Local dog access rules 2025

Ōrākei local parks

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20	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm Recreation Reserve is a shared space and currently works well. All dog owners abide by the rules when the fields are in use. When the fields are not in use they provide a great safe space away from the road and carparks where people and dogs can mix freely. The Ōrākei local board area has one of the highest numbers of registered dogs in Auckland and needs good, safe places to take their dogs. Many sports fields are available for children and adults to use. The sports players are often from other areas where 99% of the people who use Madills Farm to walk and socialise their dogs reside within a 5 km radius. Does the soccer club pay for the sole use of the grounds? Do they pay for the maintenance? Or is it rate payers who pay for it?
72	I do not support the proposed change	Most of the time the fields aren't in use meaning they will be empty whilst depriving dogs and their owners a wide open space for socialising their dogs. This leaves one place for part of the year that dogs can be off leash which is the beach, it will be crowded and end up being more dangerous. Dogs aren't making jokes or causing any issues at either park. Sports groups bring alcohol and dump rubbish but this isn't prohibited? Parks are for the enjoyment of all not just one group. The rule change will make things harder for dog owners and ultimately dogs suffer from not being able to have anywhere safe to run around and play.
175	I do not support the proposed change	I think the idea of not letting dogs walk on unused playing fields is both unreasonable and overarching to the very ratepayers who pay for the maintenance and upkeep of this ground. We never asked for it to be a sports club. In fact we do not see a private sports club as a good use of public funds. There is no reason that both glover park and maddills farm cannot be reinstated to a fully public park status and the sports club moved onto private land somewhere else. I am all for sharing public spaces but when the dictate comes down to removing dog owners who pay for the park and leaving the large public space to a small number of very privileged with no charge for use then this is a VERY unreasonable proposition.
197	I do not support the proposed change	It's so confusing, why should dogs be allowed off leash at this park? Why can't an enclosed off-leash dog area be built instead? Dog owners will be too lazy to observe rules, and it's very difficult for kids to avoid huge dogs that are clearly not under control of their owner. It shouldn't be up to the general public to have to shoulder the constant annoyance and threat from bad dog owners at this park. "Under control off a leash" is a contradiction in terms: show me a dog that will obey its owner when it's got tunnel vision chasing down a small child or a ball belonging to them!
230	I do not support the proposed change	This was gifted for recreation not specifically for sport/ soccer. Why can't we continue to share? Where else can dogs go?
266	I do not support the proposed change	Do not see why we cannot continue to exercise our dogs here when the field is not in use for sports events etc. This is a regular place we visit and have never seen any issues with dogs here when there are no sports on. Many times families with and without dogs share the space respectfully

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268	I do not support the proposed change	I am deeply concerned about the proposed ban on dog walking at Madill's Farm. This park is a vital hub for our community, where families, sports teams, and the elderly come together, with dogs playing a key role in this shared space. Families often bring their dogs while supporting their children at games, and for many elderly dog owners, the park is a cherished place to socialize and stay active. Restricting dog access would undermine the inclusive and vibrant atmosphere that makes Madill's Farm so special. I urge the council to reconsider and explore alternative solutions that balance the needs of the entire community while preserving the park's unique sense of connection.
279	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is a recreational Park intended for use by all not simply ESAFC and other clubs. The existing rules for Madills Farm provide adequate protection for the Sports facilities in that they require dogs to be on a leash in the vicinity of sports fields when in use and prohibited from the sports fields when in use. Excluding dogs from areas designated sports fields all of the time whether in use or not does not align with the principle that the park is for use by all. Dogs under control off leash e.g. playing with other dogs or with balls etc recreational activity enjoyed by many local residents. There are existing rules and laws regarding dog fouling etc that are in general abided by by most local residents. I do not see what advantage is provided to the general population through this change. It is unclear from the submission what problem is being solved with this change. The submission does not detail who benefits from this rule change.
282	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes to Madills provides no suitable areas for rate and dog registration payers to exercise their dogs off leash. Madills is one of the only off leash exercise facilities for local dog owners. Not only will it deprive dogs of the chance to socialise with other dogs and chase a ball it will greatly impact the community. Madills is a special park which has allowed locals who would have otherwise never meet to become friends through their dogs. Most of the dog owners who visit this park are regulars and respectful of all who use the recreation reserve. By removing this facility you will be isolating many members of the community who are retired and/or live alone from the chance to come down to Madills to socialise with other like minded dog lovers. Currently people know that they can just turn up at madills early evening and there will be a cohort of friendly locals to connect with.
306	I do not support the proposed change	The sports club at madills farm utilize the fields Fay and night at all times of the year despite supposedly being a 'winter' sport. Madills is a well known off leash dog spot full of responsible license paying dog owners - things happily co-exist now so why are we changing it. There's way more parks that people can use who don't like dogs instead of madills

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320	I do not support the proposed change	This is madness, glover park is usually empty when people are walking their dogs and it is one of the few open pieces of grass where the dogs can run and chase a ball, whenever we walk our dog there we're almost always the only people there. Are people just looking to make up rules for the sake of it? Who puts this nonsense together.
322	I do not support the proposed change	I have no problem with when sport fields are being used. It makes good sense for everyone's safety for the area to be on-leash only. However, it is a relatively small % of the 7 day week that all pitches are in use. There are no substantial off leash areas in Kohimarama during the summer daytime when the beach is off limits. In the proposed plan it's a huge area that becomes unavailable to the dog walking community which is a large proportion of users this parks users. In the proposed plan dog walkers will be forced into a smaller area and increase risk of negative dog-on-dog interactions. It will not be possible to throw a ball or frisbee in such a dense user area. The park is also used for other activities. It would be unfair to ban dog walkers and still hold events where vehicles drive over the sport fields eg around the Bays sponsorship tents. On reflection or my original feedback, I'd like to highlight two key points with regards to Madills Farm and Glover park. Firstly, if a major concern is the quality of the sports pitches and dogs digging turf, I presume Council will act to also prevent these parks being Round the Bays sponsorship areas as the trucks that bring in the marquees/ tents and toilets make significantly worse damage to the pitches. Secondly, with housing density increasing in Auckland and gardens becoming significantly smaller, pools a regular occurrence as our local beach water quality is regularly so poor; where are dogs meant to be exercised? Without regular exercise and space to run, dogs can become stressed and increase the chances of a negative interaction with dogs and humans. It doesn't make sense in these circumstances to limit the areas where dogs can run so they have a smaller area that has a higher density of dogs. With beaches being off limits 10am-5pm during the summer months, if Glover Park and Madills Farm access was greatly reduced, the nearest large off-leash
339	I do not support the proposed change	Dog owners are highly responsible in this area and it's an ideal area for exercise and play
340	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs under leash are part of the family and don't pose any threat to children or sports grounds. Appreciate some dog owners not following these rules but please do not punish the majority of us that do. It's difficult with kids sports so be out all day leaving animals at home. Why not police those not following the rules instead.

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346	I do not support the proposed change	Glover park and madills are dog walking institutions - I frequent glover park with my dog multiple times every weeek and there is a whole community of walkers who I regularly see at the park. Why are you proposing to impact this community when we are not harming anyone?! It doesn't make sense to ban dogs on the sports field when it's not in use - why waste this space and have it redundant? There are no other large flat grassy areas for dogs to play on in the neighbourhood. These parks are the only ones that allow them great exercise without having to go through long grass (potentially with ticks in them too - eg at Churchill). If there were loads of antisocial dogs or dog poo around the park I'd understand - but the reality is there isn't! You are proposing to take a way what's already a super limited place for the dog walking community to meet and exercise themselves and their dogs. I'd like to see the data behind why these changes are being proposed - there is no detail in the proposal and citing general safety reasons is ridiculous when there are no current safety issues. Furthermore - a lot of the sports that take place at glover are children's sports and athletics - so many parents bring their dog along on a leash to games...they're causing no harm! And with the proposal, this will no longer be allowed. Ridiculous!
353	I support the proposed change	because it makes sense.....
356	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is frequented by many dog walkers daily. It is a community meeting place for local dogs and their owners. The field at Madils are hardly used for sport during school hours and to restrict dogs and their owners from using them when they are empty is unfair. The park should continue be shared as it currently is. The football club already dominates the area at the weekend. This is a community space and should be open to as many different groups as possible.
357	I do not support the proposed change	I think the current rules are fine
358	I do not support the proposed change	The sports grounds, especially Glover, is mainly in use on weekends, with dog owners already keeping dogs on lead or away during such times. It is a great place for off lead walking, with dogs and owners well behaved, all enjoying the park. There are so few places to walk off lead. I live on Glover, with our kids playing sports there as well as walking our dog there. That is what the whole community is doing. By changing the rules, you are appeasing a few, but inconveniencing the whole neighbourhood. I can assure you that any damage to the sport fields are not caused by dogs and their owners. You only need to take a look at the fields after a day of soccer in the rain to see the effects. Glover is a safe area for both dogs and people, away from roads and it has been shared responsibly by sport teams, dog walkers, individuals and children for ages. There is no reason to change the rules.

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360	I do not support the proposed change	Out of peak hours the sports fields area is essential for use as a dog exercise area. To exclude dogs from this area 24/7 if they are not in use is limiting utilisation of this community asset. If they are being used for sports no issue at with them being used but there are entire weeks (eg. over xmas / new year) where they are not used for sorting activities and should be available for other community . recreational uses such as dog exercise. This change is not needed and not wanted by the community.
361	I do not support the proposed change	As mentioned before this proposition is an overly restrictive and shortsighted measure. It undermines community cohesion, public health, and the well-being of pets. A more inclusive, thoughtful approach that balances the needs of all park users would better serve the interests of the community not just soccer and cricket players. I urge the council to reconsider this amendment and work collaboratively with residents to find solutions that reflect the values and priorities of our area in orakei.
365	I do not support the proposed change	The park is used by so many people to walk thier dogs and it is a common area where dogs are free to roam. There is no where else in the area which allows dogs off leash to play with other dogs and be sociable which is extremely important to raise puppies who are well tempered. It has never been a problem until the last five years. This should be criminal to accept these new laws.
369	I do not support the proposed change	As a member of the community and a rate payer for a number of years, I take my dog to Madills almost every day to meet other dogs and run around the field. We have a strong community of people and dogs who meet every day to socialise. If we are banned from the fields, that doesn't leave very much of the park to use and would mean our community suffers

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371	I do not support the proposed change	This is completely unacceptable. Glover Park was used by dogs and their Walkers well before it was transitioned from a swamp to a park and sports field. No sports people use the park Monday to Friday from the mornings until after school finishes. I've lived in the area for over 30 years and I've never seen a single dog dig a hole in Glover Park. Where are we supposed to allow our dogs to walk off leash and have a sense of freedom to run, sniff and play once or twice a day? Where is the proof that dogs are causing ANY damage in Glover Park? I walk my dog there up to 3 times a day and never see any dogs causing any damage to the grounds. You need proof to support changing the laws/regulations and as an avid user of the park to walk my dog aswell as watch my son train and play football in Glover Park, I have not seen any proof whatsoever that you could reasonably use to allow any existing rules to be changed. Dogs are NOT causing ANY damage to Glover Park. As I've said, I'm down there every day, up to 3 times a day. The sports area is completely under utilised and should be made available to ALL users, not just sports users. Democracy and Majority rule are at stake here and you must not allow this situation to be hikacked by a small minority of people who have nothing better to do than ruin the use of Glover Park for a lot of Users. Take a look at the mess the Weekend Cricketers leave Glover Park in at the end of a Saturday or Sunday. Particularly Sundays. The rubbish that is left behind is surely more of concern than dogs running on a sports field that was initially used by dog walkers well before it became a JOINT sports field and recreational park for EVERYONE to be able to use. I pay my rates to be able to use this park for recreational uses and that includes walking my dog on it whether it be on leash or off leash. Stop allowing a minority of people to hijack this issue.. I am totally against the proposal to change the rules and regulations governing dogs walking off leash on the sports field when there is clearly zero evidence of any dogs causing any damage. People need to show proof. An abundance of proof that dogs are causing any damage whatsoever on the sports field areas.
372	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm has always been a shared park for sports players and dogs and that is how it should stay. It's one of the only local flat dog parks in the area which is perfect for the elderly and people with disabilities/injuries to let their dogs off leash to play , chase a ball and socialize with other dogs. Dogs deserve a safe space to run around off lead and interact with other dogs and people and that's exactly what Madills farm is a safe space. It would be very cruel to restrict dogs to a lead at a park many have been going to for years for their daily game of fetch or just to catch up with their other dog pals. A lot of elderly use Madills farm to walk their dogs and that is because it's a flat park where they can safely walk and if you make this park an on lead only park a lot of them will have nowhere to walk their dogs off lead which isn't fair to them or their canine companions. The park should keep the rules it already has and you should not be making dogs to stay on lead at all times at Madills farm.

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373	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm and Glover park are great parks for your dog to able to run around off lead Chase their balls and meet other dogs. Both parks are flat and give easy access for the elderly, people with disabilities or people with injuries to be able to walk around safely with their dog off lead. For a lot of elderly they can walk to the parks from their house or drive and safely let their dogs run around and have the socialisation that dogs need. Madills farm and Glover park have both been used by dogs for years so that they can run around and let out that extra bit of energy. A lot of dogs have grown up at these parks being able to be off lead and to take that away from them would be heartbreaking. Both parks are shared safe spaces and they should be kept that way so the dogs are not being restricted. If this goes through a lot of dogs will end up un-socialised and reactive.
379	I do not support the proposed change	dogs should be allowed on the field when it is not in use. It is aflat safe exercise area for all dogs
385	I do not support the proposed change	Living in the area for 10+ years the owners of dogs in this area are generally very responsible. The actions a few should not force a change to the current rulings
386	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is made up mostly of fields, the proposed changes wouldn't allow much space for walking the dogs anymore. Currently they're not allowed on fields when in use and have to be on a lead in the vicinity if fields are in use. This is a good compromise - if the fields aren't in use, it should be available for dog owners and dogs to use. This way it's a park for the whole community. Especially given that dogs aren't allowed on Kohi beach during the day, there need to be accessible alternatives, also keeping in mind that there is an elderly population in the bays who have dogs for comfort and needed easy access to parks to walk and exercise them. That's what's our community is all about, giving everyone equal opportunities. Have Madills Farm available for kids to play sports and for dogs to play and have fun when the fields aren't in use.
388	I do not support the proposed change	The space for dogs at Madills is limited. The proposal states this is for safety of the sports users but the off leash access is only allowed when the field is not in use so this case is redundant. During summer there is no spaces local for dogs to run off leash as the beaches are limited also. Use the rates from dog registration to place a warden around occasionally during a sports game to enforce the on leash requirements if necessary but I don't believe most owners would not follow the rules currently.
390	I do not support the proposed change	It doesn’t seem fair that if no one is using the sports ground then why can’t dogs be allowed to run around on it but humans can? This doesn’t make sense, dogs are already not allowed them when the grounds are in use but if no one is using this big open ground, why would you not permit dogs to use them as long as they are under control?
391	I don’t know	Off leash is important for socialization and exercise. Quite often the fields are not in use and so there is no impact to those playing sport.
392	I do not support the proposed change	Would be hard to keep dogs off the He sports fields as this is the majority of the space. Does not leave much off leash space.

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393	I do not support the proposed change	I Object to this proposed rule:"Dogs prohibited at all times on sports surfaces" Mid week in particular but also at certain other times when.nobody is playing sport it is a great community activity to walk and run our dogs . I have never seen dog poop left there. After all these are big expanses of land which should be available for all members of the public to use , not just sports teams. People over use the word unsafe . The majority of dog owners are responsible and the majority of dogs in these parks are not dangerous. If needed bring in harsher penalties for rogue, roaming dogs and owners who fail to pick up dog poop. Let's not become some over regulated society where it isn't possible to get out and chat to our neighbors in the fresh air.
397	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need to have a good run around (under control though) this is great socialising for both dog and human These sports feilds are more at risk with people/kids on bikes scooters and electric scooters on the playing fields during practise and training. Did do way less damage
398	I do not support the proposed change	I have both a dog and children playing sports. I have never experienced in all the years of football any dog faeces on the playing surface. The damage done by the players is much more than done by any dogs. When the fields are not in use there is plenty of space and this is the best place for dogs to be social, and in fact is deserted of other people. This therefore helps the health of our dog community and minimises interaction in less suitable environments. Not only all the above, but policing this policy would really undermine the public support for the council.setting poor rules for the sake of rules - there is already a shortage of space for dogs, and there is no point in adding this further restriction. I would expect these comments apply also to other changes, however am focusing on my local community.
400	I do not support the proposed change	Absolutely insane potential change. The reason we visit madills and love this area so much is because we can take our 4 young children and 2 dogs off leash to this park and all play together without restriction. Prohibiting dogs off-leash on the sports field (at all times) will be a massive loss to our lovely area and community. It is not the dogs that ruin these grass areas.
403	I do not support the proposed change	Where exactly do you propose that local dogs go? Are you ready for the beaches to be invaded by dogs. There are no other local parks?? This is crazy!!
405	I do not support the proposed change	Madill's farm is extensively used by dog owners for off leash exercise of their dogs. The numbers of dogs and their owners utilizing the park is, in all likelihood greater, than the number of people engaging in organized sport in the park. Eastern Bays FC is the primary user of the soccer field and is, in effect, attempting to privatize public land for their own exclusive use. This should not be allowed.

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406	I support the proposed change	As a dog owner and a family that regularly uses the sports fields, the rules make complete sense and will enable the park to better used for the whole of the community. I walk my dog on leash in the area and there are plenty of options for dog walking. I have sustained injuries on the park caused by dogs digging holes in the sand based pitch. We all need to the able to use the fields and the proposed amendments make a lot of sense to ensure this can happen. I would encourage the council to consider a fenced dog off leash space with the park to enable any dog owners to have some unleash space.
408	I do not support the proposed change	This Park is a recreational facility for everyone and not just a minority group who play sports and use the park occasionally. To prohibit dogs and their owners from using this space when there is no sport being played is totally unreasonable. It is my understanding Madills Farm was gifted to the community as a recreational facility for the majority to enjoy NOT as a sports field for the minority to use. I am a 70 year old woman and this is a flat and safe environment for me to walk my dog. Dogs need to be able to run off leash and this is the only area nearby that enables me to provide that for him. I strongly disagree with these changes as they are completely at odds with the intent of Madills Farm which was gifted to the area as a recreational field for EVERYONE to use. I am a 70 year old woman with a small cavoodle and Madills is the only place I feel safe walking my dog. It is flat and has good visibility so I can walk easily with my dog and not feel unsafe walking in small over grown bushy areas. Also it is the only place nearby that I can walk to that is not the beach. Dogs need to be able to run off leash to keep healthy
412	I support the proposed change	I have encountered playing sports on glover park and run through dog mess, all because some owners are to lazy to pick up after there dog. If this comes into effect how will you monitor and enforce the changes?
414	I do not support the proposed change	Currently these parks are available for open access to all users when field's are not in use. Prohibiting access to dogs in some areas all the time seems heavy handed. Fields are marked differently in summer (touch) vs winter football and during football season the marked field area changes during the day so dogs on leash can be on areas that then later become prohibited. Prohibiting dogs when fields are not in use also seems the start of a slippery slope to other users not being able to use the parks when they are not in use. Will they become fenced off areas so no dogs or other people be allowed on fields? I do not support change in dog access to Madill’s and Glover Park.

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417	I do not support the proposed change	I advocate for being allowed dogs under control and on leash in more of aucklands regional parks and within more areas of aucklands regional parks. Walking and hiking in Aucklands regional parks is a perfect activity for having canine companionship. There is plenty of space for everyone and when dogs are under control on leash there is little room for that to be problematic to anyone. Currently the options for getting fresh air and exercise for dog owners in Auckland are already incredibly limited. I do not support limiting this further. Again, the emphasis should be on policing and preventing nad dog ownership, not making it impossible le for good dogs and owners to enjoy wholesome, healthy activities in our own neighborhoods.
422	I do not support the proposed change	This is ridiculous, it's is shared space and dogs have the right to be there.
424	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs prohibited at all times at Madills, even when not being used for sports it's the basically not allowing dogs in the park at all. It's been used for exercise dogs for a long time for locals. Soccer season only runs from April - September. During summer dogs are prohibited at the beach. Limiting at Madills makes even harder for good places to exercise our dogs.
426	I do not support the proposed change	Restricted access to the only park in the area. The proposed area to walk the dog is tiny and does not provide adequate exercise
430	I support the proposed change	Madills and the local beaches can be pretty gross with dog poo at times. I know this isnt everyone, but emphasis has to be on the owners to clear up after them. Dogs named from enclosed play areas is logical, as is backing them from alerts surfaces in play.
437	I support the proposed change	Sadly there are too many dog owners whose irresponsibility means that their dogs leave excrement on the playing fields and also dig up holes too which are lethal for kids playing sports. I 100% support banning dogs from all sports fields all year round - the change can't come soon enough and there are plenty of other places where dogs can be walked.
441	I do not support the proposed change	All you are doing is taking away some of the only safe off leash areas for dogs in order to pander to a small minority of people. It is a waste of time and money doing this when for the last god knows how many years there's been no problems. Sort your stuff out Auckland council
442	I do not support the proposed change	Very well used space for dog owners. Why should dogs be prohibited at all times.
444	I do not support the proposed change	Madills is a great Orion for dogs especially in the summer when they can't be on the beach.

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450	I do not support the proposed change	The majority of the park would be classed as sportsfields with the expanation of football pitches in recent years The area not sports fields is closer to the road and is less safe for dogs The time the sports fields are used is a small proportion of the total time. If the sports field are unavailable then there should be a large fenced off area in the park that could serve as a dog only area . This would be used more than the sports fields. Rates assessments are based on areas and it is the locals that use the park for dog walking. Not all sports teams are in the rates catchment area
455	I do not support the proposed change	In the summer time there is restricted access at the beach and this is really not going to leave any place for dogs to go off lead and play fetch, they can only really walk around the streets. It seems a really unfair change for the dog owners just trying to do right by their animals. While dogs may do a bit of damage to the fields, it is much less damage that is done during round the bays and there is always damage done by group picnickers and people letting off fireworks during Guy Fawkes, Diwali and NewYear. Our area is increasingly being subdivided, we are paying really high rates and all the dog owners pay dog registration to the council. Dog owners should be able to take our dogs to the local park and let them play. Fines can be handed out to people that don't pick up after their dogs or let their dogs dig holes.
459	I do not support the proposed change	Because to walk through the park you need to walk across the sports fields.

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461	I do not support the proposed change	Hello, I am a resident of Mission bay, moved here seven years ago to experience life by the beach with my family. I have one small dog and we have benefitted immensely from Madills farm. I respect the restrictions put on high traffic areas of the beaches, and wildlife preservation areas . No problem at all. Having Madills farm available for the use of Dog owners at all times really provides a single flexible space where dogs are welcome for training, exercise and socialization at all times. My reason in not supporting the Maddils farm proposed changes , and keeping it's dog friendly status is as follows : Safety of grass areas for dogs: In the summer months not everyone can restrict time to exercise and train their dogs to outside of 10am- 5pm. The park provides a cool floor (rather than tarmac or hot sand) for a dog to run around in . Due to high housing demand most houses don't have the benefit of private garden space, some barely have balconies. It's actually safer and more practical to guide dogs away from beaches and towards grassy areas. Large Off leash option for training: There are very limited large spaces open to dogs. If one of the points of this policy is to guide owners to train dogs well, part of that training is to test commands and oriented in different environments. To test dogs obience in public and at distance safely you need large open off leash areas. Doing this in smaller areas can be too near roads and dangerous , or leashed areas wont allow for proper training.
463	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need space to run to get proper exercise. The fields are the best area for that.. when not in use. There is no space for their exercise in the tiny bits you are allocating. The beach is already a no-go area for them in summer, off leash... where can they run????? it is madness.
468	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need to be on leash at sports grounds at all Times as even when events not on, local Kids should have access to park without fear

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473	I do not support the proposed change	I do believe in creating a safe environment for sports fields as this is important in bringing our communities together. I sadly believe that limiting dogs, dog owners and dog walkers from enjoying Madills Farm and Glover Park will create more unwanted problems and divide. Dog walkers, dog owners are just as important in shaping our community. Unfortunately these changes to limiting dogs at Madills Farm, Glover Park, other parks and beaches will impact everyone across Auckland. The number of “off-leash” areas is already limited, and these new restrictions will only create more problems. Not only will this lead to more behavioural issues with dogs, but it will also result in dogs being stuck at home all day because owners may not be able to afford dog walkers (which is/can be too expensive for some) or prefer not to walk their dogs due to the restricted locations where they can safely be off-leash. This will sadly result in more roaming dogs, abandonment, and more animals being sent to pounds, SPCA, and other organizations that are already struggling. Madills Farm is a great space for all ages and is especially accessible for people with injuries or those who are elderly. It also fosters a sense of belonging for both dog owners and non-dog owners alike.
480	Other (please explain below)	I support but it is ridiculous how small the dog-free area is of madills farm park. When sports fields are not in official use the dogs have off leash access to about 98% of madills farm. Kids kicking balls etc are frequently harassed by off leash dogs. Their area should be restricted
483	I do not support the proposed change	There is no reason to do this. It removes community access to a public area for what Benefits?
489	I support the proposed change	Myself and my three kids all play regular football and touch rugby on these pitches and unfortunately they are regularly not able to be used, or pose a serious danger to us due to the large holes all over the pitches. These holes are difficult to see until you’re right on top of them. Several injuries occur each season to various teams due to these holes. Dogs are regularly of leash and digging holes, their owners often can’t police them as the parks so big.
490	I do not support the proposed change	A precedent has been set and dogs have been walking at this parks off leash for years. There are more than enough on lead parks available. The rules clearly state dogs on leash during sports which is absolutely adhered to. I know this because not only am I a dog owner and walker off leash but also play for the local team. And in all my years playing I've never dealt with an off lead dog when sports were being played. This is not a good solution for madills farm. Do not change what is not broken.
495	I support the proposed change	I think these are appropriate for the safety of those using the sports fields and playground, as well as for those using the carpark. As dogs should be on lead around cars to reduce the risk of accidents

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497	I support the proposed change	The fields absolutely reek of dog urine and poop when the kids are playing soccer. There is always poop left on the grounds, sharp chewed sticks strewn all over the fields, as well as holes dug for the kids to trip in. Hardly anyone has proper control of their dogs off leash. I've seen kids chased, dogs fighting and dogs crapping in the middle of the pitch while a game was playing. None of the owners I saw took any responsibility so it's time for the dogs and their owners to go elsewhere.
505	I do not support the proposed change	This is restricting dog access to good areas they can get the exercise. If you are prohibiting this area, what area are you opening up for dog exercise and socialisation?
520	I do not support the proposed change	These parks are the only green spaces they can enjoy social interaction and run safely in the nearby area . The sports fields are also torn up by. Users and council not dogs . Dogs need space to run and exercise this is a cruel and anti dog policy if you want the sports fields free of anyone then put a fence around them like they do in the UK . This area has hundreds of dogs we need somewhere to excercise them not leash them all the time . Is council so anti dog they are going to restrict everywhere soon ? In the UK this does not happen .
527	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is an excellent community shared zone demonstrating how the public cooperate and enjoy all areas respecting recreational sports when soccer cricket etc is taking place. Dog owners are diligent with picking up faces and ensuring children are safe around their dogs. We have been dog walking there for several years and enjoy the social dog atmosphere there. Very positive.
535	I do not support the proposed change	Have there been incidents that warrent these changes?
538	I do not support the proposed change	The Madills farm park was originally given to the city with the proviso that it be a dog park as well as other. There is no where, where dogs are able to run free in the area. It is used by hundreds of dogs a day none of whom cause trouble with eachother or other people. It is a shared facility not for the exclusive use of sports. In my experience dog owners in the park are v respectful of those playing sports and keep their dogs away from pitches when actually in use. They should have the right to go on them when they are not in use. Share the park.
539	I do not support the proposed change	Removal of dogs allowed under control when sports parks aren't not in use - removes the community from using the grassed facility for dog walks at safe and reasonable times. Removal of this will restrict dog owners to hot footpaths and roads for their walks - as beaches are also restricted during the summer months. Additionally beaches are a limited option as multiple dogs have died from eating substances on the beach. Many community members use madils early in the morning during quiet hours to walk their dog. Removal of this will remove the sense of community.

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542	I do not support the proposed change	Most dog owners at Madills are extremely responsible. I think when the sports fields aren't in use the dogs should be allowed a run. There is very rarely any dog poo on the fields and it is tricky to keep the dogs completely off the field especially if you are throwing the ball. We really love exercising our pups at a Madills.
549	I do not support the proposed change	When the sports fields are not in use, dogs need to have an off leash area to run. There are no other local parks that would allow off leash running which is important for dogs. Agree they should not be allowed in playgrounds at all and need to be on leash in car parks.
551	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed restriction of dog access to sporting fields during off-hours. This proposal, while perhaps well-intentioned, would have significant negative impacts on both our community's dog owners and the broader public good. Our sporting fields represent vital shared spaces that serve multiple community needs. During official sporting events and training sessions, these fields are rightfully dedicated to their primary purpose. However, during off-hours, they provide safe, open spaces for responsible dog owners to exercise their pets – a use that has coexisted harmoniously with sporting activities for years. The current dual-use arrangement offers several important benefits: Firstly, accessible dog exercise areas are crucial for public health and safety. Well-exercised dogs are better behaved, reducing the risk of behavioral issues in residential areas. Restricting access to these fields would force more dog owners to exercise their pets on sidewalks and in more densely populated areas, potentially increasing conflicts with pedestrians and traffic. Secondly, regular dog walking activity provides natural surveillance of these facilities during off-hours, deterring vandalism and antisocial behavior. The presence of responsible dog owners helps maintain these spaces as safe, family-friendly environments even when sports aren't being played. Thirdly, this proposal would disproportionately impact elderly and mobility-impaired residents who rely on these accessible, flat surfaces to safely exercise their companion animals. Alternative dog exercise areas often lack the same level of accessibility and safety features.
567	I support the proposed change	Watching off leash dogs around the playing fields you often see them pee on gear left nearby which is totally unacceptable. I fly support this change.
570	I support the proposed change	Considering the number of children who play on the sports field at Madills Farm, we need to ensure their safety. My daughter was recently bitten by a dog while riding her bike at Madills and it's clear from speaking with other parents in the area that this was not an isolated incident and dog attacks are becoming more frequent.

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581	I do not support the proposed change	WHAT A WASTE OF A BEAUTIFUL PARK - Kohimarama local resident of 21 years. I am opposed to ANY changes at Madills Farm. The football club has fought to have this DOG PARK for decades. Yet as I look at this dog park in this very moment, where are the footballers????? Not one team or person. Aside from a Saturday morning, this is the norm. However, there are ALWAYS MULTIPLE DOGS. They use it far more than the football club. I would also know this as I use to be a member of the football club! What a WASTE of a beautiful park, to NOT ALLOW dogs to use it. How depressing, to take away the freedom for dogs to socialise and find enjoyment at our lovely park. The local community is disgusted with your proposed rules. What a WASTE.
583	I do not support the proposed change	If you make the sports field a no-access area for dogs, you take away the entire grass area for dogs to run! They would only have on-lead access on the path as the path surrounds the sports field. There are so few areas to take dogs off-lead to run around in this area, it would be a huge loss to the community and families. I do think there needs to be stricter rules around picking up dog poo and dogs not under control off-lead. Madills is one of the very few places around that we can take our child to ride his bike, us parents to exercise and have our dog run with us off lead.

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587	I do not support the proposed change	As someone who uses Madill's for both dog walking and for sports I believe the current ability for people to be able to exercise their dogs off lead with the sports grounds aren't in use or closed works well. Most dog owners are responsible and pick up after their dogs. As it is off-lead their is the potential that the occasional dog waste gets left beind unintentionally, however my experience is that there are unfortunately people at any park who don't pick up after their dogs. They won't change their behaviours just because their dog isn't allowed to go on the sport field. In the same way that these people are likely to still allow their dogs to walk offlead even if you were to implement the change. You would ultimately end up only impacting people who do follow the rules and act responsibly and thereby the changes seem completely redundant. I also don't believe that the dogs walking on the sports field is having a significant impact to the quality of the turf. As a parent who spends many a winter weekend at Madills on the football sidelines, the state the fields can be left in after some rainy weather by those walking on it/playing on it would supersede any damage dogs would possibly do. I can say I don't think I've ever seen a dog digging up the field and if a group of dogs running around they don't churn up the turn like football boots do! There are already a number of dog on-lead areas within the orakei local board area where people don't follow the rules and allow their dogs off-lead. Please don't take away one of the areas where they can off-lead and within council rules, because even if this change gets implemented I suspect it will be but a tokenistic move and won't change the behaviours of those who already don't act responsibly.
602	I do not support the proposed change	This park is a dog friendly park and always has been!! The Football club can have blocked off areas to train and play, great. Do not prohibit dogs from the freedom to run around and socialise. This is a local and LOVED area for dog owners, it is a disgrace that such aggressive changes are being proposed.
604	I do not support the proposed change	Because it is difficult to define where exactly the sport areas are, such as the football pitches.
610	I do not support the proposed change	I don’t support banning dogs from sports areas. I support keeping the original rules that: Dogs allowed under control off a leash on sports surfaces (marked grass sports fields) when not in use or not closed (Schedules 1(2) and 2). Dogs prohibited on sports surfaces when in use or closed (Schedules 1(2) and 2) and must be under control on a leash in the vicinity when in use (Schedule 1(2)).
611	I do not support the proposed change	It works well with the current policy rules. Please do not change them

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613	I do not support the proposed change	I do not own a dog but live in the area. I do not support the proposed rules for the following reasons: [1] The area closest to offstreet carparking will not be available for dog walking. This will cause dog owners to park their cars on streets closer to the areas where dogs are allowed. (eg Baddeley/Sprott for Madills, or Waitara for Glover). This causes congestion and is also less safe, and leaves an existing carpark asset underutilised. [2] I have lived in a house overlooking Madills Farm for 15 years and love seeing the green space in use at all times of day, in all seasons and every day of the year. When sports are not on, which is actually the majority of the time, the main users are dogwalkers and their companions. It brings a lot of joy to so many people to be able to use this precious green open space. My understanding is that Madills Farm in particular was set aside as green space for recreation. Not specifically sport. Therefore I believe it is not in the spirit of the intention of this park to exclude one of the main forms of recreation from the vast majority of the park. [3] These are busy parks but the current rules allow users to spread out so that the parks never feel crowded. Under the new rules dog walkers are effectively restricted to the perimeter walkways, these walkways will become congested. That is not the feeling I want in my local park - dodging people and dogs whenever I want to go for a walk. The perimeter walkways are better utilised by elderly and small children on bikes, leaving the dog walkers to use the inner green space. [4] I do not understand the logic of excluding dogs from the fields when sports are not on. My children have played football and cricket at both parks for decades and we have never once encountered a problem on the fields caused by dogs.

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621	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes do not achieve the stated purpose of “better protecting the health and safety of sports users and dogs, and sports surfaces from damage”. In fact, as a local, and daily user of those parks (both for sports, and dog walking) I would say that the stated reasoning is not even an issue. I live on Glover Park and am there every day, and I can tell you that I have never heard anyone complaining about either ‘health and safety’ or any beyond-normal wear-and-tear ‘damage to the sports surface’. I am also regularly at Madills, and know many others that are there regularly, and again there does not appear to be a real issue that needs addressing. I fear these proposed changes are simply pandering to a vocal minority of regular, habitual complainers (and/or people with irrational fear of dogs). At Glover there is a community of local dog walkers that are there daily, and without exception every single one appears to be responsible for both picking up after their animal, keeping the animal under control (generally small dogs in the neighbourhood, maybe 90%) and ensuring that there is not damage being done to fields. It makes no sense to withdraw rights from the local people of the park (the actual users) to appease some minority of complainers. The existing rules of not allowing dogs off leash when sports fields are in-use seem entirely sensible, and do not need altering. Separately, are you aware that if you prohibit dogs at all times, the impact will be that parents will not be able to attend their children's sports? i.e. taking dogs (on leash) to children’s sports is a two-birds-with-one-stone activity for parents of young children. Taking that ability away means that either 1) The animal is not exercised as much (you know most places don’t have good backyards now, so you can’t have things both ways), or 2) The parent can’t attend the sport, as you will force the time to be spent elsewhere attending to the dogs needs (most likely
637	I do not support the proposed change	We have lived in the Glover Park area since 2008 and love it. We have, for all that time, had a dog and walked them on the park. It is the only off-leash dog park for a considerable distance. To change the rules so that the sports field are off limits and walking in the vicinity the dog must be on leash is crazy. The sports fields are used at weekends and, occasionally the odd evening in summer. At those times, it is entirely appropriate to keep dogs on a leash. The rest of the time the park goes unused save for the dog owners. It is a space of social gathering and, again, the only place in the area to walk off leash. I cannot remember the last time I've seen dog mess left behind and not picked up. That is more than can be said for the sports people (cricketers in particular) who leave rubbish everywhere. I note that the intention is to allow the other areas of the park to be used off leash. That is not workable for two reasons: 1. its very steep (our dog can't walk up the slope anymore) and 2. You stopped maintaining that space a few years ago meaning it is wild weeds and long grass. In short, please keep the sports field accessible to off leash dog walkers at times when sports are not being played. To do otherwise would be unfair and prejudicial to the majority of the users of Glover Park (I walk our dog a 6am). Thank you.

