feels like a huge expense and a cost for the uniquely wild, meandering feel of the quarry park. The reasons given for the fence seem to be ones that could be easily fixed with some separate paths, (ie bikes only and people/dogs only) and clear signage. The other park users I talk to agree that this is a huge overreaction and expense so please ask people who regularly use the park before you listen to the loud complaints of a few. And also, the lower field that you are suggesting to add into the fenced area is a gumboots only access in winter. It would be a mud bath. And the mowing would be a further cost as only paths are mown at this time and they're done by volunteers. Please listen to the users before you spend our tax money on an excessive reaction.</p>	Jo Van den Bogaert
35784	No	<p>Please do not fence any areas of the quarry. I am a long term user and dog walker at the quarry. One of the most appealing aspects of the park is the feeling of wide open space. Any fencing will ruin that.</p> <p>As a walker of a well behaved dog, I have never had a problem with my dog being outside of the dog area and we walk on lead around the rest of it (except where dogs aren't allowed).</p>	Jill McCaw

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		<p>There are already several fenced dog parks in the area, and it seems another is coming, for owners who prefer this, but please don't change the Quarry.</p> <p>Other people spoken to while walking at the quarry express similar feelings.</p> <p>Yes, we would love a larger off lead area. Why not keep what we have and make the north hillside area off lead?</p> <p>If cycle access to the Crocodile park is a problem , bring them in along the creek from Finlays carpark.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	
35778	No	<p>I've been using this dog park for 20 odd years and think the quarry is a great asset to the wider halswell area. I do struggle sometimes seeing how our rate payers money is spent. I'm not sure what we are trying to achieve by doing this?</p> <p>We need to let people have a choice and make decisions for themselves and stop dumbing down common sense. Users who don't like dogs have the option of going to the other car park which is a lot larger, has a toilet and a cafe.</p> <p>Other issues I can see are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adding another asset. Assets always need maintenance through general wear and vandalism this leading to on-going costs. - Adding cost to the mowing of the area, (less efficient when fences are in the way). - Stopping long grass from growing through the wires of the fences, fire danger mid-late summer when dry. <p>Keep it simple put the money towards the maintenance of what we already have in the park.</p> <p>Thanks Tim</p>	Timothy Prebble
35775	No	<p>Why??</p> <p>I don't know why you would do this because if people want to be away from the dogs they can just park at the back end which is more suitable for runners and walkers and has better trails and scenery. I think you could do better things with the money than make fences that will just ruin the natural beauty of the quarry.</p> <p>From Poppy 11yrs (& Ruby the pug)</p>	Poppy Prebble
35774	No	<p>This seems to be a waste of our money. What is the point of it? In 15yrs of walking dogs in the current setup I've never seen a problem. There only ever seems to be dog walkers or mountain bikers accessing the crocodile. Runners and walkers tend to use the other side.</p> <p>I hope you take feed back into consideration but I suspect that your decisions are a foregone conclusion as you've spent a small fortune on it already.</p> <p>Maybe focus your efforts on saving money instead of creating problems that aren't there.</p> <p>If you're desperate to build dog fences then construct one in the actual quarry area where the rabbit population breeds. The dogs would help with pest control and save the Kahikatea forest and future plantings from being eaten by rabbits.</p>	Heather Brann
35755	No	<p>Hi There</p> <p>It generally works without fences, it's an area where all users seem to get on and it naturally has separation between the areas. People seem to exhibit intelligence based on what I have observed, as a dog walker and a cyclist.</p> <p>You don't need to spend the money on this. Can we please stop with the fences?</p>	Steve Sutcliffe
35751	No	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The area was already far too small, this area looks smaller 2. Every fenced dog park in this city is too small and is not ideal for dog interactions. Dogs like to be able to work forward and walk in a zigzag, loop and often circling method. They need enough space to do this, and the ability to duck away and into bushes etc. They like to do this type of movement while generally moving in a forward direction. 3. The general move in this city seems to be about restricting dogs and making it harder for them. 99% of the issues in the existing dog exercise area is humans not understanding dogs. 4. If you must fence something apart from the wildlife ponds which are an obvious thing to fence off, can I suggest that you do one of two things: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Put a fence up the middle of the park and have half of it where dogs can go and half where they can't. include walking paths in both areas. The more you make it fair the more people will comply. The current proposal will increase people being non-compliant. b. Have dog days/times and none dog days and times as an alternative. Eg early morning and later in the evening could be dog preferential times and then dog free say 10am - 3pm which would be most common picnic times. <p>AND</p> <p>Ensure the dog behaviour programmes that go into schools include parents to teach people how to behave around dogs - when people behave around dogs, there will be less problems and this will stop the continual need to keep further restricting dogs.</p> <p>It is essential we give dogs enough space, not restrict them continually by more fences. Halswell Quarry is one of the most pleasant places to walk dogs but it is increasingly getting far too small for the number of dogs in the area. I would suggest the space needs to be the existing 2 paddocks and then doubled again. The left hand hillside should be included too - this allows the owners of dogs to walk a hill or two while walking too.</p>	Francesca Brown
35735	No	<p>The current setup is brilliant in its organic nature, allowing dogs & owners to exercise & interact more freely within the dog exercise areas.</p> <p>Fencing it would be overly restrictive, & encourage owners to just enter & let their dogs go, with less responsibility.</p> <p>It would also destroy the aesthetics of this most beautiful park in ChCh!</p> <p>I understand a conflict between dogs & occasional mountain bikers, but am in the dog's favour as it is of course a DOG Area!</p> <p>I support the idea of a fenced dog area in a different unused spot in South West ChCh.</p> <p>Thank you for reading.</p>	Yvette Cundy

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35727	No	<p>Dear CCC,</p> <p>The amount of expenditure on parks in the Halswell area has grown significantly in the last 6 months, a majority of the money being spent (including this dog exercise park) could be better allocated to more pressing public infrastructure or renewal projects that are desperately needed in the local area. The state of the dilapidated roading network for one would be a far better use of public money, especially considering Council's public infrastructure upgrades have failed to keep up with private development in the region.</p> <p>There are several park upgrade projects being planned or currently being delivered by CCC - it's disappointing that a majority of these (playgrounds and the likes) were originally proposed to be installed by the developer at the time of subdivisions etc but the bureaucracy became too insurmountable that CCC couldn't facilitate it at the time - why does the rate payer now have to pick up the tab - especially when the work is carried out so inefficiently with little care for delivery timeframes.</p> <p>I encourage CCC to have a look at the core servicing of the southwest region, before splashing more ratepayers cash on projects like this that offer little in terms of amenity value. Halswell park simply does not need a large, fenced area or more regulation at the expense of more pressing needs in the region.</p> <p>This will fall on deaf ears I'm sure, as Council has a habit of just doing things regardless but as a ratepayer, facing rates increases to fund this it's incredibly disappointing. For example, how about prioritizing a safe functioning road network, that doesn't have a Council contractor perform poor and substandard potholes repairs week in week out rather than fencing a park - wouldn't that be nice?</p>	Hayden Chittenden
35721	No	There is more important things to spend money on at this time!	Alicia Dalzell
35715	No	It would be a real pity if this happened. The Quarry is one of the very few area's that is one, unfenced, and two has hills to walk the dog on. I think what would be better would be to make one side of the stream off lead, and include the hill side above the existing dog walking area. And then make the other side strictly on led. Or fence off an area for picnics, children. The dog walking area's are getting smaller and smaller to have decent exercise areas for dogs.	Elissa Brittenden
35704	No	<p>The quarry in its current form - the beautiful bush and native plantings, the hill tracks, the quarry cafe, the historical buildings, the mountain bike tracks and the most beautiful free roaming dog park in the city is the main reason we are living close by and why people come from far away to enjoy this place.</p> <p>If you decide to install expensive ugly fencing and turn it into any other dog park in the city then you will devalue the rugged wilderness which we all treasure and people will stop coming here. The views will be ruined. We want to feel as though we are in the country side, enjoying nature as it is now. Not fenced in!!</p> <p>Furthermore, moving the dog park to the lower and more swampy area is such a bad idea - we can't currently walk in that lower bit at all because it is so wet and muddy- it's slippery and dangerous. Even if you install walkways for the people - the dogs are going to rip up the area and it will look terrible. Moving dogs closer to the conservation area would spook the nesting birds wouldn't it? Even if the dogs can't reach the birdlife, the birds will hear them.</p> <p>We are a family with young kids who love the mountain bike tracks - we see it as our responsibility to bike carefully through the dog park to avoid any collisions. We are also a family with two dogs who come to the quarry almost daily, we see it as our responsibility to keep our dogs in the right sections and not go off leash where it's not allowed. Encourage personal responsibility and penalise those who won't comply, don't punish all of us.</p> <p>People will continue to ignore the rules and let their dogs off leash in the whole quarry (if that is what is currently happening) if there isn't enforcement of the rules regularly. Fencing won't solve this. Please don't waste our rates on this when there are so many other issues to fix.</p> <p>Rather than fencing in the dogs, I would suggest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - clearer signage and more enforcement of the rules by wardens/rangers - a separate entrance for bikers to reach the mountain bike tracks - through Findlay Picnic Area for instance 	Shabnam Dastgheib
35701	No	<p>Yes,</p> <p>This is another crazy idea from Councilors looking for re-election. Halswell Quarry Park has an existing area deemed a "Dog friendly area" This is a Non fenced area and should remain as such. Currently, the area is a "shared space" with other activities such a Cross-Country runs by Schools and other sporting events such as mountain biking etc. The area should not be turned into a single-use Dog Park. The next expense will at ratepayers' will bear are the additional amenities and equipment. The existing area allows Dog owners to exercise their dogs with other dogs and owners as the Law / Policy currently states dogs must be under "effective control" at all times so why have a fence?</p> <p>Owners need to take control of their dogs in such a way that other park users feel safe and unhindered by out-of-control dogs,.</p> <p>By fencing an area you are allowing abdication of dog owners' responsibilities that they no longer have to control their dog as the area is fenced and they can run wild, as they cant escape the fenced area. This would indicate "Effective control" of their dog is not required. This is contradictory to the overall policy on Dogs.</p> <p>This area delineated by a fence is a huge area of the Quarry Park that is currently shared space and as a member of a community group (Lions Club) of Halswell we have invested hours in the development of this park.</p> <p>I would not approve of such a waste of ratepayers' money for the benefit of a few irresponsible dog owners who currently flaunt the current requirements that don't leash their dogs when in the other parts of the Park and particularly when transiting through the sheep paddock from KBR</p>	Paul O'Connor
35698	No	<p>I do not support this proposal. On reading, the proposal seems designed to address current unfavourable behaviour occurring elsewhere in the park (eg non-compliance outside the dog exercise area) or ineffective monitoring within the dog exercise area because of miscommunication. Rather than fencing the dog exercise area, the actual problems should be addressed by more effective monitoring and clearer communication.</p> <p>Moreover, I believe that fencing this area will introduce new problems as at other fenced dog parks. Dog walkers will pay less attention to their dogs - believing they are trustworthy because they are contained - leading to an increase in uncollected dog poo and antisocial dog behaviour, because dogs will be even less closely supervised by their owners.</p> <p>Broadly speaking, the Halswell Quarry currently attracts dog owners and walkers who are responsible and effectively control their dogs, with a small minority ruining it for the majority. I have never experienced an incident and visit at least three times per week. I regularly bring my young children, and they have always been safe. I believe adding fences to the existing dog park will only attract new visitors to the park whose dogs are less compliant, poorly trained, and poorly supervised, leading to increased problems and a less pleasant experience for current and</p>	Emma Potter-Hay

