
**ORDINARY MEETING
OF
COMMUNITY HEARINGS PANEL
AGENDA**

Time: 10:45am
Date: Wednesday, 16 March 2022
Venue: Virtual Meeting

MEMBERSHIP

Mayor Foster (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Day (Chair)
Councillor Foon
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Paul
Councillor Young

Have your say!

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AREA OF FOCUS

The Community Hearings Panel is responsible for receiving submissions from the public on the Trading and Events in Public Places Policy, Verandahs Bylaw, Mountain Bike Tracks Mount Victoria, Economic Wellbeing Strategy and Heritage Strategy.

Quorum: 4 members

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1. Meeting Conduct

1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson will open the meeting with a karakia.

Whakataka te hau ki te uru, Whakataka te hau ki te tonga. Kia mākinakina ki uta, Kia mātaratara ki tai. E hī ake ana te atākura. He tio, he huka, he hauhū. Tihei Mauri Ora!	Cease oh winds of the west and of the south Let the bracing breezes flow, over the land and the sea. Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day
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At the appropriate time, the following karakia will be read to close the meeting.

Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia ki te uru tapu nui Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua I te ara takatū Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga Kia wātea, kia wātea Āe rā, kua wātea!	Draw on, draw on Draw on the supreme sacredness To clear, to free the heart, the body and the spirit of mankind Oh Rongo, above (symbol of peace) Let this all be done in unity
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1.2 Apologies

The Chairperson invites notice from members of apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting, where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

The Chairperson will give notice of items not on the agenda as follows.

Matters Requiring Urgent Attention as Determined by Resolution of the Community Hearings Panel.

The Chairperson shall state to the meeting:

1. The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
2. The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The item may be allowed onto the agenda by resolution of the Community Hearings Panel.

Minor Matters relating to the General Business of the Community Hearings Panel.

The Chairperson shall state to the meeting that the item will be discussed, but no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of the item except to refer it to a subsequent meeting of the Community Hearings Panel for further discussion.

1.6 Public Participation

A maximum of 60 minutes is set aside for public participation at the commencement of any meeting of the Council or committee that is open to the public. Under Standing Order 31.2 a written, oral or electronic application to address the meeting setting forth the subject, is required to be lodged with the Chief Executive by 12.00 noon of the working day prior to the meeting concerned, and subsequently approved by the Chairperson.

Requests for public participation can be sent by email to public.participation@wcc.govt.nz, by post to Democracy Services, Wellington City Council, PO Box 2199, Wellington, or by phone at 04 803 8334, giving the requester's name, phone number and the issue to be raised.

2. General Business

TRADING AND EVENT SITES ON WELLINGTON TOWN BELT AND RESERVES

Kōrero taunaki

Summary of considerations

Purpose

1. This report to the Community Hearings Panel asks that panel members recognise the speakers who will be speaking to their submissions regarding the Trading and Event Sites on Wellington Town Belts and Reserves consultation.

Strategic alignment with community wellbeing outcomes and priority areas

Aligns with the following strategies and priority areas:

- Sustainable, natural eco city
- People friendly, compact, safe and accessible capital city
- Innovative, inclusive and creative city
- Dynamic and sustainable economy

Strategic alignment with priority objective areas from Long-term Plan 2021–2031

- Functioning, resilient and reliable three waters infrastructure
- Affordable, resilient and safe place to live
- Safe, resilient and reliable core transport infrastructure network
- Fit-for-purpose community, creative and cultural spaces
- Accelerating zero-carbon and waste-free transition
- Strong partnerships with mana whenua

Relevant Previous decisions

On 15 December 2021, Council established the Community Hearings Panel with delegation to hear oral submissions on the Trading and Events in Public Places Policy.

Financial considerations

- Nil Budgetary provision in Annual Plan / Long-term Plan Unbudgeted \$X

2. There are no financial considerations in relation to holding this hearing.

Risk

- Low Medium High Extreme

3. Due to the omicron community outbreak, the decision was made to hold this meeting virtually via Zoom.

Author	Leteicha Lowry, Democracy Advisor
Authoriser	Stephen McArthur, Chief Strategy & Governance Officer

Taunakitanga

Officers' Recommendations

Officers recommend the following motion

That the Community Hearings Panel:

1. Receive the information.
2. Hear the oral submitters and thank them for their submissions.

Takenga mai

Background

3. Wellington City Council consulted the community on the proposed Trading and Events in Public Places Policy (the policy) from 7 July to 16 August 2021.
4. The policy was adopted on 2 November 2021 and will take effect from 1 July 2022.
5. Pūroro Rangaranga | Social, Cultural and Economic Committee agreed during the meeting on 2 November 2021 to authorise public consultation on the revised "pre-approved" trading and event activities for the identified Wellington Town Belt and reserve sites.

Kōrerorero

Discussion

6. A document comprising all of the speakers' submissions will be provided to panel members and published on the wellington.govt.nz website.
7. The list of speakers and the page number of their submissions will be provided to panel members by Monday 14 March 2022.

Ngā mahinga e whai ake nei

Next actions

8. Councillors will consider all submissions received and make decisions on the proposals at the meeting of the Pūroro Rangaranga | Social, Cultural and Economic Committee on Thursday 7 April 2022. The full submission document will be published alongside that meeting's agenda.

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Survey Responses

28 March 2019 - 28 February 2022

Trading and event sites on Wellington Town Belt and reserves

Kōrero mai | Wellington City Council

Project: Trading and event sites on Wellington Town Belt and reserves



VISITORS					
125					
CONTRIBUTORS			RESPONSES		
35			43		
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Registered	Unverified	Anonymous	Registered	Unverified	Anonymous



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Q1. Are you making this submission as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

Q2. If you are making this submission on behalf of an organisation, please state the organisation's name:

not answered

Q3. I would like to make an oral submission to Councillors:

No

Q4. If yes, please give your phone number so that a submission time can be arranged:

not answered

Q5. Do you have a file you would like to upload to support your submission? Upload it here.

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Q6. How much do you agree or disagree with the proposed sites?

not answered

Q7. How much do you agree or disagree with the proposed activities?

not answered

Q8. How much do you agree with the proposal to allow mobile activities to use the track networks (provided they comply with the rules for each area and have officer approval)?

not answered

Q9. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about these proposed sites and activities? (please provide details if you are commenting on specific sites or activities)

not answered

Kia ora-

Wellington is frequently in the top three in rankings of "Most Liveable City on Earth".