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643	I do not support the proposed change	1) The sports surfaces dominate the geography of this park and these are the only flat areas where dog owners can throw a ball for their dogs. The dog population that goes to this park is HUGE and it is not realistic to keep dogs off the grounds (unless they are in use in which case a lot less dogs are there at those times). 2) This park was gifted to the community for recreation. I do not think that the football club or cricket club should dominate large areas of the park for their exclusive use. 3) The dog owners in this vicinity do not have another large flat green area locally to play with their dogs.
649	I do not support the proposed change	Almost all of Madills farm park is marked with football pitches during winter. These are used only on Saturdays 8am-3pm. This would mean that the park is unusable for families with dogs at all other times. I walk my dog most days to madills and almost always the only people there are people walking their dogs. There are already restrictions for dogs on pitches when in use, this further rule makes the whole park prohibited for 6 months for football, and over cricket season also despite that the games take place for maximum 12 hours per week. There are no other public facilities for dogs for the intensely populated Kohimarama and at Heliers areas. The fields are not frequently used by people without dogs.inside of the problem looking to be solved
658	I do not support the proposed change	A lot of the year the 'pitches' are not in use or basically just grass much as any other grass. Madills farm and Glover would be impossible to delineate between a field (in or off season) and grass. I've walked my dog there for years and never seen a dog digging or damaging the fields. Humans yes during games obviously but also other times with people playing or using bikes and scooters etc.Far more damaging than dogs. The rules work fine and most of us with dogs respect the fields and avoid areas when clearly more fragile and ensure our dogs just run. I'm not sure any real claim to damage by dogs as opposed to humans can be justified so the reason for the change to the status quo seems unfounded to me.
660	I support the proposed change	The majority of dog owners do not have their dogs under control when off leash. This makes these spaces and places unusable by humans. My young grandson has been knocked off his feet several times by dogs that are off leash and out of control.
662	I do not support the proposed change	The large flat space which comprises the sports fields at Glover Park is the best place to exercise a large dog. The sports fields at Madills Farm could be off limits for dogs but how to enforce that? Fencing?
671	I do not support the proposed change	We need a park where dogs can be exercised off leash during the day as the beaches are prohibited during the summer after 10am. The dogs do not damage the playing fields. More damage is actually caused by the children and adults actually playing on the fields

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678	I do not support the proposed change	I walk my dog all the time off leash at Madills Farm and Glover Park. This is a community facility that is owned by Auckland council, dog owners pay high rates. The beaches are closed in summer. We need places to let our dogs run and play off leash. These parks are more highly utilized by dog walkers than the sports clubs. I would by happy with a compromise with perhaps one field off limits to dogs but the rest open to dogs when games aren't on. Closing off all the fields is a big disservice to a large part of the community.
683	I do not support the proposed change	Utilising Madills Dog Park is the primary off leash exercise our family does with our dog. It is the safest green space in the area for off leash dog walking and has a large number of friendly community members engaging with one another in this space. I'm not entirely sure of the rationale of these changes - the pitches have terrible up keep generally, too many kids playing too frequently, in poor ground conditions. It's not the dogs and dog walkers doing the damage. Appreciate the need for on leash waking in the vicinity during sporting events but prohibiting access for dogs in the fields when not in use is unreasonable, would under utilise the space and is not in the spirit of community.
685	I do not support the proposed change	when sport is not being played there is no reason given as to why dogs cant go on grounds. The dogs aren't digging or ripping fields up. Different if they are closed due to weather.
691	I do not support the proposed change	I've explained fully my thoughts and wishes for Madills Farm already. PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE THE LAWS TO MAKE DOG WALKING MORE RESTRICTIVE, HERE OR AT GLOVER PARK.🙏. Please refer to my previous comments on these parks.
702	I do not support the proposed change	There should not be a reduction in parks where dogs are able to have access to / be off leash). I pay my rates, as well as PAYE, so I don't see why people playing sport should have more "rights" to public spaces as I should with my dog.
704	I do not support the proposed change	There are no definitive areas marked as 'sports fields' at Maddills. unless you are going to put a fence around the cricket/football field? how the heck do you define such an area. Whoever came up with this idea obviously doesn't like dogs.

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714	I do not support the proposed change	Glover and Madills farm should be available for everyone to use not just children playing sports. People with dogs should not be banned from areas that are only used for a small portion of the time for sports activities.. There are so many families with dogs in the area who use the glover park for recreation. It is the closest safe area for me to walk my dog off leash without fear of her running on a busy road, or getting ticks from Churchill park. During the week when the athletics field is set up, there is no one using the field from morning until late afternoon other than dog walkers. Why leave the field completely empty when it can be enjoyed for many hours by dog walkers - rather than making it exclusive for non dog walkers, and sports players for only a couple of hours a day? During the day very few people are there without a dog. To be told we are unable to use this empty field that is perfect for getting exercise for my dog and myself makes no sense. What harm are they doing? I very rarely see dog poo not picked up. I do see leftover food and containers from children playing sports and leaving rubbish. Perhaps we should ban children from the fields also? These parks have been gifted to Auckland for everyone to use. Including those with pets that are part of the family. There should not be one particular group banned, because of the opinion of a small vocal minority. This will just create a divide within the community for no logical reason. I could understand if the field was used for sports for the majority of the day - but this is not the case with Glover Park or Madills farm, You could be banning a group of people (and dogs) that use the fields for more hours of the day than when it is use for sports. Current rules, banning dogs when the field is in use is sufficient. What damage is a dog doing to painted lines on a field?
717	I support the proposed change	My children and others have been rushed at by dogs on multiple occasions in both madills and glover. Both are now terrified of dogs and now won't go to the parks.
729	I do not support the proposed change	The space proposed is not sufficient. To confined for large dogs. They need large areas.
733	I support the proposed change	There have been many injuries to sports players caused by holes dug by dogs on the pitches. This change will make a significant positive difference to the hundreds of children, men and women using the pitches every week.
737	I do not support the proposed change	There is no clear demarcation of what is or isn't a sports field at Glover Park. The use of the park changes regularly, as do the fields in use. That being the case, it is not possible for dog walkers to know which areas of the park are available for off leash access. This ambiguity makes it very unfair and onerous for dog walkers. In addition, fir the majority of the time, the fields are not used as sports fields so it is unfair to ban dig walkers from using a public park to walk dogs off leash. This is clearly prioritising the rights of the sports people over all other park goers

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751	I do not support the proposed change	I take my dog to Glover Park every weekday. Quite often we are the only ones there or it's us and other dog owners with their dogs. People are responsible and respectful. I have never see a dog cause harm to a human or damage to sports fields. Our kids play club Soccer there on the weekends in Winter so we see both sides of it. Glover Park is for the whole community and the majority of the time it is not being used for sporting events. it's a wonderful safe space to walk my dog off leash. I can easily keep an eye on her as it is such a wide open space. The dog owners in our neighbourhood who I see almost everyday are responsible dog walkers. The breeds you see in this area are not aggressive ones. Please keep Glover an off leash (under control) park. We really appreciate it. Thank you.
760	I do not support the proposed change	Both parks provide a wide open space for dogs. Never have I seen any dog poop not picked up on these fields. Often used by myself and other responsible dog owners.
769	I do not support the proposed change	Pathetic. Only area at glover park is now on the hill side or on the cliff side where dogs can run off and fall down the cliff. All dogs enjoyed being off leash and having a run and play with other dogs. You are restricting that, making them kept chained up on leashes and taking away their enjoyment. NOT once have I encounted an unruly dog and these two parks, it is a nice social place to meet other like minded dog owners and let your own dog play nicely with others. You are taking away that and creating a disgusting anti social environment. If you are going to remove flat playing fields for dogs so humans can use it 10% of the time then reinstate another playing field dedicated to off leash dogs. People take their dogs to parks because they are flat open spaces where the dogs are easily controlled, and there are safe walking paths for people. By shoving us into the unmowed grass, we will now be too dirty to walk through long hilly grass, it is not enjoyable and the dogs will run straight into the flat lawn which they prefer. Grow up and have some logical thinking. I've never seen such an anti dog council as this one, dogs are already barred from every public place and shop in this ********** country and now you're banning them from nature...get a grip.
772	I do not support the proposed change	When not in use it should be fine for dogs to be allowed on sport surfaces. It has never been a problem up till now
786	I support the proposed change	Dogs are digging up the football and cricket pitches leading to injuries to children and adult players. The owners stand by and watch the dogs do it. Moreover owners often do not remove dog poo from the pitches and players have to do it themselves, which is incredibly unhygienic. There is more than enough room outside of the pitches for dogs to play.
787	I do not support the proposed change	I support the idea of the changes (I have both dogs and children who play touch on the fields) but there needs to be more area available for dogs to be off-leash. Its also a change for the 100's of dogs who currently use this area to walk/play and the dogs will not know there is a change. A fenced area for dogs would be a good idea, I do not believe that people have enough control over their dogs and will still run onto the fields when not in use. I guess in summary I only support more restrictions to existing access if suitable alternatives and dog park areas are supplied.

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790	I do not support the proposed change	I have lived in Auckland my whole life, and all i have witnessed is unnecessary change. this park/part of the park SHOULD remain for dogs/families. There are limited spots, and parks already across Auckland for people to SAFELY and FREELY walk their dogs, without worry or threat. This park has open space, pathways and is familiar to local families and neighbor's. What we have plenty of? sports teams. they have schools, stadiums, backyards, other public parks located at their dispense thought-out each Auckland suburb. people playing football don't have requirement's, restrictions or boundaries on where they can play - however dog owners do. I think you are placing too much importance on an already well supported group of people and are ripping away the minimal space already available to another group in the community. Please don't keep making New Zealand an impossible and insufferable place to live. we can all agree its already bad enough.
806	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes are too restrictive and provide almost no space where large dogs can safely play away from the road. I recognise the need for improvements and am really frustrated that a few irresponsible dog owners are allowing their dogs to dig holes or leave a mess on sports fields but this proposal punishes the responsible dog owners as well as the irresponsible ones. I would prefer to see half of the sports fields as no-dogs and half as off leash when fields are not in use.
808	I do not support the proposed change	The community gathers on Madills. I haven't seen mis behaved dogs/owners. Its a real gathering place because of the dogs. They chat n socialize their dogs here it's part of good dog training. They place to train their off lesh.
824	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on the sports fields when they are not in use. It is ridiculous (and frankly, impossible to enforce) to prevent dogs from having off leash time on a wide expanse of grass that they have been enjoying for as long as I have lived here. I both walk my dogs at Madill's Farm and have kids who play soccer on the fields. The two activities are not mutually exclusive, and it is unacceptable for the football club to think they can commandeer the park when it is not in use for community games.

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828	I do not support the proposed change	We do not have enough off leash areas for our dogs as it is, so to take away this valuable dog walking playing socializing area is not acceptable. It is meant to be a shared facility and that I understand was what the owner wanted when they gifted their land. There is no reason that has been outlined as to why dogs cannot be allowed on there when sport is not in play on the field.. This is totally unacceptable unacceptable. The number of dogs (and people owning dogs) has increased substantially in Auckland. The number of people living in the city now (since this was last reviewed ?) and the increase in dog ownership, particularly post covid has gone crazy. Instead of limiting the number of places dogs can go, we should be including the number of areas that dogs are allowed to use. Auckland Councll should be following Australia's lead and have local neighbourhood fully fenced in off leash areas as well as sports parks and recreation areas for dog to play in. Rather than penalise good dog owners, penalties for bad dog owners should be increased and a responsible dog licence required for all dogs.
836	I do not support the proposed change	You are reducing the park size when not in use by sports so that dogs are too close to the road(safety) and there is no need to do this.
842	I do not support the proposed change	My family and I live next to Glover Park and walk our, registered and de-sexed, dog daily there. My two children, aged 11 and 9 play a lot at the park too. During winter we watch our daughter play football on a Saturday with our dog, on a lead, on the sideline. This summer our son has practiced his cricket in the nets and Maisy has been with us on the lead. We feel safe allowing our children to walk our dog down to Glover without us always being there, encouraging independence. We are 100% responsible and pick up any dog poo. In fact, I cannot think of a time I have seen poo on the grass. When cricket matches are happening during the summer, it is common sense that we would not take our dog down there off leash. I personally know of a few older ladies who time their dog walks at Glover so they can socialise with each other alongside walking their dogs. It seems very wrong to deny them this opportunity. We thoroughly enjoy walking Maisy in our local area. What alternative is being proposed for those walkers of Glover? I cannot understand the thinking behind this change. I feel very sad that our local park might make this change and I do not support it at all.
854	I do not support the proposed change	This park was gifted to Auckland Council as a multi-purpose space, and should continue to be. The space is generally shared well with a wide mix of users, including dogs, families and sports teams. It seems that the wishes of a few (specifically the soccer club) are being put ahead of the wishes of the majority. We all pay rates and should be able to use the space as it is currently, and in alignment with the original wishes of the gift to the city.

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855	I do not support the proposed change	Glover Park works wonderfully well as a space shared by all. I am a mum of 2 and (more recently) a dog owner. In our 16 years living in the area, we have loved having access to Glover Park for it's playground, flat sports ground, and more recently, a big open space to let our dog run freely when sports aren't being played on the field. Most dog owners in our area are respectful of other park users and it is very rare to see any dog poo left unpicked. Can't there simply be a sign asking dog owners to keep their dogs off the main area if it is being used by a sports club or à school? A blanket ban is unecessary. Most people are careful anyway, even without a sign. I personally feel the proposal is a step too far.
874	I do not support the proposed change	The justification for prohibiting dogs from sports fields at all times is inconsistent with how these spaces are used in practice. A substantial portion of time, these fields are not being used for sporting purposes and remain empty. Under the current rules, these fields serve as vital open spaces for dog owners to exercise and play with their dogs while still respecting other park users when the fields are in use. Removing access to these areas at all times seems unnecessarily restrictive. Madills Farm and Glover Park are cherished community spaces that foster social connections among dog owners. Restricting off-leash access would hinder these interactions, detracting from the inclusive and welcoming atmosphere the parks currently provide. The current rules already provide a balanced approach by allowing dogs on sports surfaces only when they are not in use or closed. These rules ensure the safety and enjoyment of sports users while accommodating the needs of dog owners. Better enforcement of the existing rules, rather than an outright prohibition, would be a more effective solution.

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875	I support the proposed change	I have two young boys who both play football and ride bikes at Madills Farm. The younger one is extremely scared of dogs. While we love to share spaces with others in our community we have had some really traumatic experiences particularly when watching my eldest train mid-week and there are dogs off leash on the sports grounds. In my experience some dog owners and some dogs are great and well behaved / follow the rules. and others do not. I think clearer rules would benefit all. My husband and I also play football, although not for eastern suburbs club, the fields at Madills Farm are some of the worst in Auckland and are difficult to play on, there are often holes dug by dogs. It's dangerous for players and adds cost to the club and /or council to repair. I strongly support changes to remove dogs from the sports fields. I would also recommend that dogs should be on a leash on the walking path as well. There are many children riding bikes and scooters it puts both dog walkers and the children at risk of injury.
878	I do not support the proposed change	Unfortunately there are not many off leash areas we are currently able to enjoy. The issue is picking up dog poos which most responsible dog owners do including myself. Madills is one of the few decent off lead areas which we can throw balls and give our dog a good run around - our dog is totally non aggressive and comes when called (due to our training which in part was at Madills). By taking away our local park from off lead exercise it simply doesn't give us any alternatives (the beach while swimming during summer until 10am). We pay our dog registration and taxes which I thought might have included a short run around our accessible park, you will find most dog owners in our area are fairly decent and responsible dog loving people, the dogs also get to socialise which is important for general behavior too. When sports teams are using the fields we don't let our dog run through there. Please keep Madills an off lead dog exercise area. thanks
879	I do not support the proposed change	Unused sports surfaces at both Madills and Glover Park are massive and prohibiting dogs is: 1. unnecessary as dogs represent no threat, 2. would be a tremendous waste of space currently enjoyed by many neighbors, 3. would dramatically reduce neighborhood social engagement by reducing the opportunities for dogs and owners to enjoy these spaces together, and 4. would lead to discord and potential fighting as neighbors try to police other neighbors behaviour.
880	I do not support the proposed change	There is nowhere else listed in Orakei that wouldn’t fit this criteria . Manila is almost all sports field or playground so you’re effectively banning dogs. The Orakei basin is often not suitable for older people as it’s too rough and slippery. There has to be places to let dogs play with each other. In Australia they have fenced areas for dogs to play whenever. These are in almost all parks so easy to access and use.

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881	I do not support the proposed change	This is area is well used and supported by dog walkers and recreation uses. It helps to build the community and provide as safe use of the parks
889	I do not support the proposed change	There are limited green, open and flat spaces for us to walk dogs in the Orakei ward. Madills farm is an important location to walk dogs off leash in the sport fields when not in use as it is flat and easily visible. This amenity also provides a sense of community to dog walkers in the area. I have not seen any reasoning behind the proposed restricted access, and therefore do not understand why it is proposed. Thank you.
890	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few off leash areas for dogs to go as it is. There is a beautiful dog community at Madills Farm and if you remove access all access There is no where to run a dog. Dogs need exercise and socialisation. By removing areas that they can run freely in you will create more problem dogs. It's not on. As a council you should be making more dog friendly areas not less, there are so few as it is. It's a disgusting proposal. Dogs do not cause a problem down at Madills or Glover Park It's people who are nothing but precious that I'd the problem. As dog ownership is increasing more dog friendly parks and areas need to be dedicated. In none of these proposals do you offer new places for dogs to be exercised off leash you just keep taking. I know I will never abide by it if you change it - go to **********!
893	I do not support the proposed change	There is no logic to dogs not being be allowed on a sports field when it is not in use. This is a public space and should be accessible to members of the public including dog owners. If no sports are taking place, then dogs running in that area are not causing any harm or diisruption and restricting access is potentially harmful to gigs who need a space to freely excercise.
904	I do not support the proposed change	For Gods sake this is getting ridiculous!! Leave our dogs alone, Dogs cannot be on a leash at all times, this is not feasible
917	I do not support the proposed change	Dog enforcement should be targeted towards owners who aren't following current rules rather than a blanket ban on all dogs from particular areas
920	I do not support the proposed change	Glover Park is a great place to let dogs run and socialize with other dogs off leash. Most owners are very responsible and pick up dog poop from the field. The other parts of the park are very steep to walk and not everyone will be able to walk their dogs to the top of the park, its also very difficult to prevent dogs from running onto the field when off leash as well. Id prefer to see the sports teams go rather than the dogs, however this can be a shared space for all. I live on the edge of the park and have walked/run my dogs here for years, in fact I wouldn't be able to provide the exercise my dog needs if he cant run off leash. Also its a lovely social time to meet other dog owners and the park is much loved by many dog owners and pets. Dogs should be allowed to run off leash if the sports felid is not is use as per the current rules, I do not support that change.
927	I do not support the proposed change	This is the only local park for dogs to be off leash and run around freely. Sports venues should be arranged in a stadium not a local park.
931	I do not support the proposed change	I believe that dog owners control their dogs incredibly well in Madills Farm. It is fair for them to have to be on lead when sports are being played but at other times they should be allowed off leash in a controlled setting.

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944	I do not support the proposed change	Madill's Farm was bequeathed to the local residents of Kohimarama as a place of recreation for all. It is NOT and never HAS BEEN a sportsground, despite the efforts of the sports club that occupies part of the park rent free. At any time of the day local residents enjoy walking and playing with their dogs on the PARK, and allow out-of-area sports teams to use areas of our park at our discretion. The sports club has NO RIGHT to restrict our access to our park, but we allow sports teams to share our area of recreation (whose maintenance is paid for with our rates, be it noted). This wretched sports club has tried numerous times to exclude dogs from the grassy areas of our park, and time and again they have failed to do so. This park belongs to us, the local residents, who vote at local body elections, and have long memories.
947	I do not support the proposed change	My dog is taken to Madills Farm for exercise and I have never seen any damage to playing surfaces caused by dogs in the years I have been going there
949	I do not support the proposed change	Glover Park and Madills are almost completely marked out with sports fields so this limits the off-leash part to pretty much nothing. As long as the sport fields are not being using, ie during the week, early mornings or evenings I do not support the change in the by-laws and believe it should stay as is. Everyone should be able to enjoy the park with their dogs included. Most dog owners are responsible, pick up after their animals etc. Thos that don’t are ones that will flaunt any new laws anyway, so you are only punishing the good pet/dog owners. There are limited places where dogs can go off lead safely. With more and more houses going up, there is less land on properties and Aucklanders rely on these types of parks to let their dogs have some safe, off-lead play and fun.
952	I do not support the proposed change	Further limiting dog access
953	I do not support the proposed change	The current rules work well and the dogs and their owns love the venues and behave responsibly and respectfully at all times

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954	I do not support the proposed change	This statement of proposal outlines that the change supports responsible dog owners only restricting access for new park developments, or where there are more people, increased presence of protected wildlife and new threats to natural habitat ... etc(ref. item 2 of proposal). none of these items apply at Madills farm, and therefore I do not support the removal of the dog-friendly family amenity provided by the large open run-free space currently available. The proposal covers a very large portion of the open part of the park with a no-access area and will significantly affect the ability of families with dogs to play and run together. There does not appear to be a replacement open-space area that is dog friendly in the immediate vicinity. The loss of amenity in this area is unacceptable given how many dog-loving families would have moved into the area relying on the dog-friendly play area. In addition - it is unrealistic to keep dogs off grass areas unless they are fenced off from immediately adjacent dog-friendly grass areas. This will effectively reduce the ability of dogs to visit a higher proportion of the park than intended when off leash.
961	I do not support the proposed change	This area provides a large space for my dog to run freely and for me to throw balls/frisbee/toys for my pet to get great exercise when the fields are not in use.
962	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs can use sports grounds at public places when not being used.
997	I do not support the proposed change	If there is not a scheduled match then it’s is the perfect place to play ball sports with your dog as part of family activities during the day (since dogs are not permitted on the beach at this time). Madills Farm should remain a family friendly area where dogs (as an integral part of many Auckland families) should be invited to stretch their legs, fetch balls and play with their owners off leash.

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1012	I do not support the proposed change	WE are local dog owners and have lived in the area(Clarendon Road) for over 20 years and had three small dogs in that time. A lot of residents also have dogs and we all walk them at both Glover and Madills and have formed great friendships over time reinforcing the community spirit that we all seek in a neighbourhood. Over time there have always been issues with some people not liking dogs but generally everyone gets on well even on sports days when dog owners and children play together. There is always the one or two people that sometime go to the extreme in either being a poor dog owner or an intolerant spectator but generally in the main everyone gets along. The status quo should remain and dogs should be permitted off lead on the sports field when not in use. This rule works well and is enjoyed by the community if you are practicing sport, ,athletics or walking your pet everyone seems to get along and tolerate / understand each other. The parks are an asset for all Aucklanders and we should all show tolerance and get along together
1019	I do not support the proposed change	There are long periods of time each day when no one is using the playing fields. Outdoor spaces are for everyone to use. I am not a dog person, but I do think it's wonderful that dogs and owners enjoy our parks. Dogs need exercise. Pavements are too hot in summer.
1023	I do not support the proposed change	If you are taking away spaces for dogs to play, then you need to find replacement spaces. You have taken away beaches and many parks. Madills is highly used. Maybe police it more rather than eliminating it for everyone!!
1028	I support the proposed change	There should be no off leash areas
1029	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules work well, new rules are completely restrictive. We use the fields 2x per days to exercise our dogs and there are rarely sports on these fields. It is an important area for the community, we come together with other families and dogs so they can play together
1032	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be permitted on the sports grounds when there’s not being used for organised sport.
1037	I do not support the proposed change	Our dogs are well trained and we do not walk them on sports fields when the games are on in progress. As taxpayers and payers of two registrations, we have a right to access to parks to walk our dogs off leash. We also pay exorbitant dog rates which certainly don't cover poo bags anymore. we pay rates to maintain parks that we now will not be able to use? Makes no sense.

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1056	I do not support the proposed change	The sports fields take up the majority of the centre of the park leaving only the creek on one side and the road on the other. Neither of which is suitable for a dog off lead, particularly young dogs. Apart from a few weekday practices the sports fields are usually empty during the week so it would seem a poor use of resources to have the centre of the park unused while dog walkers (of which there are many) either forced to walk around the outside of the park with their dog on a lead, use another park or ignore the bylaw. I use the park a lot as it has great drainage during wet weather and find there is no issue with the current bylaws so do not understand why there is consideration being given to changing them
1064	I do not support the proposed change	the rules work as they are. Dog owners are responsible. There are very few limited areas where the dogs can run around freely. This is draconian and an overstep by the Council.
1092	I do not support the proposed change	Dog owners should be fined if they don't pick up dog poo and then we can all enjoy the parks.
1107	I do not support the proposed change	As a responsible dog owner who regularly uses Madill's Farm and Glover Park it is outrageous that we should not be able to use council ie ratepayers owned facilities to walk our dogs off leash when there is no organised events happening. I have never witnessed a dog doing damage to either of these parks and the known benefits of having a safe place to walk dogs off leash and interact with other dogs should outweigh any poo that hasn't been picked up. This just reeks of sporting clubs controlling all activities on Council land - appalling
1114	I do not support the proposed change	Both Madills Farm and Glover Park are a great example where the community comes together. Especially Madills Farm is a haven for dog walkers - many friendships have been made here. AS a female, i feel safe here at any time of day with my dog. Its spacious and the dogs love to play here. My son is also a member of the ESFC here and we share this sports field - he comes to practice soccer and I take the dog for a walk / play. Our dog comes to most game days and its a family outing. The area was gifted to the community to share and everyone treats it with respect and shares the space - dogs, families, soccer player, cricket, touch rugby, cyclist, runners - its a real social hub. By taking away the dog access, this will change the social dynamic of the area and would be a huge loss for the community.
1117	I do not support the proposed change	The proposal completely limits the ability to allow dogs to use the parks when sports events aren't happening
1128	I do not support the proposed change	They should be allowed to be off leash on these parks if there is no sport being played. Current rules should apply.
1135	I support the proposed change	Mostly it sounds fine. I walk my dog especially on Madills and it is a wonderful community. There is a special connection with people that can be of great support. But yes away from sports and play grounds. As long as there is an area for us at all times. Glover hardly has sport, so should only count in parts in use. Pavement around should be fine
1144	I do not support the proposed change	This park is for all and was never gifted to the city for just sports

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1147	I support the proposed change	We own a dog and have children who play football at Madills. Often, even when all the 5 year olds are down there playing or about to start, there are multiple dogs off leash and we have had to stop the game because of dogs running. Let alone the concern of your child standing in poo that hasn't been picked up. Having no off leash in that area will ideally stop the grey area where some owners think keeping their dogs off is ok even when kids are playing
1149	I support the proposed change	This will limit the danger that poorly trained, dangerous dogs pose to the local community.
1167	I do not support the proposed change	This significantly limited exercise areas for dogs. The park is well loved by the community and there is excellent unity there for all sorts of users including dog owners and sports players. I walk the park daily if not twice daily with my young family and dog and have never seen a problem over the 6 years I have lived here that would justify this change. It would be devastating for our community to see open space sitting unused and not enjoyed majority of the time if this were enforced. People deliberately move into the area for this privilege. This is extremely anti-social and "nanny state" behaviour we don't want to instil in our community. This would be a significant loss for our community. The material health and wellbeing limits this places on a much wider group in the community (vs those who only use the sports field for sports games) is shortsighted.
1183	I do not support the proposed change	This is a community meeting place and many people walk their dogs safely and responsibly there. Other than the beach there are absolutely no other safe dog walking spaces close by in this area. The protected carpark area at the northern end of the park provides a safe environment to arrive with your dog and unload them from the car. It is completely unnecessary for dogs to be on a leash unless they are in the area when competitive sport is being played - which are the current requirements.
1188	I do not support the proposed change	Existing rules work and fair to all users, a much needed facility for exercising dogs and well used. Restricting access for times when fields not in use for sports is over the top bureaucy gone mad. Parks are there for the community and should not be only accessible to a few, especially the small amount of time during the day that sports are needing the grass area. We pay rates for the use of such facilities and both parties have been able to mutually and successfully enjoy the use of this unique space for a very long time, so please do not introduce rules favouring a privileged few at the expense of the whole community

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1204	I do not support the proposed change	We live lock to Madills Farm and have a small dog that loves Madills. We walk there daily as do a lot of friends and locals we have met. I have also got 2 kids and have spent many many days at both Madills and Glover with football, cricket and touch rugby. I have never see an issue caused by the dogs. 98% of owners are very respectful and pick up the dog poos. With the boom of dogs especially over lockdown there are very few places we can actually walk our dog now. There are many groups that train dogs and have regular groups both young and old. The beaches are not available for walking dogs generally so I am not sure where else this can happen. I think it is a terrible idea and in fact the opposite should happen and more areas should be opened up for dog walking. Many people keep fit and healthy due to walking dogs. Take that away and create more unhealthy people and dogs both mentally and physically. I and other is the area have actually been trying to get the Council to make more use of maxdills farm. There area is crying out for a skate park or dirt jumps, basket ball court etc. If the Eastern Suburbs are complaining then perhaps create fenced turf areas like Fencibles, Western Springs etc. Not sure what else to say but I think it is a TERRIBLE idea
1248	I support the proposed change	This is the best change for everyone!!!!! The long patches of grass hide are full of faeces, lots of irresponsible owners.
1251	I do not support the proposed change	Just about impossible to have a dog off lead in such a limited area. No other dog exercise area I. The vicinity We pay rates and dog registration to be excluded from using a community space. A well used park with daily meetings of dog owning community. This will end that community social aspect.
1263	I support the proposed change	As long as there remains good areas for dogs to be off leash then they do t need to be on the sports field areas. Could the sports fields be fenced somehow to keep the dogs off so they can run around the outside easily
1270	I do not support the proposed change	There are numerous times when no sport is being played and hence a vast area to be used. Madills is a significant community meeting place and many new friendships formed at this park. Importantly for new people to the area for integrating into the community. The sports fields when not in use meet this purpose for dog owners. Off lead outside the park areas is too close to the road to be safe for dogs. This is NOT a minor change as advertised by council to prohibit dog owners from the majority of the park. Enacting your proposals only serves to form divisions between groups in the community. I strongly oppose this proposal
1278	I do not support the proposed change	As per previous comment

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1279	I do not support the proposed change	Control existing rules, use volunteers to remind owners of their obligations. Provide signage which can be displayed in more obvious positions and if necessary remind owners of their responsibilities and let owners know if there have been complaints which need to be addressed. I have not seen a dog control officer in the area since I have been in the area..Polite and professional communication is better received than infringement notices.
1285	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support the change prohibiting dogs from being on the sports fields when not in use. This is a large area which is largely not used during the day and in the evening. Continuing to allow dogs in this space, means there is room for dogs to play in their own space (which some dogs need and like), there is adequate space away from the road, space away from the walking path, which is often utilized by young kids. It would also be very very difficult to control dogs not going on the sports fields, unless a permanent fence was put up around the sports fields and this would change the park significantly for the worse. Overall, this is a ridiculous idea, and the sports fields should be open to everyone including dogs when not in use.
1313	I do not support the proposed change	If the sports grounds are not in use, why can't dogs be allowed off leash as they currently are? The "other parts" of the Park are very small and close to the roads. Madills Farm is particular is flat so give dog owners somewhere that is easily accessible given parking is so close.
1323	I do not support the proposed change	Madills park has been a multi purpose area for all to enjoy, including dogs since 2004. Taking this area away from dog owners means there are few areas left to walk dogs safely off lead. Almost all of Madills Farm is used as a sports area, so under the proposed changes, it will essentially no longer be an area for dogs.

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1338	I do not support the proposed change	When the sports fields are not in use it provides a large area for dogs to run around and play together. Dog socialisation is hugely important. Walking a dog around on a leash does not permit the all important play and exercise of dogs interacting with each other. Madills is also a key socialisation point for owners. Any time after 4pm you will see large groups of people socialising, making friends, enjoying for what can be for some an otherwise lonely life (the elderly) whilst their dogs run around thoroughly enjoying their play and exercise with their canine mates. To lose this will be a huge loss for the community. It is a really important community space. The proposed expansion of yet more fields and commercial sized building plans will impact this icon area of general social community interaction. The council has not produced any hard evidence of health hazard issues to sports players. I go to Madills almost every afternoon with my dog and walk those fields with him. I have hardly ever seen a “missed poo” and if ever I do I pick it up as do many of the other dog owners there. We watch all our dogs and are quick to point out to the owner when one goes into “the crouch” if the owner isn’t looking that way at the time. The dogs do not run on the fields during sports games. We choose our times to go when sports are not being played. Which makes this a great “mixed use” asset for the community space which you’re now trying to ban meaning it’s no longer mixed community use, it’s sports use. That’s not fair and it’s not right. I live on the edge of Churchill park and I often walk my dog there. But the reason I go to Madills is because of the dog lover groups that gather there to socialise and let their dogs have fun with others. Please don’t ruin Madills for this significantly large part of our community - we matter. And we also pay the rates that fund the upkeep of that space. Please do not let this this unfair proposal go ahead.
1361	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs, especially larger dogs, need a large area to run free. This is becoming hard to find in this area. There is little area in Madills that is not car park or sports ground.
1362	I do not support the proposed change	The times I visit Maddil Farm and Glover Park it is mainly only dog walkers using it, to have such big open spaces not being utilised is a waste of taxpayers' money. I agree that when sports are on -ie football matches then dogs should not be running free and must be on a leash in case they were to disrupt the game but other times dogs should be allowed off-leash
1409	I do not support the proposed change	Madills has long been an off leash dog area for the whole park including the sports grounds. It is one of the reasons we moved there. It is also flat for eldery people to walk their dogs, unlike other parks. There is a significantly high demographic of elderly and people who own dogs in the areas who use this park. There is nothing else like this close. It works well and all the dog owners i know are considerate when the sports grounds are in use. It is is ridiculous to restrict off leash access. The whole ground is PUBLIC benefit NOT JUTST THE SPORTS CLUB. By changing the rules you are discriminating against the views of the general public, elderly people and those whom pay a significant amount of rates. I do not support the change. I also note council describing this as a "Minor " changes. these are not minor changes and should not be marketed as such.
1420	I do not support the proposed change	It will be virtually impossible to walk a dog under the new proposals . The current rules are sufficient and should not be changed.

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1436	I do not support the proposed change	can understand that sports people dont want to be in contact with dog poo, but this is a very popular area for good people and good dogs to play in, so dont want to see further restrictions. Maybe somehow make sure sports fields are kept clean (but dont know how)
1509	I do not support the proposed change	In the St Heliers area, Glover Park is the only off leash dog park & is essential for local dogs to have a good run around. It brings the community together
1564	I do not support the proposed change	Currently Glover Park and Madills Farm are lovely big parks with space for all to enjoy. They allow dogs to run and play with other dogs. I have spent many hours watching soccer games at both these parks and have never seen a dog run into the field and interrupt play. Dog owners are respectful and most dogs on the sidelines are in leash. It's a lovely family outing. When there are no sports fields in use, dogs have freedom to run and play. By prohibiting them from walking/running on the sport fields when not in use, you are really limiting the space for them to run and are putting them at danger of being run over or hit by a car. Furthermore, this will put increased pressure on the remaining off leash parks in the area, and result in people having to drive to an off leash park which of course is going to increase our greenhouse gas emissions. So. for safety, environmental and logistical reasons I think the dog rules for these parks should remain as they are.
1630	I do not support the proposed change	The impact of these proposed changes to both Madills Farm and Glover Park are huge to the eastern bays community. For the council to call these 'minor' changes is unacceptable, without realising the value that these spaces provide to the community. My first piece of feedback is around Madills Farm. Anyone can see how vibrant and essential this space is as a community hub, with dogs at its heart. Restricting dog access to a small portion of the park compromises safety by forcing dogs and their owners closer to busy roads and undermines Madills Farm's role as a shared community space, reducing it to little more than a single-purpose sports facility. It must be recognised that the Eastern Suburbs FC use and control of Madills Farm seems extremely excessive for the 'lease' of $1 + any maintenance they pay per year. The club have maintained that they have had to increase their costs year on year associated with dog damage to the fields. This cannot be proven. Damage is also caused by the sports and the use of the fields themselves, and is not helped by the constant vehicles the FC have on the fields eg Mr Whippy and food trucks. The space that is recommended to be available for off leash dogs is not sufficient for the sheer number of people who use the park every day. It is in close proximity to the very busy roads, and also the footpaths which is why the current group of residents who use Madills congregate in the centre of the park - to keep our dogs in a safe space that don't bother anyone. To limit the field access is absolutely ridiculous, when during the week the fields are hardly in use by any sports team. Yes, I agree that when play is on all dogs should be on leash - which the vast majority of us adhere to. We have a community of over 1,700 people on our Dogs of Eastern Bays Facebook

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1631	I do not support the proposed change	One of the reasons I've loved living in this neighbourhood for over 20 years is the access we have to local parks for both our own recreation, kids sports & dog walking. Prohibiting dogs at Madills & Glover 24/7 is unfair and unjust. Reasons include - These parks do not operate sports 24/7 (not even close) so dog walking creates no issue for much of the time. Many of us are exercising with our dogs so making these spaces exclusive to sports (majority being Eastern Suburbs Football) feels like a heck of lot of privilege and exclusivity to the average person who runs or walks with their dogs. Leave these 2 spaces as they are & maybe have signs up that when a game is on, dogs are to stick to the perimeter and be on leash. Thats what the majority of us do in any case. Please don't place blanket rules on all of us good people because of the minority with no common sense.
1636	I do not support the proposed change	We walk our dog at both areas off leash. There are very few spaces we can do this and he absolutely loves it. It is disappointing that we will not be able to do this. Additionally, we take him to soccer every Saturday over winter at both grounds and he is on leash not bothering anyone. The changes prohibit this unnecessarily. It would impact our ability to watch our sons soccer and not bringing Toby along.
1644	I do not support the proposed change	When the grounds aren't being used for sport purposes it enables locals to use the flat grounds for the dogs to run and play. It is a great meeting place for many. If they prohibit dogs where are dogs able to run freely. A lot of dogs need to be able to let of energy and many take there dogs to Madills to do this. I don't understand why the rules need to be changed!!
1694	I do not support the proposed change	It's unfair on the majority of people who are dog owners.
1711	I do not support the proposed change	When the sports grounds are not in use, it would be extremely beneficial to allow dog access on the fields.
1715	I do not support the proposed change	The existing rules work well. I fully support dogs not being allowed on sports fields when there are games on but they should be allowed at other times. There are already so many places where dogs aren't allowed and it always seems to work well at Glover Park.
1747	I do not support the proposed change	Leave the access for dogs and their owners as it currently stands. Yes both the dog and the owner benefit from the exercise and social interaction. Why are you needing to change? What is the issue that is driving this change? Dogs are part of the community and we pay a dog licence. These are multi purpose public facilities. Leave well alone unless you want to tell us what the problem is.
1778	I do not support the proposed change	As dogs provide companionship, emotional support and help foster social connections I do not agree with the proposed amended policy rules. It is restricting dogs and most importantly their owners to have a healthy lifestyle and connect with their communities effectively. Also, the proposed amended rules policy rules do not align neither concur with any of the reasons provided for making the change. These are not clarifying any further points, only the first point has been taken out. How does this make sense?