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		prospective walkers (without and without dogs) and families. I have observed this at neighbouring fenced dog parks (Victoria Park, Kakaha Park) and for that reason choose not to take my dog there. As a local resident who has enjoyed walking my dog and children there for ~5 years, I would be disappointed for both practical and aesthetic reasons if fences were built, and would be concerned about the safety of my dog and children.	
35691	No	I think fencing off a dog area would be a huge visual pollutant for the Halswell Quarry. I own a dog and go there occasionally. I would support a separate dog park being made in the south west all together and leaving the Halswell quarry to being a family place. I would invest in infrastructure like at Spencer park (flying fox, large climbing area, beach volleyball set up) for families to use.	Isaac Stanton
35689	No	We have been coming to the quarry with our dog for the past 3 years everyday and it is our favourite place due to the fact it has a lot of freedom for our high energy dog. Having fenced areas will ruin the whole feel of wildness and freedom that makes the quarry so good for everyone. Fencing that area will take away from not just the people with dogs but without dogs as they will no longer be able to use the space too. The proposed fenced areas have lovely picnic tables that I see frequently being used by non dog owners who never have issues. If the reason behind this is a few complaints I'd like to see more numbers and data around how many people actually use the area that do not have issues, you can't rely on a few complaints as the main cause if you haven't considered the other evidence. A few bad eggs shouldn't ruin it for everyone. The 3 years we've been going here we've never had issues or complaints from other dogs or non-dog walkers. Another thing to note, is the new smaller proposed off leash area closer to Kennedy bush road, is constantly flooded and boggy, making it a main reason why most people avoid that area to begin with, as it is almost impassable most of the year. If this is included it will not be utilised unless it has raised walkways, which you have already mentioned as not being financially feasible. Even then most people will avoid it to not let their dogs get too muddy, so we will be restricted to a small area still. Fenced dog areas are not always the solution and often have more aggressive dogs and issues due to the people they attract. There are plenty of fenced dog areas in the region that people can utilise, so another one is not necessary, people love the quarry because of what it is currently and love the freedom it brings.	Immi Stewart
35687	No	It's a terrible idea. Why would they move the dog park to the wetland area that I've spent so long training my dog to stay out of? It is also a boggy marsh at the best of times so dogs running around that area will destroy it. The fences would absolutely destroy the wildness and openness of the park. If people want a fenced area then go to Prebbleton or Cashmere. It would be better to spend the money on making a separate path for cyclists and improve signage to alert people that they are entering a dog off leash area and advise them where to enter if they don't want to encounter dogs.	Angela Graham
35673	No	I disagree with the proposed changes. Fencing an area for the off lead dog exercise area takes away from the quarry's natural appeal. The new proposed area is often flooded in winter and will be unusable part of the year. In my experience fenced dog parks attract people with dogs that have very little training and recall. Spending money on this seems ridiculous. There are fenced dogs parks close by in cashmere and selwyn district.	Else Hermansson
35667	No	Fenced dog parks often attract owners who have less control over their dogs. I'm not a fan. I know there is a place for them but I'd like to see the quarry remain open without fencing. Instead encouraging those dog owners that need fenced areas to seek training and practice good recall and interactions on a long line. Fenced does not mean safer. It also won't stop those individuals who already flaunt the rules from continuing to do so. The only way to enforce on lead areas is to police it. I believe it would be more sensible to fence off the conservation area and make more picnic spots in there. This way the wildlife is protected and people who are concerned about the presence of dogs can have a space of their own.	Vikki Hart
35655	No	I don't agree with the Quarry having a fenced dog area. It's lovely the way it is. I believe that there is more behaviour issues at a fenced dog park than a non fenced including seeing people just put their dog in the area and go sit in the car. Having to have control over one's dog and behaviour is encouraged in a non fenced park. I also feel that the fenced area will then be a reason to limit people's use of other non fenced areas which is restrictive to the majority of people who are responsible dog owners. I am a dog owner as well.	Olivia Webster
35642	No	This would be a complete waste of money and would destroy this naturally beautiful place and all the natural plantings that so many easily enjoy as it is. As a dog owner I would not visit a fenced dog park as many dog owners that do, have no control over their dogs and with dogs unmet exercise needs and the dogs are often not well behaved.	Anna Heyes
35637	No	All other dog parks are fenced in Christchurch this gives Halswell Quarry a point of difference and a more natural environment. If you want a fenced dog park go to one of the other parks.	Louise Davies
35630	No	The quarry is a lovely open unique area, havingvareas fenced off will reduce the beauty. The issues if any with poorly behaved dogs won't go away with fences. It is a owner poorly trained dog issue	Shelly Sutherland
35622	No	I am against the removal of the back field of the current dog park. It provides a great, diverse area for dogs to explore and be stimulated. There are bushes, trees, and uneven terrain, which provides dogs variety to seek shade on hot days, to investigate smells, and to explore hidden areas, which provides them not just physical, but mental stimulation. The proposal will have the dog park as a flat, open area that does not cater to all dogs (not all of them are there to play with other dogs). My dog and many others, for example, keep to themselves and like to explore the surroundings. He gets anxious if big, excited dogs wants to engage. Having areas he can exit to, so he can disengage is important for the defusal and mitigation of reactive situations between dogs. Instead of fencing the areas off, there should be better education to users of the park who enter the dog exercise areas. I moved out to Halswell because of the dog exercise areas in Halswell Quarry Park. I'd be disappointed to see it change for the worse.	Kerry Cheung



Dog recreation areas...

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Proposed fenced dog exercise area at Halswell Quarry Park. [View the plan in more detail](#)

Submission - Dog recreation areas in southwest Christchurch

While I'm disappointed this is being proposed, I do understand the perceived need for a fenced area due to the substantial increase in the local population and therefore use of the park.

