

Appendix One:

Recommendations on topics/locations in the proposed Dog Control Policy and Bylaw

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<p>A & P Park</p> <p>Dogs are prohibited from the whole of the A & P park including the car parks except that dogs are allowed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual A & P Show; • Any authorised dog obedience courses; • Any other activities as authorised in writing by Council. 	<p>Dogs are prohibited from the whole of the A & P park including the car parks except that dogs are allowed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual A & P Show; • Any authorised dog obedience courses; • Any other activities as authorised in writing by Council. 	<p>One submission was received #: 470 which indicated that as a Farmers' Market stallholder that they would like to see dogs (leashed) allowed into the market area. Failing that, they suggested that the blanket ban on dogs at A & P Park should be relaxed to allow dogs to be tethered near the perimeter walls, where there is shade and water is provided. The submitter felt that this would save animals being left in hot cars and would enable more dog owners to attend the market for a longer period.</p>	<p><u>Recommendation</u> Status quo.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel are aware that some people do currently hitch dogs at the entrance to A & P Park when attending the Farmers Market.</p> <p>The proposed bylaw ability to authorise in writing may help to future proof any other activities. The food health, safety and hygiene regulations may restrict dogs in the Farmers Market area.</p> <p>Clarification has subsequently been sought from one of the Environmental Health Inspectors and the only restrictions around food are in food preparation areas under the Food Act 2014.</p>
<p>Athletic Park</p> <p>Dogs are prohibited on the grounds that surround the enclosed oval except that dogs are allowed on-leash only on the formed pathway solely to access the riverbank from Brewer and Stratford Streets. A direct route must be taken and the dog and owner cannot stop within the park.</p>	<p>Dogs are prohibited from Athletic Park including the grounds that surround the enclosed oval except that dogs are allowed on-leash on the formed pathway when taking a direct route solely to access the Taylor riverbank from Brewer and Stratford Streets.</p> <p>Note: dogs are allowed on-leash in the arboretum area south west of the oval.</p>	<p>There were 5 submissions received about Athletic Park.</p> <p>All of the submitters requested to keep the ability to walk dogs on-leash through Athletic Park to access the Taylor River and several wanted to allow dogs' on-leash in the arboretum to the south-west of the athletics track.</p>	<p><u>Recommendation</u> Dog prohibited area including the grounds that surround the enclosed oval except that dogs are allowed off-leash on a direct route on the formed pathway to access the Taylor riverbank from Brewer and Stratford Street. Note: Dogs are allowed on-leash in the arboretum area south west of the oval.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u> Site visit undertaken 2 December 2020.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel felt that Athletic Park was a unique case because it links to Taylor River and it has a shady arboretum area adjacent to the Taylor River.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel suggested removing the wording "must not stop" in the proposed bylaw. It was felt that the arboretum south west of the oval track was a nice</p>

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			shaded area that could be developed further by the Parks and Open Spaces Team. At the Hearings Panel's request one of the submitters provided suggested wording and a map defining the arboretum area.
Auckland Street Reserve Dogs are allowed except dogs are prohibited on the Picton Skate Park.	Dogs are allowed off-leash in Auckland Street Reserve - except dogs are prohibited on the Picton Skate Park.	No submissions received.	<u>Recommendation</u> Status quo for dogs to be off-leash in the Auckland Street Reserve (except dogs are prohibited from the Picton Skate Park). <u>Consideration</u> Site visit undertaken 9 December 2020. The Hearings Panel recognised that this was a popular area for dogs to be off-leash that was well defined open space and sufficient sight lines. At the time of the site visit it was noted that there was plenty of evidence of dog fouling which had not been picked up which was disappointing given that there is a rubbish bin and bag dispenser.
Ballinger Park Dogs are prohibited.	Dogs are allowed on-leash in Ballinger Park.	One submission opposed dogs being prohibited from Ballinger Park	<u>Recommendation</u> To allow dogs to be on-leash <u>Consideration</u> Site visit undertaken 2 December 2020. The Hearings Panel felt that there was sufficient open green space to allow dogs on-leash at Ballinger Park
Beach Road Reserve Dogs are allowed off-leash.	Dogs are allowed off-leash in Beach Road Reserve.	No submissions received.	<u>Recommendation</u> status quo dog off-leash area. <u>Consideration</u> Site visit undertaken 9 December 2020. The Hearings Panel noted that this was a large open space suitable to have dogs off-leash. There is a rugby goal post which has been put in at the community's request but this is not a formal sports ground. The Hearings Panel recognised that the policy makes provision for the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners and was satisfied that there was sufficient space and sight lines.

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Beacons Road Reserve Dogs are prohibited.	Dogs are prohibited from the Beacons Road Reserve.	There was one submission received opposing dogs being prohibited from the Beacon Road Reserve	<p><u>Recommendation</u> To prohibit dogs from the Beacons Road Reserve.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel noted that the Beacons Road Reserve is a newly acquired reserve due to its ecological values.</p> <p>The nearby Wairau Lagoons Walkway which is Department of Conservation land prohibits dogs and it was therefore considered desirable to also keep the Beacons Road Reserve as dog prohibited.</p>
Blenheim Central Business District including the Quays Dogs allowed on-leash.	Dogs are allowed on-leash in the Blenheim CBD.	<p>The proposal to allow dogs to be on-leash and under control in the Blenheim Central Business District (CBD) received a robust response; a number of submissions were received both for and against allowing dogs on-leash in the Blenheim CBD.</p> <p>Almost 80 submissions were received which were supportive of allowing dogs in the Blenheim CBD including from the Blenheim Business Association. Submitters detailed that the CBD should be on-leash so that dogs and their owners could gain access to the Taylor River and frequent cafes. Submitters commented that it would be good for the retail sector and help to encourage dog owners to linger longer in town. There were a number of comments that Blenheim was not dog friendly and well behind other New Zealand towns and cities where many dogs and their owners can enjoy time together out in public places.</p> <p>Submitters opposing allowing dogs in the</p>	<p><u>Recommendation</u> To allow dogs into the Blenheim CBD.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u> The proposal to allow dogs into the Blenheim CBD was a contentious issue.</p> <p>Several reasons persuaded the Hearings Panel to allow dogs into the Blenheim CBD. Central living with more people residing in the central business district has recently been permitted in the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan and the Hearing Panel felt that policy setting should support and encourage this. The Blenheim Business Association (BBA) submitted in favour of this throughout the process and according to their survey the majority of business owners supported this change. It was the opinion of the Hearings Panel with regard to the issue of dog fouling that responsible owners should clean up after their dogs.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel has been provided with information from Marlborough Roads on rubbish bin emptying and cleaning frequency. This information helped to form the Hearing Panel's recommendation because the daily and weekly cleaning regimes are in place.</p> <p>By making this recommendation, the Hearings Panel noted that there is likely to be an increased need for bags, bins and the frequency of emptying and cleaning.</p>