Have you ever considered why?

I'm an immigrant. I've been here for 14 years this month. I can tell you why, because I mention it in conversation nearly every day.

Green.

The amount of accessible greenery and trails and walking and hiking that literally NO OTHER capital city in the world offers.

It is unique in the world. I know, I have travelled. Sure, some cities have interesting greenery in places, but all of those places are also despoiled by coffee shops, curio vendors, bird food vendors, t-shirt shops, food carts, ice cream trucks, recreation equipment hire, giant commercial sporting events, dog washing, mountain bike servicing, movie tours, and a thousand other possible ways this amazing feature can be ruined for a quick cash injection that can be better achieved by taxing ME.

Do our green spaces require more noise and visual clutter and litter and hucksterism?

Commercialisation would be the first step in ruining our global status and our way of life.

Especially despicable in an era of needed climate remediation.

The draft policy claims all the commercial activities will be of "low impact", using the dirty dialectical trick of failing to define what "low impact" even means, and goes on to say large scale events will be allowed (by this delegated authority to officers, without public input).

Willful vagueness like this is chilling. It smells.... underhanded.

Then there is the matter of- while nominating specific large areas of the Town Belt ('sites')- it then vastly and non-specifically broadens the commercial activities' sites by saying the activities listed "can take place on any formal and legitimate track network in any reserve or Wellington Town belt..." and attaches maps of the current track networks, adding,. "In future, the Council website will provide detail of any new or additional tracks."

This could literally ruin our appeal as a place to live.

This Council is proposing commercial activities on vst areas of the Town Belt to be allowed by delegated authority to officers, quite contrary to the spirit and intent of The Wellington Town Belt Act 2016.

By lumping the sites together in the current consultation, it effectively eliminates any thought of further public consultation, and is thus quite contrary to both public interest and the intent of the Act, and instead, proposes delegated authority be given to anonymous officers to make decisions in secrecy, behind closed doors.

Is this how we run a "democracy"?

The Council and Councillors are Trustees under the Act. They, not the staff, *are entrusted to protect and enhance the Town belt's accessible natural environment, and free public recreation.*

The Wellington Town Belt Act 2016 and the subsequent management plan is the Council's guide.

The Town Belt is of unique heritage, environmental and cultural significance to Wellington and Wellingtonians.

Section 9. of the Act explains the legal status.

(1) The Council holds the Wellington Town Belt on behalf of the inhabitants of the city of Wellington as trustee of the trust created by the Town Belt Deed.

(2) The Town Belt Deed is to be read as if the only term of the trust is to forever hereafter use and appropriate the Wellington Town Belt as a public recreation ground for the inhabitants of the city of Wellington.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), public recreation ground means an area provided for—

(a) recreation, sporting activities, and the enjoyment of the public, with an emphasis on the retention of public access, open spaces, and outdoor activities; and

(b) the protection of the natural environment and historic heritage.

It is utterly damning that the draft proposes to get rid of the public consultation requirements, and arguably as well most of the specifics of the Act which clarify the parameters of transparent administration and management and use of the Town Belt with significant limitation on business activities.

In the words of the Queens Counsel who provided a legal opinion to the committee when they were developing the Act:

“The Bill expresses in a complete way the basis on which the Town belt is to be made available and managed, better defines Council’s powers and provides for improved transparency in its decision-making.”

But this draft policy proposes to abrogate elected Councillors as Trustees’ responsibility. It is contrary to eg. sections: 9, 10, 14, 15c., 16, 17,18,19 of the Act.

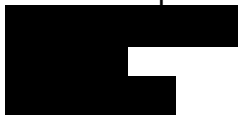
I am asking that the Town Belt (and the 30 named reserves) be excluded from the Trading and Events Policy. It is misplaced. It is diabolical. It can be the ruination of the best capital city in the world.

Please call me- I will talk to anybody about the importance of this. I literally looked at the pros-and-cons of **dozens** of global destinations before settling here 14 years ago.

Please don't ruin the best thing that Wellington has going for it.

Nga mihi nui,

Daniel M Spector





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SUBMISSION TO WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

From: Helene Ritchie

Trading and Events in the Town Belt and Reserves

11 February 2022

Introduction

Commercialisation. The thin edge of the wedge.

The Council proposed policy could and will change large tranches of the Town Belt from being a free, natural environment and public recreation places into a Trading and events in public places and without any further public consultation related to the sites proposed.

It would appear to be contrary to the purpose, principles and many sections of Act.

The Town Belt (and 30 reserves) should be deleted from the Trading and Events in Public Places policy. They are misplaced there.

BACKGROUND

The Town Belt is of unique heritage, environmental and cultural significance to Wellington and Wellingtonians.

On 16 October 1841, the Governor of New Zealand notified that the reserves (the Town Belt), provided for in the New Zealand Company's plans were "reserved by the Crown for public purposes". During the early nineteenth century, social reformers called for green and open space as a means of improving the health and well-being of Citizens.

This need for green open space then called the 'lungs' of the City, equally applies today and even more so in the future with plans to further densify Wellington City. Wellingtonians value the Town Belt as one of the three key pillars and points of difference of our City - the harbour with the hills and the proximity of the compact CBD to nature. Fundamentally, the

Town Belt is 'not for sale'. That means it is not to be commercialised. It is a prized natural environment in close proximity to the inhabitants of Wellington City.

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(a)

recreation, sporting activities, and the enjoyment of the public, with an emphasis on the retention of public access, open spaces, and outdoor activities; and

(b)

the protection of the natural environment and historic heritage.”

It is of major concern that the draft proposes to circumvent the public consultation requirements, especially but not only (S.16 (2),(4),(5), and arguably as well many of the specifics of the Act which clarify the parameters of transparent administration and management and use of the Town Belt (eg. S.3a) and with significant limitation on business activities.

In the words of the Queens Counsel who provided a legal opinion to my committee during our developing of the Act, “The Bill expresses in a complete way the basis on which the Town belt is to be made available and managed, better defines Council’s powers and provides for improved transparency in its decisionmaking.”

But this draft policy proposes to abrogate elected Councillors as Trustees’ responsibility.

As the draft is contrary to the introductory purpose, principles and legal status of the Act, it follows that it is then generally contrary to aspects of eg. sections: 9, 10, 14, 15c., 16, 17,18,19 of the Act.