I have been a resident here for 12 years, and I live in one of the original houses opposite the Quarry. I use the Quarry every day, sometimes twice a day, to walk my dog. While I have a set "daily" route, I also use about 90% of the tracks and spaces on a regular basis, so I'm very familiar with the terrain and how the land is used. I've been involved in community planting for about 10 years and speak at least weekly with the rangers regarding park matters.

The proposed plan concerns me for 3 key reasons:

1. **A lack of vegetation for the size of the proposed space.** I understand the trees at the eastern ends will be included, and the small area between the two main paddocks (East and West) will be included, but those two areas really aren't a lot for the 4.5Ha of space. While some dogs will enjoy the large open space, many prefer to mooch around, sniffing and checking out the trees/shrubs. Sensory stimulation/enrichment is an important aspect of dogs' walk experience, and the proposal will deprive them of much of this. Can the trees adjacent to the pond already included in the East paddock, also be included? This will also service to hide some of the fence from view of the main East paddock.
2. **The West paddock has some serious issues with flooding.** The whole paddock is currently water-logged, with water over ankle-deep in many places and will remain so for at least the next couple of months (based on my experience over the 12 years I've used the park). The result is over 50% of the proposed perimeter of this paddock is unusable, with at least 50% of the total land area also being too water-logged to walk on. I've attached a photo from the top of the Quarry showing the flooded areas. I also walked through the paddock tonight to check and confirm. I also note that, according to the Q&A on this website, the proposed perimeter walking track "may take a few years" to complete. I believe there is substantial work required to remedy the regular flooding to allow the whole paddock to be used. I also believe the perimeter walkway needs to be prioritised as urgent if this proposal goes ahead, or this entire paddock will be unusable during winter.
3. **A fenced dog exercise area will increase the risk of owners with uncontrolled dogs.** Currently these owners will not use the Halswell Quarry park as it's not fenced, and their dogs will run off. I have seen this at The Groynes, and it is the main reason I stopped taking my first dog there about 15 years ago: owners open the gate, let their dog off the lead, then stand there, (on their phone) while their dog runs around, completely out of control, wrecking havoc with all other dogs. It's how dog fights start, even if the uncontrolled dog doesn't start if. These owners pay little to no attention, nor are they concerned with their dog's behaviour. This may hamper other dogs' quiet enjoyment of the space. I know my dog will not enjoy out of control dogs in her face and means I will not use the space during busy times. I'm not sure of the remedy for this, other than signage reminding owners that their dogs still need to be under control.



Halswell Quarry dog park submission - West paddock

Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

I understand that while this initial consultation covers both the Quarry and the New Dog Park, they will be separated later for the hearings panel and future consultation.

Therefore I have divided my response into 2 chapters – most of the topics are shared (with minor differences) so there will be repeated information between the two.

The website would not let me select multiple files.

I had to merge Haswell Quarry and the New Dog Park (page 19 onwards) into one file.

Even with the new park that's been proposed, I believe the southwest side could benefit from at least one more dog park!

Thank you so much for your time and for all the effort being put into creating more fenced-in dog areas. It's exciting to see progress on the new fenced dog park. Thanks to the Community Board for advocating to prioritize and move this project forward!

Thank you for placing clear colourful signs at Haswell Quarry advertising the consultation opportunity.

Halswell Quarry

This first section of this is general information about education.

The second section has questions and Wishlist for the proposed fencing.

Education:

This is still important, I hope the new bylaw will enforce education.

Even sending information through emails. I think the titled of emails with a heading dog owners are more likely to read. "For health and safety of your dogs" with the body of text talking about not letting them wander, and about picking up the waste.

Some may do what they want anyway, but other dog owners are nice but actually haven't realized the impact they have on others. Also that walks aren't just for physical exercise; they provide enrichment for dogs exploring new areas and walking on different surfaces. The following information might not seem directly relevant to the consultation, but it's crucial background knowledge. If more people were aware of this, we likely wouldn't be facing the issue at hand.

Recall:

People who rely on fenced dog parks may practice recall with their dogs less frequently, even though fenced areas also require effective control

In flat, open grass areas, owners often walk at their own pace, may use their phones, and pay little attention to their dogs. Designing a park with varied terrain and obstacles would encourage owners to stay more engaged, as their dogs would be more actively exploring and interacting with the environment—not just walking and occasionally sniffing.

I was recently at the park when a dog approached mine. Their interaction was perfectly fine, but I noticed that the other dog's owner appeared to be heading home. She repeatedly called her dog, who was busy sniffing. Eventually, the dog turned and trotted over to her—but as soon as it arrived, she whipped it with the lead and walked off. I was so shocked that by the time I realized what had just happened, and thought about saying something, she was already gone. What's wrong here aside from physically abusing her dog? To the owner she thought she was punishing the dog for not coming immediately when called. But in reality, she punished the dog for coming to her. This kind of reaction teaches the dog that returning to its owner results in something bad, which can discourage recall.

Many people don't realize that to effectively stop an undesirable behaviour, correction needs to happen either just as the dog is about to do it, or while the behaviour is happening—not several seconds later.

Another common issue is owners who repeatedly yell their dog's name, or use a flat, monotone voice. Dogs are constantly making choices in a stimulating environment. For a recall to be effective, the owner has to be the most exciting, rewarding choice available. Lastly people don't always take into account the wind direction, if their voice is competing upwind the dog while may have good recall, might not actually hear it. Halswell Quarry does get a lot of a wind at times. So people need to notice the wind direction and that their dog isn't too far from them that the wind carries their voice.

The walk is for the dogs:

It's important to educate owners that walks should be for the benefit of the dog: allowing them to socialise, sniff, and engage with their surroundings at their own pace.

So many interactions I have seen in the off lead area, where two dogs meet - and they show positive body language behaviour – are about to play, and the other dog's owner calls it to keep walking with them. Almost 90% of the time... same for when their dog wants to sniff a

bush or a spot on the ground.

People need to allow their dog to socialise if the interaction is positive, and allow their dogs to sniff the areas that interest them. The walk is for their dog, yet their dog has to walk at their owners pace and not stop to sniff or interact with other dogs who want to.

Socialisation has to be mutual:

Owners do need to take responsibility of their dog. If theirs is off lead and another on lead its courtesy to yell out to the on-lead owner “are they okay to interact?”

Some are, some aren’t – perhaps they are in training, anxious, or the other dog might have conjunctivitis.

If another dog shows signs of discomfort through body language, it's the responsibility of the instigating dog's owner to redirect their dog and move on.

Dog’s should not be allowed to walk up to other people uninvited either. Some people say “don’t worry, my dog is friendly” – but that person hasn’t even thought that the other person might not want to interact with that dog, might have an allergy, or is scared.

Picking up waste:

Educating that leaving their dog waste can spread illness and deadly disease like parvo (which dogs can be carriers without symptoms).

That its not nice to leave it laying around, its not nice to see for walkers. Parks and Reserves also have gardeners that have to deal with it and its not fair.

Teaching people to bring a belt bag with them and a pocket bag tied to it. That way they don't have to hold on to their used bag either.

Other off-lead areas:

I want to believe that the addition of extra dog parks will not result in the removal of any existing off-leash areas—whether in parks or on beaches where dogs are currently allowed off-lead under effective control. This is especially important for local residents who don’t have access to a car, and for those who want to play fetch or train their dogs. These activities are often difficult in busy dog parks, where other dogs may steal the ball or try to take treats.

Also taking into consideration that a lead-only approach for Christchurch can create more conflict. Dogs are aware when they’re on a lead—they can become tense, frustrated, unable to socialise, walk, or sniff at their own pace.

Dog Park Wish List (Photos Page 4, 5 and Photos 11, 12, 16)

For dogs that like agility courses, swimming splashing, and exploring new environments.

We need enrichment:

Some people think that dogs don't care where they go—they're just excited when you arrive. While they are happy to get out of the house, their interest level can vary depending on what they get to explore. It's important to educate people that a dog's primary sense is smell, and just like people they can get more excited exploring new areas. Walking a different block, visiting a new park, walking on various surfaces, and sniffing around bushes are all mentally stimulating experiences for them. Whether its climbing a tree trunk, or rolling in fallen leaves.

It would be great if every dog park has:

Double entry gates, or if single (its not too close to carpark or busy road), most people are good but some don't call their dog away from entrances making it hard to enter.
Separate areas - for high energy and for quiet dogs
Water to drink, with a titled bowl (easier for cleaning), and one at each end of the dog park
Waste bins
Sign with rules - under effective control etc (Yoyogi Park in Japan – has a set of 19 Rules!)
Grass – dog-friendly, and mown and partial mown
Trees (ones that drop leaves for dogs to play in) and bushes
Dog safe herbs – lavender, mint (Shale Hills in Australia has a herb garden for the dogs to sniff)
Shade and a sitting area
Logs and big rocks to climb on
Different types of grounds – bark, woodchip, gravel, sand (Thomas Oval Dog Park in Australia offers permeable surfaces, native plant species, nature play like logs and sandpits (Photo 7).