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		<p>Blenheim CBD expressed concerns regarding dogs being a hazard for the elderly and children. Disability assist dogs and their vulnerability to attack were mentioned. Submitters believe that the centre of town is no place for dogs, not everyone likes or feels comfortable around dogs and dogs can be intimidating even if on-leash. The issue of fouling, who will clean up and odour were raised by a number of submitters. It was noted that businesses have enough problems to contend with without having to remove dog faeces and urine from the pavement. It was also raised that dogs can carry diseases which are transmissible to people.</p>	<p>Careful consideration will be required as to the location of any rubbish bins.</p> <p>It was noted that the BBA have indicated that they want to be involved in solutions. The Hearing Panel heard about the Marlborough Mile in the Blenheim BBA submission regarding pop up play areas.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel heard through the process that a number of submitters support allowing dogs into the Blenheim CBD but they would not personally bring their dogs into town. The example of the Picton CBD is that the town accommodates dogs on-leash and predominately people take their dogs into town to access cafes.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that some people noted vulnerability but the Hearings Panel felt this could be managed by compliance with dog owner dog owner obligations which are specified in s 5 of the Dog Control Act 1996 that dogs must be under control at all times.</p> <p>A number of submitters noted the one month trial in October 2019 when dogs were allowed in the Blenheim CBD. There were no complaints reported to Animal Control during this time. Weight was given to this even though it was a short trial period.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel did consider various options such as Market Street specifically being prohibited. However, this was viewed by the Hearings Panel as being complicated for compliance management.</p> <p>It was noted that the bylaw only applied to footpaths and public areas. It is up to individual business owners to decide if they welcome dogs into their premises.</p> <p>During the hearings on 1 December 2020, the Hearings Panel requested that the BBA provide supplementary information from the survey that they conducted of business owners specifically so the data could be used</p>

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			<p>at the deliberations meeting. No additional information was received from the BBA despite follow up requests.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel considered that there could be temporary exclusion of dog access for specific events by way of public notice. This would be when there is intense public use of the CBD and there is the need to enable large numbers of the public to use the streets and public amenities such as during the Christmas Parade, a concert or a Market Day.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel felt that there was good continuity by allowing dogs' on-leash in the Blenheim CBD down to the Quays, Riverside Park and Taylor River.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel confirmed that the space under the stairway in the Forum has easements for pedestrian rest and recreation.</p>
Brayshaw Museum Park Dogs are prohibited.	Dogs are prohibited from the Brayshaw Museum Park.	One submission was received wanting dogs to be allowed on-leash at the Brayshaw Museum Park.	<p><u>Recommendation</u> To prohibited dogs from the Brayshaw Museum Park.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u> Brayshaw Museum Park is on Department of Conservation land but this is administered by the Council.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel considered that this is a risky site to have dogs because of the machinery, trains and small children. Family events are also held in the Brayshaw Museum Park.</p>
Children's Playground Exclusion Zone Dogs are prohibited within 10 metres of any children's playground - whether or not the balance of the area is designated as a Dog Off-Leash area or a Dog	<p>At any children's playground dogs must be 3 metres away from the outside edge safety surfacing (external to the playground) irrespective of the area being a dog on-leash or dog off-leash area.</p> <p>Note: where this is not physically possible dogs must be on-leash</p>	<p>Ten submitters supported the proposed increasing of the exclusion of dogs within 10 metres of any children's playground - whether or not the balance of the area is designated as a dog off-leash area or a dog on-leash Area.</p> <p>Sixteen submitters considered that the proposed exclusion of dogs within 10 metres of a playground is not practical</p>	<p><u>Recommendation</u> Dogs must be 3 metres away from the outside edge of playgrounds or play equipment safety surfacing (external to the playground) or where this is not possible dogs must be on-leash on the formed pathway or footpath (except in dog prohibited areas).</p> <p><u>Consideration</u> Site visits were made to a number of playgrounds on 2 and 9 December 2020 including Ballinger Park, Omaka Landings, Burleigh Park,</p>

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On-Leash Area.	on the formed pathway or footpath (except in dog prohibited areas).	<p>or workable and should be removed or reduced. It was pointed out that there would be difficulties in getting to the Picton dog exercise area and the Auckland Street Skate Park has to be passed.</p> <p>Submitters noted that they walk their dogs at the same time as taking children to play in the playgrounds at parks such as Pollard Park.</p> <p>The limit in the current bylaw is 3 metres and some submitters considered this limit should be retained others suggest reducing the 10 metres to 5 metres.</p>	<p>Waikawa foreshore and Pollard Park.</p> <p>There was discussion on the playground exclusion zones and a number of other territorial authorities have a 10 metre dog exclusion zone from children's playgrounds. The set back in the 2002 Dog Control Bylaw had an exclusion zone of 15 metres before it was changed to 3 metres in the current bylaw.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel was provided with no strong data to support an increase in the children's playground exclusion zones for dogs and there was no evidence a 10 metre exclusion zone was more effective than a 3 metre zone. Responsible owners should have their dogs under control at all times. A 3 metre exclusion zone enables dogs and families with children to walk together and visit their local playgrounds.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel considered that the current 3 metre exclusion has been satisfactory and that no complaints have been reported to Animal Control. Although the Hearings Panel did note the need of the policy provisions to minimise the danger, distress and nuisance to the community and to have unimpeded access to public places that are frequented by children and to also use public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation of dogs. It was felt that the current 3 metre exclusion zone provided for that.</p> <p>Confirmation was received from the Parks and Open Spaces Team Manager that every Council managed playground or piece of playground equipment has some type of safety surfacing underneath, whether it is matting or bark. The Hearings Panel wanted the wording to be specific about the dog being 3 metres away from a playground surfacing to avoid any issues about length of dog leash.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel considered that dogs should be allowed on formed pathways in reserves that allow dogs</p>