The Wellington Town Belt Act 2016 comprehensively exists to serve the inhabitants of Wellington, the purpose and principles are very clear. It “imposes **responsibilities** on the Council.....:” Wellington City Council has no authority whatsoever to create policy which differs from or negates the Act, (or even allows it “provided it complies with the Act”). There is no point to do that and it is morally and legally wrong.

The treatment by Wellington City Council of the Town Belt and reserves as part of the Trading and events in public places policy primarily proposes to treat the Town belt (and reserves) as commercial opportunities rather than as in law, free and accessible natural environment to be protected and enhanced as such.

The Council by doing this subverts the fundamental purpose and principles of the Town Belt and of Reserves.

Fundamentally, the Town Belt is ‘not for sale’. That means it is not to be commercialised. It is a prized natural environment in close proximity to the inhabitants of Wellington City.

No rationale for doing this has been given by the Council in the draft proposal. Presumably, the reasons are twofold:

- i. The Council presumes it can make some financial return from these large and crucial areas of natural environment.
- ii. In the case of the Town Belt, the Council endeavours by **lumping together** the nominated sites together, to circumvent the management of the Town Belt in cooperation with and for the inhabitants of Wellington, and circumvents additional public notification of any proposed ‘temporary’ business activities.

By waiving their **special Trustee status**, the mayor and councillors would be allowing a carte blanche blank cheque delegated authority to be passed to anonymous and often short term officers, who might have no particular commitment to this Wellington taonga to then decide the commercial use proposed, in secrecy. This is contrary to eg. S.9 and S. 16. Of the Act.

Wellingtonians value the Town Belt as one of the three key pillars and points of difference of our City - the harbour and the hills and the proximity of the compact CBD to nature. But as the Council has proposed this significant current and future altering and commercialising of the Town Belt within a report headed Trading and Events in Public Places, most Wellingtonians are not even aware of these proposals or their far reaching impact.

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To do that or propose to do that, is **morally and legally wrong**.

TWO RELATED POINTS OF FURTHER CONCERN

It is of concern that the proposed Trading and Events in public places policy attempts to treat **both the Town Belt and classified reserves** in the same policy despite the fact that they are under different legislation.

In addition, it treats all **urban CBD** trading and events and **Town Belt and reserves, all together** in the same as policy despite quite different legal dictates.

It is further noted that while it is stated in this draft policy that the **Waterfront** is not included, it does include to the two large green open space areas of the Waterfront, Frank Kitts Park and Waitangi Park.

PREVIOUS AND REPEATING CONSULTATION

I note with significant concern that in the last six months, officers and Council decision have sought consultation on their same and associated proposal, now three times:

- i. The original; Events and trading in public places policy (July; decision November 2021)
- ii. Again February 2022
- iii. The draft District Plan which proposes a Town Belt zone. December 2021 (There is no need for a specific zone as the Act and associated maps define it clearly. The 'zone' undermines it and negates the Act, which does not allow parcels of land to be taken out of the Town belt, as in a zone, only to be added.)

In addition,

- i. the six year project, which I chaired 2010-2016, involved very extensive public consultation and negotiation legal advice and ultimately resulted in The Wellington Town Belt Act 2016 being passed by the Parliament.
- ii. Town Belt management plans with consultation, are revised at least every 10 years.)

RECOMMENDATION

The Town Belt should be removed from the Events and trading in public places policy.

The Wellington Town Belt Act 2016 stands.

The same applies to proposals re classified reserves. They should also be removed from the Events and Trading in public places policy.

KEY POINTS

I list the following key points:

1.0 Purpose and Principles

The Council Trading and Events in Public places Policy proposal undermines the fundamental principles and intent of the Town Belt Act 2016, and the Reserves Act 1977, and if enacted would be the thin end of the wedge.

“The Wellington Town Belt Act 2016

Preliminary provisions

Purpose and principles

S. 3 Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to—

(a)

provide a transparent statutory basis for the Council’s trusteeship and management of the Wellington Town Belt on behalf of the inhabitants of the city of Wellington; and

(b)

impose on the Council responsibilities, and provide the Council with powers, to protect, manage, and enhance the Wellington Town Belt; and

(c)

recognise the history of the original Town Belt and its significance to mana whenua and the inhabitants of Wellington

Principles

(1)

In performing its role as trustee of the Wellington Town Belt, the Council must—

(a)

recognise and provide for the protection and enhancement of the Wellington Town Belt for future generations; and

(b)

have particular regard to the following principles:

(i)

the Wellington Town Belt should be managed in partnership with mana whenua:

(ii)

the landscape character of the Wellington Town Belt should be protected and enhanced, including by recognising that it was the New Zealand Company's intention that the original Town Belt not be built on:

(iii)

the Wellington Town Belt should support healthy indigenous ecosystems:

(iv)

the Wellington Town Belt should be accessible to all and for all to enjoy:

(v)

the Wellington Town Belt should be available for a wide range of recreational activities:

(vi)

community participation in the management of the Wellington Town Belt should be encouraged and supported:

(vii)

the historic and cultural heritage of the Wellington Town Belt should be recognised and protected.

The principles in subsection (1)(b) **must be considered together** and the order in which the principles are set out is not to be taken as specifying any order of importance or priority.

2.0 S. 10 Public access

Members of the public are entitled to freedom of entry and access to the Wellington Town Belt

3.0 WCC intends to negate the public consultation requirements, and arguably most of the specifics of the Act which clarify the parameters of transparent administration and management and use of the Town Belt with significant limitation on business activities.

In particular by proposing delegation to officers, it is contrary to S. 16 and gives carte blanche to officers for commercial activities, shops and businesses, large events and charging for so-called educational activities on the Town Belt.

In the words of the Queens Counsel who provided a legal opinion to my committee, “The Bill expresses in a complete way the basis on which the Town belt is to be made available and managed, better defines Council’s powers and provides for improved transparency in its decisionmaking.”

The Council’s trading and pre-approving policies here undermine this by proposing broad ill defined and undefined pre-approved ‘one-off bundled up’ pre-approval herein, and delegation to anonymous officers and in secrecy, behind closed doors.

