

PP - Frances Lee  
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**FRANCES LEE – STATEMENT ON REVIEW OF DOG POLICY– 8 OCTOBER 2009**

**Officers Recommendations**

1. **para 4 (f)**. pleased to see it recommends extending exercise area in Trellissick Park to all tracks but note that Map 17 does not reflect the extension at the lower end – it stops at the historic magazine building area. The map needs adjusting. Also query using the entrance numbers to describe the boundaries in para 5.2.3.2 (page73) as it is possible that the entrance numbers may be changed in the future. Suggest just say “entrance on Kaiwharawhara Road (bottom of Ngaio Gorge)” and “entrance on Waikowhai Street”. I request that the recommendation for extending the exercise area be accepted by the Committee. As members of our Group are regularly working or walking in the Park, they will be endeavouring to ensure that dogs being exercised off leash are “under control”, and put on a leash if necessary.
2. **para 5**. I support funding for signage in all exercise areas. It is most important that dog handlers know the extent of such areas.
3. **para 7**. Note that the provision of bins is only for play areas. We do have problems in Trellissick Park and would point out that access to bins at main entrances – particularly those off Kaiwharawhara Rd and Ngaio Gorge Rd – would be easy to access for emptying.
4. **para 8**. I support that signage and education material will promote :”pickup and take home” of dog faeces. Is such educative material to contain information of what “under control” means? That is something I raised in my submission.

**Other comments.**

5. **Map 14 Silverstream Road Reserve**. I note the removal of a thin strip of land alongside the road from the exercise area. What is the purpose, as in this specific spot it would seem rather pointless to put the dog on a lead for the matter of that very narrow strip and then remove the lead. Also the listing of this exercise area in Appendix A, No. 14, I believe should be described as being “west” not “south” of the play area.
6. It is noted that the maps have white bounded areas called “Dog Control Areas”. It would be more helpful if these areas were clearly described as exercise areas if they are (I have not identified the correct description for each map.)
7. **Para 5.2.3.3. Suggested dog exercise areas**. My original submission requested the addition of exercise areas in the lower section of Old Coach Rd, Johnsonville – up to the saddle where there is a gate and fenceline –as well as the lower sections of tracks leading up to the Skyline, Ngaio, where there are fences separating the top areas where sheep and cattle may be found. These areas are not included under para 5.2.3.3 so what is proposed for them?. I note that the text says that the six listed areas be considered in the next review in 2014. Are my suggestions ever to be considered? I ask that all new areas suggested in the public submissions be examined earlier rather than waiting for 5 years before anything is done. Surely there is provision for some changes to be made to the policy before 2014.

**7 October 2009.**