Water features:

Swimming pool
Swale
A small water/splash fountain or small sprinkler (Photo 9)
Example: Perros al Agua in Barcelona – is a water park specifically for dogs including sand dunes, shallow water and pools with a leaping ramp.

Location:

Not in swampy, or damp areas. As a Vet explained, keeping dogs in an area that is frequently wet will pose a hygiene concern, leading to sickness, spreading of illness, and even skin problems.
Considering that dogs navigate their environment through their sense of smell, it would be

best to keep dog parks in areas with lower levels of pollution.

If planning new Agility Courses:

Making sure they are appropriate spaces from each other (in one park I've seen a few dogs nearly collide into the next item)

Equipment:

High steep Ramp (A frame)

Low gentle Ramp (A frame)

Open Tunnel

Chute

Weave Pole

Hoop or Vertical Tyre to jump through

Bar Jump

Balance Beams

Square Table (small height for small dogs, and bigger height for big dogs)

See Saw

Rope Bridge

Stepping stones

Photos

Examples of potential nature play elements:



Photo 1: Different textures



Photo 2: Rocks, moss, bark, bushes



Photo 3: Mounds of various material
(woodchip, bark, dirt)



Photo 4: Mound of grass and giant rocks to
climb on



Photo 5 and Photo 6: Newtown Dog Park has a water fountain, different surfaces, low bridges, log tunnels, rocks (Photos from Metro Atlanta, and kilcona Park Dog Club)



Photo 7: The sandpit at Thomas Oval dog park Photo from Asanka Brendon Ratnayake/The Guardian



Photo 8: Whangārei Dog Park tunnel and hill combination photo from <https://rwwhangarei.co.nz/news/dog-agility-park->



Photo 9: <https://www.hello-hayley.com/> - an idea, a rope tied to a tree branch for dogs to pull, using old tyres for dogs to go in and out of



Photo 10: Tyres filled with soil, bark, plants, even some dog safe herbs could be planted. Photo from: <https://k9fun-time.co.uk/>

Definitions:

Horse Paddock 1 will be turned to Kahikatea Forest

Horse Paddock 2 will be turned into Dog Park

Dog Park 1 – the entrance and current main dog park

Dog Park 2 - the current steeper dog park closest to mountain bike track entrance

Thoughts on the reasons given for fencing:

1. *"The proposed boundary fence will make it clear where the dog exercise area is and help Animal Control to enforce the bylaw."*

That is true it will be clearer, but well-designed, large signs at all entrances would have helped in the past. Some people simply don't know the rules—either because they haven't read the map or have missed the signs. A few entrances don't have signs at all, and the ones that do (around the whole Quarry that say "on-lead") are quite small—about one-third the size of an A4 sheet on a post. Which people may not even see.

Perhaps they all should also state the consequences of non-compliance, such as the amount of the fine.

Another issue is that some signs are placed next to others, and people tune out. Most signs tend to be square-shaped and dark colours so don't stand out.

Would it be possible to make dog-related signs across Christchurch more noticeable:

- a bright coloured border around the sign
- the shape of a dog at the top of the sign
- or make the sign itself shaped like a dog face with two pointy ears

This way people approaching from a distance can immediately recognise the sign ahead is to do with dogs and may be more likely to read and follow it.

2. *"The proposed dog exercise area creates a larger area of 4.47ha for off-lead dogs than currently exists."*

What is this compared to as it is now?

With proposals it would be helpful that the supporting facts include the actual data for comparison.

I've used google measurements as best I could...

Current Dog park 2 - 642m length, area 13,796m²

Horse paddock 2 - 498m length, area 14,920.49m²

Dog Park 2 has a longer stretch of pathway for those walking the outer edge, while Horse Paddock 2 has a bigger area.

3. The new dog area entry point is closer to the Cashmere Road car park than currently exists."

The measurements should have been included here
Depending what entry point it may or may not be that noticeable.
With some Google measurements:
From middle of Carpark: 125m
From street entrance. 170m

Horse paddock 2:
from middle of car park 119m
From start of street: 118m

4. "Currently, the shared path/mountain bike park access track runs through the dog exercise area. This proposal will eliminate that conflict."

Yes, some bikers don't use the path way and go across into the middle of the paddocks. But the worse area is the shared pathway between the two dog parks. There is a curve between the trees, causes a blind spot. Some bikers ignore the slow down sign and speed through (even with the giant rocks in the way and slow sign).
Bikes have raced along the pathway in front of the drinking water that both people and dogs use as well.
Both bikers, and dog owners have to be respectful, give way, and take that area slowly.

5. "The fencing will prevent off-lead dogs accessing the lower ponds that get toxic algae during summer, and will also protect wildlife in those ponds and the conservation area."

I thought the new proposed dog bylaws were going to prohibit dogs from being near wildlife reserves and storm basins due to concerns of loud barking – even if they're on a lead.
Doesn't placing a dog park right next to such an area contradict this rule?
As it currently stands, there is little to no barking from dogs being walked on-lead next to the horse paddocks. In dog parks, barking is generally minimal as well—usually limited to a few excited individuals, not the majority.

Toxic algae is always a concern, has there ever been reports of dogs being affected from toxic algae in Halswell Quarry? From what I understand the ponds that have tested positive for toxic algae are typically in areas where dogs are already prohibited.
However the pond that is planned to be placed inside the dog park also carries a potential hazard warning – though I've been told it has not had a positive toxic algae test.
Having a pond dedicated for dogs is great for those that love to swim, especially since there are so few dedicated swimming areas for dogs in Christchurch! But given the warning of health hazard still applies to this area, can you ensure that it will be regularly tested for toxic algae?
Is there any possibility of converting the pond into a proper pool to help minimise the risk of algae growth?

6." The proposed fenced dog exercise area will protect other park users eg: picnickers, walkers, joggers from dogs in the rest of the park".

This will only work if there is enforcement, and people see signage and obey it. However the complaints go both ways as well...

For example there was an instance where a gentleman walked through the dog park complaining to every dog owner he passed that he hates dogs – even though their dogs weren't interacting with him.

Another example involves a couple of parents who sat their toddlers down and had lunch right next to the drinking fountain, in the dog off lead area. My dogs couldn't even access the water.

There was also a man on an electric scooter who specifically choose to drive up and down in circles in the middle of a dog meet up. This meet up wasn't on the short grass track around the park, they were in the middle. There were many empty areas, and he specifically was weaving around the dogs on purpose ignoring the voice of owners who explained this was off-lead dog area.

"Dogs have been lost and off leash in other parts of Halswell Quarry, where they should be leashed."

I feel this is due to a couple of reasons:

1. People don't care, didn't know, or they think the rule is there for wrong reasons. Education is needed – as they may not understand the reason why the rule is there. Enforcement is also needed. An example of how effective this was is that for a couple of weeks I saw numerous dogs on lead after hearing that Animal Control had been out.
2. Recall hasn't been effective. Whether because a dog has chased a rabbit and wandered off, or the owner hasn't considered the wind direction and the dog has gone too far to hear the recall, education is needed.

"We've received reports of conflicts between dogs and other park users."

This is also up for education.

Its not just about have a dog on lead. Its having control of your dog.

A dog on a short lead can still jump up on other people, can still suddenly dart (perhaps it got a fright) and a child or owner accidentally lets go of the lead.

A dog on a lead with no training—or an owner who is distracted—can still get in the way of other path users, just like a toddler running ahead or a person wearing headphones walking in the middle of the path.

It comes to education - reminding dog owners that people can be scared of dogs, or highly allergic. That the dog owned by another path user might be anxious, in training or not want interaction.

I believe dog owners should automatically give way to other path users and ensure their dog stays at their side on the opposite side of the path user.

Benefits of fencing:

Prevents bikers, scooters, and people who dislike dogs entering the off lead dog area.

Easier for people to realize what is on lead and what is off lead without changing signs

Reduces risk of food scraps or rubbish in the area

Less chance of dogs wandering into the other areas where dogs are on-lead only (I've heard of some stories of dogs chasing a rabbit and ending up in the wrong section).

Horse Paddock 2 apparently bigger then the current Dog Park 2. - With the fencing of Halswell Quarry likely bringing in more dog owners, I'm grateful that the proposed space is actually larger in area then the current version.

Against a fence:

Dog incidents will likely increase, as the dog park will be used more frequently. Owners who may not confident in their dogs recall may use it, which could go against the Under Effective Control law. Dog attacks often stem from an owner's lack of recall training or a limited understanding of dog body language. I hope the upcoming policy changes will place a stronger focus on improving education for dog owners.