It is contrary (and in addition proposes to abrogate elected Councillors as Trustees’ responsibility) in **eg. sections: 9, 10, 14, 15c., 16, 17,18,19 of the Act**

4.0 Not temporary activities

The activities, shops and businesses, events are not of a temporary nature, (“less than four weeks’ duration”; or “non repetitive” as in the Act..

5.0 No clarity on meaning of low impact and low scale

The activities are described as ‘low impact’ ‘low scale’ but without definition this will be open to officer of the day, interpretation.

6.0 Multiple commercial activities proposed to be allowed by delegated authority

These commercial for profit, not free, activities, not public, but in on purpose closed off, alienated land, are given as:

- Recreation equipment hire
- Recreation services provision eg. dog washing, mountain bike servicing
- Mobile food trucks and coffee carts
- Commercial tour guiding

- Commercial tours
- Commercial events that are large scale
- Regular multisport events
- Mountain bike races
- Commercial lessons and group fitness
- Professional dog walking
- Bike tours
- Bike schools
- Major events
- Umbrellas, walking sticks hire
- Bike hire
- Movie tours
- Mountain bike tours
- Commercial gardening lessons
- Educational and interpretation instruction

5. Large scale, regular and multisport events to be allowed by delegated authority

The proposal is inconsistent and contradictory in itself to 'low impact, low scale' and says P. 9. "commercial events which are large scale or regular for example multisport events" will be allowed.

6. No recognition of the Town Belt as a supreme SNA

There is listing of SASM ("areas of significance to Maori") and SNA ("Significant Natural Areas and historic sites"), but no recognition that the Town Belt as a supreme SNA – the supreme historic and natural area of the capital City.

7. Commercial activity to be allowed by delegated authority on all Town Belt tracks identified and attached to the policy and on new and additional ones not yet identified.

The proposal, contrary to the Act will allow commercial activity on all identified Town belt tracks completely negating the purpose, principles and free access public recreation aspects (S.9. (and S.17 of the legislation.:

The Council proposal allows, that the activities listed “can take place on any formal and legitimate track network in any reserve or Wellington Town Belt...” Attached to that statement six maps showing the current track networks, and goes on to say, “In the future, the Council website will provide detail of new and additional tracks.” P. 6 draft policy

This is highly problematic and concerning.

8. More carparks lots

More carparks lots will be needed on Town Belt land, “A vehicle associated with the activity would be parked on the listed land parcels.” P.6

9. Free access denied to parts of the Town Belt

Parts of the Town Belt will be closed off, no longer available to all the inhabitants and alienated for the commercial activity for a period or periods.

10. Significant negative impact on the natural environment

There will be significant negative impact on the natural environment, tree planting and weed clearing and extensive voluntary work by many Wellingtonians determined to protect and enhance the natural environment as intended.

11. Significant unintended consequences

Some of the significant unintended (or some intended?) consequences and costs are:

- Financial and bureaucratic costs for the ratepayer - increased Council cost and staff for administration of these profit making commercial proposals, permissions and the licences associated with them

- Costs associated with the probable building of more carparks and consequent loss of Town Belt land for public recreation
- The possibility of large events such as Homegrown and similar loud and crowded concerts (especially on Mt Victoria)
- The possible introduction of paid carparking
- Possible freedom camping in carparks
- Rubbish
- Toileting
- Booze
- Lights
- Increased vehicles' and associated noise and pollution especially on Alexander Road and behind and on Mt Victoria
- Pollution/climate change
- Alienation of land by commercial businesses
- Legal costs to ratepayers of Court challenges to these proposals
- Significant damage to the natural and peaceful environment and the work of many people actively protecting and enhancing and planting in the Town belt
- Unfair competition for cafes and businesses in the CBD and suburbs paying rates and leases.

IN CONCLUSION

I am asking Councillors as trustees of the Town Belt, **to delete** the Town Belt from the Trading and Events in Public places policy.

It is totally misplaced there, and is contrary to many sections of the Act.

I am asking that Councillors as Trustees instead and in the "inhabitants" interest, to insist that the Council and officers use the carefully crafted Wellington Town Belt Act 2016 and the subsequent Town Belt management Plan to guide the administration, management and use of the Town Belt.

Helene

Helene Ritchie

M.A., B.A., B.A. Hons, Dip. Ed. B.Ed. Studies, Dip. Business Studies (dispute resolution),

Former deputy mayor; former Chair of the Wellington Town Belt committee leading the development of protective legislation 2010-2016 and the creation of The Wellington Town Belt Act 2016,

Chair The Wellington Civic Trust

NOTE

- i. I have focussed on the Town Belt. Because of time constraints, I have not addressed the concerns related individually to the 30 reserves and the commercial activities proposed to be allowed there also by delegated authority.

I would seek the same exclusion of classified reserves from the Trading and Events in Public Places Policy for the same reasons – in general, contrary to the intent of their protective legislation. All sites mentioned are extensive and lack specificity.

- ii. I do however, express particular concerns relating to:

Makara foreshore,

Karori Cemetery (a culturally insensitive proposal, for all cultures, and especially mana whenua and tangata whenua to have food/coffee carts etc. there).

Otari a cart could take up a carpark on the roadside, not on Otari land (including carpark)

Brooklyn Turbine (which would encourage shuttle mountain biking)

Owhiro Bay/Te Kopahau-Red Rocks

- iii. I am now Chair of the Wellington Civic Trust. Both The Trust, and I personally have repeatedly made submissions to all of this. Due to time constraints I am presenting this as a personal submission. However, the previous Wellington Civic trust submission of August 2016, is attached in the email sent. It still stands.



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Organisation

Q2. If you are making this submission on behalf of an organisation, please state the organisation's name:

A.C.E. Dog Training Ltd

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Yes

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Hello Councillors!

I hope this finds you well and that you had a relaxing xmas and new years. You may remember me from the consultation process for Dog Walkers on the subject of the "trading and events in public places" proposal.

Written submission:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Cl_hQSekGSFysx_DFyXDz7_y64hh32oE/view?usp=sharing

Oral submission:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BkllHvcjZmAr5evFycgKg1XwrCvifLEL/view?usp=sharing>

I'm writing to you today regarding the amendments to the Proposal made after the consultation, written and oral submissions to council.