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1781	I do not support the proposed change	Madills reserve was gifted to the community for the use of ALL residents. It is one of the few places in our area where dogs can run safely off leash. As a parent of children who play soccer on the sports pitches I understand the need to keep dogs off during times when sports are being played, and the importance of people picking up after their dogs, but to not allow dogs on the park at others times is utter lunacy. It would be a shameful waste of the area to have it prohibited to dogs during times when there is no sport being played. It is an amazing space for exercising and socialising dogs which is critically important that owners have well adjusted and mentally, physically and socially stimulated dogs within our community. This is a wonderful asset for ALL to enjoy, not just sports players.
1789	Other (please explain below)	I think it needs to be between the two. This is a large area that doesnt always get used as a sports area
1811	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm provides a safe sanctuary for dogs and dog owners to enjoy the fields. I am regularly at the fields with my dog and my toddler playing sport and having the dog chase a ball or frisbee. There are few places in Auckland where this can be done safely together away from roading or other hazards. Madills was gifted to the council for quiet use and recreation, not for the sole purpose of a football club. I've been a member of Eastern Suburbs for a good portion of my life and have no issue with shared use of the fields. If the club have problems with this shared use then a compromise of securing the number 1 pitch in front of the club rooms exclusively for football would be acceptable in my view while all other pitches remain accessible to the public whilst sport is not being played on them. The proposed areas of use for off leash are unsafe being not big enough and too close to roads creating hazards for dogs, dog owners and drivers. I do not support these proposed changes in any way, all it takes is a visit to Madills on a weekend or after work when sport isn't being played to see how many people this change impacts in a negative way.

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1817	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm and Glover Park are the only two flat off leash dog parks in the local area. As such they are used widely by a huge number of elderly and mobility impaired residents who cannot access and navigate other local parks with hills and steep trails to exercise their dogs off leash. It would be irresponsible and discriminatory of the Council to expect disabled, elderly and mobility impaired dog owners to go to parks with terrain that is dangerous and/or completely inaccessible to them. In addition, dogs are residents too and are entitled to off leash exercise for their wellbeing. Dog owners pay high rates and dog registration fees which contribute the upkeep of parks and facilities in the area. To be excluded from letting their dogs off leash in two of the most accessible parks in area is grossly unfair to local ratepaying dog owners. Changing the rules to prohibit dogs on the sports surfaces “at all times” effectively also prohibits dog owners on the sports surfaces. These sports surfaces now take up the majority of Madills Farm and Glover Park which are intended for free recreational use for the WHOLE community - not JUST those who can afford join clubs to play football, touch rugby or athletics (a small percentage of local residents). Please continue to allow FREE use for ALL residents in ALL parts of these two local parks for the physical and mental wellbeing of all residents. Off leash dog exercise is not only exercise for the dog - but importantly also exercise for the dog owner! Furthermore, I see extensive, ongoing and costly damage to park surfaces being regularly caused by football boots, balls, sports equipment, spectators and associated vehicles. Ongoing trash and rubbish are also a result of the sports Club activities. These issues are more of a threat to the health and safety of local
1822	I support the proposed change	My kids play sports at Glover and Madills. Dogs urinate and defecate of fields where kids play. This is unsanitary. Owners are pretty good at picking up dog poo. There is lots of space at madills outside of the sports fields but dog owners seem to prefer to use sports fields. Perhaps mow a dog recreation area if implementing rules.
1835	I do not support the proposed change	This park was gifted to the community for its enjoyment not for a sports field
1844	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes limits the access of dogs to such a small portion it is inadequate for them to run around and get some exercise or play time in. If the parks are managed to share between the community it is completely unfair to dismiss the valid usage of dogs and their owners to appease sports teams when there are already numerous places for sports to be played in the area. There are limited options for safe areas that dogs can access as it is and removing another and limiting them to a tiny portion of the field is not in the spirit of community. It is vital that animals have a place in our community and we have a duty to allow safe areas for them to exist and thrive in.

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1858	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm represents one of the few areas within Orakei where dogs can be exercised off leash at different times of the day. This is particularly important to different groups of the community who may not be able to access the beaches outside of restricted times. It is also a very accessible option for elderly people or those with pushchairs, young children and disabilities. The current policy already prohibits dogs when sports surfaces are in use and that effectively allows for shared use of the space. Requiring dogs to be on a leash in the vicinity of sports surfaces will mean there is no space at all for off leash exercise. I am strongly opposed to these changes.
1861	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules are fine. It is unclear why sports are deemed more important than exercising one's dog especially when the fields are not in use. Why do the council have time to focus on things like this? Much bigger cities than Auckland facilitate dogs being part of everyday life with none of this stress and overthinking.
1863	Other (please explain below)	I suppler dogs on leash near playground as children there, also in carpark as could be a Hazzard. But I do not support not allowing dogs.on the sport field when not in use. People need a place to exercise.dogs freely - if they are trained and owners pick up.poo there should be no issues. Madills has always been a place for.dog.owners to meet
1871	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed off leash under control on the field when sports are not in play as they always have been
1886	I do not support the proposed change	It seems the main aim of this change is to reduce risk of dog litter on the playing surfaces. This seems an overly restrictive effort to address what seems a very low risk currently. I have children that regularly use the playing surfaces and have never noticed any issues with dog littering. Glover Park is an essential local area for dog exercising and socialising. Forcing dog owners to either keep their dogs restrained all day or drive to an off lease area seems a step backwards and will only lead to other problems (dog barking, dogs roaming, extra traffic on roads). The playing surfaces are used very infrequently outside of weekends. This proposed change would further restrict their usage, meaning precious council resources sitting idle. Not a good use of our rates.
1889	Other (please explain below)	I would support this change if we still had an area or restricted time where dogs can go off leash at the beach anywhere in Orakei during summer (eg as per Takapuna beach). This rule makes it even harder to be a good pet owner and give dogs much needed exercise.
1900	I do not support the proposed change	These areas are well used and hugely popular for myself and other dog owners especially in summer when dogs are banned from the beach areas after 10am. The sports fields are hardly used over summer and enjoyed by many dog owners. Please do not penalise us responsible dog owners by making a harsh and unfair law change like this. Without dogs and their owners using this area the park would be largely deserted during weekdays.

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1905	I do not support the proposed change	This park is primarily used by dog walkers, by far more than by sports field users. The current rules should remain allowing off leash use of the sports fields at all times, because the fields are USUALLY EMPTY. This would barr the dogs from using most of the park off leash, and it is literally usually empty. dogs should retain off leash access on the sports fields when not in use. ALSO dogs should not have to be on a leash nearby to the playground when in use, because the playground has a huge fence so would be really irrelevant to have to be on a leash when they are nowhere near the playground.
1913	I do not support the proposed change	Area's for dogs to get the exercise they need keep getting smaller and more and more restricted. As someone who has a high energy dog who needs regular exercising and mental stimulation, this is making it harder. Areas such as Madills farm get a lot of dog walkers coming through at certain times (typically just after work hours) and confining that amount of dogs to a smaller area increases the risk of dogs becoming reactive and potentially causing more harm or issues. Additionally, to my understanding Madills farm was intended to be available to everyone and as a community or Public space it is not fair on the dogs or their owners to be restricted to a smaller space when they have just as much right to be there. I believe that the current guidelines are fair, where dogs are not allowed to use the sports field when in use and that they can be off leash if not in use (especially given that there won't be anyone there anyway). Dogs already have strict restrictions on beaches therefore use the local parks for exercise however now it is being proposed that is going to be restricted too. I believe if spaces are being taken away from dogs then there should be other spaces opening up as an alternative (e.g. gated dog parks to allow dogs to be off leash safely within the public).
1915	I do not support the proposed change	The case being made that it is for the safety of those playing sports does not make sense as the sports fields are already out of bounds when in use. Policy rules should just remain unchanged as they are safe for all users of park facilities. There would be nowhere for dogs to go off leash locally that is safe for them. The current rules work for everybody as they are.

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1917	I do not support the proposed change	When the sports fields are not in use, they provide a wonderful place for many dog owners and dogs. The fields are flat and reasonably well drained and particularly for older dogs with a lack of mobility, they are a great safe place to be. Restricting dogs from what amounts to at least half of the park is detrimental to the community in my view. On any given day you can see a large number of dogs and their owners cheerfully interacting which is what a community facility such as Madills should be all about. As a local resident for 19 years, I have been a heavy user of Madills - with young children (playground) in past years, extensive use of the soccer grounds for many years and also as a dog walking facility for the entirety of that time. While there are some dog walkers who ruin things for the rest of us, it is very rare to see uncollected faeces as you walk around the park. If this is considered to be a problem perhaps increasing fines would be a way of dealing with it. I find myself frequently picking up rubbish around the field after sports games, however, and there is usually a good number of people picking up after Guy Fawkes tonight. So it is not just dogs responsible for any mess. In relation to the comments around field damage, I have yet to see a dog digging anywhere in my 19 years of park use. I have certainly seen fields pretty chopped up after soccer games in winter however so I do not accept that the damage is caused by dogs. Because Madills is frequented by so many dog walkers it feels like a safe place. In winter I walk my dog early in the morning when it is still dark and feel totally safe there. The only people I come across are other dog walkers, and there are a good number of them. I feel far less safe walking around the streets when it is dark.
1920	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs and dog owners should be allowed to use the fields controlled off leash when fields are not in use, and should be allowed to use the path around Glover park off leash at all times. We should be able to sharing this space with others. The people using the sports fields often leave far more non biodegradable rubbish all over the park, food rubbish, plastic, clothing, drink bottles overflowing rubbish bins, not to mention traffic jams, parking over drives. Yet we allow this.. Or alternately invest in a designated sports area Not our communities local park.
1938	I do not support the proposed change	Maddills farm is a much loved dog exercise and socialisation area. The dogs cause no damage to the sports field. What is the justification for banning dogs from enjoying this facility when sport is not being played on it especially as likely 90pc of the time it is not being used for sport.
1949	I do not support the proposed change	This dog park is used A LOT by local residents. The sheer large number of dogs/residents that use this park, as well as the sports fields, makes it unreasonable and unpractical to change the rules to prohibit dog usage of the sports fields. We (dog owners and local residents) NEED to be able to use the sports fields for off-leash dog use when the sports fields are not in use.

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1951	I do not support the proposed change	Just ridiculous
1952	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed ON leash at sports fields (they are after all “a family member” attending a family sports session) AS LONG AS THEYRE UNDER CONTROL!
1957	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need some free off leash space in this area and the original gift to the city provides for access for all users and the Council needs to honour this. Keep the rules the same as they are please!
1960	I do not support the proposed change	Part of the reason we purchased a house up the street was the fantastic off leash dog park
1963	I do not support the proposed change	I have reviewed all your documents, and what is stated above is different to what is stated in Appendix A Proposed Amended Policy at p45/6, Schedule 2, which specifically allows dogs to be off leash at Madills and Glover when the sports fields are not in use
1967	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need space to roam and madills is a great community park which allows dogs to have space to get out the energy, meet other dogs to socialise in a safe environment and a good area in summer when the beach is out of bounds. The sports grounds shouldn’t be made priority when it’s empty for a lot of the time, by taking away the easily accessible community space, people will have to go further away to find a park if they don’t have a bit enough back yard. Some people can’t walk far and use the park as a way of getting the dogs exercise by throwing the ball and socialising, without being strenuous on the person either. Why take away a key community gathering space for so many dog owners.
1971	I do not support the proposed change	I think it is very important that Madills Farm remains off leash for dogs in all areas except on the playground, or on sports fields when in use.
1973	I do not support the proposed change	Glover Park and Madills Farm are parks for all. In the many years I have been enjoying the park I have witnessed people and their dogs enjoying the open spaces to exercise both themselves and their dogs. I do not agree that a group should be excluded from using the parks. These people are local rate payers and have every right to enjoy all the grounds with their dogs. I have also witnessed when used solely by cricket teams in the weekend that often there is considerable rubbish left on the fields and by the bins . I often on my early morning stroll take a rubbish bag with me to clean up after the humans - the rubbish left behind can be quite extensive. Other good citizens can often be seen doing the same early morning . This totally exceeds the very occasional inconsiderate dog owner which does not pick up after his dog - this is very rare. Most dog owners are very considerate and want to keep exercising and socialising their dogs on flat and grassy areas. Please do the right thing and let the dogs stay. Thank you

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1978	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is a social hub for people to exercise their dogs and introduce new people. We have recently moved to New Zealand and the park has been a staple in meeting neighbours through the exercise of our dogs, and banning dogs from the park reduces the community aspect of what the park is meant to be for. Poorly behaved dogs shouldn't affect the majority when it only applies to the few. If this is purely when the football is on, I understand dogs being on a leash near the pitch, however the rumour is a completely ban on dogs in the park entirely.
1984	I do not support the proposed change	There is a Deed of gift over Madills Farm which says it is for the use of all. I think this overrides any attempts by some to restrict other peoples enjoyment such as walking their dog there. I have no problem with digs being banned from sports fields when in use but to restrict further is a breach of the Deed. Glover Park rules should also be left as is. There is no problem restricting dogs when the fields are in use but otherwise the current rules should remain. It would seem that by only these two areas of sports fields being singled out for more restrictions that there is pressure being applied to council to change the rules to suit one particular group. Also, I noticed that bags for the collection of dog faeces have been removed from many parks. This is a shortsighted move which affects all. The dog fees I pay I thought were directed to this so now I'm paying for a nonexistent service. Auckland council prides itself on being an inclusive organisation and Auckland city being a great place to live for all, yet again it seems that dogs and their owners are not considered to be a part of that with the restrictions they face. Dogs enrich so many lives beyond belief and should be acknowledged within our city, just as other activities are.
1987	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed anywhere on the field/pathway off leash unless sports are on then they should be on leash
1996	I do not support the proposed change	The sports fields are not in use all the time, particularly in school term time. They provide a great area for dogs to run and play. Dog owners are able to meet informally and this provides a sense of community. The area that is not covered by playing fields is relatively small and some of it is close to the road which could be dangerous for dogs and road users if a dog runs on to the road. Also close to footpaths where people walk and may not want contact with a dog. There are many dogs that run on the playing fields without causing damage.

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1997	I do not support the proposed change	Parks are a public space and should be able to be used in a way that reflects the surrounding community. Having been born a 5 minute walk away from Madills farm, and having raised my dog there who was trained there by the Blind Foundation, I find this proposal devastating. This proposal reflects the needs of the sporting community, and whilst their concerns about dog use are valid, we have successfully built a space that reflects the needs of all parties. Dogs stay off the field when it is in use, when it isn't, dogs are allowed. Reducing the use of these spaces further is only catering to the sports side of the argument. This is a public space, not a stadium, so the expectation of pristine grass untouched by any other users, as well as other ground condition concerns, is selfish and not in a community mindset. This proposal concerns me most around two impacts it will have. 1) Dog health - for many people this space is essential for meeting the needs of their dogs. Free running in a safe space away from a road is a fundamental part of dog health. For example, I see greyhounds sprint the lengths of the field daily, without this they get wound up and anxious, and be prone to severe health conditions. They can't go to the beach and do this at all times, not to mention the disruption it would cause to the public relaxing there if they did. So if you are going to take this space away from them, where will they go? The remaining spaces in Madills are not large or protected enough to cater to this need. 2) Accessibility - we have a large population of older adults and seniors, people with prams, and/or disabilities. This is one of the only accessible parks in our surrounding areas. These people can't just up and leave daily to another area to meet their dog's needs. A lot of nearby parks are hilly and have gravel. Madills farm is fundamental to our community having a diverse and flourishing lifestyle. To put the needs of sporting recreation above the limited recreation opportunities available to this part of our population is unfair.
2012	I do not support the proposed change	Because Madills was left to be enjoyed by everybody including people walking their dogs. It was the wish to the owners who bequeathed it to the council and should remain that way .I have walked Madills many times and never come across dog poo left behind, all dog owners who walk Madills are responsible , why should they be penalised. There is more rubbish left by the soccer club when in use that needs to be picked up. It is also a very social place to meet other people walking their dogs and many people meet up for dogs to socialise and get to meet other dogs. The park should be left as it is for dog walkers to enjoy , for the dogs that can be off leash to have a run and socialise . If this is changed where are people supposed to let their dogs off leash. Dogs should have somewhere that they are able to be off leash and if has not been a problem before so why change a good thing.

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2014	I do not support the proposed change	The current legislation already prohibits dogs on playgrounds (which I agree with); prohibits dogs on sports fields when in use, and on leas in the vicinity (agreed). The new proposal seeks to prohibit dogs on sports fields REGARDLESS of whether they are in use for sports- this massively limits the areas in which dogs can be off/on leash which in itself seems to go against the deed of Madill's Farm in that it should be for everyone's use. The current legislation supports more fair use; the proposed update does not and starts to remove the community feel for the space.
2029	I do not support the proposed change	There are limited places for dogs to run around. The rule should just be gigs on leash when sport playing in vicinity of the game
2030	I do not support the proposed change	The current rules ensure all users can enjoy these spaces. If current rules are enforced there are no downsides for sports users or playground users. The new rules are very restrictive and would make it very difficult to exercise dogs in our local parks. We have young kids and still do not oppose dogs in these areas. Most owners are friendly, respectful and have their dogs under control. There is no reason for further restrictions.
2032	I do not support the proposed change	I live close to both of these parks. I use Glover park every day with my dogs and have come to recognize many of the dog owners in the area. When there are not sports games being played, many of us use the flat area of the park to allow our dogs off leash. This is important for elderly dog owners (who cannot negotiate the hills either side of the field) and for elderly dogs (such as mine) who also can't handle incline. Glover park is clean and does not have an issue with dog waste or with digging. I don't think there should be any change and am surprised one would be suggested as I don't see that we are solving any actual problem. I find the dog owners to be very respectful when sports are being played and have never encountered an issue related to this. I go to Madill's quite often and have the same sentiments. There is not issue that I notice and I don't know why this shared space would be changed to an exclusive 'sports' space. It feels selfish and unkind to me. Regarding Glover, the only problem I have encountered is adults using the children's play equipment to do workouts (I also have two small children). This makes me feel uncomfortable at times and an alternative would be including some stationary bars/workout equipment on the other side of the field, for example, so young families feel safer. Families often bring their children and their dogs to Glover at the same time. What a shame it would be if parents could no longer get the kids and dogs out of the house at the same time. If there are concerns about dogs getting into the playground it could be fenced - but actually this should be more because it is right beside a car park than any other reason.

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2035	I do not support the proposed change	I use both Madills and Glover parks when walking my dog off leash as a place for her to explore and socialise under supervison. I feel that the proposed changes seriously do a dis service to responsible dog owners especially familys who might be walking/riding bikes with pets who need a flat ground for mobility and to enjoy time together. As I have observed rover the past nearly 8 years the regular users of these parks are very good when sports is on not to let there dogs get in the way and when there is no sport there really is no good reason to make the dogs have to be on leash at all times. I agree with keeping dogs away from the playground however as a responsible pet owner who is fully registered in accordance with council rules I would like to think that parks which may be council maintained but are still parks that are designated outdoor multi use for all to enjoy should not have the bylaws changed to discriminate against the dogs and their owners.
2048	I do not support the proposed change	This was a park first and foremost before it was a sports ground. As Kohimarama has grown, houses do not have enough backyard space (if any) for dogs to get exercise. Parks play a vital role in our community for people and pets. If dogs aren't allowed to be walked in the park, where should they go?! There are no other local alternatives.
2057	I do not support the proposed change	I am astonished that this change is being proposed. Madills Farm has long been used as a loved exercise area for many responsible dog owners, and removal of access to designated sports areas would severely limit the local exercise areas available for dog owners. Firstly, the sports areas make up the vast majority of the park, putting dog walkers at a disadvantage when trying to find a place to go off lead. These sports areas: 1. Include almost all of the flat areas suitable for dog exercise 2. Include the only well-maintained areas for small dogs to exercise (other parts of the field are left unmown) 3. Include areas that are further away from the playground, which helps dog owners avoid children Secondly, there are very few areas nearby which offer flat, safe, suitable dog exercise areas. Making the sports fields dog free would force dog owners to travel far and wide. Thirdly, the driver for change appears in part to be the prevention of damage to sports fields. Whilst I accept some dogs may dig holes, the vast majority of dogs do not cause any significant damage to sports fields. Thus, the vast majority are being penalised in this proposal for the problems caused by a few. Further, the maintenance of these grounds uses unfathomable approaches to sports fields maintenance. When I have observed maintenance in the past, I have observed obscenely wasteful approaches to maintenance. This includes filling any dug holes with sand, and sprinkling grass seed on top. Ask any lawn care enthusiast and they will tell you this is not enough to restore patches of lawn. Another obscene observation I made recently, was the installation of approximately 500m of temporary 1.8m fencing around two of the sports fields. One can only assume this was to restore the grounds. If each section is 2.4m, and each section costs $16 per week, and the fencing was up for 10 weeks, then that is $33k+ of fence hiring costs. Not to mention installation and deconstruction costs. The fence was

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2067	I support the proposed change	Hygiene for players and sports ground users . Parents have had to pick up other dogs poo so a kids soccer game can commence . As long as there is adequate off leash areas in that park still
2078	I do not support the proposed change	While the sports fields are not in use the dogs should be able to run off leash as they do not harm the fields and they need a place to run. what damages the fields are the players with their slide tackles and running on the grass with their sprigs and yet you don't try to ban them from playing on the grass. I don't see any difference with our kids running around on the sports ground as our dogs do, and yet you want to stop our dogs from playing. I don't know where the council are coming from and what their agenda is.
2080	I do not support the proposed change	The park is extremely well used by dog walkers and banning them from the sports field area (which is the significant majority of the park) will negatively impact a large number of people. There are also limited other dog walking options in the local area, other than Kohimarama Beach which has summer walking restrictions and would be in danger of being overloaded by dog walkers. In my experience the significant majority of dog walkers at Madills are very conscientious and have their dogs well under control
2083	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm area is 80% sports field - Soccer and Cricket Pitches. Although well used they are unused for sports activities more hours of a day than they are in use. Most evenings the sports fields are used for dog exercise - ball throwing, obedience training, of leash running etc. - by responsible dog owners who are regular visitors. Owners are well equipped with Poo bags and manage their dogs' behavior. To prohibit dogs on sports field at "all times" would dramatically change and limit the community enjoyment gained from the park. Limiting off leash activities to the edge of the park which is also the concrete walking path. Throwing a dog a ball to chase in this area would be hazardous to walkers and children bike riding and also unsafe as this area is close to the surrounding roads. I see no need to change the existing rules which have worked well for many years, it feels like this change is proposed by someone unfamiliar with how this park is used by the local residents.
2108	I do not support the proposed change	Well behaved dogs love and deserve the freedom to run and play as they wish. The problems are caused by lazy owners who do not pick up their dogs toilet. The area needs large signs advising of hefty fines and and also security cameras and when possible, enforcement staff to monitor the area. Could some local volunteer people assist with perhaps a direct line to someone in authority to enforce a fine ?

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2118	I do not support the proposed change	I walk my dog regularly in Madills farm as do many people I see every day. The marked sports fields make up 90% of the area of Madills farm so if dogs can't be on them at any time there is not much other space for dogs to roam and it will not be a part I will use in future. I cannot see any harm if dogs, or people use the sports fields when not in use. It would have been good to explain WHY this change is being made, what are you trying to achieve? If it is dogs digging or faeces then focus on the behaviour of the few rather than hit the many. Bad policy for sports fields that are not used that often.
2122	I do not support the proposed change	Madills and Glover park are empty spaces only used by walkers and dog owners a huge amount of the time. Compared to the actual time sports are played. To now not be able to use these huge sports grounds/fields with our dogs at all seems ridiculous. I totally agree with sports grounds being prohibited during use, playgrounds at all times (often ignored by small dog owners), and car parks.
2128	I do not support the proposed change	There will not be enough space for dogs to exercise at the park with this ban, and no where else nearby for dogs to socialize and exercise. There is no where else local for dogs and dog owners to go, so this would drastically decrease the quality of life for both dogs and dog owners!!!
2131	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be under control on a leash in all areas of the Reserve and Park
2139	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are family members it is already difficult to find activities you can do with your dog. Banning them from beaches and parks will be a step back as a society. In fact more and more people is opting for not having kids and having dogs instead. This will new proposed policy will definitively have a huge negative impact on the wellbeing of NZ dog owners. We should promote healthier, active lifestyle. What other alternatives we have as dog owners is the equivalent of banning kids in parks. that does not make sense.
2151	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should not be prohibited at all times on sports field and they should be allowed off leash on sports fields then they are not in use
2152	I do not support the proposed change	This proposed change will have a negative effect on the community and will increase pressure on other local resources such as Kohimarama beach. Madills is important to the entire community and has functioned well [redacted] Any benefit gained by this change will be outweighed by the negative impact on the community quality of life. Dogs left exercised will cause council more stress in the long term, not to mention the impact to owners. Please retain the status quo.
2156	I do not support the proposed change	Madills is a popular dog exercising area which supports the local Kohimarama and St Heliers community. The only other local option is the beach which is not suitable for dogs during the busy summer months. Having lived here for the past 14 years both with or without a dog, Madills is a friendly, safe and easy environment to take your dog for some exercise. By banning dogs you will only put undue stress on the beach and make it more difficult for locals, especially those with lesser physical abilities. We should be encouraging more of these parks and dog walking areas within central Auckland, rather than making backwards changes to the city.

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2160	I do not support the proposed change	First of all why consider the parks together? No justification for that. Second, there is no evidence provided for why the change should be made, zero data or justification. Many many people use the park for a wide range of activities - why single out dogs? Can you fly a kite or race a bike on the sports field when not in use? How is that different to a dog? You have not clearly made the case for it. I would argue that dogs and owners will get much less exercise and you will drive traffic on the roads by making this change - less healthy people and more carbon dioxide and risk of death or serious injury from car journeys.
2177	I do not support the proposed change	While I have lived in the kohimarama area there hasn't been much problems with dogs in fact I haven't heard of any problems with dogs on madills. So I think it is unreasonable to ban the dogs from the field. Other than madills the only other place locally to walk your dog is the beach which in summer time will put undue stress on the beach as people won't be able to enjoy the beach when dogs are around. So we should keep the dogs allowed on the field rule.
2180	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm was gifted to Auckland for use by all NOT just a select few. I think dogs should be allowed on the sports field area off Leash when sport is not being played. This park is often free of sports fixtures and the owners and dogs should be allowed to enjoy the large space when there is no sport being played.
2204	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm was trusted to the council with the express requirement that the land be available to all users. It is not designated as a sports ground only. The needs of the whole Community should come before the needs of a sports club. In the weekends there are loads of families down at Madills with their dogs, playing ball and enjoying family time. Eastern Suburbs sports club needs should not come above that.
2209	I support the proposed change	Dogs frequently go in the playground. Children and sports players have a right to clear access to fields without dog dirt and interrupted play. I have personally witnessed aggressive dogs at glover park coming too close to children and scaring them. I support no dogs in either area there are plenty of other parks for dogs these ones are for children.

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2214	I do not support the proposed change	When the fields are not in use for sports there is absolutely no reason dogs can't go on the park. Dogs need safe areas to run free and play with other dogs off lead to ensure they are exercised and well socialised. Having only on lead areas means dogs will not interact as frequently or as closely with other dogs, creating unsocialised dogs and increasing the risk they may cause harm to other dogs. Socialisation and exercise is a key part of healthy and well behaved dogs. On lead exercise is insufficient for many large dogs. With Auckland becoming more populated and section sizes rapidly decreasing, the majority of dogs don't have adequate exercise space in their own homes. Owners rely on safe public spaces to exercise dogs sufficiently. The council will be the ones wearing the cost when you get more complaints and call outs for badly behaved / barking / dangerous dogs who can't be exercised properly. Unacceptable to limit access and cause these consequences - particularly at times when there are no sports activities going on. Glover Park - by forcing dogs up the cliff you create a real risk of dogs falling off the cliff edge and dying I know of at least two instances of this happening at Musick point last year alone.
2217	I do not support the proposed change	Stupid change what is wrong with you guys
2224	I do not support the proposed change	Parks are for both sports people and dog owners. It works well now with the current situation so no need for change

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2237	I do not support the proposed change	I think that these changes are unfair - that 'sports' field is only used at certain times, therefore leaving the field empty majority of the day. This field is home to so many local dogs to be able to run freely and socialise with other dogs. Taking this type of socialisation away from dogs has so many negative factors. You are also asking local owners to now drive to off leash areas - some elderly people may not drive, the nearest park would be Churchill - which is known to have an unstable man there who exposes himself! Dogs within New Zealand are not really allowed anywhere especially beaches during summer which means they cannot cool down - ok fair enough I can somewhat understand the beaches during summer. Just let our dogs live their lives - it's only short life these little fur babies have and this is one great park for dogs. - you should come visit during peak times and see how happy every single dog is down there. You clearly have no empathy if you think this is a good plan. Why don't you go back to the sports club and tell them to stop being so selfish and if they really need a sports field - split Madills in half. Just as crucial as it is for them to continue their hobby it's just as important and crucial that our dogs can roam freely and socialise.
2241	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need to socialise and exercise Enjoy the freedom as much as humans Dogs could be kept on a lead when sports games are played but when vacant they should be allowed to roam free under control

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2259	I do not support the proposed change	Madills and Glover Parks are for the community to share. They represent a meeting ground for people to socialise, to meet new friends and greet family, one where the whole community, including the family dog can spend time. Additionally as the council knows this is an era of loneliness, and outdoor spaces are vital to the health of all. Madills especially was created for everyone in the community, not to be used as sports ground only. It would just be so wrong to ban dogs from being unleashed 24/7. It seems since the night lights were erected at both Madills Farm and Glover Park, and sports events have become bigger events, and hundreds more people other than the locals are using the grounds, the problems of ground maintenance and cleanliness has become an issue. I am also aware that the sport club pays only $1,000 per annum for its upkeep. Dog owners in Auckland pay $17million in Registration Fees. It would be good to have statistics on dog ownership, in the surrounding neighborhoods, and some fairer way to equitable use for all. It is noticeable that maintenance has not been adequate since the night lights were installed, on the sports areas especially. I believe this could be fixed by asking the sports club, who I'm sure you realize seem to have taken verbal ownership of these grounds, by referring to them as 'THEIR GROUNDS' in social media, are charged a proper fee for the grounds upkeep. This in no way should give the sports club any right of ownership, Madills Farm is and always has been expressly for the community. If dogs were to be banned from the sports areas 24/7 the parks would be a ghost area that would then not fulfill the intended benefits of the parks, Madills especially. I have noticed 'Council Signs' already going up, that state there is a 24/7 ban on dogs in or around sports fields, and dog rangers sitting around waiting for a dog owner to pass by. This seems a very underhanded and predetermined change of the bylaw and its clauses. I am just one of hundreds maybe thousand who have noticed this and are outraged that council can seemingly take action without first considering it's ratepayers. The holes in the pitches are made by wear and tear from sports
2262	I do not support the proposed change	If the sports area is not in use let the dogs run free. Don’t penalise all dog owners just because of some irresponsible owners. This park is a great dog area to run off leash.

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2267	I do not support the proposed change	here are two reasons provided for the proposed change. The first is aimed at "better protecting the health and safety of sports users, dogs, and sports surfaces from damage." Responsible dog owners typically clean up after their dogs and ensure they do not harm public spaces, including sports fields. Limiting dog owners in this manner does not align with the Dog Access Principle in the Auckland Council Policy on Dogs 2019, section 1a, which states, "Recognize dog owners as legitimate users of public places and that dog access is essential for dog welfare," as it removes access even when the fields are not in use. Section 1.b of the same policy encourages the integration of dog owners and their pets with other users of public spaces, yet this change would separate different groups of users. Additionally, the Dog Access Principle in section 1.d notes that access should be considered on both a regional and local level. Both aspects should be weighed equally, and the preference for a single rule by staff cannot serve as the sole reason for or against any changes to the current regulations. Section 6.b of the Policy on Dogs 2019 requires the council to "ensure, as far as practicable, that any displaced dog owners and their dogs have access to other areas or that such access is included in the decision." The reasoning provided is that the remaining sections of the park will suffice. However, at Madills Farm, only a small portion would still be available for dogs, and this area is adjacent to a road, increasing the risk for dogs compared to those in more open spaces further away from traffic. T[illegible]
2280	I do not support the proposed change	This is a community park where many households live with dogs and is an important place to exercise dogs and socialise with other dogs. Would be terrible to see the restrictions of dogs on leads here.
2287	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is a recreation reserve for all to use - not a designated Sports Field. this change will make it a designated sports field and bar recreational dog walkers from using it when not in use for sports. If the spots clubs have issues with sharing the space they should be the ones to relocate.
2291	I support the proposed change	I support the change. Due to the volume of dogs being walked at Madills, some further action is needed as a few bad apples are spoiling the bunch in terms of dogs leaving waste on the sports field and bothering players, bystanders, and other park users.
2292	I do not support the proposed change	The majority of the day the sports field is unused by sports teams and is a valued resource and area for responsible dog owners Dog owners use the sports field as a place to meet am socialize creating great community connections

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2306	I support the proposed change	Genuine safety concerns of dogs with zero recall lunging towards and chasing young children. Have experienced this walking through the grounds from Melanesia Road side up to the playground. Regular occurrence (daily!) of seeing owners neglecting to pick up dog poo from the sports ground creating a health and safety hazard for others.
2313	I do not support the proposed change	Madills is a lovely location for dogs to have a run around. This is no longer the case if they aren't able to walk across large areas of the park. Unrealistic to have dogs near marked field but not on it. As a human I typically don't know where the field outlines are! It would be a shame to lose this great dog-friendly community space. And lastly, I think that the fields are used way more by dog walkers than organised sports.
2344	I do not support the proposed change	This is a family community and our dogs deserve the opportunity to run around. It is unnecessary to restrict use of fields that are not used for sports purposes 70% of daylight hours.. if the issue is the occasional Dog deposit on fields, that is an enforcement issue for which there are rules and regulations in place the entire access should not be removed simply for that reason. We are dog owners and parents of soccer player and the occasional dog damage from unsupervised animals over the years does not warrant removal of this right for all responsible owners.
2346	I support the proposed change	I have exercised my dogs at Madills Farm for over 40 years. As I approach my 80th birthday being able to walk my dog at Madills Farm improves my quality of life. It provides exercise and companionship both of which become more difficult as one gets older. Surely there must be a balance between those wanting to off lead exercise their dogs and those who want to use the sport fields? The new restrictions you are contemplating would completely destroy this area as an off lead area. There aren't even any provisions for being able to use the area at different times of the day. I would hope some common sense plays a part in the final ruling instead of a complete ban.
2349	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs love to exercise in this area of the park as it is big and provides a good vantage point for the owners to see them. I understand the playground area however, where else would the dogs be able to be unleashed if you do not allow them in the sports area. Big dogs don't have enough exercise if they are being led around particularly by someone without the physical capabilities to cater to them. If they are unexercised this can lead to them unhealthy and encouraging them to escape home. (from prior experience with big dogs I know that were not walked) Leashed during sports games and practices sure, but maybe put up a schedule so dog owners are aware. But when it is not in use we should be able to use the space how we like. But I do agree with the playground being a no dog zone unless leashed.
2353	I do not support the proposed change	It didn't make sense to stop dogs being on the sports field when not in use or not closed. Families merry there and dogs socialize. It's a lovely open space for ball throwing and away from the road for the safety of the dogs
2360	I do not support the proposed change	Removing access to natural grass fields is unnecessarily strict. If they were artificial turf and fenced I could understand it, but it is a greenfields space. This change only penalises good dog owners.

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2383	I do not support the proposed change	Because there's no reason dogs should be banned from sports fields whe n they are not in use
2385	I do not support the proposed change	[redacted] for some years and always owned a registered dog. We have always controlled our dog and never encountered uncontrolled dogs. Dogs are always fully controlled with their owners present. All owners we have seen are very respectful of other park users, both sporting and recreational. By removing the right to walk dogs freely and in a controlled manner in a park which was legally entrusted to all the residents of this area, the Council is removing our right and freedom. I would strongly object to the proposed change to the current situation at Madill's Farm in Kohimarama.
2387	I do not support the proposed change	This proposal is just plain stupid. Enough said.
2388	I do not support the proposed change	We run / walk our dog daily at Madill's Farm. We always pick up her poop and love the fact that there is a large area for her to run on. We don't want these changes to happen as it will greatly restrict the areas we can use
2394	I support the proposed change	I love dogs but anywhere where people are using the playground or park, the dogs must be controlled by their owner. I have seen many times the dog poop doesn’t get picked up because the owner is not paying attention.
2399	I support the proposed change	It seems fair and rational that dogs have to be under control and on a leash in carparks and sportsurfcaes. But it is essential that there remain some off-leash area's where dogs can run free. With increased housing density in these area's, fewer residences have outdoor space for their dogs and dogs need to have exercise.
2401	I do not support the proposed change	The changes are unnecessary as the majority of users of this park are respectful and manage their dogs as well as cleaning up after them. The changes you are proposing classify all dogs and all dog owners as being the same rather than looking at the few owners in particular who do not clean up after their dogs or act responsibly in how their dogs behave. One rule does not fit all and the focus should be on education of the people who do not manage their dogs appropriately. My wife and I use this park on a daily basis to walk our dog and we have not witnessed any dogs attacking or being aggressive towards people other than one dog of an inappropriate breed whose owner could not control it as it was too strong for him to manage. We have seen very few instances of people not cleaning up after their dogs but others have assisted to clean up. There are a large number of people who use this park because of its proximity and to limit the use as proposed would push large numbers of dogs into relatively small spaces and increase the likelihood of aggressive protective behaviour from the dogs. At the moment the dogs are able to keep their distance from each other and not impact on the use of the park by sporting activities. The Council and its staff should as previously stated seek to educate those who do not clean up after their dogs or who do not have sufficient control of their dogs rather than banning the use of the areas proposed under the changes.