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			<p>on-leash regardless of the proximity to playgrounds provided that the dogs are on-leash and under control. There needs to be a district wide rule that makes it clear for any new reserves and pocket park playgrounds that are developed in the future that are not listed in the schedules. It was agreed that the dog must be 3 metres away from the edge of the playground safety surfacing (matting or bark).</p> <p>If the 3 metre exclusion zone cannot be achieved such as at Omaka Landings or at Burleigh Park then dogs are allowed on-leash on the formed pathway or footpath except in dog prohibited areas. As dogs are proposed to be excluded from some playgrounds there are choices for people who do not like dogs.</p>
Dog Fees and Charges	<p>S37 of the Dog Control Act 1996 deals with territorial authorities setting fees for registration and control of dogs.</p> <p>Continue with annual review of fees.</p>	<p>Five submissions were received on the topic of dog fees and charges.</p> <p>There were suggestions to not increase the fees, having a reduced dog registration fee for outlying rural areas, reducing the registration for Dogs New Zealand financial members and/or those who have completed Dogs NZ approved Canine Good Citizen courses.</p> <p>One submitter also queried why category one dogs need to be neutered when many people who keep a dog entire for the purpose of breeding, can also be and are responsible owners yet have to pay the higher standard fee..</p>	<p><u>Recommendation</u> Status quo with the required annual review of fees.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel noted that there are currently a variety of categories for dog registration fees and that the fee structure needs to be easy to administer.</p> <p>The categories are linked back to the Dog Control Act 1996 legislative requirements and the fees are reviewed annually. Other thoughts and ideas have been considered by the Animal Control Sub-Committee such as the old dog category. It was noted that if the fees were lowered for one particular category then other fees may have to be increased to cover the costs of the animal control services function.</p>
Dog Parks		<p>Eleven submitters were supportive of expediting plans to build a dog park in Blenheim similar to the dog park at Renwick.</p> <p>Four submissions were received</p>	<p><u>Recommendation</u> No decisions made.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel felt that some of the submissions may not have been in favour of dog parks as it may have been perceived by some people that dog parks could be a substitute for off-leash areas on the</p>

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		<p>opposing construction of a dog park in Blenheim.</p> <p>Four submissions were received specifically supporting the construction of a dog park at Waitohi Domain in Picton.</p> <p>One submitter supported the Auckland Street Reserve as a valuable dog exercise area.</p>	<p>Taylor River Reserve.</p> <p>It was discussed that the Taylor River is not a dog park as it was referred to in several of the hearing submissions. Dog Parks are considered by the Hearings Panel to be fenced areas for dogs to run, exercise and socialise off-leash. A dog park is considered to have exclusive use for dogs and owners. The Taylor River Reserve is a shared space for the people of Marlborough. No user has greater priority over others.</p> <p>Site visits were made to potential dog park sites at Waitohi Domain in Picton on 9 December 2020 and also at the end of Wither Road in Blenheim on 25 November 2020. The Hearings Panel considered following up on future dog parks for both Picton and Blenheim should be referred to the Animal Control Sub-Committee once the bylaw review has been completed.</p>
Education		<p>One submission was received supporting the continuation of providing education and training.</p>	<p><u>Recommendation</u> No decisions made.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel recommended that the education that is provided for under the Animal Control Contract does need to be highlighted for example Clued Up Kids, attendance at public events and the educational sessions undertaken at preschools, schools and businesses.</p> <p>During the hearings Annie MacDonald indicated that she would be able to assist in bringing the various parties together and suggested that a public event would be a potential opportunity for further education.</p>
Endeavour Park Dogs are prohibited.	Dogs are prohibited from Endeavour Park. Note: dogs are allowed on-leash on the Joseph Sullivan Drive footpath to access various	<p>One submitter suggested that there needs to be improvement to existing signs at Endeavour Park, more enforcement, no parking at upper carpark for dogs to run around carpark</p>	<p><u>Recommendation</u> Status quo that dogs should be prohibited from Endeavour Park. Note that dogs are allowed on-leash on the Joseph Sullivan Drive footpath to access various tracks.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u> Site visit undertaken 9 December 2020.</p>

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	tracks.	and onto the park, and an all-weather track alongside Endeavour Park on the Endeavour Heights Reserve side.	<p>The Hearings Panel supported prohibiting dogs because of the sports grounds.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel discussed that Joseph Sullivan Drive has been established since the previous bylaw was reviewed and it is confusing that the fencing is in between the road and the footpath. The Hearings Panel considered that specific note needs to be made that dogs are allowed on-leash on Joseph Sullivan Drive footpath and that clear signage is needed.</p>
Endeavour Heights Reserve/Endeavour Stream/Huia/Ranui Street Walkway Dogs are allowed off-leash.	Dogs allowed off-leash.	<p>One submission received commenting that on the proposal to remain as an off-leash area noting that it is potentially more hazardous being a shared pathway and as there is a paddock that often has horses in it.</p> <p>Another submitter suggested Endeavour Heights Reserve should change from dog off-leash to dog on-leash.</p>	<p><u>Recommendation</u> Status quo to keep dogs off-leash</p> <p><u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel felt it was logical to keep this as an on off-leash area and noted that this could link in with having dogs off-leash on the lower track. Nevertheless, it was noted that dogs must be under control at all times.</p> <p>The terminology of the lower track on Victoria Domain was discussed and it was noted that this needs to reflect the tracks names as detailed in the Draft Reserves Management Plan for Victoria Domain Reserves and also be consistent with the signage that is already there.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel discussed having one off-leash track that is the lower track in Victoria Domain closest the town side and recognised that dogs need to be on-leash for the rest of the Victoria Domain for ecological reasons and prohibited from the mountain bike tracks.</p>
Esson's Valley and Tirohanga Tracks Dogs allowed on-leash.	Dogs are allowed off-leash on the Esson's Valley and Tirohanga Tracks.	Sixteen submitters opposed changing Essons Valley and Tirohanga tracks from dog off-leash to dog on-leash areas.	<p><u>Recommendation</u> Status quo for dogs to be allowed off-leash.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u> Site visit undertaken to the track entrances 9 December 2020.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel's thinking was to keep the Esson's Valley and Tirohanga Tracks off-leash because of the submissions received and that these are shady areas</p>

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			<p>where dogs can exercise when it is hot. This is also one of the few hilly public places in the district where dogs can be walked off-leash.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel recognised that people treat the district as their playground and was surprised to learn that people from Blenheim specifically bring their dogs to these tracks. Reference will need to be made back to the relevant submissions.</p> <p>During the cruise ship season there is high usage by locals and these areas provide options for dog off-leash access. It was noted that there is parking at Esson's Valley.</p>
Ferry Bridge Picnic Area Dogs are allowed on-leash.	Dogs are allowed on-leash at the Ferry Bridge Picnic Area.	One submission received which recommended extending the dog on-leash area to include the whole project area.	<p><u>Recommendation</u> Allow dogs on-leash.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel were supportive of allowing dogs on-leash to extend to the whole project area which is currently being undertaken as part of the Small Townships project work.</p>
French Pass		One submission received which wanted French Pass to be included as a dog on-leash area.	<p><u>Decision</u> No decision made.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u> The key concern raised by the submitter was around the need for clear signage about dogs being on-leash and in French Pass.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel felt it would be useful to invite Dave Hayes from the Department of Conservation (DOC) to talk to the Animal Control Sub-Committee to help clarify signage in the bays. It is technically a full on-leash area and the proposed bylaw does take care of it.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel referred to the DOC website which does have a process in place for dog access on conservation land and permits may be sought from the local DOC office. Animal Control is included on the DOC website. It was recommended by the Hearings Panel that Council should have a joint working relationship with DOC which could include discussions</p>