<https://www.letstalk.wellington.govt.nz/70027/widgets/343633/documents/221086>

"4. Commercial/professional dog walking, handling, and trainers

Professional dog walkers, handlers, and trainers (Note, in this policy professional dog trainers only refers to those trainers operating in public places, and does not include those operating in licensed areas for dog training purposes) require approval under this policy to operate in public places. The rules for professional dog walkers and trainers operating in public places include minimising the:

- a. negative impact or conflict with other public space users
- b damage to public spaces amenity and assets.

Under this policy, professional dog walkers, handlers, and trainers must complete the Council's annual registration course before they can obtain approval to operate in public places. The course sets out the rules and conditions for operating in our public places. All professional dog walkers, handlers, and trainers must comply with the Dog Control Act 1996 and the Council's Dog Policy 2016 which set out that dogs must be kept under control at all times."

Let me start off by saying I fully support the amendments made. I feel this is a huge step towards legitimising safe and proactive handling of dogs in a city.

By proactive communication via a registered course and handler licensing, creating more informed professional handlers, resulting in better trained dogs, flowing on to well behaved dogs with owners in public. This process cant help but result in fewer call outs for animal services and an improved public image of dogs in public spaces. Opening up for use, areas for the professional handling of dogs, in conjunction with the course and licensing reduces congestion and promotes safety in areas frequently used by professional dog handlers. Which in turn reduces impact to the public, the spaces themselves as well as supporting infrastructure and amenities.

This would seem to be the intent of the subject at hand.

I would heartily endorse further lines of communication between WCC Animal Services, WCC Parks, WCC legislation and representatives of Wellington's Professional Dog Handlers (walkers, trainers, daycare) on what shape the licensing and course modules should represent. It is important to note that in order for the course and licensing structure to be adopted positively by the professional dog handlers, they must feel they have some say in the direction this course takes, that there are clear advantages for them to take part in and register for the licensing process.

I submit that by allowing Professional Dog Handlers to take part in the creation of the course, or at the very least, an opportunity to comment on the draft. Will put forward a sense of "ownership" of the proposed licensing, course and any changes they entail within the framework set out by council departments, while promoting a sense of "transparency" over the process. Like the creation of a tool, it is important that the intent of the legislation is forged by WCC legislation, shaped by WCC Animal Control and Parks, and tempered with input from Professional Dog Handlers.

In addition on the subject specifically of professional dog walking, I admit to being in favour of a staggered incremental annual increase of the number of dogs in a handlers pack. There is no way that someone with no experience in walking dogs should be walking more than 6 client dogs in their first year, 8 in the second and 10 in the third. A first year walker can comfortably manage 6 client dogs, whereas someone who has been walking for 10 years may be comfortable with over 15 client dogs. Its an obvious "carrot and stick" lever for controlling structured pack walks on council property by incentivising good practice while

weeding out poor practitioners. It gives council more control over the industry at large and promotes positive two way discourse at the annual licensing, keeping all parties up to date with what is working and what is not in an effort to proactively manage potential future issues. I have been personally lucky enough to have been mentored by some of Wellington's industry legends who guided me over the pitfall of overconfidence in this matter. I have seen people walking who did not have this guidance. The difference in pack control is profound

You'll notice I said client dogs, many of us use our own dogs as "surrogate handlers" or translators if you will. Dogs are notorious for their collective peer pressure. A handler's dog will perform the required tasks immediately giving client dogs an example to follow when learning or demonstrating a desired behaviour. Such as remaining calm around traffic, ignoring skateboards and bikes, or remaining seated and calm at a cafe. For this reason I believe that a handler's dog/s should be exempt from the licence number restriction, if adopted, and instead be attached to the handlers licence as handler animals. In many ways my own dogs make handling my pack easier. When leashed in areas such as the city or on trail they stay on the front outside opposing sides of the pack, essentially taking guard positions, keeping the pack in formation at heel behind me through example and body pressure. When off leash they guide the pack in play, including regular check-ins with myself demonstrating appropriate behaviour.

On to the licences themselves. Every handler I have spoken to does not have a problem with carrying a licence visibly or on their vehicles, especially if it helps WCC Parks know who is in a given area at a given time.

However, there is a darker, more sinister issue that is repeatedly referred to. Many, if not all, of the female Professional Dog Walkers I have spoken to, unlike their male counterparts, have been accosted at some time by unwanted male attention while walking their charges. Often verbal abuse is directed at them, they have been followed, spat on and there is at times real fear of physical harm. I, like many of my male counterparts, are enraged by this treatment of our peers. There are incidents where these young women are approached in locations where the cell phone coverage is spotty, in rough terrain, with very few people around. They are in these locations like many of us, as the current restrictions on dog handling in public places has pushed suitable areas to more and more remote locations. Infuriatingly, these incidents also have been known to happen on the city's waterfront in full view of the public with no intervention from bystanders , which in some ways is even more

horrific. It speaks to much deeper seated and troubling social issues with our city than this submission will enter into. Because of this, many small operator professional Dog walkers travel in vans unmarked by company information in order to avoid identifying attention. As disturbing as this is, I mention it for context. Any displayed licence we are issued MUST NOT contain anything that can be used to track a walker to their place of residence, such as individual name, company name or place of business (as this is often their place of residence). A simple number that WCC Animal Control can access for non-public dissemination of information pertaining to that walker is infinitely more desirable.

Thankyou for your time once again

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Q3. I would like to make an oral submission to Councillors: Yes

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We would like to thank Council for the strong inclusion of access features in this Policy. It has been a long process of consultation and we look forward to seeing the changes improve accessibility for all in the City. We support the smoke and vape free component of all approvals. Recommendation. That the definition of public places in section 11 is moved to a more predominant place, and suggest in section 1 Introduction. It is not immediately obvious what is included in the scope of the policy with the naming of specific places and reserves in the forefront of the document. Recommendation. That the definition of Micro-mobility devices is reworded to ensure that disabled people are not adversely impacted by the definition. The rapid development of micro-mobility devices is continually producing new aids for people with impairments that open up many more opportunities for disabled people as pedestrians. Recommend that the review of Council's Signage in Public Places Policy be progressed as quickly as possible, to provide clarity and reduce the number of barriers throughout the city. Recommend. That Council Officers be resourced to ensure timely appropriate response to offenses and complaints.. Monitoring and enforcement of the policy is a key to the success of providing a vibrant, diverse, safe and accessible city for all people to enjoy.