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2406	I do not support the proposed change	There are limited places to walk dogs off leash currently. This is further restricting safe places for owners to take dogs to give a run around for the mental and physical health of the dog. Restricting these may mean that more dogs escape their property to get proper exercise. Also why does Crossfield reserve not have the same rules of other sports parks. The rules are inconsistent.
2409	I do not support the proposed change	As per my previous. We use Madills farm regularly to let our dog run,. It's a great place for us to do this we have small back yard and she needs to be able run. We pay exorbitant rates which pays for these parks to be maintained why should we if we cannot use the space how we wish. Why should one small club who don't pay rates use this space solely for them! It's it right.
2415	I do not support the proposed change	I live locally to Madills farm and am there most days with my dog. It is already a restricted park and does not need any further restrictions placed on it, I believe that would only make our community suffer. At Madills, not only has my dog made friends who he has grown up with and plays with regularly, all of the owners have forged friendships with neighbours and established a real sense of community that would be lost. Madills is one of very few places in the area where our dogs are free to roam and they adore it. It is an integral part of our neighbourhood and I would hate to see this change. I do not support this proposal at all and I sincerely hope the council reconsiders for the sake of the wellbeing of our dogs and our community.
2424	I do not support the proposed change	It is not dogs ruining the sports surfaces. As ratepayers are contributing to ground ownership they are grounds for all including our animals. . Should the sports clubs lease the grounds at a fair rate and pay maintenance on the fields the conversation may be different.
2427	I do not support the proposed change	The park was given to the people for everyone to enjoy, doing this is going to takeaway from the community. I think people shouldn't focus on the dogs at the park and instead on those parents who litter and leave their trash everywhere when watching the soccer games as that is of more concern and more harm to the community than allowing dogs a few moments of freedom when the fields are not in use. Also the fields are not in use for majority of the day, so saying no one is allowed to use the park during those hours especially those who just want to walk in a safe environment with their dogs is ridiculous. Honestly the fact this topic is even in discussion is insane.

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2439	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need to be able to run, they can only do this when they are let off the leash and there are very few places where this can happen safely (ie where you can see your dogs and be sure they are not on the road). The area set aside for dogs to be off leash at Madills is not very big for the number of users of the park and runs the risk of dogs running out onto the road, Additionally this area is close to the playground where there will be young children who are scared of dogs, it would seem having off-leash dogs closer to the playground to be counter intuitive to improving safety. Will you fence this area to make it safer for the dogs/children because I'm pretty sure dogs won't understand the area they are allowed to be in. I understand some people do not clean up after their dog and this results in dog poo on the sports fields which is not idea, but as there are no other open space areas nearby for dogs to run this is what happens. Will you be providing some space within the Orakei Local Board area where dogs can have a decent run off-lead?It feels like by reducing the area in which dogs can run is the start of banning dogs from these parks entirely-this is certainly not community minded and I feel Council are responding to a loud minority as opposed to listening to people who own the dogs and are responsible users of these spaces.
2453	I do not support the proposed change	The dogs need somewhere to play and i only see responsible dog owners there-apart from the paid dog walkers who can't control all those dogs at once and pick up after them. The soccer club is trying to own the fields, its not acceptable to give them so much control over the fields when they only use them a few hours at a time.
2457	I do not support the proposed change	I think the current rules at Madills are a good compromise between the dog walkers and the sports field users. I am familiar with both as a dog owner and an Eastern Suburbs football mum for five years. The football club should not take priority over the community that use this park to exercise their dogs as this park was not created as a sports facility. I walk my dog there every day and see many others, including a lot elderly people, doing the same. We often can't go to the beach because of the weather or other council rules. The current rules already ensure that we are not disturbing the footballers. In addition, the area set aside for them under the proposed rules is way too large based on how often and how much they use the fields. Walking my dog at Madills on the large fields there is one of the reasons I bought my house in Kohi. It benefits my dog as well as my physical and mental health. The proposed rules are too restrictive and would take all the pleasure out of this activity that is so important to me. I strongly feel that the proposed changes should NOT be made.
2463	I support the proposed change	Support changes. Important to continue to allow off leash park access at all times. Responsible behaviour important by dog owners but must allow off leash in parks.

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2467	I do not support the proposed change	This park is first and foremost a park, and should remain one for the entire community to enjoy. We play sport on those fields and we also recreationally walk our dogs there daily. There is plenty of room for us all enjoy the space. Any damage to the grounds fields is made mostly by wet boots on the turf. It is impossible for dogs to be damaging the grass in the way I have seen this indicated. This park is also very safe for children & familys and as a female I enjoy walking my dogs there safely. Walking a pet is a family job though, and our teenage daughter regularly takes them too. In regards to mess, and rubbish on the Fields's a lot of debris is left behind after trainings and games, so this is a human issue not a dog issue. This area, is a family area and a lot of families have dogs. The park should remain a park, with sports fields that use some of it. As for keeping it tidy, it's for all of us to pick up after ourselves. The club room should not be dominating this space as their own, there is ample evidence that the rates they pay up upkeep the fields is dismal and most of their expenses going through the club rooms instead. We currently respect the no dog policy during games and trainings and that should remain. Madills was gifted to the community as an inclusive park, it should remain one.
2468	I do not support the proposed change	" Dogs prohibited at all times on sports surfaces and must be under control on a leash in the vicinity when in use (Schedule 1(2))." This is a bit ridiculous. Madills Farm is one of the best local parks to have dogs off leash. Where else are we meant to take our dogs for proper exercise/runs? The park isn't just for sports. I believe the current rules are fine and do not need to be changed. There will be a lot of backlash and upset locals if you go ahead with these restrictions.
2469	I do not support the proposed change	Absolutely ridiculous. I have walked dogs here for 10+ years. There are very few cases of dogs damaging the playing fields, yet thousands of happy dogs and owners using the empty fields. It's also stupid to think that any new rules will be enforced, as none of the current ones are at any location in Auckland. Stop messing around wasting money on idiotic ideas to appease sports clubs. You get more money from dog owners than clubs! I will be arranging a dog protect outside Albert st.
2472	I do not support the proposed change	Irresponsible dog owners, who cause most of the issues, will not follow these rules. Only responsible owners will, who will then loose freedom to walk their dogs while the bad owners will still cause problems

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2474	I do not support the proposed change	I don't support the new rule banning dogs from being off-leash at Maddlis Farm Park as this new rule would be a big change to the park and would make it less enjoyable for many people. If dogs aren't allowed off-leash, lots of people will go to the nearby beaches, such as Kohimarama Beach, instead, which could get very crowded. Maddlis Farm was given to the council so that everyone could use it, not just for sports or specific activities. By making this rule, the council is taking away a fun part of the park that people love. I think the park should stay the way it is, with dogs allowed off-leash so that everyone can enjoy it. is
2478	I do not support the proposed change	There are hundreds of people who use these parks every day to walk their dogs. Considering the numbers of people, I think the problems are very few. Removing access to sports fields at all times is a vast overreaction and does not allow the majority of people who live in this area to either enjoy their local area. It is ridiculous to send people in their cars to drive outside the area to walk their dogs freely, as many will do if this change happens. As a local resident I also see a minority of sportspeople causing problems - eg leaving behind rubbish after games etc - but as they are the minority I know it would be unfair to ban sports. Same logic for the dogs. Let them enjoy the open spaces when they are not being used for sports - you'll keep more people happy this way!
2495	I do not support the proposed change	80% of the day and nearly all of summer the parks have no sport playing on them. Dogs have been walked in these parks for decades and are two of the few spots available. The sports club (of which I'm a member) can still proceed as normal without these proposed changes. Both groups can benefit from the lovely parked areas. Madills Farm was gifted to Akl for the use of allowing the community to enjoy the open spaces - this includes the joy of walking your dog and enjoying the fresh air. I think the changes are completely unnecessary as dogs have little impact on the sports fields. Whilst games are on the dogs must remain off but other times the area should be used for ALL. That's what it was gifted for. Please keep Madills and Glover for dogs, people and sports groups where the current rules work. No CHANGE.
2505	I do not support the proposed change	These parks are used extensively by dog walkers. A majority of park users at any time (barring sports games) are people walking dogs. Restricting access as proposed would sterilize the park for a majority of users outside sports games. Further, the change proposed is to to fix a problem which doesn't exist (with the exception of outlier instances). As a regular dog walker I have never seen the problems which this bylaw is trying to fix.

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2508	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is a park that is currently used by sports users some of the time and dog owners at almost all times, and fulfills a great dog exercise and recreation role for many many people in the Eastern Bays. Most dogs are small and people have them well under control and/or on leash when there are any sports activities. Removing the access at all time to the areas where there is sometimes sports, massively reduces the function and accessibility of the park to local resident and will have a hugely negative impact on the local community. I am also not aware what the reason for the change is as my kids all take part in sports there and I have never seen any issues with dogs.
2527	I do not support the proposed change	The existing policy is appropriate for the area. The sports area is a key meeting point for dog owners in the community and is a great way for people to exercise their dogs safely. Dog walkers are using the area at a different time from when the sports fields are in use and both groups of users are respectful of the other and share the space without issue. Prohibiting dog access to the sports fields when they are not in use would limit the space available for dog walkers, which could lead to increase risk of adverse events such as conflict between dogs or dogs running onto roads or getting too close to the playground area.
2539	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is a wonderful resource for the entire community including people, sports and dogs. It is a friendly community who are regular, well trained dog owners and who often meet to socialise their dogs on a daily basis. We love the community sport played at Madills Farm and don't see how the two can't be compatible. Restricting the whole park to a dogs under leash at all times policy will greatly impact the need to connect our dogs to nature and for them to exercise and socialise freely. The park is only used at certain times of the day for sport and is otherwise used very little. I urge you to not disrupt the love we have to enjoy the park with dogs as this will greatly impact our local community.
2541	I do not support the proposed change	Maddills park is well used by dog owners and is not big enough to be able to take away the sports fields. The sports fields are also at the safest end to let dogs run free.
2548	I do not support the proposed change	This has been a safe place that I have taken my dog for 14 years, and have always been able to and feel safe going here . This was a gift to all the people to be used as a dog park. This is a social place to walk dogs. I totally disagree with this ban of off leash and not being able to take dogs there.
2557	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm was originally intended for the benefit of all the community, this includes all the park. Why does a sports field have sole use of the majority of the area? I propose no change to the current law.
2569	I do not support the proposed change	The rule changes to Madills are unfair. Madills is a place for everyone in the community to use. It is unfair and let the sport grounds dictate the use of these grounds. Dogs already have so many restrictions in Auckland and this would further limit the areas dogs can use off leash. We pay lots of money in dog registration each year and I feel that we do not get anything in return for this. I strongly oppose these changes.
2574	I do not support the proposed change	It is a critical area for dog owners, and one of safer ones. Closing off one off lead area puts additional pressure / increased dog numbers in other areas. We want socialised dogs and having fewer areas will create issues such as dog owners letting dogs off lead in other unauthorised areas

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2581	I do not support the proposed change	The community highly values the original criteria of usage for these sports parks namely that unrestricted public use of the entire parks is permitted. This includes of-leash dog walking on sports grounds when organise sport is not in progress. In Madills Farm, dog walkers outnumber users for organised sport.
2594	I support the proposed change	Full support for the councils policy, we have to accommodate all users of green spaces. This includes dog owners and sports users. Dog owners can use any number of spaces in Auckland. Sports users can only use designated fields so are more limited. Dogs fouling sports fields is dangerous for young and old playing sport. While 90% of dog owners take ownership of their responsibilities, we are all well aware and have observed others who ignore their responsibility. We cannot have dog excrement risking the health of young children. Beaches are the same issue. Sports facilities are a critical aspect of council provided facilities and cannot be compromised. Keep dogs off. Dog owners are generally good people, but some are very entitled and abusive when you remind them of their obligations and council rules. As a result the community are reluctant to challenge them when breaches occur. Sadly beach access is regularly abused by dog owners. Keep sports fields dog free, and have some beaches dog free
2603	Other (please explain below)	I do support buy only with investment in wider hard surface tracks around the park..the park is getting busier and busier and should provide for walkers , cyclists (particularly children learning) and in dedicated parts dogs being exercised and their owners to meet..not on playing fields.
2616	I do not support the proposed change	This change is ridiculous to say the least. As a ratepayer I am entitled to use my local recreational park for my own enjoyment. It is a safe place to walk the dog. It is also flat. Many elderly or less able people are not able to walk their dogs on the surrounding area at glover as it is on a slope. The sports club should not have sole access to our local park. What right do they have to this?? What do they pay for it?? The children playing sports do damage to the field not the dogs! That is a natural consequence of playing g sports on grass! Perhaps the sports co vs should pay for repair. How much rent are they paying for sole use of the area! I have never seen a dog dig up the field. I have seen naughty children doing this! You are punishing rate paying dog owners for invalid reasons. We have as much right to use this park as the sports players. It is not used at all during the week!! So to have to avoid the area with my dog so that she does not walk on the grass which causes absolutely no damage is beyond ridiculous! It is a draconian response. This should be out to the community to vote on. It is a community space and the whole community can decide how it is used. But no group should be excluded
2618	I do not support the proposed change	This would be too restrictive on dog access to outdoor spaces particularly over summer. This does not align to the intended use of the parks.
2627	I support the proposed change	Madills is a limited space area where many people are using it for many different things. Some owners do not have their dogs under control or on leash at the playground, sports fields or in the car park. These areas should be limited for dogs. There is still some accommodation for off leash in the park which is good. This change seems to be sensible.

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2642	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is a safe haven for the local dogs to run around and socialise. As a home owner and dog owner of multiple dogs, living in Kohimarama, Madills Farm being off leash in the marked sports area, was the primary reason we chose to live there. Changing this would dishearten us living in Kohimarama.
2643	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is a safe space for owners and dogs to socialise at any time of the day with good paths, good lighting, and a good surface - at any time of the day. I've got to know other people using the space and enjoy seeing people there. Living on my own, it was a life saver for me during CoVid restrictions and is a favourite place for me to walk and to exercise my brother's dog when I am babysitting her. I enjoy seeing dogs playing and socialising, getting the exercise they need in a place that is safe from traffic. The sports groups only use the space during cricket and soccer seasons and for some practice after school. But so much of the time the park is not being used by sports people - instead being used for exercise and dogs - walking and playing. It is a communal space for all. To restrict the area so that dogs can be (off leash and/or on leash) seems unnecessary and very restrictive. In fact the proposed place dogs can be is small and the more dangerous area of the park - being near to the road. The dog owners using the space are generally all very responsible to oversee their dogs and clean up after them. I would like to see the park available for all - kids, dogs, walkers, cyclists, runners and sports teams. We share the space well and are respectful of each other - including the sports teams.
2656	I do not support the proposed change	There is no reason for this policy. The parks are paid for by the ratepayers and therefore should be able to be used be everybody. There are no reasonable reasons to not allow dogs on playing fields when they are not in use. I take my dog to glover and madills everyday and have never seen a dog dig holes, or poop being left behind. There is always ample amounts of rubbish left behind from kids sports games - food litter, drink bottles and sports equipment. It's not the dogs that wreck the grounds, it is the players who cut up the grass from soccer from sliding, tackling and kicking which is even worse in the winter. Elderly people find these flat grounds a safe and easy place to let their dogs run around and it is a place for the community to meet and bond. It seems that the football clubs are pushing for this without having respect for all areas of the community. They do no own the field, the ratepayers do and it should be used by all at appropriate times. Off leash areas encourage better socialised dogs and a good meeting place for people who may feel lonely or want to chat to someone. The council is stripping this from the public and it is not fair. The park should be available to all, at appropriate times, there is no need to restrict others for no justifiable reason.

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2660	I do not support the proposed change	As a dog owner it isn't the rules that need to change, it's education of dog owners and ban of certain breeds of dog like they have in other countries. Irresponsible dog owners still won't follow the rules as they don't follow the rules now. Making them stricter only impacts the responsible dog owners by giving less space for dogs to be exercised. The proposals are not practical- it can be hard to see sport field boundaries when they are not in use as the markings are often only painted during the sport season. This making it impossible to keep to the new proposed rules unless you put a fence around the area. Also, we have an increasing issue with roaming dogs. These changes won't stop these dog roaming sports fields. Based on these limitations I don't believe the proposed changes will have any positive impact instead will have a negative impact on existing dog owners and their dogs. We are not a dog friendly country compared to others like the UK and France. We should be taking their lead not tightening the rules further.
2663	I support the proposed change	Madills farm is covered in dog faeces and only a minority of owners clean up behind them. There are so many unleashed and uncontrolled dogs that the area is effectively off limits for any people who're in any way afraid or not confident around animals. A significant minority of dog owners are aggressive and abusive toward anyone who asks them to control their animals. It's just too much and I fully support more reasonable limits on this group which currently overwhelms this public space.
2665	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs already have limited places to go. Why can't they use these spaces when they aren't in use for sports. I frequent these places all the time and have never seen any issues. You should focus on the out of control stray dogs in Auckland not penalise the responsible dog owners.
2677	I do not support the proposed change	Parks should be for all of the community to use, including dogs. There is a huge network of dog walkers around Madills Farm (and Glover Park) who rely on the space at Madills t9nektbtheir dog off the lead to exercise. I have a large dog that needs off leash exercise and Madills provides a safe space to do that
2678	I do not support the proposed change	There is no good reason for the change as far as I understand.
2683	I support the proposed change	[redacted] I have had to stop the game multiple times as dogs run through the game. I also need to do a walk of the whole pitch to remove poo before the game. Equally when we have training dogs have stolen balls and run through training. With young kids this can be traumatic and prevent them from enjoying sports which is vital for a strong up ring and health

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2688	I do not support the proposed change	We enjoy regularly walking our two small dogs off leash at Glover Park, the nearest large open space for them to safely and cleanly run around. Like most people, we are respectful of sports activity and keep our dogs on leads when sports activity is in progress. Glover Park, and Madills for that matter, are sufficiently large areas as to be enjoyed by all park-goers. As for the comment about dogs damaging sports surfaces, I find it hard to believe that a dog running around off leash would do anywhere near the damage a sportsperson wearing boots with sprigs would do. I see no need to prohibit use by dogs and their responsible owners. I find this an unnecessary proposal; a move to further erode the ever-dwindling freedoms we've all enjoyed for decades.
2693	I do not support the proposed change	We have used this area for 35 years with our dogs and now in our retirement it is a daily social engagement for us with our current dog. With our lesser mobility this area is a perfect ongoing important part of our daily exercise with our dog. We made a submission regarding Madills Farm and our objection to any dog rule change. Please note that although we walk daily in the park for social connection with our dog. Our dog is registered with another person so our name is not registered for any dog.
2694	I do not support the proposed change	Off-leash dog-walking by the local community is the dominant use of this park. Preventing this on sports grounds, denies this activity over 80% of the park. Dog walkers value the area and are very good at disposing of their dog's poos responsibly. The camaraderie between all community users, dog-walkers or not, is important for our mental health and wellbeing. This rule change will disrupt that.
2703	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed change will make almost all of Madills Farm off limits to off leash exercise for dogs. I respect the fact that the council is keen to ensure the grounds are maintained and that they aren't damaged but I don't feel that taking all 5 of the football fields out of action is a good step forward. Glover Park is also basically off limits for off leash exercise through the winter. It is a very big step that will impact the dog walking community.
2708	I do not support the proposed change	We are in our retirement and it is a daily social engagement for us with our current dog. With our lesser mobility, this area (I am 83) is an important part of my daily exercise with our dog who needs to have a run. We need this space to use a ball thrower and for all the dogs to run together, which happens when we time our visit when there is a larger group. I look forward to this social connection with our neighbours. We are all passionate about our Madills area, we don't visit with our dogs during sport and for more than 2 months of the year the park is not used for sport so we pray for rules to remain as they are.

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2712	I do not support the proposed change	My comments relate to Madills Farm where I walk every day. The proposed change is excessive and prohibits dogs from using the majority of the park at all times. This change is in direct opposition to the land originally being gifted to the community for general use. This situation means that Madills farm is not intended for private use of the sports club, which pays a small annual fee for using the area. We the people (including dog walkers) are paying the rates, which cost thousands a year just for this one park, to maintain the sports grounds for the sports club, and it is ridiculous to propose banning a large part of the park's users from using the area. A huge number of people walk their dogs in Madills Farm. The proposed ban would prohibit dogs being able to safely run around for many dog walkers in nearby neighborhoods who use Madills Farm to exercise their dog off leash. There are few off leash options for dogs in the surrounding area. Therefore, banning dogs from most of Madills Farm would have large consequences for multiple dog owners in neighborhoods in the area. I wish to add to my response to why I do not support banning dogs from the sports field at Madills Farm Recreation Reserve. Specifically, I wish to address the reason by council for proposing this ban (to better protect the health and safety of sports users and dogs and sports surfaces from damage). The local board has suggested that dogs are damaging the fields, but this claim must be balanced against the reality of the wear and tear caused by other activities, particularly sports like football. Football games, along with other field sports, create considerable damage to sports fields over time. Data from various sports management organizations, including Auckland's own parks and recreation departments, has shown that the intensity of use from organised sports leagues often leads to field degradation. The combination of cleats, sharp turns, sliding tackles, and heavy foot traffic during games causes considerable compaction and wear, which can leave fields with bare patches, uneven surfaces, and soil erosion.
2717	I support the proposed change	I have had to pick up dog poo off sports Fields. Chase random dogs that run onto the field i i interrupting play and protect my children from zealous puppies off leash.
2726	I support the proposed change	The sports fields at Maddils Farm and Glover Park are continuously covered in holes made from dogs digging up the ground. While I support the freedom and playful nature of dogs, it seriously damages the sports fields and creates an unsafe environment for children playing and high level sports teams training on the fields. The proposed changes will hopefully eliminate the amount if holes in the sports fields and create a safer environment for athletes and children to play on.

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2738	I do not support the proposed change	Both Madills Farm and Glover Park are currently open for dogs off leash. This is well respected by dog owners and does not need to be changed. To say dogs must be kept off all sports surfaces is disingenuous. It is not possible to say what is and what isn’t a sports surface when the fields are not in use and there is no discernible markings to distinguish these ‘sports surfaces’. I have been a dog owner in this area for 30 years and all four of my children have played football at both Madills Farm and Glover Park with our dog safely on the sidelines. Whatever has prompted this proposed change is an excessive overreaction to what I can only assume are one or two complaints from a very minor section of the public who believe their precious offspring should be contained in bubble wrap at all times.
2744	I support the proposed change	We have lived in this area for 20+ years, raised three kids, gone to local schools and have used Madills extensively. The number of times that dogs off the leash have peed on drink bottles, kids prams run on to fields when little kids are playing touch is staggering. When you ask owners to control their dogs they behave as if it's your fault that you are using the sports fields rather than the other way round. The amount of dog ********** that gets left behind is another real issue. Two of my kids continue to play competitive football at Eastern Suburbs so we get to see the condition of a number of other football grounds both in Auckland and other cities. There is no doubt in my mind that the fields at Madills are in the worst condition of any other football club we play at. The number of holes dug by dogs is staggering and the owners simply appear not to care. I 100% endorse the change that there be no dogs, leash or not, on the sports field areas. There is still plenty of park for dogs at the far end of the park.
2745	I do not support the proposed change	Dog owners who use Madills Farm are very responsible. They control their dogs if it is required to prevent them from interrupting sports events. The park is a unique space in this area where dogs and humans can socialize for the betterment of all. My experience after living close by for many years is that this park does not need more controls.

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2748	I do not support the proposed change	This is a community space we enjoy using daily with our family, friends and dogs, it should not be considered a single sport facility and there should be accessibility for all. The flat grounds of the park are ideal for older adults and those with mobility challenges, enabling dog lovers of all ages to meet, socialise, and exercise their pets. Madills Park provides safety and peace of mind to all because it is naturally shielded from the road and the off-leash area offers a secure space for dogs to play and socialise without risk of traffic accidents. The on-field lighting also makes this a much safer space for women and older folk in the darker winter months. This designated off-leash area helps ease demand on other public spaces, like nearby Kohimarama Beach. Anyone who has visited Madills on a weekday afternoon can see how vibrant and essential this space is as a community hub, with dogs at its heart. Restricting dog access to a small portion of the park compromises safety by forcing dogs and their owners closer to busy roads and undermines Madills Farm's role as a shared community space, reducing it to little more than a single-purpose sports facility. Thank you and hopefully common sense prevails.
2752	I do not support the proposed change	I believe the tax payer pays more than the sports business for this field. The soccer establishmemt does not clear rubbish after use as I previously stated. A dog died eating rubbish adjacent to the soccer building this year already. The road is very close to the path and not a dog proof fence. The footpath is narrow for all the proposed dog walkers ,bikers runners. The holes suggested by the sports business to be made by dogs are in aline!There are holes filled with sand only and I don't see any signs stating the dog owners responseablity . Eg there is a man who walks ahead of his Labrador with no leash instight ignoring his toileting ,then walks around the neighborhood. The few let down the many! Promote good owner responseablity,signs, even a human to converse and correct negligence. To my view the field is being spent on alot by the Auckland council for the sports upkeep and little for it's ratepayers whom you are obligated too.
2754	I do not support the proposed change	We use Madills farm to walk out dogs and it's a really dog friendly place with a good community. Changing this would affect the community negativly.
2757	I do not support the proposed change	This park is equally if not more used by dog owners to sports players. I walk there daily and have NEVER seen poop or holes dug by dogs. It is obviously fair for dogs to not be allowed in sports fields when sports are happening, but otherwise, this will affect a huge amount of people who's primary source of exercise for their dogs is this off leash park

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2766	I do not support the proposed change	Madills is a public space used by many people of all ages. People meet while the dogs play off lead at all times of the day. The sport ground is only used for a small amount of time and the land should be able to be accessed when not in use. We should all be able to work together to make the most of this important community space. It is.a very important facility for many people not just the sporting community. When I moved to Auckland and new noone in covid, the Madills dog community were very kind to my son and myself, including us in their group. It would have been very lonely without this contact and we have made amazing friends through meeting at the park. They shared their dogs with us until we got our own. We have moved to Remuera but still go back to Madills for this important social connection and the joy of having our dog of lead. I am sure there are many people from all walks of life who also value the social connections and have their own stories to tell.. It is more than a park it is a vital community outdoor space. It should be utilised by the sports community and the dog community. Madills is our happy place.
2769	I do not support the proposed change	We have been walking our dogs for years in this area and admit there has been some owners that haven't done the right thing but believe me we all the regular's, police them even handing out bags to them and pick up others mess so please don't penalize the good because of a few rat bags . Our dog are our friends and companions that deserve to have a lovely walk before dark, they we need the exercise.
2776	I do not support the proposed change	Accessibility for all: The flat grounds are ideal for older adults and those with mobility challenges, enabling dog lovers of all ages to meet, socialize, and exercise their pets. Safety and peace of mind: Naturally shielded from the road by a small hill, the off-leash area offers a secure space for dogs, especially puppies, to play and socialize without risk of traffic accidents. The on-field lighting also makes this a much safer space for women in the darker winter months. Reduced pressure on other spaces: This designated off-leash area helps ease demand on other public spaces, like nearby Kohimarama Beach.
2786	I do not support the proposed change	This has been a space for dogs to play off lead my whole life. I fail to see why it needs to change. It is a public sheared space and to prohibit a group of people with no clear reason or justification is unjust. This space is not a wildlife reserve, so our native flora and fauna are not at risk. If the only reason the rules are being changed is cause a private company (soccer club) want more control, than they should buy it out and pay for its up keep. Rather than my rates paying to keep their fields green. If I pay for it then I should be allowed to use it had I have been my whole life.
2792	I do not support the proposed change	I feel that when sport is not being played on fields dogs should be free to walk and play there providing owners are responsible and pick up their dog’s pooh.

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2800	I do not support the proposed change	Madills is a VERY popular dog walking area for local residents like myself. It provides a safe, flat, wide open space to exercise our dog (and myself). I've been a local resident for 10 years and my children have grown up here using the Madills sports fields for St Thomas's school sports and Eastern Suburbs Football Club. I see no reason why the sports fields can't be shared. Prohibiting dogs from the sports areas at all times means the fields will not be used the majority of the time which is a waste of such a great green space. The current co-share rules are working well and I see no need to change them.
2804	I do not support the proposed change	The area proposed to be able to be used off leash is very small if they are not allowed on the sports surfaces at Madills at all. The proposed off leash area at Madills is by the dangerous road and there are very few local off leash areas that are away from roads. Also the fields are the main flat areas for people to walk their dogs safely for the elderly and also for dogs to chase balls away from the road. At glover, restricting the dogs from the fields means the mainly have to run on the hills which is not suitable for elderly or people with young children - keeping the dogs to just the path also is not suitable as they will need to chase their balls up the hills. The rights of dog owners must be considered aswell as organised sports people. For many dog owners, dog walking is their sport. It's not just about the dogs - it's about the people walking the dogs - for many people nowadays, taking a dog for a walk and allowing it to run off leash safely is an important part of their well-being and mental health. It gets them out of their house twice a day. It gives them exercise and a chance to socialise. I think this should be given just as high regard as those wishing to participate in organised sport. The park needs to be available for so many people living in walking distance to it to use it fully when sports activities are not using it. It is a valuable resource that shouldn't be left empty of the day just to save it for the sports which are only on some of the day. There might be the odd dog owner who doesn't remove the poo but this is a minority (bring bag the plastic bags for those who occasionally find they have run out of bags). There is a great deal of rubbish left around the fields by sports users and they have not been banned from using the area. From a personal perspective, my son has autism and cannot attend school. He loves to go to the fields during the day and interact with the adults there who are chatting and throwing balls to their dogs in the field area - this is great for his mental health and encourages him to leave the house. If dogs are no longer allowed on the fields, the area left to use is so small that there is not enough area
2812	I do not support the proposed change	The sports fields are used for a limited amount of time. I have seen how these changes in rules have destroyed the local dog community socially in other areas like Shore Rd. Previously it had like Madills farm a fabulous community but now that has all gone.

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2825	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is a recreational park intended for all in the neighbouring community including dogs. The area is not solely a sports field, and as the football club do not own this land, and this land is for all, it should therefore be a shared space. Why are they the priority and dictating the rules? Most millennial families, including my own, are not having children and our dogs are our children and they require the same rights to a space to exercise. As housing in this area does not allow much land, there is little opportunity for them to exercise to this scale in the home or garden. While on the map the proposed new off-leash area looks large, this space is in fact a slopped bank with trees allowing very little space for dogs to exercise. It is not an appropriate piece of land where I, the dog owner, can run and exercise with my dog due to the uneven level. There are no other parks in the area for dogs to exercise, yet there are several schools plus the large Barfoot stadium where sports could be conducted. In summer dogs are again limited to leash only on the beaches, yet sports such as volleyball can take place here. Dog owners already pay sufficient fees towards dog rates, as owners in the neighbourhood we also pay hefty rates. This recreational area should be for all, not the entitled sports participants only. Dogs do not cause any damage to the sports field, the sports themselves cause holes in the grass and worn lawn through football, touch rugby and cricket so this reasoning offers a very poor defence.
2829	I do not support the proposed change	Both Madills Farm and Crossfields Reserve are such wonderful community assets. It would be a terrible shame to reduce use of these assets by further restricting dog off leash activity when the sports fields are not in use. (which is the vast majority of the time). This would be a very big backwards step for the community if these changes were made.
2831	I do not support the proposed change	It makes no sense that dogs are not allowed on the sports fields when they are not in use. Madills in particular are so heavily used by dog owners, if you walk past there are always dogs running around. It creates great sociaisation. You are then expecting dog owers to drive in a car with their dogs to off leash areas which are much further away resulting in more carbon emissions or they won't and you start to limit the wellbeing of dogs which is the whole intent of the bylaw. It should be left that same.

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2834	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes to the park's dog policy would negatively impact the dog-owning community, making it harder for responsible pet owners to enjoy public spaces with their dogs. For many of us, parks are not just for exercise but are essential to our daily routines, offering a safe space for our pets to socialize, explore, and get the physical and mental stimulation they need. The complete ban on dogs in sports fields eliminates an important area where dogs can run off-leash when the fields are not in use. These open spaces are especially valuable when other areas are crowded or not suitable for off-leash activities. With fewer available spaces, we may be forced to walk our dogs on streets or in smaller, less safe areas. For someone like me, a single woman, safety is a huge concern. I rely on having the option to let my dog off-leash in more open, less crowded areas where I feel secure. With fewer spaces available for off-leash activity, I worry about being forced into more isolated or unfamiliar areas, especially at night or during off-peak hours. My dog provides me with both companionship and a sense of safety when I'm out alone, and these new restrictions would take away that comfort. With fewer off-leash spaces, dog owners will be concentrated in the remaining designated zones, leading to overcrowding and frustration. This could also make it harder for our dogs to socialize or exercise properly, as well as impact others who prefer quiet, dog-free areas. For many of us, the park is a social hub, not just for our dogs but for ourselves too. The proposed changes could create a sense of exclusion, limiting our ability to enjoy the park with our pets as we once did. The current rules, which allowed for controlled off-leash activity in specific areas and times, struck a good balance between safety and providing dog owners the space we need to enjoy the outdoors with our pets.
2835	I do not support the proposed change	They were parks before sports grounds. Lots of people take their dogs for a walk off leash whilst kids are training and I have never seen an issue. Dog owners do and should be more responsible for their pets with picking up after them. Maybe more signs saying and encouraging this behaviour. I also see lots of social groups meeting up together with their pets at these parks.
2836	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules are successfully working. I have been dog walking daily on and off leash here for 15+ years, have yet to observe anyone blatantly disregarding rules or causing concern.
2854	Other (please explain below)	I understand you are planning to stop dogs being walked on Madills Farm at all times. Madills Farm was left to all residents not just to a select group. It works well as it is now and doesn't need any changes. If there are any problems it is bike riders and scooters who speed up silently behind walkers giving non warning. If they had warning devices e.g. bells we would happily move onto the grass to get out other way.

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2861	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is for “mixed use recreation” for Eastern Suburbs residents. Madills Farm is an amazing park for dog owners and their dogs to meet and socialise - both owners and dogs. Many Eastern Suburb locals go to Madills twice a day, morning and night, to exercise their dogs and interact with others in the community. The middle of the park is the meeting place for many people as their dogs run and play together off-lead in a wide open safe space, away from roads. [redacted] Madills is the place where we take our little bichon Momo. My husband works from home so goes down every day at ~4pm to meet up with other doggy daddies, and we go together at various times every Saturday and Sunday. It is our go-to park to walk Momo and let her run safely. We avoid some of the other off-leash dog parks (such as Waitarua Park) because of the type of dogs that are off-lead there, and the known dog attacks from amongst our dog owner community. Kohi Beach can be a good place, however poisonous sea slugs are a threat (death), the summer dog hours make it less flexible, and specifically our Bichon gets itchy feet from the sand. I do appreciate that there are some dog owners who bring us all into disrepute – those who sit in their cars, or who wander around with headphones or on facetime calls - while their dog roams free digging and defecating where it wants. Please don’t take away our safe off-leash recreation area because of just a few people, and to give preference to organised sports clubs over and above other park users. Alternative Suggestion
2888	I do not support the proposed change	There is no clear justification for the changes based on specific data for the recreational area. Link a real demonstrated issue at the location with the policy proposal! If the changes are approved it would mean less use of a recreational area. Huge extents of grassed areas not used between Mondays and Fridays during the day or in the evenings. Proposed changes will require dog owners to get in vehicles to drive to other areas to walk their animals - this is not sustainable and carbon emissions will be created. The current rules are easily understandable already and enable multiple users of the reserve area. The proposals further penalise responsible dog owners while those irresponsible dog owners will still ignore the rules.

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2905	I do not support the proposed change	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed restrictions on dogs being allowed off-leash at Madills Farm. As a 19-year-old university student, I regularly walk my dog at this park. It's a vital part of my routine that provides both exercise and fresh air, as well as an opportunity for my dog to burn off energy. My dog is large and simply cannot get the exercise he needs from an on-leash walk alone. The proposed off-leash area is not practical or safe. It is located near a busy road, which is particularly concerning for large, energetic dogs and for owners trying to ensure their safety. Furthermore, there are very few local off-leash areas that are away from roads, making Madills Farm an essential space for the community. The sports fields at Madills Farm are one of the only flat and open areas available for dogs to safely chase balls and run freely. This space is not only used by dog owners like me, but also by elderly residents and families with young children, who benefit from the safe, accessible terrain. The alternative—restricting dogs to paths or hills—is not practical for many members of the community, especially those with mobility issues or small children. While I understand the need to maintain the fields for organized sports, it is important to also consider the rights of dog owners. For many people, walking their dog is their primary form of exercise and a crucial part of their mental health and well-being. Allowing dogs off-leash safely is not just about the dogs—it's about the physical and mental health of the owners too. The fields are a shared community resource that should remain available to
2906	I support the proposed change	I think dogs should be well under control when at sports grounds and around playgrounds.