Concerns about losing access to other walking areas in the park

I understand this was answered in the Q&A on the website but I'd like to reinforce the importance of maintaining all current on lead areas in Halswell Quarry Park. Please ensure that these areas remain. This is vital for owners with anxious, in training dogs, or want a safe quiet area to walk that day.

I live close to the Quarry, and walk my two dogs one to two times a day in various locations around the area. Its well known that varying locations provides essential enrichment for dogs giving them opportunity to experience new sights and smells. Please don't remove any of our on lead areas in future.

Ruined view and loss of 'natural wilderness feeling' due to fencing

I've seen a lot of comments from dog owners expressing concern that the atmosphere of the Quarry will be ruined by the presence of fencing. I'm hoping that my submission may negate this for at least one side of the boundary. If all the trees along my proposed boundary is included, then it will create the illusion of a continued wilderness feeling while providing dog owners a walkable off lead forest as well as shade.

Loss of swales (Photo 11 and 12)

At Halswell Quarry Dog Park, the swale—although not designed for play—has proven popular with many dogs. I've seen them running along its length through the shallow water, enjoying creating small splashes. Children have come in gumboots with their dog as well.



Photo 11 and Photo 12: Swale in Dog Park 1

Losing the incline of Dog Park 2, replaced with Horse Paddock 2 - flat and swampy
The incline in the second dog park has been a great feature for dogs. Many enjoy running down the gentle slope, and it provides a bit of extra physical exercise for them.
The proposal has moved us down one area, losing the incline for a flat swampish area. I am concerned how often this area of the dog park can be used with rain. While the incline can be used at all times even with rainfall. Horse Paddock 2 has very limited access even with gumboots. As mentioned above a vet has expressed concern of safety.
After 20 mm of rainfall over night according to a weather station close by. I took my dog on lead around this area and have attached some photos (Photos 13-15). This was not a full days worth of rain, but rather over a few hours. I am aware that any parks can get wet - but not to the extent of this area. Possibly 70% of this one piece of land is in water. As you can see we are not talking about a few puddles, but in some areas especially along the grass walking path are ankle deep in water.
On the other hand, this is perfect for dogs who love wading in water. But this will severely restrict owners and dogs who don't, and who may need stable ground to walk on.



Photo 13: The side closest to Cashmere Road of Horse Paddock 2



Photo 14 side closest to conservation area of horse paddock, the current mown pathway is submerged.



Photo 15 middle of quarry amongst the grass - you sink in

On the rare occurrence of a heavy rain event (like we had in May) the whole area turned into a lake, completely inaccessible for a long time. This may damage anything that might be

added to the dog park in future (seating, waste bins etc) so please keep this in mind and if adding anything they have to be placed in Dog Park 1.

From the plans it looks like a path will be created on the boundary of the fence.

Would this path be raised? Half of that location (South Side closest to conservation area) is in ankle deep water after rain. (Photo 14)

Idea: what if you place a swale there instead - on the immediate area next to the bush - and then a raised path on the inner side of the proposed dog park?

Nature Play area for Dogs:

I understand that Halswell Quarry has previously declined standard playground equipment to preserve its natural environment. With that same principle I'd love to see the dog park reflect the same natural approach—enhancing the space with natural features.

This might be at a lower cost than buying equipment for agility courses if this was to be considered in future.

Using nature to enable dogs to sniff, dig, climb and explore provides more than just exercise – it offers mental enrichment. Also, owners are often more engaged when watching their dogs interact with various natural structures, compared to simply walking and sniffing on flat grass.

Incorporating different surfaces to walk on (Photo 1 and 2), along with designated sniff spots featuring dog-friendly herbs or plants (Photo 10), can further enhance enrichment. Some plants, like lavender, may even help reduce anxiety.

This is another idea instead of purchasing agility equipment. Natural features can still support training in agility, exercise, balance and confidence.

If you can add agility equipment or nature play elements, please place them in Dog Park 1. As mentioned above, Horse Paddock 2 floods so easily and would not be suitable.

This is a wish list in no particular order. I know some suggestions might be wishful thinking, as everything depends on the budget.

I also realize there may be a view within Council that providing dog parks isn't necessarily their responsibility. However, dog parks are listed as one of the things our registration fees help fund. Since there have been comments that our registration fees may increase, it would be great to see some extra features added to dog parks—beyond just the basics like shade and water (one fenced dog park doesn't even have these!)

1) Water Area (a wading trench that leads to a swimming hole)

Some dogs love to dive into a pool and do a doggy paddle or fetch a ball. However, others prefer to run and splash through ankle-deep water. I think having a combination—a trench that leads to a swimming pond—would be amazing.

In addition to offering play and exercise, having a water feature also helps dogs cool off on hot days.

Since the new fence will restrict access to the swales, could the fence be extended to include one of the swales? Alternatively, could a purpose-built trench be created within the fenced dog park—or even in future dog parks?

As mentioned above, if Horse Paddock 2 becomes the new dog park, could the current pathway (the short mown grass area next to the trees, shown in my photo 14) be turned into a swale? This could help with flood management in the future while also creating a fun wading "runway" for dogs, with the pathway alongside it on the innermost side.

2) Trees and bushes

They have a valuable role in dog parks for both dogs and their humans. They're important for:

- Shade
- Shelter if caught in the rain
- Enrichment through sniffing and navigating
- Scent training opportunities
- Games like hide and seek, or tag
- Creates an impression of a quieter, more secure, and separate space, for dogs who may suddenly feel overwhelmed in busy, open areas.
- A forest-like atmosphere to walk through with dogs off-lead at their own pace
- Leaves – like children (and some adults) dogs also love to frolick about in leaves, and some like to sniff underneath as well
- Bushes – in dense patches it provides shelter, a place to cool down, or be separate from everyone for a short time

Please do keep all of the existing trees and plant life within the new fenced dog park.

I've attached a **picture** of a satellite view, and the proposal on the next page — current park layout at the top, and the proposed plan at the bottom. The pink arrows I made mark the only two locations with existing bushes and trees in the area being considered for the fenced dog park. From what I can see, the plan doesn't include any surrounding forests, leaving just a small section of quite dense bush—which, assuming and hoping it remains untouched - is still valuable, even though it's not easily walkable for people. I do appreciate that the proposed gates still allow access to the walkable forested areas outside the fence (assuming dogs are still allowed on-lead).

I am one of many comments on social media about this proposal asking to keep and even add more trees and bushes.

I've marked a pink dotted line at the bottom of the picture above, would it be possible to extend the proposed fence along that line to include those trees and bushes?

The area I outlined to include - is a little less dense, enabling people to walk through, kids could zig zag in and out with their dogs in chase games.

It would just be nice to have a walkable forest off-lead area within the fenced boundary.

It would be nice to include a tree line around Horse Paddock 2 as well, but I am aware it might be encroaching into the conservation area so I didn't include it in my pink dotted lines.

Including as much bush and trees as possible - as mentioned above - could also help address concerns from those opposed to fencing, who feel it detracts from the natural wilderness feel of the Quarry. With the inclusion of the forest within my pink lines, at least one side of the dog park could potentially have forest in front of the fence to help maintain that fenceless vibe for dog owners.



3) Natural mounds, logs, rocks (Photo 3 and 4)

If there is an opportunity to add to the current off-lead area, some people may request agility equipment. However, such equipment is not always ideal for all dogs.

Dog climbs (ramps), elevated platforms, and jump rings can place stress on the joints of young dogs whose bones are still developing, as well as on elderly dogs with arthritis or adult dogs with existing physical conditions.

Many standard agility equipment require more force and effort than what is naturally needed to navigate small mounds—features that may be absent if the area is just flat grass.

As mentioned above, could we preserve the natural environment of the Quarry and keep the use of plastic to a minimum?

Mounds, rocks, logs - these features would carry smells that dogs won't get from artificial equipment.

Logs and rocks still provide opportunities for dogs that want to jump, and climb.

A grassy dirt mound with a gradual incline is softer on joints and paws, while still offering enrichment and fun—much like how children (and even some adults) enjoy running down a small hill. If we are to lose the incline currently found in Dog Park 2, these would be a great natural substitutes instead of buying agility equipment if that option was considered.

4) Sand/Dirt patch

Digging is a natural behaviour and gives the dogs something else to do, feel and sniff. Owners can also bury toys. A lot of dogs love to dig, providing a specific patch may also help prevent a few holes appearing in the middle of grass areas where people can trip over them. It also lets dogs dig whereas they may not be allowed in any other areas (at home).

5) Shaded seating

Some owners may need a short break, so providing seating—especially under a shade sail or a tree—can be very helpful. It not only allows owners to rest but also gives their dogs a chance to relax. The shade could be achieved by using existing large trees or by installing a purpose-built shade sail.