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The Ōtari-Wilton's Bush Trust was established as an independent charitable trust in 2001. The Trust agrees that Ōtari-Wilton's Bush should be on the list of proposed sites. The following comments relate only to Otari-Wilton's Bush, no other sites. The Trust strongly agrees with a mobile coffee cart at Ōtari that may also sell small home-baked items from local providers, e.g., muffins. The Trust agrees with a limited number of commercial tour operators providing guided tours at Ōtari provided that the first right to conduct such tours remains with the Trust in recognition of its contributions to Ōtari over many years of funding and voluntary labour. The Trust would also support some tracks being closed to commercial operators so that locals continue to have free, uncongested access to popular tracks. The Trust disagrees with the hire of recreation equipment at Otari other than walking poles, umbrellas and magnifying glasses/binoculars. The Trust disagrees with recreation services provision • commercial group fitness • one-off events organised by providers other than WCC. The Trust strongly disagrees with commercial dog walking. The Trust strongly supports the ban on mountain bikes in the WBG Management Plan and related activities such as scooters and commuter cycling.

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Friends of the Wellington Town Belt

Q3. I would like to make an oral submission to Councillors:

No

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The Chief Executive
WCC
Wellington

I have only just heard that WCC has put out a proposal to presumably simplify the granting of consent to minor / short term events to be held on, inter alia, Town Belt land. I have not received the original document apparently circulated to some interested parties so do not know the details of this proposal. But from my experience based on almost 30 years of being part of the Friends of the Wellington Town Belt it concerns me greatly. The difficulty of getting meaningful responses from WCC staff when matters have arisen means that I must get further involved. By way of example the original Town Belt legislation empowered almost any officer of WCC to consent to almost any proposal for commercial activity to be permitted without restrictions or public notification. This was and still is unacceptable to the Friends.

The Friends have from time to time pushed for WCC to at least have a workshop for all new Councillors after each election to bring them up to date on their responsibilities under the Act.

It may be that whenever any such proposal is lodged with Council a copy should always be forwarded to the Friends to enable them to monitor what is going on.

Please treat this letter as an objection to the proposal in so far as it could deal with Town Belt land.

Robin Buxton
Co-chair
Friends of the Wellington Town Belt
10/2/2022
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Mount Vic Residents Assoc

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Mt Victoria Residents Association

Submission to Wellington City Council on the Trading and Events in Public Places
Policy Statement of Proposal

From Angela Rothwell
President, Mt Victoria Residents Association

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this policy.

People who live in Mt Victoria appreciate the green space that is available to them, and the MVRA has a commitment to ensuring that all people have free and unobstructed access to as much of it as possible at all times.

Most people in Mt Victoria walk as their main way of getting about, so the need for good quality, accessible footpaths and outdoor spaces is vital.

Town Belt

While the Mt Victoria/Matairangi town belt is a popular destination for visitors, it also serves as our community's major source of green space. With the adoption of the Spatial Plan, and with the upcoming District Plan, we look forward to many more people being able to live in Mt Victoria. This urgently necessitates ensuring that it's available, for free, to as many people as possible for as much time as possible.

We love its trails, its grassed areas, its beautiful forest (the work of local and Wellington-wide volunteer organisations as well as WCC) and would like to retain as much natural green as possible. The nature trail is a wonderful amenity that gets loads of use from people of all ages.

We wonder at how much more activity the Council anticipates in this area. Over lockdown, we saw the paths heaving with people and dogs, and it continues to be a heavily used area. As in other areas with great mountain biking opportunities, we see that the trails are often left unfit for the multitude of walkers and runners.

There are already many commercial groups using the area – some more successfully than others – as well as numerous one-off events. It's fantastic to see Mt Victoria/Matairangi bustling and alive, and people encouraged to enjoy this beautiful area in so many ways.

We'd like to see WCC use its oversight to provide high-value, community-minded synergies – for instance, if the Bowling Club was to allow access to its toilet facilities for people using the town belt, and visitors to Pirie St park, the effect would be monumental. Despite a large number of people within the community asking for toilet

facilities to be provided, the Council have advised there are none in the plan to revamp the park. We point out that the Council is in a perfect position to reach out to a facility close by and give them a nudge to help the community out.

We'd like to see better communication from the Council to the community about these events – for instance, the party that was approved by WCC to go ahead in the Ellice St Quarry site, or mountain bike events on the hillside – so that we know when we cannot access our local green space. Will this policy provide that to us?

We've never understood why the public are regularly prohibited from accessing public space, in order to host one-off events that come as a surprise to neighbours and visitors.

These areas are public space, and should be available to the public all the time. There should be no reliance on generating revenue out of these spaces. Why can't we have free public access to these events?

We'd like to see better communication from the Council to the community about development of the park that steps out of line with the Matairangi Master Plan – the new mtb trails, for instance. These are not being built with the Mt Victoria community in mind.

If not, we don't understand what operators of these events are being charged for.

In our previous submission, we wondered why the policy focused on Mt Victoria/Matairangi's town belt, and now we see that other areas – Makara and Miramar, for instance – are now up for coffee carts and events and the like. We think this is good, there's a lot of bike park infrastructure there already.

What is the Council's vision for the hillside of Mt Victoria/Matairangi?? Illustrations would be helpful.

We wonder why Mt Victoria/Matairangi has been moved out of the Lambton Ward?

Nga mihi
Angela (on behalf of MVRA)



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Through out the history of the Wellington Town Belt there have been many alienations of land and many many attempts from commercial operators to profit from the Town Belt. The Town Belt Deed, largely protected the TB from further alienation in more recent years. The Town Belt Bill, sponsored by Grant Robertson, was promoted as providing more protection for the inner Town Belt, not less. Allowing any commercial activity on the inner Town Belt sets a clear precedent, and is clearly against the intent of The Town Belt deed. As population density dramatically increases in Wellington, open space, unencumbered by commercial activities will become ever more important. Fitness training of groups of people, will inevitably alienate the general public and there are very many reserves and parks that are not on the Town Belt that could be used for that type of activity. Open space should encourage people to take their own refreshments and not be seen as another opportunity for commercial activity. Predictably there will be ever increasing pressure for more commercial activities as the desire for profit is inherent. Cleaning of animals and bikes are not suitable activities and will result in considerable use of water and detergent and bacterial run off . A very sad day for Wellington and public consultation has been nil. As a submitter on the proposed activity in 2021 I was not contacted or given the opportunity to speak to my submission. Many that have gone before have fought to retain the Town Belt and prevent alienations and encroachments and to have alienated land returned. This proposal may well undo all their hard work.