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2912	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed off-leash area at Madills Farm is significantly limited, particularly if dogs are entirely restricted from the sports fields. The designated off-leash area is situated near a hazardous road, and there are very few local off-leash spaces that are both safe and away from traffic. The sports fields provide one of the few flat, open spaces where elderly residents can safely walk their dogs and where dogs can chase balls without proximity to roads. At Glover Park, restricting dogs to the hills is impractical and unsafe for older individuals and families with young children due to the steep terrain. Furthermore, limiting dogs to paths or uneven hillsides does not accommodate their need for open space to run and play. The needs and rights of dog owners should be afforded equal consideration to those of organised sports users. For many individuals, walking their dogs is not only an essential form of recreation but also a critical component of their physical and mental well-being. Dog walking provides exercise, fosters social interaction, and promotes community connection. These benefits are of equal importance to those provided by organised sports and should be treated with the same level of regard. The park is a shared community resource and should remain accessible to all, especially during times when sports activities are not taking place. Leaving the fields unused for significant portions of the day solely to preserve them for sports limits the potential for the community to fully utilise the space. While it is acknowledged that there are occasional instances of dog waste not being removed, this issue involves a minority of dog owners and could be mitigated by reinstating plastic bag dispensers. Notably, litter left by sports users has not resulted in comparable restrictions, highlighting an inconsistency in the treatment of these concerns. I [illegible]
2926	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support the exclusion of dogs from sports fields when they are not in use. This "sports field area" of Madill's Farm, which is marked as soccer fields, represents the majority of the park. Eastern Suburbs AFC already has a disproportionate usage rights to this public area. To further monopolise this is an unreasonable benefit to a small group. Excluding dogs from the marked sports fields when they are NOT in use for sports activities will decrease the usage of this valuable area by the public. The increase in building density in the surrounding suburbs requires greater provision of areas for people to exercise their dogs as many dwellings no longer have outdoor areas such as gardens in which dogs may exercise. No harm is caused by dogs exercising off-leash when no one is using the park for sports such as football. The football activities cause damage to the field, particularly at the mid-field kick off area and other areas around the goals and corners.

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2928	I do not support the proposed change	It feels unfair that dogs won't be allowed on the fields at Madills Farm. The off-leash area is so small, and it's right next to a dangerous road. There aren't many places around here where dogs can run and play safely without being near cars. The fields are the best spot because they're flat and open, which makes them safe for dogs to chase balls and for older people to walk them. At Glover Park, if dogs can't go on the fields, they'll have to run on the steep hills, which isn't safe for kids, older people, or the dogs. Keeping them on paths isn't fun either because they need space to run around. Dogs and their owners should matter just as much as sports teams. Walking dogs is really important for people, too. It helps them exercise, feel happy, and meet other people in the community. A lot of people rely on walking their dogs to stay active and healthy, and that's just as important as playing sports. The park is for everyone, and it feels wrong for it to sit empty most of the time just to save it for sports. Sports aren't happening all day, so why can't dogs use it when it's free? Yes, sometimes people forget to pick up their dog's poo, but most people are responsible, and if there were bag dispensers, it would help. Also, there's often litter from sports players, but they don't get banned. That doesn't seem fair. Please let dogs play on the fields when no one is using them for sports. It's a community park, and everyone should be able to enjoy it.
2930	I do not support the proposed change	The sports grounds take up a large amount of the Madills Farm space, which should be permitted to be used by all members of the community. For the vast majority of time I am at this park, there is no sport on - early mornings, during the day, late evenings. Families and people with dogs are equal members of the community, and all respect each other. Especially in this area, I never see evidence a negative co-existence. If you didn't permit dogs on the sports surface most of these parks would not be used by anyone most of the time, and it would be a waste of space. Dogs owners in this community are responsible and often are also from the same households of the people using the sports fields.

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2938	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed off-leash area at Madills Farm is extremely limited, especially if dogs are not allowed on the sports fields at all. The suggested off-leash area is located near a dangerous road, and there are very few local off-leash spaces that are both safe and away from traffic. The fields are among the only flat, open spaces where elderly people can safely walk their dogs or where dogs can chase balls without being near roads. At Glover Park, restricting dogs to the hills is impractical for older individuals and families with young children, as the terrain is challenging and unsafe. Forcing dogs to stick to paths or chase balls on steep slopes is neither safe nor enjoyable for dogs or their owners. The rights and needs of dog owners deserve the same consideration as those of organised sports players. For many, walking their dogs is their primary form of exercise and socialisation, making it a vital part of their physical and mental well-being. Allowing dogs to run off-leash safely gets people out of their homes, keeps them active, and fosters community interaction. These benefits should be regarded just as highly as those of organised sports. The park is a shared community resource and should be available to everyone, especially when sports activities are not in progress. Leaving the fields unused for large parts of the day solely to preserve them for sports does a disservice to the many people living nearby who rely on the park for recreation. While there may be occasional issues with dog waste, this is a minority issue that could be mitigated by reinstating plastic bag dispensers. It's also worth noting that rubbish left behind by sports users has not led to bans, highlighting an inconsistency in how these issues are addressed. I urge you to reconsider your decision and allow off-leash dogs on the fields when they are not in use for sports. This would ensure the park remains a space that can

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2941	I do not support the proposed change	As I understand it dogs should be allowed to run off leash whenever the grounds are not being used by sports clubs. As I understand the law Glover park was given to the citizens of Auckland to be used by all. The sports clubs should not be given exclusivity. Dog owners pay taxes and registration and therefore when not in use by the sports clubs should have the rights to let the dogs run free. Why can't we share the grounds as we have done in the past. May I point out that the sports clubs run a very lucretive business. I Have been a resident taxpayer taxpayer for 25 years [redacted] I [redacted] have used this park for both off and on lead for dog walking and (my grandchildren) have used it for football. As I understand it it is a park to be used by all citizens and ratepayers. It is a great off lead park for dogs and should remain so. It is preposterous that you are contemplating denying us this. may I point out that the sports people leave more rubbish than the odd dog poo that we are blamed for. Now I don't want to deny the sports clubs use of Glover park but can we not share. And if you do bring in these rules how would you monitor it? With taxpayers money? Bear in mind that the sports clubs make alot of money from private coaching and yearly enrolments to join these clubs. Also dog owners pay registration to the city council for the use of these parks. So why not leave the status quo and use some common sense here and leave Glover park as a shared community park for all clubs and social events to continue.
2951	I do not support the proposed change	These areas are mostly used as sports fields on weekends and the existing rules provide sufficient separation and protections. All other times dogs should be allowed to run and play as per the existing rules.

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3041	I do not support the proposed change	In 2004, Madills Farm was designated as an "off-leash" dog exercise park. Thousands of residents use Madills Farm and Glover Park every year to walk their dogs, let them play and socialise, and the owners meet their friends regulary. It's a social place for local residents. The Football club was only supposed to use the grounds over winter and most of the residents are ok with this. I understand the Soccer Club only pay $1000 a year for ground maintenance which is not enough as there is contant work going on at the sports pitches as they are using the park more and more. Allowing the Football club to take over the majority of the Park is completely wrong as Madills Farm was mean't for everyone not just the few when they have matches or practice. The majority of dog owners are very respectful to others and pick up their dog waste. There are very few off the leash parks to take your dog to in the area for a good run and a play. With more and more people becoming lonely, a dog makes a great companion and Madills Farm is a lovely park to take your pet to. It should still be an off the leash park and the sports club needs to have its own facilities. As an Auckland rate payer and the huge amount I pay each year and I register my dog every year I think its a right for residents to expect a good level of amenities in the area that we live it. That includes a park such as Madill's to take my dog to. I absolutely do not agree with the council changing the rules and I will help fight it as much as I can.
3046	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support this change at all because it is my dogs favourite place to go and it is a huge centre piece for the community in the eastern bays. This cannot happen,
3057	I do not support the proposed change	Parks are family focused. Pets are family. Simple
3074	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm was left to the community for community use, this includes dogs/dog walkers. The football club does not own the fields and have no right to stop others from using the area.
3083	I don’t know	As a dog owner it is so hard to keep dog off the playing fields when off leash. It looks like they can only be off leash around the sports fields. I like that its still possible to have them off leash but how to control that. As a parent of kids who play on these fields, we also do not want our kids playing around dog poo that owners have not picked up. Its hard to monitor and rely on dog owners being responsible to pick up poo and keep dogs off playing fields! How do we make it work as shared space???

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3096	I do not support the proposed change	The current situation works well. You have not identified the specific issues that the ban of dogs on the sports fields will address. The proposed off leash area is way too small to cater for the number and requirements of the huge number of dogs that use the park. The vast majority of the time we use the park to exercise ourselves and our dog, there is no organised sport. When there is organised sport, I've never observed dogs interfering with the sport that's on (cricket or soccer). There also isn't anywhere nearby that we can walk to to let our dog off the leash. Is this proposal suggesting we drive our dog to a dog friendly park? And how does council intend to enforce such restrictive, draconian rules/ Will you be having dog rangers patrolling the park in case a dog enters the red zone? If there are real issues with the mix of uses at Madills that includes dogs, please share these specifically as this may alter some of my comments above. However, at this point, council has not provided any valid reason to change the rules as they stand.
3097	Other (please explain below)	The exisiting first item should continue "Dogs allowed under control off a leash on sports surfaces (marked grass sports fields) when not in use or not closed (Schedules 1(2) and 2)."
3107	I do not support the proposed change	The change is based on a redundant/old fashioned view of dogs (big & dangerous) & owners. While there are irresponsible dog owners in the minority - the majority of dogs & their owners are well trained, socially adjusted, contained, clean, small in size & socially important for the health & wellbeing of Aucklanders, A blunt instrument is being proposed that will punish dogs & owner's freedoms and our access to common spaces that are for all to enjoy. You're not fixing anything; you're neglecting to face the problem head on. The issue that should be addressed is responsible dog ownership. In Switzerland you most first demonstrate ability to become a good dog owner before you're allowed to bring a new pup home - they complete a course & take a practical & written exam. Responsible dog ownership (also in France & the UK) includes dogs allowed on buses, in restaurants/cafes, shops, museums, local parks, hotels - culturally the nation has moved on from dogs as hunters, fighters, working on farms to kind gentle creatures that are an extension of whanua. We don't go anywhere without our pup - to that end it's our freedom you're curbing, not just that of the dog. I would visit a lot more places & be more active/participatory if Akld was canine-friendly (instead of Uber Eats I'd spend my money at Akld businesses who are currently struggling). In Germany laws discourage pet owners from leaving their dogs at home for too long, In Hungary microchipping is mandatory, a program to make neutering affordable, rules to ensure every dog gets the minimum required exercise every day. In France messy footpaths were solved by adding more poop/doggy bag stations (again dog owners can subsidise the cost). Have you considered delineating dog rules based on the type of breed & size of dog? Owners paying more to register a dog in order to recoup council costs of legislating the rules seems fairer. On our affluent street we have a very large mastif owned by a family for security - he has no space to run & isn't walked, so he howls all the time. Where is the genuine Akld Council focus on the welfare of animals? I'm disappointed you're not taking the opportunity to modernise & pay [illegible]

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3116	I do not support the proposed change	dogs are humans best friends, if human needs a space to walk and play, so does dogs. Dogs need space to walk, play and explore for their physical and mental well-being.
3135	I do not support the proposed change	Madill's Farm and Glover Park are ratepayer owned facilities that exist to provide space for recreation for everybody. The proposed restrictions to dogs on a majority of both parks so that a local football club can benefit (even when not using) defies belief. Madill's Farm is a safe, flat space that provides for people of all ages and abilities to walk and socialise their dogs and themselves. It is flat, safe and well lit that allows single people to safely walk their animals when the fields are not being used for sporting activities. The ability to do this results in well adjusted dogs as well as the formation of long and lasting friendships and neighbourly meet ups in a time when loneliness is our next pandemic. The ability for "bumping" a term used in urban planning, is greatly enhanced by easy drivable and parkable access for dog owners at both Madill's and Glover parks, especially for elderly and less mobile people of our community. The proposed off leash areas are far away from the car park and close to the road which is dangerous for dogs and owners and too close to children's playground. I believe we should maintain current restrictions and allow off leash dog walking when organised sport is not being played. Do not destroy a key community meeting place. Proposed restrictions would mean a huge community resource not being used during most week days until after school - a waste of a valuable resource that everyone should be able to use and enjoy.

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3138	I do not support the proposed change	It is critical for a dogs health and wellbeing that they are properly exercised. I am writing to emphasise the critical need for off-leash dog parks within our community, as they provide essential spaces for dogs to exercise and socialise. Dogs, like human beings, require physical activity to maintain their health and well-being. Off-leash parks allow them the freedom to run, play, and explore, which is crucial for their physical fitness and mental stimulation. Furthermore, these parks serve as a safe environment where dogs can interact with one another, promoting positive social behaviors and reducing the likelihood of aggression or anxiety in more confined settings. - which has worsened over recent years due to councils decision to encourage high density housing developments. These interactions not only enrich their lives but also fosters a sense of community among dog owners, enhancing social bonds and encouraging responsible pet ownership. Madills farm was gifted to the community as a whole and is a local treasure - (as is Glover Park), Our family has a large dog that is difficult to walk with a leash. He is incredibly loved my the community and is very gentle with other dogs and people of all ages. It is not possible to give him the exercise he needs on a leash. It would also be terrible to limit him from playing with balls and other dogs which you cannot do on a leash. The community has plenty of spaces to exercise without dogs such as the waterfront and Tahina Torea and Bastian point but dog owners have very few places they can safety take their dogs. Our dog is an extension of our family and goes everywhere with us. It is terrible to
3148	I do not support the proposed change	I think this proposed change is appalling, not only for the dogs sake but for the residents of these local areas also. Maddills farm is our local dog park that does not have endangered/ protected animals like birds. It is one of the only parks where you can freely let your dog engage in socialisation with other dogs without having to worry that you are disturbing protected species. Alongside the dogs we use this as a socialisation area too. By banning dogs from off leash it takes away the dogs right to exercise and the ability for human interaction also. Walking a dog on leash is simply not enough exercise for most dogs which by being cooped up and not letting their energy out it could foster other issues, potentially aggression for some dogs. This would simply be one of the most disgusting decisions that council could ever make. Animals deserve rights too.
3209	I do not support the proposed change	Cant we do something with timing, like the beaches? Happy to not have dogs roaming free, but when you are there at 6:30am or 6:30pm- the dogs can be off leash?? or is there an option for a fenced off area for dogs. Most dog owners are responsible and it feels as if we are being punished for the few that do not pick up after their fur babies

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3215	I do not support the proposed change	My family have used these facilities for many years as sports grounds and as exercise for our family and to exercise our dog. These grounds have many different communities that use them and locking one community out is very unfair. The sports fields are open and empty a lot of the time during the day and in the mornings. Locking the dogs off the open space is a recipe for community divide. People meet at the park to walk their dogs together and chat daily/weekly. I walk my dog there every morning and apart from the weekends I have only seen the footballers practicing on a Friday morning. Do we leave the field empty the rest of the time? It seems a bit selfish. I understand the afternoons maybe a bit busier. I have rarely seen people not pick up there dogs poo and I have seen other dog walkers offer bags to people who don't collect their dogs poo. I have fallen twice when walking our dog as the paths were slippery with seeds and it was the dog walkers that helped me, no one in the sport fields or office at Madills ever came out. I completely agree with dogs not being on playgrounds as this is a safe place for all children to relax and play. Glover and Madills are beautiful open spaces in a city that is loosing a lot of green space, we really need to share these!
3234	I do not support the proposed change	As a local resident and dog owner for many years, I believe that this ban would have a significant negative impact on our community. Madills Farm has always been a much adored space, where families, children, and pets can enjoy the outdoors and interact with one another. Dogs, when properly managed and supervised by their owners, contribute positively to the park's vibrant and inclusive atmosphere. Dog owners regularly use the park as a place to meet and socialise. This fosters a sense of community and encourages healthy outdoor activities for young and old, and it has introduced to me to many other families and dog owners, which I would never have met otherwise. Furthermore, I believe that socialising dogs with other dogs is an important part of raising and managing an animal. During the summer months, we already have scheduled times for dog walking on Kohimarama Beach, so the natural choice is to take your dog to the park for exercise. This is crucial for its health and well-being and provides a safe environment for it. Removing this opportunity may lead to more behavioural issues in dogs. Most dog owners in our community are responsible and adhere to park rules, including cleaning up after them. A ban would unfairly penalise these responsible individuals. Finally, I believe that the Madills Farm area is intended for recreational use. The land has always been a key feature of our local community, and as a mixed use recreational park we value and cherish it. The park is continuing to deliver relaxation, recreation, and play for a diverse range of users. If you are looking for solutions, try increasing the number of waste disposal bins (instead of removing them) and providing more educational campaigns about responsible pet ownership. I believe these solutions would address your concerns without

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3238	I do not support the proposed change	It's great for everyone to walk their dogs, it's great for people's mental and physical health. The dogs do not cause any harm or issues. Taking away the park will ruin people's daily routines, the happiness of pets as owners will need to travel further to find parks and overall be a large negative impact on the community. It is a silly change and does not need to be done at all.
3251	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm and Glover Park were given to the community and should remain a shared resource. They became sports fields run by Eastern Suburbs Football Club which I encourage but believe there can be a balance for both dog owners and Sports to continue together in harmony. Eastern Suburbs Football Club have 2 main sport fields close to the Club House, these 2 areas could prohibit dogs at all times. Field 3 close to the Car park near the entrance to Madills could also prohibit dogs at all times and each field could have a sign on it (like at Shore Road Rugby Grounds). Field 4 close to Baddeley avenue roadside could remain as current rules, dogs on leash whilst sports being played but off leash under control all other times. Field 5 remains off leash under control unless sports being played & then dogs on leash (current rules) To remove all areas to prohibiting dogs removes the opportunity for owners to walk their dogs, play with their dogs with their families and have fun, Council is removing the community spirit that has been created around Madills. By removing dogs from all 5 Fields leaves no where for the dogs to be able to run around and therefore not giving the exercise. A large number of the aging population have dogs and go to Madills because it is flat and easy to walk for them, please do not take this form of exercise away from them just because Eastern Suburbs are requesting 5 sports Fields. Even Shore Road does do this!! I do believe there is a compromise that will meet all those wanting to enjoy Madills Farm Reserve for a long time to come.
3262	I do not support the proposed change	It seems unnecessary to change this as I think the damage to the fields is done by people using the field. Cars on the field during touch games, bikes and small motorcycles on the fields. There is a lot of night time activity on the fields. Crackers, going off. Yelling and groups hanging out there. Dog owners do need to be responsible for their dog, and as I live across the road from the field it is nice to see the dogs chasing balls, frisbee's and just running around. A lot of elderly people take their dog around the park with most sticking to the path. I feel it would be a shame. To have this changed. Injuries happen anywhere and if playing sport will happen even more. I have never seen a dog dig a hole. We have lived here for four years
3264	I do not support the proposed change	Not sure what other parts of the park would be left for dogs off leash! Around the outside is very close to the roads so this is not safe for dogs to be off leash. I walk the park all the time and I do not see the damage you are talking about.
3287	I support the proposed change	Dogs should be kept off sports fields as many owners do not pick up faeces

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3297	I do not support the proposed change	As previous comments
3305	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is recreational area that should be available for everybody to use, not just the Eastern Suburbs Soccer club. By restricting dog use of the park to the narrow strips of land on either side of the playing fields is both impractical and quite frankly ridiculous. Citing damage to the fields as a reason for banning dogs is both weak, and petty. It further reduces the amount of legal dog exercise space in the Eastern Bays, whch is already very small (and getting smaller as the Council continues to rezone the area to pack more people into it). Surely the Council must be aware that dogs as well as people require regular exercise, and that being walked on lead is not enough for some larger species of canine. If Eastern Suburbs wants exclusive use of Madills Farm then they should buy it, or at the very least increase the amount they pay the Auckland Council for it's use to market rates. I would also suggest that more damage would be caused by local teenagers, Freedom campers, and the occasional homeless member of the community than by dogs Park's are a valuable resource that should be used and enjoyed by the whole community. (of which dogs form part of) and not just an exclusive few.

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3311	I do not support the proposed change	The fundamental point here is that Madills Recreational Reserve has been a dog exercise area for a very long time. It is not a sports ground. It is a reserve with some sports wanting to take it over for their exclusive use paid for by the ratepayers. Anyone who uses it frequently would see that the primary use is for dog exercise. While soccer (and some other sports) do use it intensively for a short time each week in some seasons that should not entitle them to take over the use of the RESERVE. Many of the same comments apply to Glover Park. Current Use. The flat grounds are ideal for older adults with pets to meet and exercise their much-loved companions. Users are very aware of the benefits to the wider community. It is safe for young children and women, due to it being an open and flat area with adequate parking (if you can't walk there). The reserve relieves pressure adjacent beaches where the hours are restricted. Dogs need an area to exercise and socialise. The council complains about antisocial dogs and then tries to take away the main facility to help with adequate socialisation. The council says option 2 is provides "a more balanced use of public space" is incorrect when you are planning to ban dogs access to their most valuable ground. Option 2 is banning dogs from approx 80% of the space and the most valuable space. The area around the edge of the park is not really suitable for exercising a dog as it is too close to the road and the path is used by kids on scooters and tricycles etc than are not really compatible with dogs off leash. Is a 24/7 ban, a balance of usage between sports and dog exercise, especially considering the limited time sports occupy the space compared to the continuous

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3325	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is a neighbourhood park! It provides hundreds of local residents with a sense of place for them to converge daily on the park to mingle, exercise or just simply enjoy the immense amenity in an open green space. While exercising, local residents bring their beloved dogs to the park to socialise with one another. And their beloved dogs would have an open green space to run around as well. Currently, Auckland Council is planning to change the usage of a “mixed used” neighbourhood park—Madills Farm by prohibiting dogs at all times in the sports areas, in order to accommodate the aggressive expansion of the Eastern Suburbs Association Football Club. And I am against this proposed changes of the existing dogs rules. For the sports players, they could carry out the sports activities in the sports stadiums whereas the set up would be more suitable for sports events. Alternatively, they could go to other sports fields that had already been set up for the purpose of sports events. I am a taxpayer and a rates payer too; I pay the council rates to Auckland Council in exchange of my rights of using our neighbourhood park. This movement/action of Auckland Council is sabotaging the peaceful lives of the local residents, and is also destroying the unity and harmony of the surrounded neighbourhoods.

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3327	I do not support the proposed change	Our family our fortunate to live directly opposite Madills Farm, and walk our dog there (off leash) twice a day. Our two kids are also members of the Eastern Suburbs Football Club, and play at Madills Farm once a week through winter. With a tiny back yard of our own Madills acts as our front lawn, with lots of bike & scooter rides and football practice. It is an incredible asset to the Bays and I struggle to see why there is any need to change the current arrangement. Looking at the proposed map showing the areas dogs will be prohibited it doesn't appear to leave much left of the park. We walk our dog early morning and evening, at which times there are typically no sports activity happening on the park, and it seems crazy that these areas should be banned for dog recreation when no one else is using them. The proposal makes reference to Health and Safety of sports users, so i would be interested to see what data there is that shows Madills Farm & Glover Park represents a greater hazard to football and cricket players than other public play fields, and what evidence there is that dogs are the cause. The grounds get a thrashing every weekend during the soccer season, with hundreds of soccer players from young kids to adults playing from early morning to late afternoon every Saturday and Sunday, often in wet conditions. I find it hard to believe dogs are the leading cause of damage to the fields. I'm fully supportive of the park being used for sport activity but these two parks are owned and maintained by rate payers, and should be available for everyone to enjoy. It seems incredible the Board would even consider a proposal to allow a private club exclusive use of a large part of both parks when they wont even be using them most of the time.
3331	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm and Glover park are have several sports fields on them. There is very little remaining space for dogs to be off lead. Madills farm infact used to have no sports fields untill a few years back. The Change proposed is too aggressive and dogs should be allowed off lead when the sports fields are empty. If there is no one playing on the fields then dogs should be able to access them off lead. Dog generally weigh less than humans beings so would damage the surface.
3345	Other (please explain below)	The number of dogs running loose at those park at times is out of control, I feel like my family and I cannot throw or kick a ball without being harassed by dogs. Numerous times we have been jumped on including having my son dragged by a dog. I feel like this park should include a total off leash dog ban.

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3358	I do not support the proposed change	The local soccer club is trying to get dogs banned from Madills Farm AGAIN by using misleading claims about dog faeces and dogs ruining their sports fields. They have been doing this ever since they were allowed to use the park. Remember that Madills Farm was gifted to all of us to use and it is not a satellite wannabe stadium for the soccer club. That was never its intended use. The soccer club was set up against the caveat and how thousands use it and a minority of those want it all for themselves. We have a different mindset - we're not even saying get rid of the soccer club BUT what we are saying is keep the status quo and let all of us in our community continue to enjoy it with our off leash dogs. The park is built on a swamp and it floods and millions have been spent on trying to maintain it for soccer and cricket players. That's not the fault of dogs. None of us begrudge the hundreds of thousands spent on the upgrade of the childrens playground or have our dogs in that playground. This perpetual persecution of dog owners is appalling.
3359	I do not support the proposed change	These parks were gifted to the people for everybody to share! So therefore the status quo should remain.
3368	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose this proposed change as it significantly reduces the available space for dogs to exercise and play freely. The narrow areas around the fields will not be sufficient for dogs to run, fetch, and socialise without causing congestion or conflict. Instead of an outright ban, the council should focus on encouraging responsible dog ownership by ensuring waste bag dispensers are regularly stocked and running awareness campaigns to promote clean and considerate use of shared spaces. A balanced approach would better serve both dog owners and sports users. Sincerely, [redacted]
3370	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed ban on dogs from sports fields at all times is unwarranted. As a responsible dog owner and ratepayer, I see no evidence that off-leash dogs cause significant harm to the grounds when fields are not in use. In fact, the sports activities themselves cause far more wear and tear on the fields than any dog could. This park is the only real off-leash space where I can throw a ball and exercise my dog. With urban areas becoming more condensed, removing access to open spaces for dog owners is unfair. The current rules already protect the fields when in use—there's no need for further restrictions. I strongly oppose this change and urge the council to maintain the existing policy that balances the needs of both sports users and dog owners.
3374	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose this proposed change as it significantly reduces the available space for dogs to exercise and play freely. The narrow areas around the fields will not be sufficient for dogs to run, fetch, and socialise without causing congestion or conflict. Instead of an outright ban, the council should focus on encouraging responsible dog ownership by ensuring waste bag dispensers are regularly stocked and running awareness campaigns to promote clean and considerate use of shared spaces. A balanced approach would better serve both dog owners and sports users.

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3395	I do not support the proposed change	There are limited places for dogs to play off leash. Glover park was always intended for recreational use not a sports playground and use to be a dog playground. This would mean more dogs off leash will be on our beaches Will could cause safety issues.
3430	I do not support the proposed change	The priority is to preserve the current conditions at both Madills Farm and Glover Park. These parks are community facilities designed for diverse uses, not exclusively for runners, soccer players, and cricket players. Submission Process Issues: Difficulty navigating the online submission process. Request to add feedback about Te Ārai Regional Park and attached document. Te Ārai Regional Park: Support for keeping Forestry Beach (Te Arai South) as an off-leash area. Emphasis on conservation and designated access points. Local Parks (Madills Farm and Glover Park): Rejection of proposed changes to dog access rules. Importance of preserving current conditions for diverse community use. Concerns about attributing park damage solely to dog activity. Personal Impact: Importance of parks for personal exercise and dog walking. Advocacy for responsible dog ownership and enforcement of existing rules. Community and Environmental Concerns: Need for additional rubbish bins and dog waste disposal options. Issues with road congestion and parking during sporting events. Parks as shared community resources outside of organized sports events. Conclusion: Call for maintaining current access rules with better enforcement. Emphasis on education and responsible pet ownership.
3438	I do not support the proposed change	Most of the park is deemed sports field! Leaves no room for dogs play and socialise. A responsible dog owner would understand. Also, young and elderly people go to this park to socailise and exercise their dog - elderly people do not to be doing circuits of the park themselves! Dog exercise in play, which a) cant really be achieved within new rules b)not fair on the many elderly folk using park for their dogs. ... New rules seem all a bit mean really.

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3442	I do not support the proposed change	I have been walking my small dog on Madills for more than 10 years & there has never been a problem or incident. There are however some dog owners who do not pick up their dog's dumps but they should not make we, the responsible owners, who got out of our way to try & maintain the park free from excrement & as safe as possible. These owners are not obeying the rules for responsible dog owners & unfortunately mean those of us who do so are penalised. I'm concerned that obliging the dog owners to walk their dog on a LEASH does not provide the necessary exercise they require. There's no way we can throw a ball or let them on to the surrounding grass for them to enjoy their endless sniffs. I'd be interested to know when Madills became a venue for sporting activities. If my memory serves me right the park was designated as a recreational park, open to all, i.e. walkers, cyclists, mothers with babies in prams etc. etc. it would be very interesting to see the original Charter wherever it is.
3453	I do not support the proposed change	I live near Glover park, I volunteer my time and resources (buying apples), monitoring possum traps for the eastern bays song bird project (council). Part of that volunteer work, I love doing, walking my dogs to glover park, throwing the ball around and giving them a run around, not when any sports events are on of course. So no I do not support having that aspect of my neighbourhood taken away.
3454	I do not support the proposed change	There is no evidence that dog walking and off leash exercise has a negative impact on others who use this space for sports. I use this space twice each day, every day and dog walkers are considerate and respectful of this shared space. Having off leash exercise is vital for a dogs wellbeing and helps to reduce behavioural problems. Having opportunities for a dog to socialise with other dogs and people helps to improve their behaviour and reduce aggression. Having designated dog parks has been shown to benefit the community by reducing dog aggression incidents and reducing dogs being surrendered to shelters due to behavioural problems. Dog parks are an important resource for their owners, not only providing safe places for exercise but dogs are also a social bridge encouraging social interaction between owners and making owners feel more connected to the community. This proposal does not appear to have had a proper public consultation and appears to being pushed through to benefit a private sports club at the expense of the local community.
3457	I do not support the proposed change	I believe the rules re-dogs in these areas are absolutely fine as they are and there is no need to change them at all
3458	I do not support the proposed change	I should be able to walk my dogs at the nearest park off leash so that they can exercise

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3462	I do not support the proposed change	I usually walk my dog twice a day at Madills Farm. This is a reserve at the centre of our community. Its where we gather as a community and socialize. Can you please confirm the data behind your proposal. For example... Dog ownership rates within a 5km radius of the reserve. Historically, Madills was a swamp. Please provide your analysis on the quality of the soil/ground and what it can sustain from a use perspective? There are a number of small holes which the football club seem to assume are made by the dogs. However as a parent of children who have played countless games of football at Madills, I know that the grounds are damaged from sprigs on football boots. There are also people who practice pitching with golf clubs, anyone who plays golf knows how easy it is to dig divots.... hence holes. Dog ownership has increased significantly over the past few years, they are important for getting people out into their communities and keeping people's mental health in check.
3467	I do not support the proposed change	This park us used by 100s of ratepaying dog owners each day and is 1 of the few places in the area that dogs can be let off leash to play and exercise. The overwhelming majority of dog owners are responsible and respectful and pick up after their dogs and steer clear of the sports fields when they're in use. I see no reason to punish these dog owners when any problems that may be occurring are minor and likely caused by owners who won't pay attention to a change in the rules anyway.
3468	I do not support the proposed change	These parks and beaches are public places to be enjoyed by the public All the public
3472	I do not support the proposed change	Because it gets so much use from all the locals, it’s everyone’s park - kids sports and dogs included. All that would happen is separation in the community with people trying to police it. Let everyone play!
3474	I do not support the proposed change	When the sports fields are not in use, this is such a lovely place for families to be enjoying the space and dogs are increasingly an integral part of family life.
3476	I do not support the proposed change	I am a local mother of 3 soccer players at Eastern Suburbs. We play at Madills multiple times a week. I am also a dog owner. I love that my entire family can benefit from the park. It is our second home. The girls get to play and exercise and so does our dog. I am very happy with the way it is currently.
3479	I do not support the proposed change	I do not agree with these changes. By restricting dogs to the outside of the playing fields only makes it unsafe to exercise both my dog any myself. Most dog users of the park are incredibly thoughtful and tidy up after their dogs (wether it be their poo or sticks being thrown). The changes are unnecessary and will cause more distress than good.
3482	I do not support the proposed change	This area is critical to dog owners and their dogs. It is heavily used by the community and gives dogs the opportunity to socialize and for owners to come together for the same purpose. Restrictions are unfair for this community piece of land that is enjoyed by many and should be able to continue to. It is supported by rate payers through the area and precious to all who use it.

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3487	I do not support the proposed change	The sports fields compromise a very large portion of the farm park and are rarely all used. One or two of the fields may be used for a half day once a week. This would mean dogs would be banned from almost all the grassed area except the perimeter. So a total ban is unnecessary and wasteful of the farms potential benefit to the rest of the community. This is not the intention of this facility and would prevent an enormous amount of quality safe off-leash dog walking/play/training.
3490	I do not support the proposed change	Glover Park and Madills Farm were originally gifted for the "use of all". How can that be changed? This seems very wrong and most people are not aware of the situation. However, the proposed new regulations regarding Glover Park do not support the statements about the welfare of dogs, social connections (I gather this is people) balanced use of public space at all, they penalise residents by removing safe open, flat spaces to exercise or walk dogs. Many residents are retired and getting out with dogs provides exercise, socialisation, fresh air for healthy mental and physical health. The areas concerned are not used for a large part of the day during the week. Certainly not being used for sport. Most people understand that dogs and people stay off sports fields when in use. The proposed areas offered for off leash at Glover Park are not easily accessible and there are dangerous slopes in parts, the most unsuitable parts of the park, definitely not balanced use. I believe the proposed regulations are grossly unfair and should be "dogs off leash and under control when sports fields are not in use". Please consider the actual residents - many of whom are older people. Those people playing sport are using our suburb's facilities but are often from outside the area.
3493	I do not support the proposed change	When not in use, it should be fine for dogs to use the sports fields.
3498	Other (please explain below)	i have already submitted my opinion but forgot to say i have been coming to Madills farm with my respective dogs for 40 years and never encountered any problems. also I mentioned many older people live in this area but forgot to say many have dogs.
3499	I do not support the proposed change	Does the council hate dogs. If you actually targeted the dog owners who have a complaint against them, and are irresponsible dog owners then maybe we wouldn't have such a problem. Most dog owners would be responsible but as I mentioned earlier, trying to make a complaint about a dog who has bitten another dog, you do nothing!!!

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3504	I do not support the proposed change	Priority is to keep the status quo at both Madills Farm and Glover Park. Our parks are a shared community facility and not only for soccer and cricket players. Our dogs need off leash exercise for socialising and exercising. Dog owners of all ages need the social interaction as well as their dogs. Flat spaces in our parks cater for the elderly and disabled including those who own dogs. Both parks are built on swamp land and millions have been spent on the flooding issues to enable sports fields, this is not the fault of dogs. Both parks have lights moved around the fields as well as sprinkler systems, both of which have resulted in uneven surfaces, this is not the fault of dogs. Teams playing against each other break up the field surfaces hence why they are maintained by Council grounds staff, this is not the fault of dog. Rubbish is an issue after sporting events and other users clean it up, road congestion and parking issues has also been a concern for residents. Dog owners who use the park take their responsibility of our parks very seriously and the vast majority of us make sure our dogs are trustworthy canine citizens. We not only pay rates we pay a yearly dog registration fee.
3514	I do not support the proposed change	Maddills and Glover Park are fantastic community assets for everyone to share. We are responsible dog owners who use these facilities with our dogs and with respect for other dog walkers/walker's and for people playing sport. We have never seen any problem with the sharing of these spaces and have met wonderful people and dogs on these parks.
3515	I do not support the proposed change	This a valuable park for dogs and their owners, widely used and appreciated. There aren't a lot of off leash dog parks in this area. If not in use a dog should be able to run across the sports field to chase a ball, etc. This is what dogs live for. Any decent dog owner will always pick up dog excrement especially off a sports field. These changes really reduce the space that dogs will have to enjoy and make it nearly pointless to go to Madills Farm at all!

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3524	I do not support the proposed change	You are proposing to exclude dogs from the VAST MAJORITY of the surface of these parks. This is unacceptable. Our parks are a shared community facility. I believe Madills Farm Recreation reserve was willed to the Council for all to enjoy, not just for soccer and cricket players on the vast majority of its surface. The health benefits to humans from keeping a dog as companion and friend are as high as the health benefits of playing sport and one activity should not be preferred over the other, especially as they tend to benefit different sections of the community. This change looks like sports team members are being given preferential treatment compared to other members of the community, despite using the area for only a few hours per week. Dogs are intelligent animals and need off leash exercise for socialising and exercising, just as humans need to be able to run free for a full healthy life. Dog owners benefit from the social interaction as well as their dogs. I know people who drive a long way to exercise their dogs at Madills for friendship and because it is a very safe park for the dogs with much of it away from the road. Much of Madills and Glover is flat. Flat spaces in our parks cater for the elderly and disabled including those who own dogs. If access to the sports areas is removed this means access to the flat areas is removed. At Glover park this would leave only steep areas on the sides of the volcanic cone for dogs to run - not suitable. A Madills Park If dogs are restricted to the fringes of the park there will be dog congestion leading to more social difficulties for the dogs. This is also a more dangerous area, close to the roads with more chance of dog vs car accidents. This restriction will also have flow on consequences to the beaches as more owners will take their dogs to run on the beaches instead of the parks.
3527	I do not support the proposed change	I have a Labrador, she loves to chase balls. I am a responsible dog owner. Dogs need freedom too.