6) Drinking fountain

Is it possible to install a drinking station that serves both dogs and humans, where the dog's bowl is elevated and attached with a hinge for easier cleaning? In other places, when the bowl isn't movable, it becomes harder to clean and can easily fill with debris and mud—making it difficult to refresh the water.

7) Grass:

The type of grass used is important if there's an opportunity to choose specific types. Some grasses with sharp seeds, like barley, can be dangerous for dogs. Ideally, there should be a mix: long grass for dogs that enjoy exploring, and shorter grass (or mowed) that's easier for little dogs and people to walk on. A combination of partially mown areas and taller grass sections would suit different play styles—some dogs love jumping and rummaging through tall grass, while others prefer open spaces.



Photo 16: Example of short and mowed creating maze like for small children and

Halswell Quarry has done this well by mowing patterns (Photo 16) that create internal pathways while preserving longer grass. It almost forms a maze, and I've seen dogs get very excited running through it. Some enjoy weaving through, while others love leaping into the taller patches.

Lastly, Dogs will also chew specific grass when they need help with digestion, so please keep this in mind when planting or choosing a location.

8) Different ground layers - dirt, sand, gravel, woodchip, bark, hand-size rocks. (Photo 3)

Different textures can help encourage exploration. Softer surfaces are beneficial for dogs with sensitive paws, while harder surfaces can help naturally wear down their claws.

Providing a variety of surfaces textures for dogs to walk on offers both physical benefits and enrichment. (Photo 1 and 2)

9) Separate areas

A lot of dog owners like some parks because they have separate areas.

Some have signs specifically for big dogs, and small dogs.

Regardless of the labels, having two or more areas is really helpful - especially if one area has many energetic dogs and another has calmer dogs.

Including a gate between the sections would make it easy for owners to move between them without having to leave the dog park entirely.

10) tunnels

Tunnels are still good and fun for dogs! (Photo 8) As they provide small spaces for dogs to investigate and hide. Giant hollowed out logs is an idea as a natural feature. There are also plastic tunnels, and even chutes that are used in agility.

11) Herbs

Planting a dog safe herb patch is another opportunity for mental enrichment, as dogs will be able smell and explore the herbs. Using a herb like lavender creates a pleasant environment and reduces anxiety. If herbs don't pose a risk to the native plants in the Halswell Quarry.

Potential alternative fencing to prevent stray dogs entering unleashed and protected areas of most concern

















It is concerning that you advertise this proposal without also including a link to the Halswell Quarry Park Management Plan 2009. <https://ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/The-Council/Plans-Strategies-Policies-Bylaws/Plans/Park-management-plans/HalswellQuarryParkManagementPlan2009.pdf>

The Management Plan considers Halswell Quarry Park in its entirety and evaluates the different attributes and uses of the various areas of the park. The complete Management Plan is at the above link. I have listed below what I see as the relevant sections and I have highlighted in bold the references relevant for not having a fenced Dog Park within Halswell Quarry Park.

On Page 6:

Within the Regional Park framework, and acknowledging its significance to the local community, the purpose of Halswell Quarry Park is to:

- Conserve the heritage features and values of the historic Halswell Quarry, its heritage buildings and its setting as a unique heritage resource;
- Retain rural pasture and open space representative of Christchurch's rural south-west landscape;
- Provide a location for informal botanical collections and associated artwork and structures of Christchurch's Sister Cities;
- Promote biodiversity through habitat restoration and amenity planting;
- Provide a community gathering point and a special environment for recreation and learning;
- Provide for local community needs in the metropolitan context;
- Provide for adaptive re-use of heritage buildings

In Page 7, paragraphs focusing on the area that includes the proposed fenced dog park

The rural pasture and open space areas are retained in recognition of Christchurch's rural cultural heritage. This expansive pastoral character is becoming less evident as land in the south-west becomes urbanised. Open fields of pasture grass and stands of exotic trees such as macrocarpa and poplar, planted by early farmers for shelter, are included as part of this rural cultural landscape. Historic references are made through grazed areas, hay making and stock fencing.

The rural setting and informal appearance of the park creates a quiet ambience and restful atmosphere. Most people enjoy the park on foot, taking the opportunity to escape the noise and pace of the city in a public 'countryside'. There are numerous places to take pleasure in picnicking safely away from vehicles and road noise. The quiet, peaceful, restful aspects of the park's character is be retained through the recreation opportunities and activities that are encouraged within the park. Concession is given, from time to time, for special events that benefit from the varied terrain and quarry 'amphitheatre'.

On Page 10, the Vision

A regional park that promotes rural character and pastoral landscapes, celebrates special heritage, botanical and multicultural environments and where people enjoy recreation and learning experiences.

Page 20, Open Space:

Objective 3. Retain rural pasture and open space representative of Christchurch's rural south-west landscape.

Policies 3.1. Retain extensive areas of open pasture on the valley floor and slopes, free from structures, formed paths and amenity planting. Restrict the inclusion of picnic tables and signs to around the perimeter of picnic areas and inner Quarry floor. Exclude all amenity plantings across the pasture on the valley floor and inner Quarry floor.

3.2. Manage the pasture on the valley floor through a programme of hay making and mowing.

3.3. Regularly mow high amenity areas, including the picnic areas, inner quarry floor and viewing areas.

3.4. Maintain sheep grazing on the slopes either side of the quarry. Public access through grazed areas is to be retained (excluding lambing season, if necessary).

Page 14, Objective 8. Limit the visual impact of structures other than Sister City Structures.

Policy 8.5. When considering installation of any fences, walls and gates, give preference to alternative approaches that do not require them. Those that are needed must complement the park's existing landscape character. Remove gates and fences that are obsolete, particularly around the operational area of the quarry buildings. Use rock bollards, rather than timber rails, to prevent unauthorised vehicle entry to areas within the park.

Page 15, Recreation

Objective 9. Provide for recreation experiences that are compatible and sympathetic to the park's rural character.

Policies 9.1. Encourage passive recreation, such as picnicking, and physical activity that benefits from the varied terrain including mountain biking, cross country running, horse riding and orienteering events. Events are permitted where it is considered they do not conflict with or contradict existing uses of the park.

9.2. Develop and maintain single and shared use tracks and areas that provide a range of recreational experiences.

9.3. Avoid activities that require the permanent, semi-permanent or exclusive allocation of land, except for the horse arena and pétanque surface which will be retained.

Temporary activities, requiring the exclusive use of any part of the park, must have prior approval of an authorised officer of the Christchurch City Council.

9.4. Allow for the future establishment of mountain bike tracks and horse trails along the northern slope to the eastern boundary of the park.

9.5. Investigate siting old farm machines in several locations around the perimeter of the picnic areas to complement the natural play of children, for example a tractor, wagon.

Page 20, Open Space

One of the defining landscape features of the park is the expanse of open space. The different environments, managed through various mowing regimes and grazing arrangements, are fundamental to the park's landscape character. Sometimes open space is considered "empty" and, therefore, available for alternative uses. Open space is a 'use' to be valued in its own right. The ongoing preservation of large areas of open space is necessary to maintain the rural farm character of the park. Open space also provides an important contrast to vegetated areas.

The 1998 landscape concept plan showed extensive areas of native bush over, more or less, the entire park. There is a risk, however, that more plantings could compromise the open space experiences within the park. Native plantings to date give a strong framework to the park and provide a closed canopy for the establishment of larger trees.

Page 22, Shared Use Areas

Most recreational uses of the park are currently managed on shared tracks or in a shared use area. The major use of the shared use area is walking dogs and requests have been made for a fenced "Dog Park". Mountain bikes pass through the shared use area generally from the eastern boundary after completing a downhill section through the adjoining pine plantation on private land. A model aircraft club land and take off their craft from the southern boundary of the dog exercise area. A horse-riding arena is provided in the north-western corner. Opportunities for passive recreation and picnicking are available throughout the park.

The boundary of the shared use area could be better defined to avoid activities straying into parts of the park set aside for passive recreation and picnicking. However, extensive fencing and exclusive use areas are

not desirable in an environment preserved for its open space character. Opportunities for horse riding and more extensive mountain biking within the park are limited until land or access between the eastern boundary of the park and Kennedys Bush Track is secured.

Use of the park is expected to dramatically increase as the south-west area continues to urbanise. It will be necessary to monitor the shared use environments within the park and manage areas accordingly.

I have also searched online for more detailed information. Halswell Quarry Park is 60.4 hectares and you are proposing to fence a dog park of 4.47 hectares. This is about 1/13th of the total park area. When considering the "open space" area of the park, it is ¼ to 1/3 of the open space area. Obviously, where this proposed fenced area is planned it will completely dominate the "open space". Additionally, paths leading to this fenced space will have increased dog numbers. The fence will also come close to the boundary of the conservation area. This could result in native flora venturing into the dog park area with negative consequences. Because a fenced dog park is planned in a middle area of the park it will negatively influence other users of the park who do not have a dog, by having to go around it and it is likely to dominate activity in the open space area.