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I strongly support the six dog limit per dog walker that was originally included in the Policy, as it aligns with international best practice. I hope that this will form part of the council registration/approval scheme. Having time limits for some public places for dog training and dog walking seems a sensible compromise to me.

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Living Streets Aotearoa

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Centennial reserve MTB park – used to have walk-only tracks so will the MTB status limit walkers access? Lyall bay beach – how much of the beach will not be available for use at any one time? Worsler bay beach – how much of the beach will not be available for use at any one time? Cog park – how much of the park will not be available for use at any one time? Churchill park is only one section of Seatoun beach – this is the kind of limit that is required at all sites Railway Station reserve [the front of the railway station] Should include an identified clear unobstructed accessible path at all times to both signalled pedestrian crossings, with no exceptions. Wellington Botanic Gardens - Equipment hire should be limited to permitted activities, ie no bikes Glover park activity - only supports what is there now, how about mobile food carts? - recreation hire equipment should be available like kids play stuff Te Aro park - only supports existing use - include kids play equipment hire Waitangi park waterfront - the map shows the footpath included and this should remain outside commercial use, there is plenty of other space - in this case the existing café at the kids play area is not protected and mobile carts are allowed Freyberg carpark and Oriental bay beach – how much of the beach will not be available for use at any one time? - please exclude the beach and kids park from mobile foodcarts which should only locate in the car park - recreation service provision should be limited, this is a very busy beach and space is already very limited. Frank Kitts park - this is the children's playground area and more control on junk food carts is required. Parents should not have to walk a gauntlet of food carts to access the play equipment [same comment for every children's play area] Is it intentional that equipment hire is not included at all parks and different terms used? Karori cemetery - Why are food carts permitted Owhiro bay quarry - Has the idea of a wild south coast disappeared? If not why would this area include mobile food carts - This area is not accessible by public transport. Te Raekaihau point - Please exclude some of the beach from any activity Makara beach foreshore - Appear to be allowing activity on a delicate native ecosystem that has been under active restoration management for many years – please ensure this is excluded - Use the car park area for all commercial activity Town Belt Mt Victoria Lookout - The map includes parts of actively managed restoration areas that should be excluded from all commercial activity - The areas for commercial activities should be limited to car park areas Mt Victoria all the rest of the park - Clearly some parts indicated on the map should not have food carts or other mobile sales points on them - Equipment hire should be consistent with the uses of each reserve. For instance mountainbike equipment only at MTB parks and there appears to be two of these in Wellington now. This is important to maintain some parks that are more pleasant for people on foot Hataitai park - The map includes a lot of the Mt Victoria Town Belt. This is all the same park and should be managed in the same way, it is not two separate parks - The velodrome is more suited to food carts etc.

Living Streets Aotearoa



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Submission to Wellington City Council on Trading and Events in Public Places – Town Belt and reserves

Contact person:

Ellen Blake

Email:



Date:

14 February 2022

Overall the vision for our public places presented in the TEPP is still unclear. The policy states at the end of the first paragraph that “public spaces are primarily for public use and enjoyment.” The rest of the policy does not show how this public use will be achieved (compared to the commercial use of public places).

The proposals for use of reserves and the Town Belt allow a number of commercial uses in all of the named reserves and Town Belt, there are no places that have been excluded for only public use and enjoyment in the various parks. Only a few parks have limitations on the nature of the commercial uses and these seem to only serve to protect existing users such as at Glover or Te Aro Park. This gives the impression that the total area of these parks can now have commercial use, and that has not occurred previously. Our experience shows that this will lead to more pressure on council staff to allow these uses.

Our concern is that as walking is freely available to all people in Wellington and is a very popular activity, and there is little commercial activity providing services for walking, that people out on foot will not benefit from many of the services provided but will be impacted by these uses. For example, Waitangi Park on the waterfront is frequently closed to people on foot for various commercial events and activities. This particular park is one of the few in central Wellington, and is one of the largest green spaces available popular for people to freely spend time in.

Parks and reserves are generally intended as places to ‘get away’ from more urban environments so the expected uses in them will be different from more urban public space. The Town Belt Act supports this recreational and outside use, for instance, a quiet and green space for a stroll or a picnic. This policy needs to support people to be in public parks without hindrance, or being enticed or required to purchase services.

Our strong recommendation is that for all reserves, a certain proportion of them is allocated or reserved at all times for public use. So, for instance, it is always possible to take your kids for a walk without having to pass commercial services. Seatoun beach has only a small part allocated to commercial use and is a good model for other places.

TEPP pedestrians

We note that the policy objectives still refer to pedestrian use in the negative as activities need to minimise disruption to them, rather than enhance the pedestrian experience to be more enjoyable. This positive view is more important in park environments where many

people specifically go to get away from vehicles, noise and general urban busy-ness (LSA submission on the TEPP refers).

Preapproved activities

It is unclear what the preapproved activities are, they are not defined. If the preapproved activity is the list of identified activities, it is exhaustive and covers many activities imaginable. Some limits on this are required to ensure compatibility with parks and reserves. We would support all activities being child-friendly.

The Town Belt Act precludes some activities that are not for recreation or outdoor activity but this isn't reflected in the above list of activities, eg commercial tour or one-off event could be anything. The Town Belt status for reserves is that activities must be low impact and temporary in nature but what 'low impact' is is unclear. Is that low impact on the environment, on other users of the park or reserve?

It would be useful to include with each reserve what is consistent with the reserve status and if there is a relevant management plan for that site.

It is important to be clear on this because preapproved activities do not require public input only staff assessment.

Foraging

The status of foraging is still unclear. Removing any material from reserves is not usually a permitted activity and has impacts on the ecosystem.

Public transport

Permitted commercial activity should be located near and accessible by public transport as well as on foot or by bike.

Low scale / low impact activities

Mountainbike use is not low impact, and potentially not low scale. There are high numbers of riders on tracks occasionally and these have significant impacts on other users. Pre-Covid it was not unusual to see 20 + men on a bike tour hurtling downhill on all sorts of tracks on Mt Victoria. The policy needs to be clear what low scale/ low impact means.