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			around reporting and signage.
Grovetown Lagoon Dogs are allowed on-leash.	Dogs on-leash at the Grovetown Lagoon.	One submission received supporting the proposal to have dogs on-leash at the Grovetown Lagoon for the protection of native birds nesting in the area.	<u>Recommendation</u> Support proposal to have dogs on-leash at the Grovetown Lagoon. <u>Consideration</u> This is a new area and the Hearings Panel agreed with the submitter and proposal to have dogs on-leash. The growing ecological importance of the Grovetown Lagoon area was noted.
Harling Park Dogs are prohibited from the fenced Japanese Garden. Note: dogs are allowed off-leash in the balance of the park.	Dogs are prohibited from the fenced Japanese Garden. Dogs are allowed off-leash in the balance of the park.	One submission was received to make Harling Park off-leash.	<u>Recommendation</u> Status Quo dogs are prohibited from the fenced Japanese Garden area and dogs are allowed off-leash in the balance of the park. <u>Consideration</u> Site visit undertaken 25 November 2020. The Hearings Panel noted that dogs are prohibited from the fenced Japanese garden area for cultural reasons. The issue of a lack of bin, bags and signage was raised.
Non-Walkers Exercising Dogs Proposed bylaw was restricted to cyclists.	Any person on a bicycle, electric bike, non-motorised scooter, a mobility scooter or any other self-propelled, electric or motorized transport whilst exercising a dog must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the dog under control at all times; and • At all times carry on their person bag(s) to immediately remove dog faeces; • At all times carry a leash with them; and • At all times in any public place including roads the 	Five submissions were received on the topic of cyclists exercising dogs; one was supportive and noted that when dogs are trying to keep up with their owners they are at their happiest and the other four submissions noted concerns about the practice that cyclists don't pick up after their dogs and welfare or safety concerns.	<u>Recommendation</u> The Hearing Panel were satisfied with the requirements detailed in the proposed bylaw for cyclists exercising dogs and how this has been articulated but did want this to be broadened to include mobility scooters and other forms of transport such as e-bikes and scooters. <u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel considered that the proposed bylaw includes personal responsibility to keep dogs under control, immediately remove any dog fouling and carry a leash at all times. It was discussed that it could be expanded further to include any person on a mobility scooter, ebike and various forms of scooters whilst exercising a dog must also to keep dogs under control, immediately remove any dog fouling and carry a leash at all times.

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	dog must be on-leash except in off-leash Areas and comply with Dog Prohibited Area requirements.		To cover the issue raised by several submitters about animal welfare with cyclists exercising dogs this is outside the scope of this bylaw review process. Any animal welfare concerns should be referred to the SPCA to investigate.
Marlborough Equestrian Park Dogs are prohibited.	Dogs allowed on-leash at the Marlborough Equestrian Park.	One submission was received suggesting making the Marlborough Equestrian Park a dog on-leash area.	<u>Recommendation</u> To have dogs on-leash at the Marlborough Equestrian Park. <u>Consideration</u> This is a new area which has been developed since the last bylaw review. The Hearings Panel agreed with the submitter to have dogs on-leash to reflect practices already in place. There is already clear signage at the entrance to the Marlborough Equestrian Park to keep dogs on a lead.
Marshall Place Reserve		One submission was received suggesting that it would be very useful to have a dog poo bin at either end of Marshall Place Reserve – either at Marshall Place or the Boathouse Theatre end.	<u>Recommendation</u> No decision but the suggestion for a bin to be placed at either end of Marshall Place Reserve was noted and will be referred to the Parks and Open spaces Section at Council.
McKendry Park Dogs are allowed on-leash.	Dogs are allowed on-leash at McKendry Park.	One submission was received suggesting that McKendry Park should be a dog off-leash area.	<u>Recommendation</u> To have dogs on-leash at McKendry Park. <u>Consideration</u> There was one submitter that wanted to have dogs off-leash at McKendry Park however the Hearings Panel felt that there were better places to have dogs off-leash. The main concern raised by the Hearings Panel was that Murphys Creek is on one side which does have ducks and the area is used by school children.
Memorial Park Entrance Dogs are prohibited.	Dogs are prohibited from the grassed areas in the Memorial Park Entrance way and allowed dogs on-leash on the formed pathway. A direct route through	Three submissions were received regarding the Memorial Park and Marina Entrance. Issues were raised about signage, dogs not being on-leash in the marina area and that the Memorial Park	<u>Recommendation</u> Prohibit dogs from the grassed areas in the Memorial Park Entrance way and allow dogs on-leash on the formed pathway. A direct route through must be taken. <u>Consideration</u> Site visit undertaken 9 December 2020.

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	must be taken.	is used for car parking in summertime. One submitter specifically supported allowing access for dogs on-leash through the Memorial Park Entrance and another submitter opposed this.	The Hearings Panel noted that the Surrey Street entrance access way to Memorial Park (which is dogs off-leash) is used for emergency services. The hearings Panel wished to allow safe pedestrian access to the reserve on the formed pathway.
Menacing Dogs	S33C, S33E & S33EA of the Dog Control Act 1996 deals with menacing dogs and dogs belonging to breed or type listed in Schedule 4 need to be classified as menacing.	One submission was received opposing that menacing dogs should be muzzled in public spaces purely based on their breed.	Muzzling dogs which have been classified as menacing is a legislative requirement in the Dog Control Act 1996 and outside the scope of the bylaw and policy review.
Microchipping	S36A of the Dog Control Act 1996 deals with microchipping requirements.	One submitter queried why is it compulsory for all dogs to be microchipped as well as being registered and also having to wear a registration tag.	Microchipping dogs is a legislative requirement in the Dog Control Act 1996 and outside the scope of the bylaw and policy review. If dogs are microchipped it is much easier to reunite any lost and found dogs with their owners.
Motuweka/Havelock Pathway Was not included	Dogs are allowed on-leash for the full length of the Motuweka/Havelock Pathway.	One submission received proposing that dogs should be on-leash.	<u>Recommendation</u> To allow dogs on-leash for the full length of the Motuweka/Havelock Pathway. <u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel noted that the new Motuweka/Havelock Pathway is under construction and due to be completed in 2021. The Hearing Panel agreed with the submission received that the area of the new Motuweka/Havelock Pathway through the cemetery should be on-leash in keeping with the rest of the pathway. It is understood that the pathway is not in the cemetery itself but through the native bush along the bank.
Nelson Square Dogs are prohibited.	Dogs be allowed on-leash in Nelson Square.	One submission was received which noted that dog walkers are frequently seen at Nelson Square.	<u>Recommendation</u> To allow dogs on-leash in Nelson Square. <u>Consideration</u> Site visit undertaken 9 December 2020. The Hearings Panel considered that Nelson Square could potentially be an on-leash area for dogs. There