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3529	I do not support the proposed change	The changes are about off leash access to the playing fields. This can only be due to representations by the Eastern Suburbs Football Club (ESFC). First, Madills Farm was gifted by the Madills to the people of Auckland for their enjoyment as a whole. It is currently used by young and old for off-leash exercising of their dogs from dawn to dusk 7 days a week - ~100+ hours per week. The playing fields by contrast are used by ESFC for a few hours per week in the football season. People are quite happy for ECFC to have exclusive use of the football ground when they are using them but it is outrageouse to suggest that exclusivity should expand from say 5 or so hours per week to 168! Second, it is arrogant for ESFC to even suggest such restrictions when their occupancy of Madills Farm is almost free. If they were paying a commercial sum it might be appropriate for their preferences to be given more weight but not for a highly concessionary peppercorn rent! Thirdly, the only reason I can think of that ESFC give to justify their 24/7 exclusivity is that that they assert owners are not picking up droppings. This is nonsense - I use the area with my small dog frequently and I observe owners are meticulous about their "duty" in this regard. I would agree that it is possible, though rare, that droppings are missed. But (a) the areas are frequently closely mown and (b) a quick visual inspection beforre use would eliminate this problem and (c) in any event, I would rather step on a small dog dropping than on a broken bottle left by ESFC Clubhouse patrons! Which brings me to my final point. ESFC is neglingent in its management of clubhouse patrons. The behaviour is sometimes roudy, underage alcohol consuption is common, litter and breakages happen and drivers often leave
3535	I support the proposed change	Good balance of care for the area of the parks used for sport and the convenience of dog owners
3536	I do not support the proposed change	Firstly - I am saddened that Councillors are wasting time and resources. I live within 200 metres of Madills and utilise Madills every day walking my dog, watching my kids play sport and generally enjoying the park. Dog owners generally are very respectful of all users and the current “rules” . There are no legitimate issues. I expect there are some loud individuals whom oppose the current rules however talking with the locals their is a lot of angst and upset locals. So this one directly impacts my family. That aside I find this “dog” review obnoxious, offensive due to the total waste of resources. Councillors whom support this project should be named and shamed.
3537	I do not support the proposed change	This is a park the highly benefits from its dog accessibility, there is a great local community that would be destroyed by this change and shouldn’t be allowed after all the parks name is “Madills Farm Recreation Reserve”
3540	I do not support the proposed change	it is not good for the dogs mental health

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3556	I do not support the proposed change	Because I moved to this area because it has a dog friendly park. This is absolutely ridiculous - instead, let's propose banning kids from being off a leash because their owners are irresponsible parents. Sounds ridiculous? Because it is. People are responsible for keeping their dogs, and kids, under control at all times and not having them free roam and get into trouble. We already have restrictions on off leash areas while the park is in use for sports for dogs. Maybe the appropriate thing to do is keep kids on a leash while sports are not going on so that everyone that wants access to the park has access to it? Why are we prioritising rate paying people that have kids over people that specifically own property in the neighbourhood that have dogs and want to use the park?
3571	I do not support the proposed change	There are few large areas where dogs can run off leash in the Orakei board area. Dogs are already banned from the sports fields when in use, which is limiting in weekends and in the evening when games and training occur. One of the reasons for the proposed changes provided by council on the opening page of this form states the following: "provide a balanced use of public space to respond to changes in how we use public spaces that considers the needs of dog owners and their dogs, other people and animals, the environment and property." The key words in this reason are "balanced use." Banning dogs from the fields 24/7 is in direct opposition to this reason. Madills Farm in particular was gifted to the community and was never intended to be a dedicated sports ground. The AFC and any other sports users must share that space with the rest of the community and that includes the many people who walk their dogs and need a large safe space for the dogs to run.
3573	I do not support the proposed change	Parks are for general population use and not limited to specific sports clubs (eg soccer). Sports clubs can use the grounds just like the general population can use the grounds. People cannot be denied the joy of waliking with their dogs and allowing them to enjoy a run off their lead. We must all work together as a community and if dogs are not allowed off lead at Madills or Glover Park then the wellbeing of law abiding dog owners is being compromised by small minded selfish thinking and this is totally unacceptable. Leave the two parks as they are and let's all work together. Eastern Suburbs Soccer Club facilitates good wholesome sport. They're rallying to banning dogs from the park they share with the community (I.e. don't own) and reflects poorly on their leadership group and club in general. There are 168 hours per week and soccer probably populates say 20 hours a week on the park. This is 11% of the available hours in a week. It defies logic that a minority user can influence the majority like this. It is selfish. Ordinary people who walk their dogs regularly connect with other people in our community when they are out. Dogs bring people together. So many lonely people in our community over all age groups and we are potentially shutting down social contact points in a well used traditional public space. This cannot be tolerated. [redacted]

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3575	I do not support the proposed change	I walk my cavoodle at Madills Farm almost daily, it's such a lovely space for her to have a good run and a play off lead and as I live in St Heliers, it's one of the few places i can take her off lead at all times of the day (especially in summer!), I always pick up after her and we leave nothing behind, she's on the lead when there are sports being played and she loves to join the family when we picnic and have a play together.. Madills is such a lovely place to see everyone playing together, the kids get such a kick out of being able to throw a ball for my dog to chase after. Given that it states in the description of the proposal: "Dogs provide companionship, emotional support and help foster social connections. We make rules to keep dogs a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places" - why would the intent be to remove all the public areas without creating new spaces for families with dogs to get the exercise and interaction that they need and that everyone gets such benefit from? Please keep the rules of Madills and Glover Park as they currently are, there are so few bad dog owners in this area that it's a shame to remove the lovely spaces that so many people get to enjoy with their dogs. It would become a big wasted space if it's only allowed to be used when sports are being played as no one would use it other than to walk their dogs when the fields do not have games going on. It would lose the lovely vibe it gets from everyone having a great time with their pups.
3576	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm was gifted for mixed use for the entire community. It is grossly h fair to restrict dog access . I have never in my life seen a dog dig a hole at Madills. The rutting is due to the excessive use by ESFC. We all pay an extraordinary amount of rates and should have equal rights
3577	I do not support the proposed change	The sports field is not in use most of the time, and it would be such a shame to rob the whole community of using the space. Everyone is very good at picking up after their dogs, and there aren't many other parks in the area that allow dogs off leash. Totally agree with no dogs on the field when there are sports games taking place but for the remainder of the time (majority of the time) I think the local dogs should also be able to use the public space.
3580	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is a public space and the park should be available for the use of everybody. People walk their dogs there at all times, every day whereas the soccer fields are used intermittently. To take such a space away from the community for the benefit of a small group is unacceptable

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3582	I do not support the proposed change	There are very few areas off leash where dogs can have a good run in Orakei. I agree that when the sports fields are in use dogs should be prohibited but when they are not in use others and dogs should be able to use the common space that's is meant for all residents of Orakei district. The sports teams are only a small group of Orakei residents and the fields are for the enjoyment of all in the district, why should less than 1% of the population of the Orakei district be allowed to command the grassed areas to the detriment of everyone else? I know sports teams will pay to use the facilities but this isn't about who pays the most, this is about fair access for all residents to the small amount of grassed areas in the district. You are doing a disservice to the residents of Kohi and St Heliers removing a long held access to this public resource.
3584	I support the proposed change	See earlier comments, we live opposite this park - way too many people drive to Maddills for their dogs daily poop and let them run off leash unwatched and don't see (or seem to care) that the dog has pooped on the sports fields. They need to be on leash all the time around sports field. The early morning runners and walkers are the worst but also the people that drive here to let their dog poo while they are on their phone or chatting. Let's give the dogs an off-leash area - people should still be encouraged to pick up after their dog but at least if the ''miss' it then kids and adults playing sort don't have to play around or through it! 😤😤😤
3591	I do not support the proposed change	I would like to express my concern regarding the proposed policy rules regarding dog access to Madills Farm. When my fiancé and I moved to Kohimarama in early 2022 as we loved the local area, community and proximity to the shared green space and beach. My friends who have been locals in the area for 10 years always used to joke that "you need a small child or small dog" to fit into the community - this much it seems is true, and how the community thrives. We have become members of the community and especially enjoy the peace and tranquillity walking on the beach or at the park brings us, we both work in very high stress environments, and as such walking our dog at both of these areas is invaluable to our overall wellness. I believe similar principles and benefits apply to many other families and members of the community, young and old, who venture to Madills farm to enjoy the shared space. We are very diligent dog owners, who comply with the current policy rules, ensure we clean up after our dog and keep her under control at all times. I have witnessed similar behaviour from many, if not all, other dog owners who are taking the opportunity to enjoy the off-leash exercise for their family member in a safe environment - I would hate to see this opportunity ruined by the minority and for the remainder to be disadvantaged. Dare I suggest, a similar policy should perhaps apply to unsupervised or unruly children who are at the park?? As diligent rate paying citizens we deserve fair and equal access to a shared space for all to enjoy.

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3594	I support the proposed change	There are often dogs off leash at Glover Park near or in the playground often out if control or unsupervised Too many dogs on Kohi beach after hours. Too many owners do NOT pick up their dog poo
3599	I do not support the proposed change	To whom it may concern, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Council's proposed updates to the dog policy and bylaw, as well as the regional and local park dog access rules. It is my firm belief that these changes undermine the fundamental principles upon which Madills Farm was gifted to the Council. Madills Farm was entrusted to the Council with the understanding that the public would have unrestricted access to this valuable community resource during times when organized sports are not being played. This access is vital for the community, providing a space for recreation, relaxation, and the enjoyment of nature with our canine companions. The proposed updates threaten to restrict this access, which would not only diminish the community's enjoyment of Madills Farm but also contradict the intentions of the original gift. It is essential that we preserve the spirit of openness and accessibility that has been a hallmark of this space. I urge the Council to reconsider these proposed updates and to honor the commitment made to the community regarding access to Madills Farm. Our parks should remain places where families, dog owners, and all members of the community can come together and enjoy the outdoors without unnecessary restrictions. Thank you for considering my views on this important matter. I look forward to your response. Sincerely,

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3601	I do not support the proposed change	As a responsible dog owner and rate payer I disagree with the proposed changes to Madills Farm and Glover Park. These areas have allowed me to train my dog correctly for recall from a distance and get my dog socialized with other dogs while running on the grass. Never has my dog run through a sports game and I already use the parks when games are in full swing. I use these parks during the day when no sports are talking place during the week. I do not want to get in my car and drive to walk my dog. This will only put more cars on the road. These parks are also where I meet people, I have no children and these parks are part of my well being while raising my dog. I refuse to only use the pavement around the parks as my dog needs grass and I need to walk on grass too. At night I feel safe walking my dog in a lit up park which both parks offer. I am also concerned for the elderly friends I have met who only reach these parks from walking close by to their homes. I am worried more pressure will be put on our local beaches if all dogs start going to the beach rather than these parks and then beaches will be making changes too. During winter these areas offer sunlight vital to my well being, I cannot be forced onto a trail with little light. I find the parking is safe for both myself and my dog at these parks. I enjoy seeing the kids play sport and speaking to the young mothers and feeling part of a community here. The part is not just for sports alone and I don't believe this is a good idea of council. This is causing great stress and upset and anger across the community. We are all just starting to really reconnect after covid lockdowns and now is our chance to feel positive about our community again. I think council needs to consider their impact on us as a community and taking away our rights and making us feel like we cannot make good decisions ourselves or our dogs is completely counter productive. I want to live in a city that is "awesome", "positive", "forward thinking" that recognizes the value of the wellbeing that a dog can bring to a community. Please don't let the few who ruin it for the others be the driving force in our future as a city and local community. I would like to celebrate the park with all those
3604	I do not support the proposed change	The problem appears one of dogs on the sports field and owners not picking up after themselves. I suggest that the types of owners who do this will walk their dogs on the fields regardless so this will just penalise responsible dog owners. Once again in NZ we find ourselves limiting the law-abiding majority for the sake of a few miscreants. Why not have an occasional blitz where people are issued with the $300 infringement notice?

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3613	I do not support the proposed change	Madills and Glover Park - are both parks which we have always heavily relied on for ‚under control off leash area'. When we lived in Kohi, Madills was our go-to park, now it is Glover, since we moved to St Heliers. We could/can access both parks through walking distance. If the proposed change was approved, we would always need to use the car to walk our dog ‚off leash' which would be a huge conflict for our ecological awareness. Ar the same time we understand the perspective from a sports person point of view. Our two boys were heavily engaged in playing for Eastern Suburbs. For years, we have spent 3/4 times a week either in Madills or Glover. The boys have never been bothered by any dogs in all those years. When we walk our dog off leash we avoid times when the sports grounds are being used, as not all children feel comfortable around ‚an off leash dog'. But we would welcome the opportunity to still walk our dog ‚under control off leash' when the sports grounds are not being used.

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3614	I do not support the proposed change	I am a local resident and think the status quo should be maintained. Maddills is a park for ALL to enjoy, not just for playing sports. Banning dogs from the sports fields will result in the dogs and owners needing to congregate at the end of the park by the playground where there is no carpark and only limited street parking, currently this is mainly used by people going to the playground. Restricting off leash to this area only also means the dogs will be much closer to the road which is a safety concern.
3618	I do not support the proposed change	Under Proposed amendments Banning dogs completely from sports' fields is bizarre and over-the-top legislation. These fields are bare, vacant spaces of green grass the majority of the time that dogs would happily run around on. People in Auckland on the whole are diligent poo picker-upperers and responsible to the welfare of passing pedestrians. Madills Farm is a well used space for dog walkers of all ages. Being flat it is easily accessible for the elderly, even people on wheelchairs who have dogs exercise them there. Also it is a safe area for those living alone. It is also a great social meeting place for like minded dog walkers and aids many lonely people living alone. Owning a dog and walking them is of great benefit to mentally disabled people, especially children. My husband and I have owned 4 dogs over the last 40 odd years and have enjoyed walking them all at Madills Farm. People have been playing sport since the turn of 20th century with no ill effects from sharing fields with dogs. I have raised 2 sons who played rugby and cricket. When in Waipukurau as youngsters they played in parks with sheep grazing and survived. Dogs add a boost to family life teaching children to care for and be responsible for the raising of their pets. Exercising them on sports fields means fewer cars on the road driving to more distant dog friendly parks. Sports' grounds are numerous in Auckland and most houses are within easy walking distance to at least one so more dogs are exercised. Unexercised dogs can become aggressive and naughty from always being pent up at home. I hope you reconsider some of the council's proposed amendments.
3620	I do not support the proposed change	The sports grounds are in use for a limited number of hours of the week. Madills Farm is a park for the use of all citizens and should be available (when the sports fields are not in use) for everyone to enjoy. Madills Farm has been and should continue to be a place where dogs and dog owners can enjoy the freedom of use. The needs of the sports fields users should not be put above the needs of the general public in this case. Madills Farm has always historically been a place for walking and dogs. I have walked there for many years and enjoyed watching the socialisation of both people and dogs!! This should be allowed to continue as the existing rules state.
3625	I do not support the proposed change	There are few places to take dogs locally off leash and Madills Farm is a wonderful area for local dogs and their owners who are respectful of others always picking up dog poo and keeping off leash dogs under surveillance. There have been no issues at Madills farm of dangerous dogs that I am aware of.

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3629	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is a public park that benefits all people and dogs in the community. It is used as an exercise area and meeting place for dog lovers when the sports ground is not in use. The local soccer club should not have exclusive use of the grounds. It is there for everybody to enjoy!
3645	I do not support the proposed change	Madill's Farm is the only large flat secluded area away from traffic in the Kohimarama area. It is used by hundreds if not thousands of local resident dog walkers 365 days of the year, often twice a day and during "all daylight hours". Being local residents these people support all of the local businesses and services in the Mission Bay, Kohimarama, St Heliers and Glen Innes area. The proposed restrictions to the use of Madill's Farm by dog walkers gives preference to a minority of sports people. They only use the grounds: * 2-4 hours at a time, * 1-2 of the five fields at a time, * 100 - 150 days of the year. A significant proportion of the sports people who do use the grounds are not locals and therefore do not support the local businesses or other facilities in the area. I know this from frequent, friendly, casual conversations with those on the sidelines during my regular exercise with my dog.
3646	I do not support the proposed change	I don't understand why the rules need changing as in all my 30 + years I have lived near and enjoyed both Madills Farm & Glover Park I have not noticed any major problems with the current rules. Most families are responsible dog owners in this area and the parks are a place where friends and their dogs can meet and enjoy each other's company. I no longer have a dog but love visiting the park and get a lot of enjoyment out of seeing happy people and happy dogs. Yes, there will always be exceptions but there are so few that it is hardly worth changing the rules for them. As the old saying goes " If it ain't broke don't fix it" It will be a sad day if family pets are unable to have an offleash area to run and play as they so deserve.
3648	I do not support the proposed change	For responsible owners the current rules are working. Why punish everyone when it is just a few irresponsible owners who break the rules. No matter what rules are in place, these irresponsible owners will still break the rules.
3655	I do not support the proposed change	This is a valuable shared space for dog owners and the general public. The dogs get to socialise with each other as do the humans which for some (including me) relieves the isolation of working alone at home. For over a decade I have enjoyed the park and in all those years have seen few altercations between the dogs. There appears to me to me no good reason given for this change. Sharing and community for all.

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3656	I do not support the proposed change	I not agree with trying to ban dogs from sports fields at Madills Farm because it is off leash already and dogs are not allowed on sports fields when they are being used. The dog owners thst use the park abide by this rule already and are responsible. if you try to ban completely that means dogs will have to be on leash all the time. Should be looking at people that cannot control their dogs running around on the street and attacking people unregistered dogs not people that pay Dog registration council rates and arr responsible Dog owners. Also there are no other local off leash parks that dogs can go to and they are already banned after 10 am from beaches in the summer.
3663	I do not support the proposed change	I am of South East Asian Decant and arrived in NZ in my early teens. I missed my dogs which I had to leave behind in Thailand. As a young person in my early teens, Madills Farm was a place for me to connect with dogs during a time I was feeling depressed and isolated. The park and the dogs including their owners made me feel welcome, included and safe. Please let dogs and their owners continue to have access to this wonderful reserve which the community needs.
3665	I support the proposed change	We have children who play soccer at these parks. There have been many occasions where dogs have run through the middle of an organised sports games. An out of control dog in the middle of a sports game is very unpredictable. There have been instances where dogs have jumped up on children in an aggressive manner and this is very frightening for the children. I believe dogs need to be on leads so that the public can enjoy these parks without fear.
3666	I do not support the proposed change	I have walked dogs in the past both at Madill's Farm and Glover Park. My wife and I have seen that in Auckland dog walkers are very good are dog droppings. Both their own dogs and other peoples dogs if need be .We have walked our dogs at other cities in NZ and have found that these cities have dog walkers who do not reach the standards of Auckland dog walkers. I can understand why you want to change the requirements because of the sports being played on these fields. However, I don't believe that in Auckland we have a problem with owners not picking up their dogs droppings.
3667	I do not support the proposed change	We walk our dog regularly in Glover Park under control off leash. We always make sure that no sports activity is disturbed by us. Not being allowed on the sports fields even when these are not used would mean we would have to drive with our dog to a different location. In my opinion this wouldn’t be a good solution. I think, sports fields in Madills Farm and Glover Park should be still used as dog exercise areas during hours when they are not used for sports activities.

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3669	I do not support the proposed change	I live right next to glover park and walk my dog there daily off leash. I fully understand that during large sports events (e.g. saturday football) uncontrolled dogs can interrupt the game which is annoying. However this may be a 1 in 1000 occurrence and fully prohibiting dogs during all times (even during school when the pitches are obviously not in use) is a blatant overreaction and neglects many dog owners in the eastern suburbs. As a previous football player training at glover park across my whole youth I have never had an experience with a dog negative enough to think about these extreme actions. In my eyes dogs and sports are happening harmoniously presently and no change is required.
3670	I do not support the proposed change	we have limited dog off leash areas as it is . we should be able to share this space respectfully
3674	I do not support the proposed change	I have been a playing senior member of EFASC training and playing at Madills Farm & Glover Park for over 10 years. The damage done to the playing surfaces by dogs is minimal and I have never had an injury caused by an uneven surface or hole. I coached my daughters social team for 5 seasons and we never had problems with injury due to the playing surface or with unleashed dogs entering the laying area disrupting games. With the increase in dog ownership (including amongst players) we need to be creating more off leash areas not less. Over my seasons playing I have encountered much worse playing surfaces at other grounds which are not off leash walking areas. Dogs are an important part of our social fabric and bring many benefits to owners and their families which is never disputed. Dogs at these parks usually have responsible owners and are well trained . It is fanciful to want to ban them from the playing surfaces. Let the current status quote remain. [redacted]
3680	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs could still walk on Sport surfaces while not in use.
3682	I do not support the proposed change	Walk my dog in glover park under control off leash everyday and would be absolutely furious and disappointed in the council if they allow these hideous changes to be passed. Why should 99% of dogs and their owners be restricted from exercising their freedom in Aucklands public parks because a minority has caused negligible issues.
3685	I do not support the proposed change	By denying access to the main body of the park there is now limited area for dogs to get a good stretch and run in a safe way.. too much traffic around the periphery of the park makes it more dangerous. Fields etc should be a shared space and by all means keep it clear of dogs when in use for sport, but its use as a resource for others who wish to exercise and meet up with dogs - especially the more elderly , is Invaluable. Dog owners, unlike the sports field users, pay millions to register their dogs and we are losing really important space to be able to run our dogs freely. I am 54 years old and have lived up the road from this park for 54 years. We used to go tadpoling, and have so much fun, including with our pets. It's sad that those of us who don't play organised sport are at risk of losing this shared resource.

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3694	I do not support the proposed change	Madills is for all citizens at all times not just the soccer club. We have walked our dogs there for 15yrs and see no reason to ban dogs from the designated areas. The current rules work fine and allows for fitness and wellbeing of residents who are older to get exercise and care for their pets. Banning dogs is a cruelylty and unnessesary.
3695	I do not support the proposed change	As a local Madills (Baddeley Ave) resident & rate payer and dog owner. I strongly oppose all dog restrictions in madills farm. Myself, my dog, and hundreds of other dog walkers who walk their dogs DAILY (sometimes multiple times) allow their dogs to walk off leash. This is my dogs ONLY time during the day where he can “stretch his legs” and he cannot stand being controlled on-leash. I can tell you for a fact that there is very very rare instances of dog poo on the sports field. My son was out on the field (with the dog) yesterday learning to ride his bike on the sports field. No poo in sight! And we covered the whole sports area. This proposal is UNACCEPTABLE and quite frankly INSULTING!!
3700	I do not support the proposed change	There is plenty of space at Madills for all activities and plenty of times when the fields are not in use by sports. We walk our dog at Madills every day and I would say from what I have seen, dog owners are largely respectful of the grounds and the people using them. Changing the use of the ground is favoring those who play sports and use the grounds at very specific times of the year. This has always been a park enjoyed by all people for all things including sailing, round the bays, football, cricket, rc cars and planes, golf, bikes, scooters, dog exercise, driver training etc. As a player of sports and a dog owner, I do not see why there is a need to change. If there are issues with dogs, then it will be with a minority of people and education would be the best place to start. Please leave it how it is and for once, lets not put in place a policy because of the minority - whether that be dog owners not following the rules or favoring sports clubs that use the grounds based on actual use vs availability, a minority of the time.
3707	I do not support the proposed change	This park is a fantastic place for dogs to socialise and friendships to be made. A balance should be found.

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3716	I do not support the proposed change	I think the proposed off-leash area at Madills is way too small, especially if dogs aren't allowed on the sports fields at all. The designated off-leash space is right next to a dangerous road, and there are barely any other local off-leash areas that aren't near traffic. The fields are some of the only safe, flat areas where elderly people can walk their dogs and where dogs can chase balls without the risk of running into the street. At Glover, restricting dogs from the fields means they'll only have the hills to run on, which isn't practical for elderly dog owners or families with young kids. Expecting dogs to stick to the paths also doesn't work—dogs need space to run and play. Dog owners' rights should be considered just as much as those of organized sports players. For a lot of people, walking their dog is their form of exercise and socializing. It's not just about the dogs—it's about the owners too. Taking a dog for a walk, letting it run safely off-leash, and getting fresh air is a huge part of many people's mental and physical well-being. This should be valued just as much as traditional sports. Parks should be shared spaces. If sports aren't happening, the fields shouldn't just sit empty when so many people in the community could be using them. And yes, while there might be the occasional person who doesn't pick up after their dog, that's a small minority. If that's a concern, bring back plastic bag dispensers for people who forget theirs. Plus, sports players leave plenty of rubbish on the fields, yet they aren't banned from using them. Please reconsider and allow off-leash dogs on the fields when they're not in use for sports. Parks are for the whole community, and dog owners should be able to enjoy them too.
3723	I do not support the proposed change	The dog is a huge part of Māori heritage, and Pākehā will continue to do everything in their power to diminish and manipulate our identity, our land and our culture. This suppression by wealthy Pākehā is yet another example of the tyranny of the oppressors, asserting their dominance over our people.
3724	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules are excellent and adhered to by majority of dog owners . No need for change . As a regular user of Glover park the only mess and rubbish I ever see is at the close of a large sporting event usually cricket .
3741	I do not support the proposed change	Damage and H&S are negligible in effect and risk, likewise, bringing these areas "into line" with other local rules is not reason enough in itself, but moreso an exercise in conformity. I am quite unclear what the desired "outcome" is of this change, and certainly the efficacy of the proposed changes in bringing about that outcome.

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3745	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is a recreational park intended for all in the neighbouring community including dogs. The area is not solely a sports field, and as the football club do not own this land, and this land is for all, it should therefore be a shared space. Why are they the priority and dictating the rules? Most millennial families, including my own, are not having children and our dogs are our children, they require the same rights to a space to exercise. As housing in this area does not allow much land, there is little opportunity for them to exercise to this scale in the home or garden. While on the map the proposed new off-leash area looks large, this space is in fact a slopped bank with trees allowing very little space for dogs to exercise. It is not an appropriate piece of land where I, the dog owner, can run and exercise with my dog due to the uneven level. There are no other parks in the area for dogs to exercise, yet there are several schools plus the large Barfoot stadium where sports could be conducted. In summer dogs are again limited to leash only on the beaches, yet sports such as volleyball can take place here. Dog owners already pay sufficient fees towards dog rates, as owners in the neighbourhood we also pay hefty rates. This recreational area should be for all, not the entitled sports participants only. Dogs do not cause any damage to the sports field, the sports themselves cause holes in the grass and worn lawn through football, touch rugby and cricket so this reasoning offers a very poor defence. [illegible]
3749	I do not support the proposed change	All dogs need nearby open spaces to run and to play safely. But this proposal takes away the existing space in central Madills farm and provides no good alternative. I agree that dogs should be prohibited from sports grounds but the Council's proposed plan simply won't work. The idea of keeping to the park's edges, near roads and pathways is not practical. Dogs can't tell the difference between sports grounds and the rest of the park. Instead, I suggest the Council create a dedicated, fenced off-leash area at the south end of Madills. The rest of the park can be on leash-only, with dogs banned from the central sports grounds. There's room for a fenced off-leash area between the existing footpaths and Baddley Avenue, with another boundary near the utility block, beside the playground. This doesn't need to be expensive. A simple pool fence and self-closing gates would be a good start. While a little smaller than the existing sports grounds area, if well-designed and signposted I think it would allow dogs and their owners to continue their off-leash activities while keeping the sports grounds free of dogs.

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3752	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm was gifted to the people of Auckland for recreational use for everyone, including those with dogs. The proposal to prohibit use for dog exercise on areas marked for sports games undermines Madills Farm's role as a shared community space, reducing it to little more than a single-purpose sports facility, with a closed in young childs playground. The sports fields have been extending further and further across the fields over time. The existing rules already allow for planned sports to have sole use of the playing fields when play occurs, and users with children and dogs are respectful of this, including when it is just a social group or a practice. The proposed new rules would bar socialisation of dogs, and the people with the dogs, for the majority of the week on the extensive playing fields, whilst planned sports and trainings are not occurring - when everyone involved in sports are at work or school. Keeping in mind that the structure of the fields with the flat grounds are ideal for older adults, families with young children and those with mobility challenges, enabling dog owners of all ages to meet, socialise, and exercise their pets; the fields are naturally shielded from the road by a small hill so the off-leash area offers a secure space for dogs without risk of traffic accidents. The on-field lighting also makes this a much safer space for women in the darker winter months. This designated off-leash area also helps ease demand on other public spaces, like nearby Kohimarama Beach that already has significant restrictions for dog exercise. Reducing the space for dog exercise to the proposed small section for the number of dogs and owners that frequent the fields from early morning throughout the day to late evening would lessen the social aspect (check out the research on 'loneliness'), as it is in reality one small triangle adjacent to the enclosed children's playground. No throwing ball games could occur, no running with dogs off leash, and the challenge of large and small dogs in a confined location with a mix of experienced and inexperienced dog owners, as well as young children
3753	I do not support the proposed change	Dog access should not be restricted on the community fields at Madills Farm. The 'fields' are open green spaces that can be shared safely and responsibly by all community members. Dog exercise areas are very limited in the Eastern Bays and access to the fields should be allowed when not in use. Madills was gifted to the City to be enjoyed by all members of the community. Further, everyone needs to take responsibility for the care of Madills Farm. There are extraordinary amounts of garbage strewn about during and after by those attending and participating in sporting events that are filthy, at times dangerous, and attract rodents. More education about the natural environment and recycling/composting bins would be welcomed at Madills.
3757	I do not support the proposed change	I like to set dogs and dog owners enjoying the parks.

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3763	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is a public space which we are all paying for the upkeep of by our rates. We are members of Eastern Suburbs football club and have paid many years of annual fees to them so I feel we are in a great position to give you honest feed back. I agree that when the grounds are being used, dogs should have to be on a leash but I strongly disagree with your proposed rules that ban dogs using the grounds during times when there is no organised sport. Why should the minority of people have the benefit of these lovely grounds. They provided a safe space for us all to go during our numerous lock downs and we have such fond memories of walking and running around with our dog down there. The majority of people are very respectful with their dogs and do not cause any harm. Dogs give alot of people joy. If you want the football fields to be "dog free" then I propose you fence the area that you wish to keep this way. However, I think it would be a very very sad day if dogs were never allowed to roam freely on this ground. I would like to know why people feel it is necessary to make the grounds "dog free". We haven't heard anything from the football club to suggest they need to do this. Eastern suburbs also have very high annual subscription fees so I feel that they can help absorb some of the ongoing maintenance to the grounds.

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3767	I do not support the proposed change	To the Ōrākei Local Board and Auckland Council, I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed dog ban at Madills Farm fields. This park is one of the main reasons my family chose to live in this area. The opportunity for our dog to run freely, while we socialize with other dog owners, has been an invaluable part of our community life. This unique space is part of what makes our neighborhood so special, and it would be a tremendous loss for dog owners if we could no longer use it. Additionally, as responsible pet owners, we pay the yearly dog registration fee. This fee is meant to ensure we can access council facilities like Madills Farm. If we are denied this access, it raises the question of the purpose of the registration fee when our dogs would be confined to our backyards. I fully agree that dogs should not be allowed on sports fields while games are being played. However, when the fields are not in use, it makes no sense to prohibit dogs entirely. Madills Farm is not just a park; it's a vital part of our community for both humans and their pets. I urge you to reconsider this ban and look at alternative solutions, such as designated areas or time restrictions, to balance the needs of all park users. Thank you for considering this feedback. Kind regards, [redacted]
3769	I do not support the proposed change	What's the issue? We seem to have got along fine with the sports clubs so it's unclear where the issue is
3770	I do not support the proposed change	The dogs are controlled and have the joy of enjoying the open space and run around fetching balls. Perfect way to get more vigorous exercise ticked for the dogs. We will be taking a lot of the joy out of them. Please do not go ahead with the proposed changes. Thank you.
3772	I do not support the proposed change	This doesn't make sense. You can't actively control where the sports field starts and stops. Second to this, dogs have been walked at glover park well before sports when it was farmland, and at 6am no one is playing sports but nice groups of people meet and let their dogs play together before work, There are very few options for dog areas left in this area. By taking away Glover and Madills you actually do a disservice to the community. You just open up issues where more dogs go to a new location and have possibility for ********** issues, spread the dogs out and less issues. By keeping the off leash areas spread out you ensure less dog cross over, meaning less fights and more areas that they know, feel safe in. As for those owners who don't pick up poo, it's unfortunate, however they will still do this wherever they go. This new proposed law is not thought out and hasn't been pressure tested.

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3773	I do not support the proposed change	I have lived in this area for 25 years and had a dog for the last 3 1/2 years. He really enjoys playing at glover with his ball. He is a lovely cavoodle who many including the elderly enjoy interacting with. He definitely does not damage the sports surfaces. I would say so soceer after the rain causes a lot of damage to the sports surfaces. And would recommend that this be more closely monitored.
3774	I do not support the proposed change	Madill's farm and glover park are public parks and dogs need areas to exercise
3775	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need place to run and be Dogs. Lack of space in houses due to intensive housing development has made this worse. Please keep the off leash areas. Exercised and tired Dogs are well behaved Dogs.
3785	I do not support the proposed change	The current rules are adequate to allow reasonable use of the area for all ratepayers, not just the football club. Completely banning dogs from the sports at all times will remove the major dog exercise zone for the neighbourhood and is unneccessary.
3789	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is a recreational reserve and extensively used by dog walkers, particularly during times of the day when the sports fields are not being used. I think restricting dogs from the fields while in use for sports makes sense but not at other times
3795	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to keep the status quo for dog use at both Madills Farm and Glover Park, with the exception that there should be a limit to how many dogs one person can walk at a time. Isn't the idea behind parks in the city that they are available to us all for use and not just for certain groups? I pay my rates, I pay my dog registration fees, I regularly take him to the vet for check ups and required immunizations. As responsible dog owner, I take him for walks twice a day, which are also good for me both physically and mentally – I wouldn't be doing this without my dog. Being in the park is both a social occasion for him (meeting other dogs) and for myself as I catch up with people I've met over the years while we walk our dogs. Amongst those people there are a large number of elderly dog owners who need flat space that caters to their disabilities. There are abandoned pets with SPCA, yet owners like us, who love our animals and look after them properly, are to be punished (and the animals as well) by taking away our use of the park. Dogs too need to be able to run around. People get up in arms about all sorts of cruelty to birds and animals – but it's ok to reduce areas where they can socialize and exercise? Seriously? There are drainage issues at both parks, which remain despite big upgrades to drainage systems in the last few years. On top of that, the sprinkler systems and lights being moved around result in uneven surfaces, none of which is the fault of the dogs. I regularly see kids on bikes and off-road motorbikes causing mayhem in the park, endangering others or ripping up the turf – and that's ok? During winter, the wet slopes are also used as ski fields by kids, ripping up the turf and causing sludge/mud to slide down the slopes onto walkways and playing surface. Again, nothing seems to be done about this. As responsible dog owners, we pick up the poos made by our dogs, yet all the time I see containers, drink bottles, and pizza/kfc boxes (including leftover food and bones) left behind after football and cricket games – things that the dog owners

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3796	I do not support the proposed change	I see no need to change the status quo . Areas at present suitable for all ages to walk their dogs.
3799	I do not support the proposed change	One of the few parks that dogs can run around in this area. If you keep taking away, then new spaces must be given. All changes are to take away, I don't see any new parks added. Acceptable for dogs to be on leash only when sport is being played. Else the park is always empty
3801	I do not support the proposed change	Auckland Council is responsible for delivering services to the community, ensuring the well-being of Aucklanders. Our community includes people and their furry friends – whether that's companions, guides, or therapy dogs. Community facilities, by definition, are a shared space used for a variety of community activities. These commonly include sports and fitness, movie and music events, and social and wellbeing. The latter is inclusive of accessible areas for on-leash and off-leash dog walking. The proposed policy amendments are non-inclusive and discriminatory toward a significant group of the community who are dog owners, walkers and animal lovers. The policy should therefore remain as status quo – enabling the sports surfaces to be utilised exclusively by its occupants when sports events are underway, and by enabling other community members to maximise the space with their dogs off-leash when not in use. Proposed policy changes by Council, in addition to being counterproductive to delivering services to the community and ensuring the well-being of *all* Aucklanders, also infringes on the rate inclusions that we pay to maintain these community spaces. If the Council and Orakei Local Board perceive that dogs are the cause of maintenance requirements to the sports surfaces, then it would be expected for the rates of local residents to decrease accordingly if dogs are to be prohibited on sports surfaces altogether.
3807	I do not support the proposed change	Many people buy into an area to be able to walk their dogs off-leash. With the population pressure in Auckland these areas are becoming few and far between. Seeing people and dogs walking off leash is uplifting. Seeing people playing sport with the accompanying music and crowd noise is stressful and imposes on people's rights to enjoy the peace and tranquility of their own homes. Why are sports people given rights over everyone else: on our roads where they have cycle lanes, on our beaches where they rope off prime sections of the beach for volley ball and swim clubs and now on our green spaces where they are gradually taking over more and more of areas day and night with their blazing lights???

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3812	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly disagree with the proposed plan which is highly unrealistic. The space allocated to the dogs off leash is quasi inexistant and won't be able to accommodate the dogs' needs for exercice and social interactions. When the workplace starts to acknowledge the merits of bringing dogs to the office (it is SCIENTIFICALLY proven that when pets and people bond, life is richer) Auckland Council is cutting off the numbers of outdoor areas for people to interact with pets. The issues is not about SPACE management but DOG OWNERSHIP. It is true some dog owners are disrespectful and don't comply with public guidance...so do car owners! However ONLY the disrespectful car owners are being fined, not ALL car owners. By banning the access to many parks around Auckland...you are punishing an entire community of pet owners without addressing the issue / the root cause of poor dog ownership. This mesure is highly discriminatory and will only create greater tensions between the pet lovers and the others.
3816	I do not support the proposed change	I think it's important we have dig exercise areas as we need to keep enough space for them specially when fields are not in use
3821	I do not support the proposed change	These are shared community assets which dog owners use for their own exercise along with their dogs. This is a part of the social fabric in the area, promoting social discourse and community. Not everyone plays these specific organised team sports . Dog owners chose to exercise with dogs as their sport. There is limited wide open space for us all to use . Therefore Sports fields must be shared with us all for exercise - with our dogs - when not being used.for organised team sports . Dog owners should be fined if dogs litter fields . That's a reasonable balance Thank you
3839	I do not support the proposed change	As a resident of Glover road for 30 years the current policy of allowing dogs to be off leash when the sports ground is not being used is not a problem that needs to be fixed. . The park is mostly empty during week and it allows for the disabled and elderly dog owners to use the flat area. The vast majority are responsible dog owners and obey the current rules and do not disturb the sports fields.