There are many reserves where people on foot are the main users of the area and these reserves should have limited commercial opportunity for MTBs. We note it is often difficult to identify the formal tracks as there is constant churn from illegal track builders!

Note Trading and Events in Public Places Policy 2021

Footpath definition

The TEPP should use the Land Transport (Road User) Rule definition for footpath – this is a place primarily intended for pedestrian “use” not just movement. This is a much broader definition and encompasses what it means to be a pedestrian more fully (eg page 11 TEPP).

Pedestrians place in the policy

Pedestrians and footpaths are treated as a footnote to accessibility (ie 8.2.1), and this really limits how events or trading can enhance the pedestrian experience. The pedestrian experience is reduced to a minimum to be met not an experience to be enhanced.

Minimum footpath widths

It is not clear what the minimum widths are for footpaths in the TEPP. Can this be included in the policy or a link to those widths.

Specific reserve comments

Centennial reserve MTB park

– used to have walk-only tracks so will the MTB status limit walkers access?

Lyllall bay beach

– how much of the beach will not be available for use at any one time?

Worser bay beach

– how much of the beach will not be available for use at any one time?

Cog park

– how much of the park will not be available for use at any one time?

Churchill park is only one section of Seatoun beach

– this is the kind of limit that is required at all sites

Railway Station reserve [the front of the railway station]

Should include an identified clear unobstructed accessible path at all times to both signalled pedestrian crossings, with no exceptions.

Wellington Botanic Gardens

- Equipment hire should be limited to permitted activities, ie no bikes

Glover park activity

- only supports what is there now, how about mobile food carts?

- recreation hire equipment should be available like kids play stuff

Te Aro park

- only supports existing use

- include kids play equipment hire

Waitangi park waterfront

- the map shows the footpath included and this should remain outside commercial use, there is plenty of other space

- in this case the existing café at the kids play area is not protected and mobile carts are allowed

Freyberg carpark and Oriental bay beach

– how much of the beach will not be available for use at any one time?

- please exclude the beach and kids park from mobile foodcarts which should only locate in the car park

- recreation service provision should be limited, this is a very busy beach and space is already very limited.

Frank Kitts park

- this is the children's playground area and more control on junk food carts is required.

Parents should not have to walk a gauntlet of food carts to access the play equipment [same comment for every children's play area]

Is it intentional that equipment hire is not included at all parks and different terms used?

Karori cemetery

- Why are food carts permitted

Owhiro bay quarry

- Has the idea of a wild south coast disappeared? If not why would this area include mobile food carts
- This area is not accessible by public transport.

Te Raekaihau point

- Please exclude some of the beach from any activity

Makara beach foreshore

- Appear to be allowing activity on a delicate native ecosystem that has been under active restoration management for many years – please ensure this is excluded
- Use the car park area for all commercial activity

Town Belt

Mt Victoria Lookout

- The map includes parts of actively managed restoration areas that should be excluded from all commercial activity
- The areas for commercial activities should be limited to car park areas

Mt Victoria all the rest of the park

- Clearly some parts indicated on the map should not have food carts or other mobile sales points on them
- Equipment hire should be consistent with the uses of each reserve. For instance mountainbike equipment only at MTB parks and there appears to be two of these in Wellington now. This is important to maintain some parks that are more pleasant for people on foot

Hataitai park

- The map includes a lot of the Mt Victoria Town Belt. This is all the same park and should be managed in the same way, it is not two separate parks
- The velodrome is more suited to food carts etc.

About Living Streets Aotearoa

Living Streets Aotearoa is New Zealand's national walking and pedestrian organisation, providing a positive voice for people on foot and working to promote walking-friendly planning and development around the country. Our vision is "More people choosing to walk more often and enjoying public places".

The objectives of Living Streets Aotearoa are:

- to promote walking as a healthy, environmentally friendly and universal means of transport and recreation
- to promote the social and economic benefits of pedestrian-friendly communities
- to work for improved access and conditions for walkers, pedestrians and runners, including walking surfaces, traffic flows, speed and safety
- to advocate for greater representation of pedestrian concerns in national, regional and urban land use and transport planning.

For more information, please see www.livingstreets.org.nz.



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- Q1. Are you making this submission as an individual or on behalf of an organisation? Organisation
- Q2. If you are making this submission on behalf of an organisation, please state the organisation's name: Central Allbreeds Dog Training School
- Q3. I would like to make an oral submission to Councillors: Yes
- Q4. If yes, please give your phone number so that a submission time can be arranged: [Redacted]
- Q5. Do you have a file you would like to upload to support your submission? Upload it here. not answered
- Q6. How much do you agree or disagree with the proposed sites? Agree
- Q7. How much do you agree or disagree with the proposed activities? Agree
- Q8. How much do you agree with the proposal to allow mobile activities to use the track networks (provided they comply with the rules for each area and have officer approval)? Agree
- Q9. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about these proposed sites and activities? (please provide details if you are commenting on specific sites or activities)

Central Allbreeds Dog Training School is an not-for-profit, incorporated society, who has been operating in Wellington City since 1962. While our focus has changed over that time from competitive dog obedience training to providing high quality pet dog training, our passion and commitment to the dogs of Wellington City have remained. We are a Council approved service provider, with our "Grade 2 - Practical Canines" course being an approved Responsible Dog Owner Education and Obedience course. We use public spaces for the more advanced parts of our group training classes, meaning dog/handler partnerships can prove they have skills required to meet our standard. We wholeheartedly support the proposed policy, particularly the limit of six dogs per person/handler, and requiring approval to operate in public places. While we cannot see any reference to this in the November 2021 consultation document, we hope that it remains as in the original policy. We are pleased to see the registration requirements extend to those, like us, offering dog training classes on public land. We hope the annual registration has an option for not-for-profit clubs (we are not the only club in Wellington city, and we are aware of another club operating similar classes in public) that recognises the more limited financial resources, but quality training, that is provided by such entities. Clubs/not-for-profit entities are supporting the Council's aims in having responsible dog owners, and offer a valuable service to the wider community, particularly those on lower incomes, as we charge less than commercial operators with staff to pay. Therefore, the impact of annual registration fees is far more significant to the financial viability of not-for-profit providers. We welcome the opportunity for our President and/or Vice-President to make an oral submission.



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Thanks heaps for considering our comments from previous submissions. We love that council officers will be able to continue working closely with our organisation to make it easy and clear for us to run our activities :)