Halswell Quarry Park is a unique park in Christchurch, and its appeal appears to have resulted in an increased number of people visiting, many repeat visitors from all of Christchurch and beyond. With increased numbers of people visiting, it may be more appropriate to require dogs to be on leash for all areas of Halswell Quarry Park.

The title of this consultation, "Dog recreation areas in southwest Christchurch" is inaccurate. While the main topic may be a "fenced dog exercise area" in Halswell Quarry Park it would have been more appropriate to have had "Changes to Halswell Quarry Park Management Plan" because this is a major change to the open space as described in the management plan with the construction of a fenced off area for dogs. It also gives no indication that you plan to exclude horses from the park and also construct new paths which also are in direct contrast to the present management plan. But if someone was concerned about these, they would be unaware that "Dog recreation areas in southwest Christchurch" would include them.

Policy 3.1 is, "Retain extensive areas of open pasture on the valley floor and slopes, free from structures, formed paths and amenity planting". Hence, no formed paths. Keep the open pasture and let people choose where they want to go on the grass. It is much more pleasant than your shingle paths which are very noisy, being lose gravel you slide and can get small stones in your shoes. In Christchurch there is relatively short time when the ground would be too soft for a wheelchair or child's buggy. And there are already some paths elsewhere in the park.

It is also disappointing that you have stated that you are looking for another dog park in southwest Christchurch without giving any indication of where, or its size. If it is in the Halswell area or close-by it could suggest that the increased numbers of people using Halswell Quarry Park would benefit from dogs being limited to being on a leash, if there is a new dog park nearby to be established. Ideally, dog parks would be separate from parks for people's enjoyment. CCC does not consider people who want to go to a park where there are no dogs.



Kia ora,

My name is Douglas Horrell and I live on Cashmere Road, and walk in the Quarry Park daily with our two dogs.

I oppose the proposed plan for a fenced off-lead dog area in Halswell Quarry Park because it doesn't address the underlying causes of problems in the park. This plan is likely to create minimal improvements to the current situation at best, and could easily displace the same problems elsewhere in the park at worst. The proposed plan also spoils the existing landscape plan and the relationships of the sister city gardens to the wider park.

We need a different plan that addresses these problems head on instead of trying to solve them by creating an off-lead dog "precinct", and in the process spoiling some of the factors that make Halswell Quarry Park the wonderful amenity it currently is.

In the following few paragraphs I'll outline the causes and propose some practical solutions for the current park problems as an alternative to the proposed plan.

Causes

Growth

Halswell and its adjacent areas are experiencing extreme and unprecedented growth. It is to be expected that the existing park infrastructure and design hasn't kept pace with the dramatic increase in park users of all kinds.

Culture

Halswell is now a heavily suburbanised area with a population similar to a regional NZ town. The long standing "country" culture among many park users of letting dogs run anywhere off lead including on leash and wetland areas, and not picking up dog poo is totally unacceptable in a suburban park, which despite its size, Halswell Quarry Park now is.

Proposed solutions

- 1. Manage the huge growth in park users through providing enough park infrastructure in the surrounding area, and tweaks to the circulation design of the Quarry Park so it can accommodate more users sharing space with each other without conflicts**

The proposed plan includes a fenced dog exercise area, but providing this fenced area in a separate location on this side of the city would provide even more dog exercise space without competing with existing user needs in at Halswell Quarry Park. Additionally the park design currently has a number of pinch points where people, dogs, and bikes end up meeting in tight areas. This should be relaxed by making wider paths at pinch points, and adding additional paths between zones to spread out traffic. Another good technique for sharing space is to make some spaces accessible from a single entrance, so that users who want quiet space for picnics and children can have it without having others walking through constantly.

- 2. Manage the culture of the park actively through signage, some fencing around sensitive wetland areas, and community building work with user groups like the Friends of the**

Quarry Park, dog walkers and mountain bikers to educate users and increase awareness and ownership of problems and their solutions.

Currently it's common for many people to exercise their dogs off-lead throughout the park in on-leash areas. Most of these users are exercising themselves and their dog rather than bringing their dog to the park specifically for play or socialisation with other dogs, so a fenced dog exercise area is unlikely to be attractive to or well utilised by these park users. If the fenced enclosure were implemented most of these users would be displaced to other parts of the park.

The problem is that many of these dogs aren't under effective control. Inadequately supervised dogs contribute to most dog related complaints including the majority of dog poo that is not disposed of in rubbish bins over far too large an area of the park. This alone is a nightmare for the park rangers and health and safety. The proposed plan won't fix this as it doesn't address user behaviour.

Users who are not actively supervising their dogs need to be educated when to have their dog on lead, and that effective control means always keeping an eye on your dog and picking up after them. This is a cultural problem which can only be solved by clear signage about responsibility, and education and peer pressure from other park users especially those with dogs and the Friends and other park user groups. Enforcement is possible but always an expensive solution compared to these other tools.

Finally, in some sensitive areas around wetlands, an interim solution until the culture has changed to on-lead walking could be inexpensive strained netting farm fencing on those wetland edges prone to dog incursions, so that inadequately controlled dogs can't freely run in and out of wildlife habitat areas.

Summary and recommendations

It is not clear that the proposed plan will achieve its stated objectives, and it's unlikely to resolve existing issues stemming from growth in park users or the need to change the culture of Halswell Quarry Park from a rural park to an urban one. The current plan should be scrapped and future planning for Halswell Quarry Park should be around how to tweak its design for growing numbers of park users so that everyone feels comfortable and safe.

I'd like to see more parks on this side of the city to catch up our amenities with the growth of housing here. A fenced off-lead dog park would be a great asset but trying to fit one – especially one so large – inside the footprint of this existing park could spoil the things that make it such a great space currently, like the park's relationship to the sister city gardens.

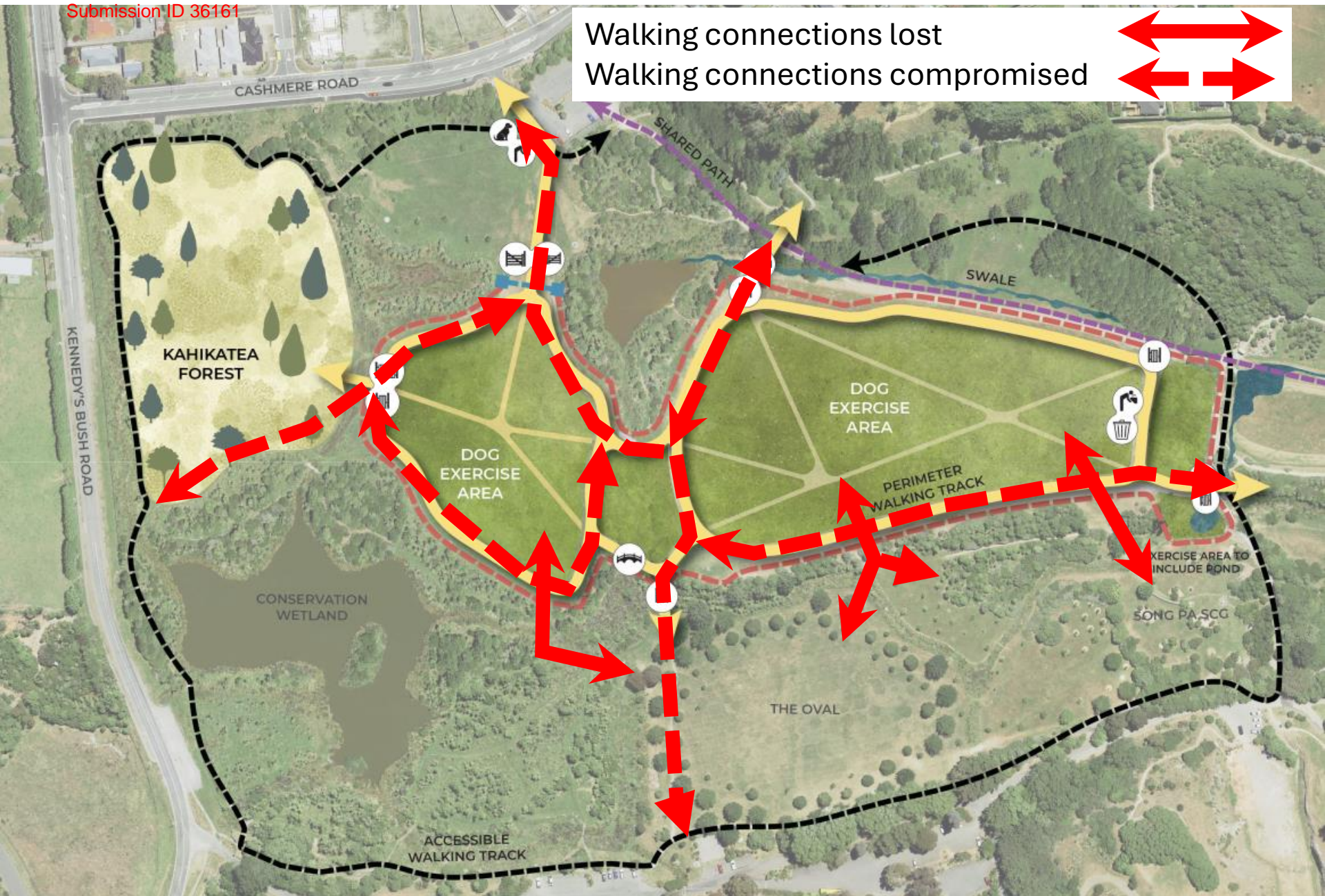
Engagement with park user groups is a must to tackle problems. Culture change seems hard but it can lead to a much better park. I was very lucky to live close to Aberley Park in St Albans for 20 years where users were actively involved in creating a welcoming culture that also kept the park in good shape and balanced the needs of everyone.