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3845	I do not support the proposed change	I have been a user of Madills Farm since the early 1980's, when our family used to come to the park to play at the old wooden playground, play soccer on the main ground and run with the family dog. It has always been a shared Recreation reserve, and was always intended to remain so when it became council managed property. In more recent times having moved back to Kohimarama after several years away, I witness daily the enormous health and well being benefits that Madills farm offers as a shared space for humans and dogs alike, and in particular the joy afforded to many elderly, unwell, recent arrivals and young people when walking their dogs and meeting other fellow dog owners often for the first time. The Covid 19 epidemic in particular was a life saver for many elderly people i have met who came to the park with their dogs to escape isolation. We made many friends at the park during this period, friendships which continue today. In addition, some of the messaging that is being spread about dogs digging holes and owners not picking up after their dogs appears erroneous. I use the park twice a day on average, and it is extremely rare to see a dog digging a new hole, or an owner not picking up after their dog. There are of course exceptions, and in my experience these people are always taken to task by the majority when witnessed. There is clearly an issue with the ground at Madills farm, with many sinkholes and dips that do not improve even with the filling of sand that seems to occur on an ad-hoc basis. And I have also myself tripped in one the many and varied holes that remain after the large stakes that hold up the Round the Bays tents on an annual basis, are removed. I find it impossible to imagine Madills farm becoming a full time sports ground, with dog owners banished to the fringes. The benefits to the wide section of society mentioned above will be damaged beyond repair - far exceeding any damage to the soil.
3847	I do not support the proposed change	Thank you for the opportunity to present my opinion. I reject the Dog Bylaw and strongly believe that the change would negatively impact the local community. Madills Farm Recreation Reserve was set aside in 1943 for recreational purposes for all to enjoy. That includes off leash dog walking, play, organised sport and general recreation and should therefore continue as a shared space for the local & wider community to enjoy. I walk my dog off leash at Madills every day and enjoy watching all the dogs socialise and play. In doing so I have formed many friendships and really feel part of a supportive community. For some, particularly the elderly, this may be the only opportunity to socialise in their day. Exercising dogs off leash at Madills has therefore helped to foster social connection within the local community. Furthermore, I don't see any evidence that dogs are harming the sports fields. The overuse by sports teams and big events such as Round The Bays do more harm. Dogs are a positive part of Aucklanders lives and locally we need a space to run and socialise our dogs (& ourselves). The only sensible and socially responsible thing yo do here is to reject the Dog Bylaw. Thank you.

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3860	I support the proposed change	I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed changes to dog restrictions at Madills Farm, particularly the prohibition of dogs on sports surfaces at all times and the requirement for dogs to be on a leash in the vicinity when fields are in use. As an active member of the local sports community, I have seen firsthand the serious impacts that off-leash dogs have on the fields. These include: Serious Injury Risk and Cost to Taxpayers – I personally suffered a broken leg at Madills Farm after stepping into a hole dug by a dog. Uneven and damaged surfaces put thousands of players at risk of serious injury. Football, touch rugby, and cricket players all rely on safe, well-maintained fields. There is little doubt that the high cost of treating and managing injuries caused by poor sports field conditions is a burden on taxpayers through ACC. These injuries are preventable with proper field protection. Dog Waste Contamination – Despite the efforts of responsible owners, dog faeces remains a persistent issue. I have had to clean dog waste off kids' football gear at the start of a game – an unsanitary and completely avoidable situation for young athletes. High Cost to Ratepayers for Field Maintenance – Off-leash dogs cause significant damage to the playing surfaces through digging, running, and general wear. The ongoing remediation efforts to repair fields and make them safe for play come at a high cost to ratepayers. With thousands of players using these fields for football, touch rugby, and cricket, the continual need for repairs could be reduced if the proposed restrictions were in place. Disruptions to Play – Off-leash dogs frequently run onto fields during training and games, disrupting play and posing a risk to both players and the dogs themselves. These fields are vital community assets used by thousands of players across
3862	I do not support the proposed change	Two issues - one, keeping the dogs off sports fields is unrealistic if they are off leash - as long as they are under control and people clean up after them I can't see the issue. Fair enough the dogs are on leash when the fields are being played upon. Dogs on leash in the playground should be allowed - otherwise the large part of the population with dogs and children won't be able to take their kids and dogs to the playground - this is overkill. No issue with them being on leash. Similary in the car parks on leash is fine
3869	I support the proposed change	Dogs should be kept off playing fields at all times and a sign to that effect dsplayed as is the case already on some parks e.g Okahu bay reserve.

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3884	I do not support the proposed change	These are important community spaces which should be free for the reasonable use of the whole community without preferential treatment being given to one particular sub-set (in this case being sports users). The main area in Glover Park is taken up by sports users for part of the time and, at those times, dog walkers are, for the most part, respectful and abide by the current rules which, again for the most part, work well with various sections of the community respecting others' rights to use a communal space and vice versa. There is otherwise very little "free" public space to exercise dogs off leash. Meeting other dog walkers is an important community ritual in this park as well as being fundamental to the wellbeing of the dogs who require at least some level of "uncontrolled" socialising with other dogs during the day. It also fosters closer community ties and connections when you can chat with local friends while your respective dog-friends get to have a much needed run around. Surely that is exactly what we need more of in today's society rather than fostering policies that only encourage yet more divisiveness and "special rules" where only the interests of a particular sub-set of users take priority over everyone else. I fail to see how these rules protect the health and safety of dogs. I do not understand why sports use gets priority. I do not agree that dogs create "damage" to sports fields as, after most sports games on a weekend in winter, there is more damage to the fields caused by the sports users themselves and, on many an occasion, piles of rubbish left behind by athletes and their supporters that, often, it is the dog walking community that help tidy up. I find this kind of divisive politics (whether it be on an international, national or

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3891	I do not support the proposed change	As a community member and responsible pet owner, I believe these changes are unnecessary and will adversely affect both the local community and the wider public who benefit from the park's current regulations. I am a stakeholder in multiple ways and have a wholistic perspective on how the parks are utilised by the different user groups: 1. As a responsible dog owner, particularly of a rescue dog, I rely on Madills for safe and social exercise opportunities. Many rescue dogs, including mine, benefit greatly from controlled off-leash exercise to build confidence and social skills. The proposed restrictions would significantly limit these opportunities, making it harder to provide for their physical and mental well-being. 2. Being a neighbour of Madills, I literally see firsthand how the park is shared between dog owners, families, and the sports club. The current balance between off-leash dog access and other park users has been effective, and no substantial evidence suggests that the current policy is problematic. Implementing unnecessary restrictions will only erode the inclusive community culture, especially as there is a significant amount of time where the sports fields are never in use. 3. As the parent of a son who played Rep soccer for Eastern suburbs for many years, I regularly attended games and training at Madills and Glover park. The coexistence of sports teams and responsible dog owners has never been an issue. Many families, including mine, bring our dogs along to enjoy the space before or after games, reinforcing the park's role as a shared community hub. Restricting dog access would unfairly penalize responsible owners without addressing any actual conflicts. The damage to the playing surfaces occurs due to a combination of wet weather and foot traffic i.e. when it rains heavily and the surfaces are played on, damage is caused especially around the goal area and along the sidelines where the families spectate. Additional damage is caused by
3900	I do not support the proposed change	Madils Farm and Glover Parks are essential areas for dogs and their owner's wellbeing. Dogs are pack animals and need to exercise and socialise freely with other dogs off leash. This helps them to learn good skills, and prevents them from being aggressive towards other dogs. The owners of these dogs interact with other dog owners and this is also essential for their wellbeing. It gives us a sense of community and for some it is the only form of social interaction they get. Council receives considerable income from dog registration fees and needs to in return provide suitable facilities.
3920	I do not support the proposed change	I have used this park for dog walking for over 30 years. I do not support the proposal to put dogs on a leash in the sports areas and surfaces. This is a public facility and is not the sole property of the Football Club. Most people are considerate of the sports fields when games are in play and either avoid the fields or have their dogs on a leash.

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3922	I do not support the proposed change	I would like to be able to walk our dog at both of these parks off lead (under control) like i have done in the past. They are large parks that are safe for dogs as they are away from busy roads. Because many other dog owners are doing the same it is very social for the dogs and us. It is important for a dogs mental and physical wellbeing to be able to socialize, especially if they are to be visiting boarding kennels from time to time. We have run our dog in both these parks for over 11 years never with a problem. She doesn't necessarily like every other dog however we know that and put her on a leash, when necessary, like most of the other responsible dog owners do. There are plenty of other parks in Auckland where people can walk if they do not like dogs. We don't want free running off leash parks banned because a few people don't like dogs. Better avenues for policing and reporting of out of control dogs might be a better option.
3925	I do not support the proposed change	As a significant rate payer in Auckland. I would by right expect to have a park area to enjoy with my family which includes my dog a Mini Schnauzer called Alfie. He is well trained, enjoyed by many people including children and their dogs at Madills Farm. I understand that when sports games are being held on the fields we keep our dogs on leads and under control. But there are many times in the days of the week when there is no sport, and the fields are empty. Especially during the week in winter when we venture out in the cold wet windy days to socialize ourselves with the lovely people in the area and our dogs. This is very import for our wellbeing, mental and physical health. Some of these people dont talk to anyone else in their day till they bring their dog out to play. I have met lots of people who drive from around Auckland to come to our park where they feel safe and so does their dog. Please let us enjoy this special place where everyone can relax, play, ride, run have picnics and feel part of the community.
3926	I do not support the proposed change	The playing fields are largely unused for most of the week, and their maintenance is funded by public rates. Given this, shouldn't as many members of the public as possible be allowed to enjoy these spaces, not just those who play sports? Dogs, in particular, need space to run and socialize with other dogs. Without this, behavioral problems can arise, negatively impacting owners, their families, and the broader community. While it's understandable that dogs are prohibited from beaches during peak summer hours, the pavements can become dangerously hot, leaving dog owners with very few alternatives for exercise. Allowing access to these parks could provide a safe and beneficial space for both dogs and their owners. Dog owners pay annual registration fees, yet there are no designated areas where dogs can run free. Unfortunately, irresponsible dog owners fail to clean up after their pets on footpaths and playing fields. Is the next step going to be banning dogs from footpaths altogether? It seems unfair to penalise the responsible majority due to the actions of a small minority who disregard the rules anyway.
3932	I support the proposed change	stop dropping where people play
3936	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules are fit for purpose. Have never noticed issues caused by dogs to the surfaces. These parks should be able to be used by ALL ratepayers

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3939	I support the proposed change	My grandchildren practice football at Madills Farm and I always enjoy seeing people walking their dogs ON LEASH along the pathways when she is practicing. Unfortunately many people have their dogs off leash and the dogs get excited and run right into the middle of the children. It is only a matter of time before a dog causes an injury to a child by tripping them up or, even worse, becomes so excited it bites. Also some people do not pick up their dogs droppings on the practice fields. This is a health and safety issue
3946	I do not support the proposed change	The park was gifted to Auckland City for recreation purposes for everyone including dogs for mental and physical well being. This is a much loved park used daily by dog owners, dogs, runners, walkers, family, schools, individual sport teams, annual events, numbers on daily basis are exceptionally high. Please note that in its infancy, sports teams wished to use this facility. There was public opposition but eventually allowed. The Eastern Suburbs Football Association needs to remember, they too are guests in this park. Dogs need space, not inclosed areas.This leads to problems, example aggression as has been experienced in Wellington.
3952	I do not support the proposed change	Provide an area where dogs can be. This is a very social dog friendly area and a small % don't do the right thing and everyone is penalised. Get council out to observe and work out the best way rather than imposing this as an alternative.

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3953	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm Dog Access Changes At your local board meeting on 6th December 2024, the Parks and Community Facilities (PCF) department of Auckland Council proposed changes to dog access at Madills Farm. The main reason for the change request is due to an increased significant risk to the health and safety of sports users. Key Points from the Parks Community Facilities Proposal •Injury Data Winter 2024 saw 27 reported football ankle roll incidents and 5 near misses between mower operators and dogs. •Turf Concerns: Dog-related issues (urine, faeces, and digging) are causing turf damage and raising hygiene and safety concerns. •Rising Costs: Turf patching costs increased from $19,000 in 2022/23 to a forecast of $35,000 in 2024/25 and projected to reach $54,000 by 2025/26. The proposal to restrict dog access is based on: •Increased demand for sports facilities. •Rising repair costs. •Health and safety risks due to dog-related turf damage. My Response I strongly disagree with the proposal to prohibit dogs on the sports fields. The proposal prioritises sports users from across Auckland over local residents. The adverse effects of this proposal on local users will far outweigh the impact they have. Turf Damage The proposal overlooks or underestimates the impact of sports activities on the turf. For example, soccer can also cause:
3965	I support the proposed change	I have lived in St Heliers for 15 years and both my children have been members of the ESAFC for many years. They have had to endure holes in the grass pitches at Madills Farm for so many years which is dangerous to the kids and the adults playing on the pitches. It has clearly been caused by dogs digging up the surface and it is not acceptable. The dogs have plenty of space to run outside of the sports pitches.
3966	I do not support the proposed change	Having dog access to madills is one of the greatest aspects of this area. The park is used and enjoyed by dog owners and their families all day every day where as is only used for sports on the odd occasion. It would be a waste to loose access for dog owners for the benefit of a few hours a week of sports.
3990	I support the proposed change	I see dogs defecating on the sports field and the owners not picking up after them. Its a shame some ruin it for others as it was always a nice area to let your dog run free. However I am grateful they can still use it with the dog on a leash.
3992	I do not support the proposed change	Large dogs need space to run and it appears you would just like to remove all of these areas
3994	I do not support the proposed change	The dogs don't damage the sports fields. They are empty most of the time. t is a place of community, where friendships are made and good for orners and dogs alike. Lots of elderly people go and it is a safe space for them.

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3998	I do not support the proposed change	Submission on Proposed Changes to Dog Access at Madills Farm & Glover Park To: Auckland Council Subject: Opposition to Proposed Restrictions on Dog Access at Madills Farm & Glover Park Introduction I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes restricting dog access at Madills Farm & Glover Park. As a regular visitor and advocate for responsible pet ownership, I believe these changes will negatively impact the community and contradict the original intent of the reserve. Background Madills Farm/Glover Park have long been a cherished community space. The reserve features sports fields, playgrounds, and open areas that are integral to the local lifestyle. Currently, dogs are permitted in designated areas, fostering a harmonious environment for both pet owners and non-pet owners. Proposed Changes The proposed changes aim to prohibit dogs from the sports fields at all times. This includes areas where dogs have traditionally been allowed, potentially leading to increased congestion in other parts of the reserve. Such restrictions could diminish the quality of life for many residents who rely on these spaces for recreation and socialization.
4002	I support the proposed change	They are a nuisance on the sports fields and often dog poo all over where kids are trying to play sport. It's not safe for the kids playing to have dogs off leash

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4010	I support the proposed change	As a parent of two footballing boys at Eastern Suburbs AFC we use the fields at Madills Farm and Glover park. The Proposed "dog off leash" changes are only in regard to sports fields, not the entirety of the reserves. As an example, at Madills Farm, sports fields make up less than half the size of Madills Farm so the community will continue to enjoy "dog off leash" on the remaining 50% of the reserve. It is my understanding that Madills Farm and Glover Park are currently the only "dog off leash" sports fields in the Auckland Region The Club has an increasing number of players (male, female, junior, senior) who are getting injuries during practice and games from stepping in holes dug by dogs on the sports fields The Club have weekly feedback/complaints from players stepping in dog poo on sports fields that have not been picked up by owners. The Club have had complaints of dogs urinating on portable goals, football cones and kids' drink bottles while they train which raises some health and safety issues.
4012	I do not support the proposed change	Many dog owners LOVE this park for our dogs to run free and socialise. TO unwind at the end of the day at Madills with a dog, and the other dog owners, is something we look forward to. We pick up dog faeces, and don't litter. Often the sports only takes place on the weekend. At least consider letting dog owners have the park on the days when no games are on. They do way less damage to the grass, compared with the holes and gouges from the spikes of sports boots, and harsh manoeuvers that churn up the grass and soil/sand! There are no close parks we can walk to in our area. This is simply the most convenient and the best.
4013	I do not support the proposed change	I'm a St Helier resident and have been for many years. I have a dog, registered, chipped. My family and I use the park on an everyday basis, we walk, exercise our dog, within the park area, we have many friends who do the same. Our dogs are off leach and behave themselves, they are social creatures just like us. We are a community. When there is sport being played or practiced we don't venture onto the field area. The playground could do with an upgrade and fenced like madills. As far as the dogs damaging the fields that's incorrect accusation, Ive seen players both young and more mature , the boots they wear damage the ground making huge holes that get bigger as the season goes on, when the rain comes the holes get deeper, kids playing soccer like to run through surf on the water in their white gear, no regard to what mess has been left. All players continue to leave behind rubbish and personal clothing and drinking bottles. Dog owners pick these items up before the grounds are mowed. We are all responsible to pick up after our dogs which we do. The area should remain as is, for all to enjoy in harmony. Dog owners pay rates just like recreational players, we should be able to have full use .
4014	I do not support the proposed change	People need large open areas for dogs and to take this away will cause more behaviourable problems in dogs

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4018	I support the proposed change	I believe this only applies to the sports fields so there is still plnty of space for dogs to excercise off leash at Madills farm. I understand the Auckland Council has spent 10's of thousands of dollars on repairing holes dug by dogs at Madills Farm alone in the last financial year - this money could be better spent elsewhere. An increasing number of sport players who use the fields are getting injuries during practise and games from stepping in holes dug by dogs on the sports fields, this would be avoided.
4021	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed change is unnecessary.
4024	I don't know	I would like to have Dogs allowed under control off a leash on sports surfaces when not in use and I am fine to pay extra rates to have the field cleaned more often. Thanks
4027	I support the proposed change	I have experienced on multiple occasions dogs off leash chasing and in one instance biting my son's football (ruining it and scaring him) whilst training at Madills Farm. It's simply unsafe to have sports activities/ fields with unlimited / uncontrolled dog access
4028	I support the proposed change	Dogs dig holes on sports fields. These are causing lots of leg/ankle injuries to kids and adults using the sports fields. Also dog poos are not getting picked up by owners and dogs wee on equipment/water bottles whilst teams are training.
4029	I support the proposed change	As stated before, I am full support as a dog owner and parent of children who play who use these facilities.
4034	I support the proposed change	For the safety and wellbeing of my young children..
4035	I do not support the proposed change	The sports fields are unused for 80% of the day. It's is the dog owners who use the park for the majority of the day. The majority of people who use the sports field DO NOT live in the community. Why would you remove access for people FROM the community to use their park. This is the most ridiculous amendment I have ever seen. You are not serving the needs of the community, whose rates pay for this park.
4036	I do not support the proposed change	Seems with all areas council wants to restrict dogs being off leads, dogs that need areas such as these are going to be impacted behaviourally. The majority of dogs that are currently off leash in the in Orakei Ward are owned and cared for by very responsible owners. Dogs in a city need places to be a dog for an hour or so. The whole policy seems to be a blanket response. Are there certain areas of the city that have more dog problems than others statistically? Why not concentrate on those areas? National and Local government need to act together to sort issues there are with dog owners.
4038	I support the proposed change	My son plays football on a Friday evening. The kids are always falling in holes dug by dogs.'it's out of control. There is plenty of space for dogs around the area.

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4041	I support the proposed change	Madills and Glover park both have extensive area for dog walking without dogs needing to dig up and poo all over the sports fields. I've twisted my ankle playing soccer in a hole dug by a dog on more than one occasion at Madills Farm on the sports fields. Unfortunately some dog owners also forget to or purposely leave their dog poo on the sports fields which is a health hazard for kids playing sports. There are a lots of green spaces in the area, preventing dog access to the sports fields has more benefits to the community than the impact to dog walkers.
4042	I support the proposed change	Many times I've taken my kids to the reserve to play football etc & we've had dogs chase & damage balls when off a leash. I do enjoy dog owners & their dogs walking around the parks, it gives a sense of community. But when on the sports grounds I would appreciate them to be walked on a leash. Also to avoid holes etc
4061	I do not support the proposed change	Madils Farm and Glover Park are fantastic and easily accessable options for dog owners. The rules already state no dogs off-lead on sports fields when in use, which seems to be adhered too by the vast majority. Why take away the option to have dogs off leash when sports arent happening, has minimal/zero impact on anyone when by nature, no one else is using those fields. By creating unneccessary restrictions youre going to push more people to take their dogs on the public beach which over summer is a lot busier, and create more hassle + less wellbeing in dogs and dog owners.

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4066	I do not support the proposed change	Nine years ago, we decided to move to "the Bays". The house we purchased come with no land for a dog, which we already had. We decided to forge ahead with purchasing the house because Madills Farm was available to walk the dog. It was a very big factor in our decision to buy. We pay our rates; we are good members of the local community and use the park on a daily basis. We are both busy employed people, contributing to society and to have the ease of walking to and from Madills Farm to exercise our dog taken from us, will greatly disrupt our lives. To me it seems no matter what time of day we go, there are dog walkers, children, sports people... all seemingly living a cohesive existence. There is no need for change. In my opinion, change will only cause disruption. Have you been to the park yourself? I highly recommend you visit. Every single day around 4pm, there is a group of elderly ladies who meet and walk their dogs. Why take this away? You will see families walking their dogs, and at the same time, their kids are running around, exercising, having fun. To be able to achieve both at the same time is another bonus of Madills Farm. Please don't change... thanks for your consideration.

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4068	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose this short sighted and self servicing proposal. As a ~10 year resident of Kohimarama I use the dog walking facilities at Madills Reserve on a daily basis. It is a safe and convenient Park that allows my Irish Setter dog to exercise in comfort and to interact with other law abiding local residents. The proposal severely restricts the available off leash exercise area and banishes dogs and their owners to a smaller area - located closer to a designated playground and the busy Road that surrounds the Park. Health & Safety is a convenient and disingenuous umbrella term that Council uses to disguise the blatant desire of the Eastern Suburbs Football Club to claim the reserve for their sole use. The Reserve was gifted to the local residents under a Trust Deed and has been designated an off leash dog park for a number of years - predating the arrival of the Football Club. To unfairly apportion the cost of maintaining the grounds to the damage caused by Dogs is preposterous, defies common sense and lacks credibility. Your attention is drawn to the annual Round the Bays 'after event' [foot traffic of thousands, Tents & associated Spikes driven into the ground], the use of the fields in Winter by hundreds of Football Players wearing studded boots, slide tackling in damp & wet conditions, Cricket Players in Spiked Shoes in Summer, Golf & Baseball players together with bikes being ridden on the grounds. Council should also be aware of boy racers who have semi-regularly accessed the park and ripped up the turf doing donuts,. In addition, recent storms have compromised the integrity of the surface, with some mature trees being uprooted. The increase in the incidence of sprained ankles has been erroneously attributed to holes dug by dogs. No numerical support has been provided by an independent medical authority to support this claim. The existence of doggie doo has also been promoted. As a dog walker it is disappointing when I see this but can attest that this is an exception with the vast majority of walkers picking up and depositing these 'parcels' in the bins provided. The existence of liberally discarded sports strapping and tape is evidence of sports people exercising a double standard. It
4069	I support the proposed change	Dogs are ruining the sports fields digging holes which are unsafe. Owners are not picking up dog poo on sports fields.
4070	I do not support the proposed change	The park is a public space to be enjoyed responsibly by all members of our community. The current policy rules are sufficient to ensure fair access for all. Proposed amended policy rules are prohibitive and exclude reasonable access for members of our community.
4072	I support the proposed change	I walk my dog away from kids football whilst my own kids train but I see to many dog owners allowing their dogs to run around and in between the kids whilst they are training which I do not agree with.
4073	I support the proposed change	- damage dogs are causing to sports fields - injury players are suffering from damage - dogs urinating and pooing on sport equipment or personal belongings - proposed changes only apply to a portion of the park
4078	I support the proposed change	Although most dog owners clean up their dogs droppings, sometimes it's just not possible. Our children play soccer on Madills pitches and it's extremely unsanitary to have dog excrement on the pitches. As a long term resident of the area and user of Madills I believe there is enough space outside of the playing grounds for dog walking.

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4080	I do not support the proposed change	There are a lot of pet dogs in the area, I walk my dog there most days. We know we are privileged to have a lovely park in surburbia and treat it with respect. Madill's Farm is used as a sport field as well as dog walking, There is plenty of space for this to happen, we like exercising our dogs in the middle of the field as the outer part is near the road, dogs need a good run to be settled and this is achieved by being off leash, running after balls etc. A contented dog is great for them and their owners. Off course there a few exceptions when dog accidently goes into a game but I haven't seen that happen for ages so dog owners are responsible Surely rules should "not" be made for the exception because this rule will adversely affect the majority who are responsible dog owners and have a dog to enhance well-being and some save rescue dogs from a fate not due to them Please leave the rules as they are, let us exercise our dogs in this safe local area, I believe we co exist well with the sports games, sharing is an important part of life these days due to reduced spaces and I think we do it well here.
4086	I do not support the proposed change	it is false to claim the dogs are digging up all of the holes in the playing fields. There are several user organizations and most of the wholes are caused by other sports users, but a large percentage are also caused by soccer players skidding on the surface. Suggest Council send officers and set up cameras to see who is really causing the holes in the playing surfaces. Madill's Farm was gifted to the Council to be used by all members and their families which includes their dogs,, not just for use by a soccer club. Dogs are a member of the surrounding communities' families and live inside their houses.
4091	I support the proposed change	Dogs ruin the sports field surfaces
4101	I support the proposed change	1. I play football on these fields and have been injured by holes dug by dogs (rolled ankle and tripping injuries) 2. I have stepped on dog poo while practising next to the fields 3. I have seen dogs enter the sports field during play and owners have not kept their dogs under control.
4102	I support the proposed change	I have a dog but I also have kids that use the sports fields. There is plenty of space for the dogs to run around off the main sports fields. My kids have been injured due to holes dug by dogs and it’s incredibly dangerous.
4103	I do not support the proposed change	It is already nearly impossible to take our family dog with us when we got to a beach or park in Auckland, and changes in policy only head in one direction, to restrict dog access further. We feel that Auckland council hates dogs. When on holiday out of Auckland we've found other councils allow access on lead during the day rather than prohibiting access.

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4104	I do not support the proposed change	Sports fields are used probably only 15% (at a top end guess) of 365 days of 24 hours per year. It is completely unfair to restrict dogs from running on these surfaces 100% of the time. Most dog owners are responsible and respectful and go to Madilla and Glover frequently to exercise and socialize their dogs with other like minded dog owners. These parks have been used for decades in this way and there is absolutely no reason to change. It would not be a change for the better and certainly not to provide equality- as council suggests- for all users. Dogs and their owners would be severely disadvantaged. Where else can dogs run about in this area? It's totally unfair. When sports are on dogs are kept on lead or away this happens currently and wouldn't change. A total ban on off lead 24 hours a day is completely ridiculous. If you intend to reduce amenities for dogs then reduce the dog registration fee for reduced services available for dogs. One size across the huge area that is Auckland does NOT fit all. Stop this plan.
4106	I do not support the proposed change	I feel accidents will happen with too many people (old & injured on walkers included) & children learning to ride on bikes & scooters.The paths are quite hazardous without dogs who are not allowed to run free joining the narrow paths.Hardly fair when the fields are hardly ever used during the time these people go out to enjoy community living.Seems unfair especially as a lot of sports players are from other areas & (tax paying) residents tend to avoid the park when sports fields are in use..Leave it as it is.
4108	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm was designed to be a recreational area for all Sports are trying to take over something that has worked well for the community.I have never seen any problems with dogs on sports fields when they are in use.Most dog owners are responsible re dogs faeces & most sports players don't leave rubbish on grounds-but some do.Dog owners are there daily & love the park to meet up with their dogs to have a run with other dogs.Good practice to socialize dogs.Dog owners of all ages converse & help each other to the betterment of all concerned -like a real community.Sports are mostly weekends & some evenings.Dog owners tend to avoid these times or have there dogs on leads.I have never seen a dog interrupting a game.Stop trying to fix something that isn't broken.. [redacted]
4109	I do not support the proposed change	The sports fields make up the majority of the usable space at Madills Farm and Glovers park. Restricting dogs to the outer sections of these parks compromises safety by forcing dogs near the busy roads. You would not for example be able to throw a ball around in these spaces as it is too close to traffic. Additionally, a section of Madills Farms that would remain accessible to dogs, contains Karaka trees which drop berries that are toxic to dogs. There are very few alternative spaces in the local area where dogs can socialize and exercise safely off lead. The current regulations work well and the space is well used and enjoyed by many members of the community so I feel strongly that they should not be changed.
4110	I support the proposed change	The objective of keeping dogs away from or off sports fields must be strengthened. Too many injuries and too much dog mess currently by owners who don't care.

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4112	I do not support the proposed change	park is not a ball game or sports practice field,we taxpayers have the right to use the park freely with our dogs
4113	I support the proposed change	I strongly support the proposed changes. Dogs have been digging dangerous holes in the sports fields and dog poo is a regular occurrence on the sports fields where my children play.
4115	I do not support the proposed change	The dog walkers st Madill's are well- behaved and clean up after their dogs. The new rules are far too restrictive and will make life difficult for owners and dogs - all quite unnecessarily.
4119	I support the proposed change	Some children are scared of the animals, it will reduce the harm and kids feel happier.
4122	I support the proposed change	Although the fouling of the fields has much improved in the time that my children and now Grandchildren have been playing, I still find that especially when winter grass is longer the owners of free dogs do not see where their dog has fouled. I watched a senior game last year when a dog ran onto the field just as a team scored a goal. It was disallowed as the opposition said they had been impeded. There were some very angry players reactions...and shortly after the game there was a very loud dispute between the owners of the dog and some aggrieved supporters. P.S. The dog was still not being restrained. it was not the dogs fault!
4129	I support the proposed change	There is more than enough green space outside of the fields to walk dogs. Besides the holes dug by the dog there is also the issue with dogs going to the toilet on the grass where kids then play and they get worms due to the kids leaving their water bottles there. Being a good neighbor is understanding that public spaces are to be used by everyone in society, and not just a small minority such as dog owners.
4131	I do not support the proposed change	I have lived in the area for 29 years and owned a dog for 19 of these years. It is always a joy and a pleasure to walk the dogs in the local parks. This fosters a strong sense of community, good socialisation for both humans and dogs along with promoting physical wellbeing for both dogs and humans alike. Over this time I have not noticed any concerns that would lead to the need for changes to the current dog regulations. The dogs and their owners that I have met are responsible and respectful of any sporting events. The current system appears to be working well, so why change it? Any restriction on access to parks for off-leash use could result in considerable physical and wellbeing decline for both dogs and humans.
4134	I support the proposed change	Good balance.
4135	I do not support the proposed change	In regards to Glover park. Many dogs are exercised off leash throughout the day. They always seem to be under control with responsible owners enjoying themselves and ensuring the dogs are not annoying anyone practicing on the sports facilities. The present situation seems to be working well now.

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4136	I support the proposed change	Sports surfaces are expensive to maintain and damage to surfaces by animals creates an opportunity for players to injure themselves when the encounter irregularities in surface condition and density (after repair). Encountering soiling on the pitch from animal excrement is unpleasant and not an uncommon event.
4139	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs and their owners need some place to "live" near there homes too. Sport is out growing the time/space available. Perhaps new additional facilities are required.
4147	I do not support the proposed change	The parks are fir all the community, these changes are unacceptable and will have negative imos ts on wellbeing of owners and dogs
4151	I support the proposed change	It makes sense
4156	I support the proposed change	For me there are 3 key issues as to why the changes need to occur; 1. Some owners do not collect dog pooh so it's left on the sports fields for others to remove. I am a football referee and have had to remove dog pooh numerous times before games have started at Madills Farm 2. Dogs are digging holes in the fields so it would be good to restrict their access to remove/reduce this issue. Before the start of some games I have had to find sand or something else to cover the holes to prevent injury to players and myself. 3. Dogs are supposed to be on leash when games are in progress but owners are not following those rules. I have seen many junior games get disrupted by dogs and was at a senior football game as a spectator that had to be stopped due to a rogue dog. A blanket 'on the leash' rule for the sports fields is the only way to remove this issue, for me.
4163	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are NOT a problem if under control. Please support all the responsible dog owners in this area. DO Not Change the existing rules. 'Dogs both at Madills Farm Recreation Reserve and Glover Park are well behaved and well controlled dogs. They do not "dig", "litter" or cause any problems. In fact the dogs aid society and are a great comfort to many people- young and old
4164	I do not support the proposed change	Current policy has appropriate balance for all users. Proposed policy changes are unnecessary and disproportionate, favouring maintaining sports fields.

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4168	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm was gifted to the people of the local area for recreational use and for sporting activities as outlined in Sections 17/1,2 in the reserve Act 1977. As dog owners we have enjoyed the casual use of the farm for many years. Our dogs walk permanently off leash with rare excursions onto the playing fields when they are not in use. To ban dogs from the playing fields at all times seems an over reaction in favour of the football club. At no time have we seen any dog digging holes as has been suggested. In point of fact the players using the fields for sport create more problems than do dogs especially in the goal mouth areas. All dog owners using the park are responsible and make sure that droppings are picked up. We are extremely concerned about the proposed change which would affect the whole of the Kohimarama area and to that end we wish to object strongly. If money is an issue dog registration fees would contribute far more than the peppercorn rent that the footb all club pay. People who are not dog owners walk in the park and get enjoyment out of stopping and chatting to the dogs. We sincerely hope that common sense will prevail and that the proposed change will not go ahead. People around the area are very much up in arms about the issue.
4171	I support the proposed change	For all the reasons you contained in your proposal document (i.e H&S of all park users, fair use of park for all users, etc) I support the proposed change. I also note this is applying a rule that is used successfully in every other park in Auckland to these two parks, but seems more than fair and reasonsable. I also have two other comments: - living in the local area I observe that there appears to be a well mobilised campaign of 'dog lovers' who oppose this change. I worry that this group will mobilise a vocal minority to submit, and maybe this will swamp the wider community (most I've spoken to are supportive of the changes, but not many will submit a response, for example). I also note a number of instances where Council change proposals have not gone ahead in the more wealthy areas of town - I encourage you to stick to your guns and apply this regionwide rule to these two parks in Orakei - the dog owners who use these parks (but Madills in particular) seem to come with an incredibly entitled attitiude that their use of the park (for their dogs to run off leash) is the top priority. I've observed numerous instances of poor "control" of dogs by owners as kids have been using the fields playing sport (e.g. dogs running through kids games as they're playing, charging up to small kids, urinating on sports equipment, etc, and owners not really caring). I sense the local campaign to mobilise people against these proposals will only have heightened this feeling. I can see a scenario that if these changes go ahead the dog walker uses simply ignore them, out of principle. Should these proposals go ahead, as part of managing the change can we please have some local visibility / presence of animal mgmt, as otherwise I fear the changes will go ignored, and could easily lead to unnecessary tension at the park (as other users seek to take policing the new rules into their own hands). Thank you for proposing these changes, and I look forward to the difference they [illegible]

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4173	I do not support the proposed change	I support maintaining the current status quo ie option 1. Madills is a unique park located in kohimarama . It was gifted to the residents of Kohimarama by the Madills family for non-organised recreation ie not soccer, rugby, touch rugby, athletics. With limited sports facilities in the area, this has become a priority, although contrary to the gifted wishes of the family. Under the current rules, dogs are not allowed on any playing field if Organised activity is occurring. This has worked well for many years and should continue in this way. During the day from dawn till at least 4 o'clock every day when there is no organised activity at the park , it is vacant except for dog Walkers and people seeking exercise themselves There is not a soccer player insight during this time. I have included pictures from five days of the week showing this. I note you have concerns relating health and field damage. The majority of owners pick up after the dogs and I have never seen a dog actively digging on a playing field. Don't base your decision on inaccurate information, or the irresponsible activities of only a few owners. Damage to the playing field is caused by the soccer players themselves. With The increased housing in the area, both the dog owners and the soccer club need to coexist. Banning dogs from main areas of the park, when not in use will 1. Expose the animals to more danger from the road beside the park. 2. Possibly cause stress to the animals by reducing their playing area. 3. Expose the dog owners especially female owners to other hazards as the areas designated as off leash are not sufficiently illuminated in the evenings. 4. Reduce access to elderly or disabled owners from the flat easy accessible area. 5. Be contrary to the reason the park was gifted in the first place. Kohi is a unique area with a unique demographics which act responsibly around dogs and have them registered as well. Don't lump Madills park in with a common rule for less responsible owners from different areas .
4188	I do not support the proposed change	We need areas that our dogs can run free. People don't have big back yards anymore thanks to intensification. Also the footpaths are too hot in summer for paws. They need the grass space. Dogs kept at home without socialisation aren't good for anyone. I bet those dogs who just attacked than man in manurewa weren't well socialised from young in a nice public park. Charge us more to use them if you need to but don't take away our access.