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			<p>are already rubbish bins which would be easy to attach a bag dispenser to; there is updated seating, some new plantings and some shade. The area would not be suitable to be off-leash because of the proximity to the road surrounding it. However it would provide a logical location for ferry traffic to stop.</p> <p>In the past Nelson Square used to be a cricket ground but cricket is no longer being played at this location nor is it used as a sports ground.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel felt that it was not appropriate to have dogs off-leash because of traffic safety concerns and because Nelson Square is surrounded by a road.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel noted that in practise the area is being used despite Auckland Street Reserve being close by. The Hearing Panel considered that having dogs on-leash was an appropriate use of the space.</p>
Omaka Landings Dogs are prohibited.	Dogs are prohibited from Omaka Landings.	There was one submission received in opposition to prohibiting dogs from Omaka Landings	<p><u>Recommendation</u> To prohibit dogs from Omaka Landings.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u> Site visit undertaken 2 December 2020.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel agreed that dogs should be prohibited from this space because of the small space containing children's playground equipment and flying fox.</p>
Okiwi Bay		One submission was received that they did not understand why dogs had to be on-leash in Okiwi Bay and they suggested that an area for having dogs to exercise off-leash could be in the area behind the houses down by the green waste area.	<p><u>Recommendation</u> No recommendation made.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel noted that the issues for Okiwi Bay are similar to French Pass. There is a need for clear signage in Okiwi Bay.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel considered the green waste area was not suitable as an off-leash area due to congestion and lots of vehicle movements.</p> <p>There are a number of options for dog exercise in Okiwi Bay with Kaimiko Stream Reserve and Ruataniwha Place Reserve both being off-leash areas and Okiwi</p>

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			Bay Esplanade Reserves and Tunnicliffe Reserve are on-leash areas.
Picton Central Business District Dogs on-leash town Basin and Fisherman's Reserve - includes car parks.	Dogs are allowed on-leash in the Picton CBD.	Four Submissions were received supporting the proposal to continue to allow dogs in the Picton Central Business District	<u>Recommendation</u> Status Quo to allow dogs on-leash. <u>Consideration</u> Site visit undertaken 9 December 2020. One dog was seen on-leash. The Hearings Panel's thinking was to keep dogs on-leash as there have been very few issues and on-leash access is required for the multiple access points to jetties and boat launching facilities on London Quay.
Picton Foreshore Dogs are prohibited including the car park and the beach adjacent to the Reserve.	Dogs are prohibited from the Picton foreshore. Note: dogs are permitted on-leash only to access jetty and boat berthing facilities.	One submission appreciated that prohibiting dogs from the foreshore could alleviate the confusion that many people seem to have over what has / has not been allowed. They did note that this confusion could be avoided with clearer signage. Another submitter opposed prohibiting dogs from the Picton foreshore and was concerned that dogs would not be legally allowed to access water transport.	<u>Recommendation</u> To prohibit dogs from the Picton foreshore. <u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel's was satisfied with the proposal to prohibit dogs from the foreshore for avoidance of any doubt. The Hearings Panel considered that there is intense public use and that this is a family picnic area which is consistent with the Draft Policy to restrict access. The open space is also used for events and a number of recreational activities. Picton Foreshore is considered to be one of Picton most precious landscapes as noted in the Picton Foreshore Reserve Management Plan. It was noted that there is an exception with one jetty within the Picton Foreshore area where access needs to be permitted for dogs on-leash to access the jetty and boat launching facilities.
Pollard Park, Churchill Glade and Waterlea Gardens Dogs are prohibited.	Dogs are prohibited from the Baden Powell corner grassed area, BBQ picnic areas and the children's playground. Dogs are allowed on-leash on the balance of Pollard Park,	Four submissions were received supporting the proposal to prohibit dogs in Pollard Park. 100 submissions were received in opposition to the proposal to prohibit dogs in Pollard Park. Submitters	<u>Recommendation</u> Status quo to allow dogs on-leash in Pollard Park, Churchill Glade and Waterlea Gardens and prohibit dogs from the Blenheim golf course. Agree to prohibit dogs in the Baden Powell corner to exclude dogs around the grassed area, children's playground and BBQ picnic area.

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	Churchill Glade and Waterlea Gardens.	opposing the proposal for dogs to be prohibited in Pollard Park indicated that the status quo should allow dogs on-leash. Concerns were expressed that many elderly people with dogs that like to walk through the park cannot drive. A number of submitters noted that in the hot summer months the shade in Pollard Park is a haven for dogs and their walkers.	<p><u>Consideration</u> Site visits undertaken 25 November and 2 December 2020.</p> <p>The Hearing Panel acknowledged the shade in the park and the accessibility of the park for the elderly and those that live close to the park. Having dogs on-leash does minimise the potential for conflict with other dogs, park walkers and children.</p> <p>As Pollard Park is a premiere park it was considered appropriate to prohibit dogs from the playground area to create some dog free playground spaces. The Baden Powell corner grassed area is a family picnic area, schools go there and ladies do Tai Chi etc This fits with the policy provisions to minimise the danger, distress and nuisance to the community and to have unimpeded access to public places that are frequented by children, and to also use public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation of dogs.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel gave particular consideration to Churchill Glade. It was noted that some informal sports are played there and it is also a public event space. The Hearings Panel felt that the informal nature and irregularity did not necessitate the need to prohibit dogs.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel's view that the prohibition of dogs from the Blenheim Golf Course at Pollard Park is in line with the general position that dogs should be prohibited from sports fields.</p> <p>It was noted that submitters commented on the lack of signage and need for clarity of signage.</p> <p>The Hearing Panel felt that Council does need the ability to exclude dogs when there are large events on. To manage this, the Hearing Panel decided to include provision to enable temporary changes to dog access similar to provision in the Auckland City Council Policy</p>