Signage is essential to managing expectations clearly. Signs that focus on taking responsibility e.g. "Pick up after your dog to keep our park clean" help reinforce the message.

Ngā mihi nui and thanks for reading my submission,

Douglas

Walking connections lost
Walking connections compromised



My submission to the proposed plan of fencing the dog exercise area in the Halswell Quarry:

The very 1st question I ask as always is, what data is there to justify any change? Does the data show that most of the dog incidents are inside or outside the current dog exercise area? If inside, what difference will the fence make? If outside the area, what difference will the fence make?

Does it in any way take into account the comments of the users when hundreds, if not thousands, praise the council for having an area like this, which is human and dog-friendly? A Jew in the Crown of a council-controlled area.

I walk my dog twice a day and take photos of other dogs, I have a FB site "Dogs in Halswell" to show what dogs we have in the Halswell community, that is my hobby, as my dog catches rabbits. While taking these photos and gathering information on the animals, I talk to many, many dog owners all year round, in most of the CCC parks.

I hear the good and the bad of how most of the areas are working and most for the Quarry are very favourable...apart from the mud in the lower dogs area at this time. And people telling them to put their dog on a lead.

Using the justifications for the changes as outlined on the top left corner of the proposed plan, shown in black, and my comments follow in yellow.

1. The proposed boundary fence will make it clear where the dog exercise area is and help Animal Control to enforce the bylaw.

Making Animal Control easier is the only reason that makes sense, but will it?

If incidents happen inside the fence, which should be minimal, that would make it easier for the Animal Control to talk with the owner, as long as the offending dog and owner stay there waiting for AC to arrive.

If the incidents happen outside the fenced area, that will not help Animal Control at all.

That being the case, how many of the 70 cases (that includes ALL dog incidents in the whole of the Quarry, not just the dog area) in the last 7 years were likely to be prevented

Can the result be in any way quantified to justify the cost and ruination of one of the best Parks in CHCH?

Below are the types of incidents that were included in dog issues, that I received a couple of years back.

Dog Attack	7
Dog in prohibited area	10
Dog rushing	2
Found dog	14
Lost Dog	6
Specific Leashed and Prohibited Area	2
Unregistered Dog	1
Wandering dog	7

2. The proposed dog exercise area creates a larger area of 4.47ha for off-lead dogs than currently exists.

How much larger? Why not be transparent and give the current area, to compare with, so we must think it will be minimal difference.

The new area is often too wet, or even flooded, as that is the lowest point in the quarry and where all the flood waters gather.

The top paddock has an incline for dogs to exercise on land that is not flat. Exercising active and larger dogs is not walking around a flat area and running backwards and forwards, they need hard work to stay fit. It seems the council are ignoring why the quarry is liked by many dog owners, or this would never have been raised, for about the 4th time. Lots of these dogs do go into the tree and bushed sloped areas around the top paddock. I have not heard of many cases, if any, of dogs bothering people in those areas; they also help to keep the rabbit population under some sort of control. I have heard of people complaining about dogs not being on leash, but not causing an issue!!

3. The new dog area entry point is closer to the Cashmere Road car park than currently exists.

Come on, how many metres?

That would have to be the weakest justification, along with the extra area, I have heard and show how the proposers are grabbing at any straw for justification and it shows the Bias

4. Currently, the shared path/mountain bike park access track runs through the dog exercise area.

This proposal will eliminate that conflict.

Most of that conflict has been fixed by the expensive alterations just finished. If not, some investigation needs to take place.

People with their dogs on leashes are still allowed outside the fenced area, so it will not eliminate the conflict and I am guessing it is not known, by data, just how much of a problem this really is.

5. The fencing will prevent off-lead dogs from accessing the lower ponds that get toxic algae during summer, and will also protect wildlife in those ponds and the conservation area.

The dogs are already supposed to be on a leash when using the path alongside those ponds.

It is up to the owner to keep their dogs safe and away from potentially contaminated water.

Are those ponds supposed to be for protected wildlife, they placed right next door to the entry/exit where all the dogs pass by?

Plus, now you want the dog exercise area to border the Bird conservation area, that does flood each year, is that the best possible positioning as far as the wildlife is concerned, a small distance from barking dogs? Have the environmental people in CCC been consulted?

6. The proposed fenced dog exercise area will be which the current long grass hides protect other park users eg: picnickers, walkers, joggers from dogs in the rest of the park.

There are many ways for walkers and joggers to access the park if they are worried about dogs, very few people use this area as a picnic area. There are four picnic tables in the whole dog exercise area, they are generally used by dog owners, or to sit and take a break.

Dogs do run through the plants alongside the unmarked exercise area, they hunt rabbits and keep the numbers down.

The council install a protective barrier around every plant they dig into the ground, even where there are no dogs, this is a costly and time consuming exercise. Dogs do help to keep rabbits under control. the protection is carried out to protect the plants from rabbits, not dogs.

The proof is the Quarry face, and most other areas on the quarry side are being decimated by rabbits.

The holes they make in the open public grassed areas are a liability to the public. There are very few rabbit holes on the slopes of the Cashmere Road boundary where dogs do run, albeit illegally. There are very few rabbit issues in any of the Sister City gardens on both sides of the current dog exercise area.

Summary

This proposal seems to have used the same approach as requiring dogs to be under effective control. Put them on a short lead or behind a fence. Problem solved. NOT.

None of these justifications are logical, or animal-friendly, people-friendly, wildlife-friendly or cost-effective, unless it can be shown that the number of incidents will reduce substantially, and not just make life easier for Animal control, which, I might add, are required and most of the officers are reasonable

We can add to the case against the fences on several points.

1. It will destroy the whole atmosphere and appearance of the Halswell Quarry. Many people, both dog and non-dog owners, praise the set-up and comment on the hard work that has gone into the set-up, and it continues to grow.
2. The dog areas will look like a POW camp with a path around the inside, for the prisoners to get their morning exercise. This area cannot be compared to The Groynes as that area was given some thought, and they have a vast amount of space where the fencing is hardly noticed and very few picnickers, walkers without dogs, and children are around. Paths inside and outside the area at the Quarry will be nothing like any other park I know of. Those in the new proposed area will be through swamp or flooded. Even the paths on the current lower area are slippery and they do not flood.
3. It will make people and equipment movement from the South to the North side far more complicated and must be of concern for the Park Rangers. Do the Park Rangers agree with this as they are the ones who control the park on a day-to-day basis? A dicky bird, from the conservation area of course, said the Rangers were opposed to it as it would make their lives more difficult, and detract from atmosphere they have been trying to create, however it is difficult for them to comment- rock and a hard place.

Too many decisions are made without data, data tells you what the issue is, or is not, without data is only "emotional feelings" with a relatively small number of cases used to justify them by people with a vested interest and know the people to lobby, and are heard more frequently. Never much good news reported

Other solution: Find some land and build a new one.

I have been visiting the quarry since before 2004 with each of my dogs and have watched it develop. I have also watched the same issues come up periodically and fencing the dog area has been raised a few times before. It is virtually impossible to fence the area and keep the park as a family-friendly place, with its own special surroundings. Yes, the council has a legal requirement to ensure the safety of visitors but there has to be a line of cost-effectiveness that can not cover all visitors against all eventualities and the public have to take some responsibility. Home swimming pools require fencing but not in public places, rivers and ponds, so the public have to take care when around water. If a dog breaks a law which involves hurting or making people or other dogs uncomfortable, the dog does not answer a recall; it should be restrained, or finally reported. If the dog is not causing any issues, I do not think the dog should be reported.

Thank you for the time taken to read this.

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