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			on Dogs 2019.
Pound	S67 of the Dog Control Act 1996 deals with provision of pound facilities.	There was one submission received suggesting that the location of the Pound is not suitable and should be moved for animal welfare reasons.	<u>Recommendation</u> Status Quo. <u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel noted that the Dog Control Act 1996 requirement in section 67 is that every territorial authority shall make provision for the proper custody, care and exercise of dogs whilst impounded. The Hearings Panel noted that the Pound is inspected and that it meets the standards for Temporary Housing of Companion Animals Code of Welfare. The Pound facility is located in an industrial zone which is preferred to avoid barking creating a nuisance after hours. The Pound facility is kept clean and hygienic. There is under flooring heating to keep dogs warm in cooler weather. There are also standard operating procedures in place for the Pound Maintenance Policy, Handling of Dogs Policy and the Quarantine and Disease Prevention Policy. These procedures and policies are also audited.
Queen Charlotte Drive Lookout Dogs are prohibited.	Dogs are allowed on-leash only on the formed pathway at Queen Charlotte Lookout.	Two submissions requested that the Queen Charlotte lookout should not be prohibited to Shakespeare Bay.	<u>Recommendation</u> To allow dogs only on the formed pathway. <u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel considered that the access way should be on-leash rather than prohibited as proposed.
Riverside Park Dogs on-leash from the Hutcheson Street Bridge to the confluence with the Ōpaoa River (north side) and from the Hutcheson Street Bridge to Stuart Street (south side).	Dogs are allowed off-leash on both sides of the river north of the Sinclair Street rail bridge. Dogs are allowed off-leash along the true left bank (west side) from the Hutcheson Street Bridge to the formed pathway at the Alfred Street bridge.	Two submissions were received opposing the proposal to have dogs on-leash in Riverside Park.	<u>Recommendation</u> Dogs are allowed off-leash on Riverside Park north of the Sinclair Street rail bridge on both sides of the river and on the west side from the Hutcheson street Bridge to Alfred Street bridge. Dogs are allowed on-leash from Henry Street to the along to the Sinclair street rail bridge. <u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel noted the open spaces with good sight lines should be dog off-leash and the narrow part alongside the Taylor River from Henry Street through to the Sinclair Street rail bridge at

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	Note: dogs are allowed on-leash along the true right bank (Blenheim town centre side) between the Hutcheson Street bridge and the Sinclair Street rail bridge.		Raupo is more suitable for dogs to be on-leash and this stretch is closest to the Blenheim CBD. To avoid any confusion Taylor River and Riverside Park have been combined together in the bylaw as one location as many people would not be aware of where the boundaries of Riverside Park are and would more than likely refer to parts of Riverside Park as Taylor River Reserve.
Seymour Square Dogs are prohibited.	Dogs are prohibited from Seymour Square.	One submitter wanted dogs to be allowed on-leash in Seymour Square.	<u>Recommendation</u> Status quo to remain dog prohibited. <u>Consideration</u> Seymour Square is a premiere park and also a memorial which is consistent with the rule that dogs are prohibited from all war memorials including their grounds.
Shelly Beach Dogs on-leash on the formed road leading to the Bob's Bay Track and in the area north of the Queen Charlotte Yacht Club including on the beach. Note: dogs are prohibited in the reserve south of the Queen Charlotte Yacht Club including on the grassed area and adjacent beach.	Dogs are prohibited from the grassed picnic area at Shelly Beach. Note: dogs are allowed on-leash on the beach and the road to access the Bob's Bay Track.	Two submissions were received supporting the proposal to prohibit dogs from Shelly Beach and there was a suggestion to replace dog signage which has been taken down.	<u>Recommendation</u> To prohibit dogs from the grassed picnic area at Shelly Beach. <u>Consideration</u> Site visit undertaken 9 December 2020. A dog was seen swimming and fetching a ball. The Hearings Panel noted that this is well confined and the picnic area has opportunities for play and swimming. This links into the tracks that are also on-leash.
Stadium 2000 Pocket Park Dogs are prohibited.	Dogs are prohibited from the Stadium 2000 Pocket Park.	One submission was received opposing all of Stadium 2000 pocket park, Kinross St, becoming a completely prohibited area, as it is the only grassed area to the south of the CBD and near longer term parking. The submitter wanted part of Kinross St Pocket Park to be	<u>Recommendation</u> To prohibit dogs from the grassed area. <u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel did not support having dogs in the Stadium 2000 Pocket Park as this is a place that school children sit on the grass and have lunch when attending the Stadium. This is a new park that has been established following the demolition of a

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		designated for dogs on-leash.	house on the site. There was only one submission received and the Hearings Panel did not agree with the submitter to allow dogs on the green space.
Sutherland Stream Reserve Dogs off-leash south of Whitehead Park to the Wither Hills Redwood Street car park.	Dogs allowed on-leash between Hospital Road and Alabama Road alongside the eastern boundary of Rewi Murray Polo Park and Whitehead Park. Dogs allowed off-leash between Hospital Road and the Wither Hills Redwood Street car park.	One submission was received suggesting making Sutherland Stream a dog off-leash exercise area.	<u>Recommendation</u> Dogs on-leash on the Sutherland stream walkway between Hospital Road and Alabama Road and dogs off-leash between Hospital Road and the Wither Hills Redwood Street car park. <u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel recognised that this is a shared space used by walkers and cyclists. It is not considered practical for dogs to be off-leash as Sutherland stream borders private land and rural properties.
Taylor River and Riverside Park Dogs on-leash <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Along the true right bank (Blenheim town centre side) of the river, from the Burleigh Bridge to the Stuart Street; and • Along the true left bank of the river from Doctors Creek to the confluence of the Ōpaoa and Taylor Rivers. • From the Hutcheson Street Bridge to the confluence with the Ōpaoa River (north 	Dogs off-leash <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Along the true right bank (Blenheim town centre side) of the Taylor River from the Taylor Dam to the Henry Street Bridge; and • Along the true left bank (west side) of the river from Meadowbank Road to the Alfred Street bridge. • From the Sinclair Street rail bridge (Blenheim town centre side) to Stuart Street. • From the Sinclair Street rail bridge (west side) to the formed pathway that connects to Snowden Crescent. 	The proposal to require dogs to be on-leash on the section of the Taylor River Reserve from The Quays near Raupo café to the Burleigh Bridge has received a strong response in opposition with almost 400 submissions received on this issue. The Taylor River is a popular area to exercise and socialise dogs. Submitters commented that there are very few places for dogs to walk without a lead and the accessible shared recreational Taylor River area close to the CBD has such a happy atmosphere with dogs and people socializing. The proposed changes would result in a significant loss of convenience and amenity currently enjoyed by dog owners especially the elderly. Submitters want the Taylor River to remain dog friendly. Many commented that they have never	<u>Recommendation</u> Status quo but allow dogs on-leash from the Henry Street Bridge (Blenheim Town side) to the Sinclair Street Railway bridge next to Raupo. <u>Consideration</u> Site visit undertaken 25 November 2020 and 2 December 2020. The Taylor River Reserve was one of the major issues and the vast majority of submitters opposed having dogs on-leash between the Burleigh Bridge and Stuart Street on the Blenheim town side. The Hearings Panel acknowledged the carefully thought out submissions, civic mindedness and reasonableness of the submissions. The significant number of submissions on the issue of dogs off-leash on the Taylor River and the petition which was tabled with 699 signatures was noted. Many submitters value off-leash dog walking in this shared area. Submitters commented that it was unrealistic to limit off-leash walking to the west side of Taylor River. Many submitters noted that the off-leash area is working well apart from minor issues raised.

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<p>side) and from the Hutcheson Street Bridge to Stuart Street (south side).</p> <p>Dogs off-leash</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Along the true right bank (Blenheim town centre side) of the Taylor River from the Taylor Dam to the Burleigh Bridge; and Along the true left bank (west side) of the river from Meadowbank Road to the Doctors Creek Bridge. 	<p>Dogs on-leash</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Along the true right bank (Blenheim town centre side) of the river, from the Henry Street Bridge to the Sinclair Street rail bridge; and Along the true left bank of the river from the Alfred Street Bridge (Leeds Quay) to the Sinclair Street rail bridge. 	<p>observed any issues, keep Taylor River off-leash and don't let the minority spoil it for the majority. There were comments on the mental and physical wellbeing of people and dogs by being allowed to exercise off-leash. Numerous submitters made comments about their dogs not being able to enjoy swimming in the river if they had to be on-leash and swimming is a great way for dogs to cool off in summer. The smooth pathway to walk on especially for elderly which is accessible for those with mobility scooters is also good when it is wet. The importance of having off-leash areas given increase of infill housing and reduced section sizes was also mentioned. In the winter, after work, none of the few proposed off-leash areas are safe for the many women, older and disabled people who walk their dogs off-leash. Submitters do not want to have to drive to an off-leash area and increase CO² emissions. At a time where more and more people are suffering mental illness and obesity, people should not be deterred from owning dogs and exercising. There are direct health benefits to the mind and body through regular exercise and owning pets. The issue of dogs getting tangled up if they are on lead causing serious incidents with cyclists was also raised. Submitters commented that dog fouling along this area would not change by having dogs on-leash.</p>	<p>The Hearings Panel noted that there is always going to be some conflict and heard that there have been limited numbers of infringements issued and complaints reported over the last 10 years.</p> <p>Submitters commented that education and an increased presence of Animal Control Officers would be the preferred way of resolving any issues.</p> <p>With regard to the area closer to the Blenheim CBD and the narrowest section of the riverside the Hearings Panel considered it to be more appropriate for dogs to be on-leash for the section from the railway bridge – to the Alfred Street Bridge on the west side and to the Henry Street entrance on the Blenheim town centre side. It was identified that this would give a possible area for people who do not like dogs to have a choice about using the area knowing that dogs should be on-leash. This would provide a dog safe space to walk from the Henry Street Bridge towards Raupo which leads to town and also links back to the policy provisions to minimise the danger, distress and nuisance to the community and to have unimpeded access to public places, and to also use public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation of dogs. The Hearing Panel felt that the Henry Street Bridge was a logical place to delineate, place signage and to enforce.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel recognised that the policy makes provision for the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners and was satisfied that there was sufficient space and sight lines. The Hearings Panel noted from the site visit undertaken that there was rugby field size of land for dogs to run around, opportunities for dogs to swim in the river to cool off and that the pathways made the area from the Burleigh Bridge towards Henry Street accessible.</p>

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		<p>Note a petition received with 699 signatures.</p> <p>Note 11 submissions were received that supported having dogs on-leash noted that undisciplined and unruly dogs make walking the Taylor River an unpleasant experience.</p>	<p>It was noted by the Hearings Panel that although the area is off-leash it does not preclude people from having their dogs on-leash. The Hearings Panel did emphasize that when dogs are off-leash that they must be under control as per the definition given for control in the proposed bylaw.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel noted the number of nuisance complaints and rush/attack incidents over the last 10 years. In weighing up this data it was considered that it did not sway the Hearings Panel and did not meet the threshold for the significant change to require all dogs to be on-leash.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel supported an increase in the presence of Animal Control and of patrolling of the Taylor River area.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel gave due consideration to the issues of conflict with cyclists which were detailed in the submissions. However, the speed of cyclists was outside the scope of this bylaw review. Other issues which were raised including the cyclists, bins, bags, toilets and signage will need to be referred through to the relevant area with Council processes.</p> <p>Specific comments were made with regard to the placement of additional rubbish bins and bags, increasing the frequency of emptying and also about having additional toilets.</p>
Victoria Domain Reserves Dog are prohibited except from the formed shared walking and biking tracks. Note: dogs are permitted on-leash on the formed	Dogs are allowed on-leash on roadways and formed walking tracks, on shared walking and biking tracks. Note: dogs are prohibited on the mountain bike tracks and the balance of the domain. Note: dogs are allowed off-leash	There were 13 submitters opposed to changing Victoria Domain tracks from dog off-leash to dog on-leash areas. One submitter wanted dogs to be prohibited on the track to Bob's Bay to enhance safety for all tracks users and to support volunteer trappers. One submitter commented on retaining	<u>Recommendation</u> Dogs to be on-leash on Victoria Domain Reserves except dogs are prohibited from the mountain bike tracks and dogs are allowed off-leash on the lower Picton to Waikawa track but not on Endeavour Park. <u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel noted that the Draft Reserve Management Plan Victoria Domain Reserves was currently out for consultation.

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shared walking and biking tracks. Note: dogs are prohibited on the designated mountain biking tracks.	on the lower Picton to Waikawa track.	prohibiting dogs from the designated mountain bike trails and suggested replacing the no dog signs that are missing on the mountain bike trails.	The ecological and cultural input from Te Ati Awa was also noted in their submission. The Hearing Panel supported the proposal to limit dog access to be on-leash for ecological and recreational reasons. It was noted that Victoria Domain Reserves are well used which fits the policy to restrict access when there is intense public use, some tracks are narrow and there are limited sight lines. The Hearings Panel discussed whether there are enough off-leash areas in Picton as this is a change to go from off-leash to on-leash in Victoria Domain. The Hearings Panel considered that the lower track be an off-leash to provide one off-leash track on Victoria Domain. This would give balance and options and is considered to be for more urban walkers.
Waikawa Bay Foreshore Reserve Dogs are prohibited from the grassed area, playground and adjacent beach. Note: dogs are permitted on-leash in the balance of the reserve only to access jetties and boat launching facilities.	Dogs are prohibited in the grassed area, playground and adjacent beach. Note dogs are permitted on-leash in the balance of the reserve only to access jetties and boat launching facilities.	No submissions received.	<u>Recommendation</u> Status quo dogs are prohibited in the grassed area, playground and adjacent beach. Note dogs are permitted on-leash in the balance of the reserve only to access jetties and boat launching facilities. <u>Consideration</u> Site visit undertaken 9 December 2020 The Hearings Panel noted the current signage at the playground stated that dogs were not allowed within 15 metres of the playground. This is a family area which is particularly busy over summertime.
Wairau Valley Loop Track Was not included.	Dogs are allowed on-leash on the Wairau Valley loop Track.	One submission received recommending that the new Wairau Valley Loop Track area is included as an on-leash area for dogs.	<u>Recommendation</u> To allow dogs on-leash on the Wairau Valley loop Track <u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel considered the Wairau Loop Track in conjunction with the Wairau Valley Golf Course and Recreation Reserve. They were mindful of creating consistency between the 2 areas.

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Wairau Valley Golf Course & Recreation Reserve Dogs are prohibited.	Dogs are allowed on-leash in the Wairau Valley Golf Course and Reserve.	<p>One submitter supported dogs being prohibited from the Wairau Valley Golf Course and Recreation Reserve because of issues of uncontrolled dogs affecting stock.</p> <p>There were 14 submissions received in strong opposition to the proposal to prohibit dogs from the Wairau Valley Golf Course and Recreation Reserve. Submitters queried where else that they could take their dogs apart from along SH63.</p>	<p><u>Recommendation</u> To allow dogs on-leash on the Wairau Valley Golf Course and Recreation Reserve.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel discussed the issues of uncontrolled dogs in rural areas with stock. There have been complaints received by Animal Control and issued noted by the submitter.</p> <p>The Wairau Valley Golf Course and Recreation Reserve is a shared space adjacent to rural land and there are limited other options with State Highway 63. Courtesy to existing landowners and stock is important.</p> <p>It was noted that prohibiting dogs would create issues with accessing the loop track. This loop track is due to be completed in 2021 which will give additional recreational opportunities.</p> <p>The Wairau River does provide an off-leash area option for dog owners.</p>
Waitohi Domain – Picton Dog Park Dogs are prohibited unless this becomes a designated dog park exercise area.	Dogs are allowed off-leash at Waitohi Domain.	Four submissions were received specifically supporting the construction of a dog park at Waitohi Domain in Picton.	<p><u>Recommendation</u> To allow dogs off-leash.</p> <p><u>Consideration</u> Site visit undertaken 9 December 2020.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel did note that there were a number of submissions made to support proceeding with the construction of a dog park at Waitohi Domain.</p> <p>The site visit that was undertaken by the Hearings Panel noted that there is already some fencing and landscaping in place which would support a dog off-leash exercise area at this location.</p> <p>The Hearings Panel considered that recommending the establishment of a dog park at Waitohi Domain could be outside of their remit and will refer the matter to the Animal Control Sub-Committee to consider the establishment of a dog park at Waitohi Domain in conjunction with the redevelopment of the area.</p>

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Ward Beach Dogs are prohibited.	Dogs are allowed on-leash in the car park and on the Ward Beach, north of the boat launching area to Chancet Rocks and south of the boat launching area to Needles Point. Dogs are allowed off-leash on the Ward beach boat launching area Dogs are prohibited on the Ward beach north beyond Chancet Rocks to Marfells Beach and south beyond Needles Point to the Marlborough District Council boundary.	Three submitters supported prohibiting dogs from Ward Beach including the East Coast Protection Group Inc. 37 Submissions were received opposing dogs being prohibited from Ward Beach some amendments were also suggested.	<u>Recommendation</u> Dog on-leash area in the reserve, car park and on the beach, north to Chancet Rocks and south to Needles Point. With dogs being prohibited on the beach north beyond Chancet Rocks and south beyond Needles Point. <u>Consideration</u> The submissions received included suggestions for Marfells Beach however the Hearings Panel were unsure if they could include Marfells Beach as this was not part of the proposed bylaw. The East Coast Protection Group did recommend prohibiting dogs along the whole east coast. It was recognised by the Hearings Panel that the area has ecological overlays and that the landscape is special. The Hearings Panel requested a copy of the Technical Report on Marlborough's East Coast which was prepared by Council in 2019, including Map 3 which shows the various uses of the East Coast. The Hearings Panel noted that the bulldozer area is being used and that in there is a resource consent allowing the boat launching provisions and commercial use. This also allows public use and small boats are allowed to launch from this location.
Wearing or display of current registration tags	S46, S50 & 51 of the Dog Control Act 1996 deals with wearing, displaying and offences relating to dogs wearing proper labels or discs.	Two submitters opposed dogs having to wear display and wear their registration tags	Wearing or display of current registration tags is a legislative requirement in the Dog Control Act 1996 and outside the scope of the bylaw and policy review.
Whitehead Park Dogs are prohibited except that dogs are allowed on-leash only on the formed pathway on the eastern boundary and solely to	Dogs are prohibited from the sports fields (being croquet and bowling greens) and on-leash for the balance of the park.	Two submitters opposed dogs being prohibited from Whitehead Park	<u>Recommendation</u> To prohibit dogs from the sports fields (being croquet and bowling greens) and allow dogs on-leash for the balance of the park. <u>Consideration</u> The Hearings Panel felt that having some on-leash area was a continuation of Sutherland Stream walkway and a compromise to deal with uncontrolled

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access the Sutherland Stream walkway. A direct route must be taken and the dog and owner cannot stop within the park.			dogs and the issue of dog fouling.
Wither Hills Dogs are prohibited from the Mountain Bike Tracks and Taylor Pass Road car park but does not include the Redwood Street car park or the Sutherland Stream Reserve.	Dogs are prohibited from the Wither Hills.	Two submitters wanted the Wither Hills opened up for dogs.	<u>Recommendation</u> Status quo that dogs are prohibited from the Wither Hills. <u>Consideration</u> The Wither Hills is a working farm which has stock and therefore not suitable to have as a dog exercise area. There were also several submissions that recognised that dogs are prohibited on the Wither Hills and this gives people choices for walking if they do not like dogs.