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4189	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm park is purposely recreational used by many locals who are part of the community. We need to ensure if we are required to change this use both for sport and dog walkers to allow each parts to follow the rules. Building the fence will create a boundary but its ugly to look at and also expensive as well as maintaining it. If dogs are digging and owners are not picking up their waste I suggest to allow walking time restriction in the field area or install the camera security operating system so fine can apply. Also it is a club responsibility to ensure the field is well cleared of any obstacles and dirt prior to their sports activities. More damage is done by having parents drinking while attending their children's soccer games, getting intoxicated. We have numerous issues with so much rubbish left behind after each weekend of sport and creating danger for any animal or humans to be hurt on broken glass. I am a citizen, rate payer, owner of 2 dogs, both registered and user of Madills farm park for the last 27 years. If council will not consider the importance of our park and creating system which both parties can enjoy many locals will leave the dog waste as a sign of disagreement. Beach walks with dogs is under control so the same should apply for the park. It's not that hard to manage together with soccer club to ensure nobody feels their freedom has been too restricted.
4196	I do not support the proposed change	-The 'one rule' for all areas does not always work. For one example, the ground surface and terrain in Madills and Glover is not as all other places -How does removing the current off leash area away from roads and traffic "better protect the health and safety of dogs"? As stated by you in #4 Dog access rules at local parks and beaches. -'Council statement' says "Keeping dogs a positive part of the lives of Aucklanders Dogs provide companionship, emotional support and help foster social connections. With Auckland’s growing population and development, the increase in dog ownership.. The current off leash areas are safe and open , enabling both my dog and I relaxed, stress free exercise time. Not crowded narrow areas causing congestion to bikes,scooters, older people and pushchairs on the walking path. Dog walkers use the current areas (yes including the reserves playing fields)at all times of day, 365 days of the year in all weather. Not only the sports players appreciate our rates spent grooming the reserve , esp on the sports fields. Other areas seem to have less maintaince and drainage.
4198	I do not support the proposed change	The grass area is important for dogs to play with other dogs and socialise. This is a a major dog walking area and I have never seen any issues with dogs interupting games or causing damage to the pitches. There is no dog waste either, most if not all owners clean up and take their responsibilities seriously.

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4202	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm and Glover Park are really important off-leash areas for dogs and owners in the local community. We are a large group of everyday rate-payers and this is a key issue for us as our dogs are part of our families and having access to off-leash areas is one of the reasons we enjoy living in this area. It is a great way to socialise the dogs and meet others with a common interest. We pick up any dog-do's and also any rubbish in the parks during walks which helps keep the parks clean for everyone. The parks are multi-use community facilities, not just sport fields, and our kids play sport at both Madills and Glover Parks and also play with our dog there - it is a great combination! Dogs do not dig up the fields - it is the sport players! We pay rates and dog registration fees and expect that Council provides good facilities for all users including dog-owners! There is no benefit in reducing access to the sport fields when they are not being used for sport, and a significant loss to a part of the community -please don't make this change!
4206	I support the proposed change	I am a local resident and frequent user of Madill's and Glover parks for walking, running, playing sports with the kids, and watching family and friends compete in cricket and football games on the fields. I have had several yucky encounters with dog poo over the years and frustrating encounters with dogs disrupting sporting activity. I agree dogs should not be allowed off leash on sports fields, particularly given there are other areas in the park they are allowed off lease. Thanks
4207	I do not support the proposed change	This is a significantly large park (5 football fields) where it provides dog owners in the area a unique wide open space for dogs of all sizes to properly exercise in. The park was gifted to the Council so that dog owners and sports associations could share in its use. To take the freedom of use away from dog owners of a space this size will severely limit the facilities available to dogs to properly exercise and just as importantly, to socialise with other dogs. I can certainly see there being adverse repercussions with the limited options then made available to dogs and owners, with an increase in dog attacks and fights. As a rate payer who does not use too many of the councils facilities, these parks are an essential resource for the multitude of dog owners who not only live in the area, but come from other areas to enjoy the freedom of the park. It should be maintained as it currently operates with only restrictions when organised sports are being played in the park.
4210	I do not support the proposed change	Leave as is they need to have off leash at Madills as the sports field is not always used so to allow dogs that’s ok
4212	I do not support the proposed change	When sports grounds are not in use prohibiting off leash dog exercise means very few options for large spaces where dogs can run off leash. If the concern is dog mess or digging I would support larger fines on owners not cleaning up after dogs or not stopping/repairing turf damage. This would better balance the needs of dog owners with safe sports surfaces. The proposed change is not balancing these needs and wastes resources sitting unused.
4215	I support the proposed change	My children have stepped in dog poo multiple times in sports matches, and had dogs run across the field in sports matches. There are also serious holes in the madills soccer fields that keep re appearing due to dogs digging. It is a no brainer

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4216	I support the proposed change	Unleashed dogs can be very scary for young sports team members, not to mention unsanitary or destructive of grounds
4217	I do not support the proposed change	I have been walking my dogs over a period of 42 years (3 x dogs) at Glover Park. I walk my dog daily off lead. My Border collie is used to off leash walking and is now 12 years old. She socialises with other dogs and their owners. For me, I have mobiility issues and cannot walk her where there are stairs and uneven terrain. She also suffers arthritis and is unable to get in and out of a car. I am home bound and alone most days and the walks are a necessary health activity for me and I also depend on the walks for my own socialising. The dog walking community at Glover have been gathering almost daily at the park. It would be near impossible to keep the dogs off the sports fields and thus you would be taking away both dogs and owners life lines.
4218	I do not support the proposed change	This will effectively put 90% of Madills Farm out of use. There is absolutely no reason to do this. Everyone has coexisted harmoniously for years. If it aint broke dont change it. Why is the Council looking to change it??? Where are the complaints?? Lets see who is complaining.
4222	I support the proposed change	Significant health and safely risk having dogs off leads on sports grounds, even when not in use. I have seen dogs off leads many times when my kids have been playing soccer, suggesting people are not aware of the current rules and assume it is siesta an off leash park. Dog owners have plenty of places to take their dogs off leash at other parts of Madills farm, which seems appropriate.
4223	I support the proposed change	This change is much appreciated. My three children use these sports fields numerous times a week and have rolled their ankles while playing due to holes dug by dogs. Regarding safety, my young children are frequently approached by dogs off leash who are not under control and intimidating to a child. We welcome this change thank you!
4226	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed off leash on other parts, they need the grasses to run with other friends. Don't take their freedom away just cause kids can't behave. It's my dogs freedom to be allowed off leash. He is not vicious, he is just a baby who wants to ran and play. Children's should only play on certain parts of the parks. Why don't we restrict their freedom. Why punish someone who doesn't have voices. They may be a dog for you but for me he is my child same a two legged kids. My furbaby deserve to be off leash. Why do I pay tax when my furbaby can't enjoy his run, his walk with his friends.

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4230	I do not support the proposed change	I am a 19 year old local student, I am very concerned by the proposal to change to off leash rules at Madill's Farm and Glover Park in Auckland. We have a large retrodoodle who is our most treasured family pet. As a larger dog he requires two good walks of an hour every day. We live in St heliers [redacted] and the three places we take our dog are primarily Madills Farm Crossfield Reserve Glover Park I cannot go to Waiatarua Reserve for off leash exercise and socialisation with our pet as it is a wetland reserve with protected birds and despite our dog being well trained and very gentle, his retriever instincts mean he will always chase the birds. Nor can I go to Tahuna Torea at the end of our street due to the protected wildlife or, Churchill Park due to the cows. It is [illegible]

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4250	I do not support the proposed change	As a responsible dog owner I have been using this park for 20 years. I have my dog under observation at all times, I pick up after my dog and I pick up after other dogs to ensure the park is kept clean. If there are concerns regarding dog owners, why in all this time have I never seen a dog ranger in the park or even heard of one checking up on or giving advice to dog owners. I also ask the question as to when the sports club took over the park. This park was prone to major drainage problems when I first came to the area and it appears that on behalf of the sports clubs the council have spent huge amounts of money to rectify that problem. I am now hearing rumours that dogs dig up the sports fields as one reason to close them off. I can say in all the time I have been going to the park (near daily) I have never seen a dog digging up the field. I have also noted that the main culprits for failing to leash their dogs on sports days are parents or spectators who have come specifically to watch a game. I accept that not every dog owner follows the rules, but those same owners wont follow them with these very exclusionary prohibitions on dogs from Madills Farm. Some advice and warnings to errant dog owners would be the first step, not a blanket ban on 95% of responsible owners. This has been a great community site that has been shared successfully between dog owners, general users of the park and sports people for a long time. This is going to cause disruption and division between these sections of the community, when the sports fields are generally used for only 3-6 hours a day in the weekends (sometimes not at all) and occasionally by school groups during the week. I have not seen or heard of any justifiable reason to change the current bylaws and
4254	I do not support the proposed change	These parks are the only two local parks where dogs can be exercised off leash at any time of the day
4257	I do not support the proposed change	The dog off leash areas are constantly decreasing, and and never well sign posted. I think there just needs to be more policing of current rules. Making more rules that you cannot police is infact not really making a rule at all. Perhaps having dog control officers working more on education on the parks when sports are happening, and at other busy times to increase vigilance with current rules. That would work if enforced. Also . . . why and when did Mount Taylor reserve become onlead ??. . . ridiculous. No signs, and no reason why is should be on lead only. Undercontrol dogs pose no threat to cows here, it is a grass hill, small bush area at back is fenced off, fenced all around to protect dogs from road, not really a picnic spot given the cow poo, and historical site no reason/justification if you have cows on same land. The rule which is only on the website doesnt make sense. Perhaps rule should be more along the lines of humans and dogs to maintain distance of 100m from live stock.

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4259	I support the proposed change	Health and Safety of people playing sports (touch, football and cricket): - multiple holes in grounds - dog leaving poo and weeing on kids bags/water bottles - 'some' (only some) dogs off leash are uncontrollable. I'd also like to say I am a dog owner myself and support this proposed change.
4262	I do not support the proposed change	My family and I have lived in the area for the past 10 years. We have a small 11 year old well behaved dog + 2 primary aged children. Madills farm is a shared community area, beloved of dog walkers and children. Our children also participate in soccer and touch rugby sports. The current policy works well, and allows the area to be utilised fairly by all. During sports matches the vast majority of dog owners keep their pets an leash and off playing areas without incident. Restricting access for dogs outside of these times would greatly restrict areas for socialisation of families. There is a significant population of retired people with small dogs that utilise this area daily, who would also be unduly burdened with restrictions. The status quo works for the majority of users, including the Eastern Bays Soccer club.
4264	I do not support the proposed change	The proposal for no dogs on the playing fields reduces the areas available for off-leash access to small areas which are near roads therefore dangerous for road users with dogs near the kerb. The areas outside the playing fields are undulating so unsafe for elderly or infirm dog walkers. Also I have lived adjacent to the park for 20 years and the areas outside the playing fields become waterlogged and boggy in the wet months, May to November.
4267	I support the proposed change	I am the mother of 3 kids who play touch, football and cricket at Madills Farm and Glover Park. The continual deep holes in the sports playing surfaces dug by dogs are a serious risk to athletes, with two of my kids being injured over the past two years. The grounds are substandard and council should be providing safer playing surfaces for all codes of sport.
4271	I do not support the proposed change	It is not practical for dogs to be prohibited at all times from the sports surfaces. These areas are largely spread out within the parks and are not fenced, which means it will be in reality impossible to comply with the requirements when using the space unless the dogs are on a lead at all times. These parks are currently safe, quiet and welcoming spaces for dogs under control off leash - implementing these changes in their current form will stop dog owners and their dogs being able to use the parks at all, and are therefore unfairly prejudicial.

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4274	I do not support the proposed change	Well where am I supposed to walk my dog if he is not allowed on the main bulk of the park. He likes to chase a ball and if he is only allowed around the edges off leash it becomes dangerous to throw a ball for him as it is too close to the road. The proposed change would cause a change in the dog walking community and would drastically shift the social aspect of walking your dog. It also makes it difficult if dog walkers are only allowed their dogs off leash around the outside of the park then people who use the paths for running, cycling and walking etc will find it harder to do so as this area will be congested with dog walkers and dogs. If all dogs are to be off leash only around the sides of the park, groups of friends who walk their dogs will be forced to stand around the outside of the park and all dogs that used to be able to use the whole park are now confined to a smaller space - there will be less room.
4276	I do not support the proposed change	The outer boarders of the park are near roads and dog sneed to run and chase balls etc, If a ball goes on a road the dog can get hit or cause a car accident. Walking along a path isn't enough for many dogs. Cats get to roam free all day and even at night (which is terrible for wildlife) yet dogs have to be restricted. These dog exercise areas are heaven for dogs and their owners. I have two sons who play soccer at both of these fields, bit we also have two active and well behaved dogs. We do the right thing when we walk them. We take poo bags. We poop scoop, often other peoples' dogs' poop, too. We know they have good recall. They are friendly safe dogs. They don't dig holes. I've seen kids digging holes. I've seen little soccer players kicking holes into the mud with their soccer boots, and driving sticks into them, while their parents watch on oblivious that they're ruining the field. I've seen scooters and bikes and electric scooters get ridden across these fields. Men golfing and creating holes with their clubs as they swing. It's not dogs, at least not most of the time. Why doesn't the council put people out here to fine those who are doing the wrong thing? Like parking inspectors? You could hand out on the spot fines to non-poop scoopers, or those who cause damage to the sport pitches. Litterers. Parents of the kids who destroy the pitches. Maybe keep records and after three strike place a ban, or even a temporary ban on those offenders? It could be a good revenue raiser, and improve the behaviour of the guilty park users, while the majority of us who use it correctly can continue to do so. You would only need to do it a couple of days per week, and maybe only six months before everyone gets the idea. Most dogs needs a lot of exercise, just like humans. Some need more than others to be happy and get there edginess out. They love running and fetching balls etc. Asking us to take that away from them is like expecting us to tell our kids they can't run or swim every time they go to the beach. It's such a sad thought.

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4277	I do not support the proposed change	A large number of locals and their dogs socialize, under control and off leash, on the Madills Farm sports fields (when not in use) especially after work hours. This is a space of freedom, safety and connection for both dogs and owners, especially after work hours. It provides community connection, enhanced mental health and a large safe space for dogs to run around in and the local community to gather in a free and relaxed manner. As we know from lockdown experience, having pets and nearby parks to socialize in freely (ie: dogs under control and off leash) has a beneficial social impact on well-being for both humans and their dogs. Therefore, to have this restricted would negatively impact the health and well-being of the local community.
4282	I support the proposed change	The sports fields are used by children and adults outside of official sports games and it would be good to have a space that people can use and not have to engage, compete for space, with dogs.
4283	I do not support the proposed change	It will destroy the enjoyment and socialisation enjoyed by dogs and their owners. Madills Farm has always been a public space and this proposal attempts to ban the public from 90% of the space. Dogs are walked and exercised there every day from early morning to late at night. Football games are played just on one or two days a week in the playing season, for maybe 2 hours each time. You propose to destroy an activity over around 85 hours every week for a sports match lasting 2 hours. It's plain crazy!! Add to which it is completely unworkable, as the locals will just not stand for your proposals. The park belongs to us all and you, the Council are accountable to us! Do NOT forget this!!!
4284	I do not support the proposed change	I believe these changes will negatively impact the community and contradict the original intent of the reserve. Regular exercise and social interaction are essential for both pets and their owners. Limiting access to suitable areas will negatively affect the health and well-being of dogs and their owners. The areas being proposed off limits are the only areas which are flat, kept mowed and accessible for people of all ages and mobilities. The result of this is that people exercising their dogs there fosters transgenerational social connection for people in this community. This is critical for mitigating loneliness. The other areas of the parks proposed for dogs to be off leash are not suitable due to uneven surface, long/wet grass and being close to roads.

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4288	I do not support the proposed change	As a local user of both Madills Farm and glover park with our dog I'm shocked to see essentially the attempted privatisation of the grounds for the use of eastern suburbs football club. My experiences have always been positive after the many years of putting my kids through eastern bays soccer with the wonderful blend of community, happy dogs and kids enjoying the park. You only have to go down to these grounds and see the community connections and dog groups which form around breeds with people feeling connected with those groups. Eastern bay soccer was an addition to these fields after originally been a wetland for bird and swamp land that was drained and eventually gifted for reserve for all of Auckland. The original small club rooms were for the eastern ward and it was only latter the club got those rooms and started soccer. This I feel is an underhanded tactic by a small cluster within the local board who are not pro dogs and want to see sports over nearly all usable space across these grounds. This is just goi g to set a precedent across many parks to follow if the many users don't voice their concern. I look forward to logic around this proposed change. T
4293	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm Recreation Reserve is exactly that, shared space that needs to be 'shared' responsibly. When fields are in use or closed, agree to on leash. When not in use the dog owners should be free to use the 'shared park' and allow their dog to be off leash in a controlled manner, in Madills Farm which has always been a local community facility since I have lived in the area for 10+ years.

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4294	I do not support the proposed change	I have lived in this area for over 30 years and have done for over 15 years. You are poorly advised if you believe the damage to the grass is caused by the dog users. From what I have observed, issues arise from high use by the local soccer club and in goal areas along with the movement of goal post and mass gathering by parents on the side lines during the wet seasons. The grounds enter the spring/summer seasons in poor condition, and this submission appears to be driven by the soccer club, who cause the vast majority of the Field Damage during the winter months. The touch rugby season start November-March and at the beginning of this season it is obvious that the football/Soccer users and crowds have caused damage during use and in particular when the grounds are wet. Just look at the in goal, corner and half way markings during winter. They are a mud bath.. This has nothing to do with dog walkers and owners that use this field year round and appear to be being used as a scapegoat for over use during wet times. I was there this morning walking my dog and will be there again on Wednesday night for touch rugby, which causes minimal damage to the surface. Your suggestion that the health and safety of other users is scaremongering and you would better serve the community by reminding the odd person that doesn't pick up after their dog that this is not acceptable instead of punishing the hoards of people that walk their dogs and exercise with their dogs.
4296	I do not support the proposed change	I overlook a Glover Park. I'm not a dog owner but they should be able to run free on the sports ground. The rules should remain the same.
4300	I do not support the proposed change	The number of sports fields at Madills Farm, takes up the majority of the "park". As per the current guidelines, dogs are able to be off leash when these fields are not in use, which is great. We walk to Madills twice a day with our dog, and this is the only "off leash" area where she is able to run freely. We have her under our control (as per the guidelines), and pick up after her, and ensure that she does not dig in the sports field area. Without this area, there are no other places that we're able to exercise our dog off leash.
4303	I support the proposed change	Because there are increasing amounts of dog poo and dog holes on the sports fields that are making it very dangerous and unpleasant. I have also seen instances of dogs urinating on sports equipment used while kids train and owners dont care

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4306	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need to able to be run off leash, you'll have more issues if owners stop this because it's made difficult. Madills is covered in sports fields, if it was just the main pitch, I'd perhaps understand, but otherwise they can barely run around. Sports fields aren't there as sports fields all the time. What is the problem having dogs there as a shared space, when games aren't on. Perhaps the bags need to be replenished more if it is to do with droppings. They need off leash, this is a huge park for dogs and this needs to be considered. I don't support this change, unless it was isolated to the main home pitch and it had barriers to make that obvious and for dogs not to accidentally run onto it. That seems like a lot of work for something that doesn't need to change.
4317	I do not support the proposed change	Their are very few areas where we can walk dogs off leash in our local community This gathering creates community feel and is a great place to meet old and young. The park is well respected by us as dog owners, we pick up after our dog and they enjoy a good run around, these park spaces have been available for us to use for many year without any problems. These 2 parks incur more damage to the fields with children on bikes, electric scooters, prams and more than any dogs that are having a run.
4326	I support the proposed change	Off leash dog exercise on the sports fields causes damage to the fields as well as a risk to users of the field.
4346	I do not support the proposed change	This is a major and extensively used off leash dog walking area and whatever other minor issue needs to be addressed, this change would have a disproportionate impact on many dog owners and their dogs. We are a society of dog lovers and lovely dogs. Solve the problem without making everything way worse.
4362	I do not support the proposed change	The sports fields are used so little in comparison to the rest of the week. Probably no more than 2 full days when added up. To limit dog and their walker use for 5 of 7 days is overkill. I agree with keeping them off when being used and closed.

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4390	I do not support the proposed change	As an elderly woman dog owner Madills Farm is a fantastic place for the dogs and owners to exercise, socialize and really enjoy the wonderful open space. It is very good for our mental health. Take this away and we are left with a very small area of long grass close to the road with a walkway going through it. This is in turn could cause accidents with dogs running and playing (not out of control). Dog owners at Madills are very responsible, we help children interact with dogs and they love it. We are certainly responsible for our dog's behaviour and picking up after them and not digging holes in the fields, that is Mother Nature and the lie of the land being a flood plain. To have the fields closed at all times to the dogs is unreasonable. When being used we keep the dogs away. Madill's Farm is a unique park in Auckland, very close to a lot of doggy households. We feel safe, enjoy the company of other dog owners. Sometimes it is the only time we get to talk to someone as a lot of us liver alone. Please don't do it.
4392	I do not support the proposed change	the parks are for all and needs to remain a community hub , where sports are played, dogs are exercised off lead and all people are free to socialize.
4394	I do not support the proposed change	Madills and Glover are a shared community environment to be enjoyed by all. Safety, healthy exercise, mixing with others, letting ones' dog run free are all most important. Please keep the status quo Thank you
4396	I do not support the proposed change	The Law as it stands allowing dogs to be run off leash when the Sports fields are not being used is logical, banning dogs when the Fields are not being used is totally illogical. In 37 years of walking dogs on both Madills Farm and Glover Park I never seen a dog do damage to a Sports field. To say soccer players are getting ankle injuries because of dogs digging holes is ridiculous - world wide the most common soccer injury is ankle injuries! Can't blame the dog for the injuries, it is the nature of soccer. The only holes I've seen on sports fields have been dug by humans for irrigation, posts etc. I vote for status quoe - if it ain't broke, don't fix it!

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4398	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose this proposed change as it significantly reduces the available space for dogs to exercise and play freely. The narrow areas around the fields will not be sufficient for dogs to run, fetch, and socialise without causing congestion or conflict. Instead of an outright ban, the council should focus on encouraging responsible dog ownership by ensuring waste bag dispensers are regularly stocked and running awareness campaigns to promote clean and considerate use of shared spaces. A balanced approach would better serve both dog owners and sports users.
4400	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support the proposed change for Madills farm as it was bequeathed to the local community as a recreation playground and is zoned as such, for all residents not just for use for those that play sports. I have been exercising my dogs at the park for about 15 years and find it a key part to living in this area and the comminity it has created. Dogs need to be able to run, play, socialise and get much needed exercise in order to lead a happy healthy life. If they do not they can develop bad traits like excessive barking, anxiety and aggressive behaviours. This is very stressful for the dog owners, the dogs and anyone who lives in earshot of the noise. I chose to live in this area so I could be close to Madills and the beach for the use of these facilities and my rates entitle me to them. To zone off such a small part of Madills for off leash exercise in my mind discreminates against me as a dog owner. Also the proposed space would never provide enough area for all the dogs that need to be exercised, some twice a day minimum. Over the last 20 years dog ownership has increased from 30% to 50%, 1his combined with the increased housing density in the area make the need for off leash area's even more critical. Also the proposed area for off leash is not suitable for dogs running chasing balls etc. the area is open to the road which would lead to potentially a hazard for drivers if a dog ran out chasing a ball or a cat etc. Plus Caregivers who are taking children into the playground typically park on the road all around the proposed space which would mean they would have to lead their children through the off leash dogs - again potentially a problem if your children are scared of dogs, or not aware of how to approach animals who are not known to them. (eg running up to a dog because they think it cute waving their hands around the dogs head trying to pat them ....This will panic the dog and can create defensive behaviour)

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4401	I do not support the proposed change	I do not agree with dogs being prohibited at all times on sports surfaces. I have three main reasons for not supporting the proposed change: I frequently visit Madills Farm (and to a lesser extent Glover Park) with my dog. My dog does not go off-leash in these unfenced areas as she is an ex-racer greyhound with a very strong drive to chase. However, I observe people exercising their dogs on the fields when they are not in use as I walk my dog around the perimeter. i) People of all ages congregate with their dogs to exercise them and to socialise on these sports fields (when not in use). I believe if dogs are restricted by this proposed change to the policy it will have a significant detrimental impact upon the health and well being of our community; particularly the mental health of older citizens. There are many members of our community who cannot take their dogs in the car to have off-leash exercise. If restricted to the outskirts of the parks I worry dogs are too close to the roads. My regular observations are that the fields provide safe and much needed recreational space for dogs and owners alike. ii) Frequently visiting these parks I have never witnessed a dog digging or damaging the grounds. I observe people picking up after their dogs. Examining the sports fields, it appears holes and damage are largely restricted to the six-yard boxes and goal areas where there is inevitably going to be damage during a football game. I don't believe dogs are contributing any significant damage to these surfaces. I don't believe restricting dogs from these surfaces is going to better protect sports users. Furthermore, having a reasonable knowledge of football, I am not convinced damaged surfaces are a key contributing factor to ankle injuries. iii) To implement the change would be to go against the fundamental objective of
4407	I support the proposed change	I support the changes - I also have small children who are terrified of dogs now due to a couple of encounters with dogs off leads - this makes my children not want to go to Madils anymore! Could you make a fenced off leash area the playground end(other side of the water/ power box) It's a large area that would be great off leash for dogs!
4410	I do not support the proposed change	Removing the access of public use to a popular and safe dog walking area, which are already scarce.

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4413	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm has long been enjoyed as a shared local facility and should continue to be in the future. The current proposal suggests that considerate, responsible, and respectful local dog owners be excluded from the majority of the park, specifically five designated playing fields that cover the best parts of the amenity. There is no evidence to suggest that dogs or their owners are causing damage to the playing fields—certainly not more than the players themselves. Additionally, more significant issues such as litter and broken glass within the amenity are not attributable to the dogs or their owners. The proposal to exclude dogs from the playing fields at Madills Farm should therefore be rejected. The fields should continue to be used by all, including dogs and their owners, when not being used for sports. This approach allows the community to function in an inclusive and cooperative way.
4419	I do not support the proposed change	This is one local area that is flat and safe for me to walk my dog, it is very hard to tell a dog that they can not access or run across a field that they have used since they were a puppy. This area was designated park area and should be used in such a way for the whole comunity. Restricting spaces like this and glover park means council needs to find other areas that allow this dog walking community to exercise their dogs especially in the summer months when dogs are not allowed on the beach.
4420	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed off-lead at these two parks - particularly where they are under the supervision of good owners who know how to manage and control their dogs. At a minimum the restriction should just be between 10am - 5pm like with beaches and not a blanket prohibition. It's essential that dogs have the ability to run and roam free - particularly in the early morning and late afternoons, away from any significant sporting events.

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4421	I do not support the proposed change	Reducing off-leash dog areas in our local parks is a ridiculous proposal. Our parks are meant to be shared by the whole community—not just soccer and cricket players. Taking away space for responsible dog owners and their pets is unfair and completely unnecessary. Dogs need off-leash exercise, not just for their physical health but also for socialization. Their owners—many of whom are elderly or disabled—also rely on these spaces for connection, fresh air, and activity. The flat areas of our parks are accessible for those who might struggle on rougher terrain, making them even more important for those who need them most. Some of these parks were originally built on swamp land, and millions have been spent fixing flooding issues to make them suitable for sports. That's not the fault of dogs. Likewise, the council has moved park lights and sprinkler systems, which has created uneven surfaces—again, not because of dogs. And let's not forget that sports teams running, tackling, and sliding across the fields are what actually wear them down, which is why council staff maintain them. Blaming dogs for this is simply wrong. Rubbish left behind after sports games is a much bigger issue, and it's often other park users—including dog owners—who end up cleaning it up. Parking and congestion around parks on game days have also been a problem for nearby residents. None of these issues are caused by dogs, yet dog owners are the ones being punished.
4441	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose this proposed change as it significantly reduces the available space for dogs to exercise and play freely. The narrow areas around the fields will not be sufficient for dogs to run, fetch, and socialise without causing congestion or conflict. Instead of an outright ban, the council should focus on encouraging responsible dog ownership by ensuring waste bag dispensers are regularly stocked and running awareness campaigns to promote clean and considerate use of shared spaces. A balanced approach would better serve both dog owners and sports users.

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4453	I do not support the proposed change	I am submitting in opposition to the council's proposal re dog bylaws for Madills Farm and Glover Park I am a long term resident of the Eastern Bays, with 2 sons in Glendowie College. My point of view is from the fact that the parks are for all of us to enjoy in lots of ways, be it sport, bike riding, picnics, dog walking or just walking, plus the entertainment the council provides eg movies in the park. We have all managed to co-exist thus far and I see no reason for that not to continue. I am not a dog owner but have seen the proposed space to be allocated for off lead at both Glover and Madills and do not deem it a suitable area. There has been a lot of talk around the growth of the soccer club and the poor quality of the fields. So if the club has expanded greatly and the grounds cannot cope with this, remembering these grounds also cater for touch and cricket, not to mention athletics, shot put etc. then social events like Round the Bays. Then maybe it's time the council considered the option of a designated soccer field purpose built with all the facilities required for that somewhere else. And leave these two parks to the social sports and everyday ratepayers to enjoy as they were meant to. Thank you for allowing submissions Regards [redacted]
4514	I do not support the proposed change	This land was gifted to the people of Auckland for their enjoyment. Consider the current usage. (a) It is used by people and their dogs dufing daylight hours 7 days a week. Based on my sampling, at any given time from approx 0800 to approx 2000 their will be, conservatively, 4 or more people at any one time and the average time spent in the area is about 20 min. This amounts to 12 people per hour, or 144 people per day and so over 1000 per week. (b) It is used by ESFC for football essentially once per week in the foolball season only by 22 players on the main ground. The other grounds may also be used for the occasional game and for practice The number of used would never get anywhere near 1000 per week!!!! This minority group allready has preferential acces during games when the majority is exlcluded. To exclde the majority during times when (a) the ground is not used for football and including the offseason when there is no football at all and (b) ESFC is already being give excclisive access almost free for games is just not fair or democratic. If ESFC want exclusive access at all times they must be prepared to pay a commercial rent!

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4515	I support the proposed change	The holes in the sports grounds are becoming a significant injury hazard as well as improved health and safety (have had to move sticks off fields away from trees before sports games, shoo dogs away from weeing on sports bottles/gear, dog poo not being picked up). Another benefit is that this would also provide a place where younger children could play happily (when sports fields not in use) without dogs running around nearby off leash (this was a big issue with our children when they were younger, particularly at Madills Farm, and resulted in them becoming afraid of dogs for a few years).
4526	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm was GIFTED to the people for all to enjoy. Have you gauged feedback from the sports players at Madills who may ACTUALLY own dogs?. This park is to be shared by all, not have dog owners shoe horned into a corner of the park. Let residents and their dogs enjoy the entire park between games. COME ON! The park was gifted to the council for all to enjoy including rare payers pets. Dog registrations net the council $17m yet the sports teams at Madills pay $1000 annually. It's time you listened to the people!!
4549	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed dog leashing rule changes at Madills Farm and Glover Park. These parks play a significant role for a diverse range of users, and I firmly believe that retaining the current off leash provisions benefits both dog owners and the wider community. Below, I address several key points that support my position: 1. Shared Community Spaces Both Madills Farm and Glover Park serve as communal facilities for a wide range of activities. While sports teams and fitness groups utilise these fields, dog owners of all ages and abilities rely on these open areas for off leash exercise, which is crucial for a dog's physical and mental health. Moreover, this setup facilitates social interaction among owners, helping to build a supportive local network. 2. Observed Field Damage I attend regular soccer games with my children and have noticed first hand how players—particularly children—sometimes enlarge holes in the turf with their boots. Despite consistent reminders not to do so, I have personally observed this behaviour at least five times last winter. In many cases, this type of damage can exceed any wear and tear attributed solely to dogs. Given these observations, it is clear that issues with ground conditions are multifaceted and should not be ascribed to dogs alone. 3. Practical Concerns for Dog Owners Walking on Footpaths: Walking dogs on footpaths during the daytime, especially in warmer weather, is not always practical or safe. The heat can burn a dog's paws, underscoring the need for grassy park areas where they can safely walk and run. Off-Leash Requirements: Dogs require adequate off-lead space to run and

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4559	I do not support the proposed change	We are rate payers and love letting our two doggies off leash on sports fields, when fields are not in use of course! I couldn't bear the thought of loosing this, it needs to be available to all Aucklanders, not a select few.
4564	I support the proposed change	Dogs off the lead are a menace and must not be allowed in parks at any time.
4567	I do not support the proposed change	As both a parent and dog owner, I think these recommended changes are ridiculous. Madills is a fantastic park that many locals access every day. It brings the community together & allows a place for dogs to safety run off-lead. I am currently on maternity leave with my second baby and I walk to madills every single day with my dog and baby. As a local - this has been integral to my mental health & has connected me with other dog owners and mothers alike. As a responsible dog owner, it's my duty to take my dog out every day and allow him to run off lead for exercise. It's cruel to imagine not having access to large open fields for dogs to exercise. Personally when there is sports on, I keep my dog on a lead as I appreciate that during these times, the sports community have priority over the space. The recommended area in the proposed changes is small and close to the road. It is not appropriate for dogs. At a busy time, there can be 15-20 dogs down at Madills at one time. Having them all in that tiny space will not work. The Kohi / St Heliers community are huge dog lovers. It connects us. Taking this away will impact many families. It's very devastating to see. I am a responsible dog owner. I always bring poo bags, I have done training with my dog so he has great recall. 95% of dog owners are in the same camp as I am. Some suggestions that the dogs are destroying the grass is absolutely ridiculous. More damage is done from football players. I've not once seen a dog dig a hole in the grass. I am strongly against the proposed changes and I hope you listen to the community of dog owners from our area. Thank you.
4570	I do not support the proposed change	Firstly Madills Farm is a much loved reserve for residents and their dogs to enjoy, meet and exercise both owner and dog. By putting a TOAL ban on dogs, even on the leash, across such a large area as the field areas that are also used some times for sports, is an unbalanced approach. Most of the times during the week day these fields are not used other than dog owners. to not even be allowed to WALK with your dog ON LEASH across these fields during non use times makes no sense. A more balanced approach needs to be found. I am suggesting that on leash - as a minimum option for dogs/ owners when fields not in use. I would like the fields kept open to off leash digs as this is a key part of enjoyment and exercise for many many local residents
4572	I do not support the proposed change	The majority of dog walkers are early morning or evening. When we walk Madills I have never had any problem with people enjoying their sport and I know they have never had a problem with me or my dogs off the lead.

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4585	I do not support the proposed change	Absolutely ridiculous. There are very few dogs at any given time. Very little mess is ever left behind, as a member of the football club its the kids that ruin the field (mine included) not my dig. In our local area, very few people have land. Most buy a dog BECAUSE of Madills and the Kohi lifestyle. So many elderly walk madills everyday with their dog, don't disrupt the majority of the suburbs lifestyle for no good reason. Keep them active.
4601	I do not support the proposed change	Madills was not designated as a sports ground in terms of its primary use. Football has become a big user of the grounds but the park was originally marked as a multi-purpose, multi-use environment. This change - not allowing dogs on the fields even when they are not in use - seems onerous and unnecessary. I would be more supportive of stiffer penalties for owners not cleaning up after their dogs than this.
4614	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs and sports are well able to co exist in these areas. Neither should have mutually exclusive use of the areas. The dog walking fraternity creates enormous sense of community through these low level social meetings. The land was gifted to the people of Auckland. Not the sports people of Auckland. Squeezing dogs out will result in less well adjusted dogs which will not ultimately benefit anyone.
4624	I support the proposed change	These fields are in constant use by 1000s of local children each week through sporting activates that benefit their health, mental health and wellbeing. I have lived in the area for over 40 years and have young children involved in sports and see the benefits this brings. I have routinely seen controlled and uncontrolled dogs destroying these facilities through digging up turf, defecation left where young children are exposed to it and off lease dogs approaching children not equipped to deal with unknown animals. I have also had dogs urinating on sports bags and picnic blankets, approaching children with food in a manner they perceive as aggressive and seen injuries from the holes dug in sports pitches. There is an off leash area in near by Churchill Park which seem a much more sensible area for this activity.
4634	I do not support the proposed change	I do t see why dogs can't run off leash in this area. I am here everyday running my dog. people pick up their dog poops, the dogs have great exercise time. What is possibly wrong with this? Dogs need somewhere to exercise off lead. Where else are we able to go??
4636	I do not support the proposed change	Green space that is dog friendly is already tough to find in the eastern suburbs. This spot has always been a dog owners choice of place.
4642	I support the proposed change	This is a good proposal. too many times have parents had to pick up dog poo from the fields before games can start. it is also unsettling when off-leash dogs wander into the fields during games. Madils and Glover have a lot of space, only about 1/2 of Madils is sports fields and dogs are allowed off-leash in the other area away from the fields. I am a dog owner and my son plays at Madills Farm. and I see no reason why dog owners cant walk that 150m to the southern side and exercise their dogs where there are no playing fields. I mean its only 150m away from the carpark and you are talking them for a walk anyway! .. only a lazy dog owner would disagree!

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4647	I do not support the proposed change	I have lived in the Eastern Suburbs for 60 years. I walk daily at Glover Park - I am often the only one walking there or there maybe a few other mostly dog walkers. This park is mostly only used for a few hours for organised weekend sport & after school practices and on a Tuesday night for athletics., I have no problem with a dog ban at times when there is organised sport. However the rest of the week these areas should be available as off lead under control walking for dog users. Often I can be the only one at the park so why should we have to give up our dog walking rights for the minimal use that this park gets used as a sports ground. I also have no problem with the no dog rule at the playground area of this park but the playyground should be fenced so that it restricts not only the dog access but the childre from running into the carpark. I suggest that you should actually come out from behind your desks and actaully monitour the park usage as it is predominanatly used by walkers, dog walkers & runners rather than for organised sport. It would be a great loss if we were not allowed to walk there with dogs especially as it is one of the few flat walking paths in the area for walking with your elderly dog.
4648	I do not support the proposed change	These changes have an adverse affect on the elderly and also the minimal space the dogs can run off leash. Dogs are a big part of the community and region. Alot of dogs are small house dogs and kohimarama st heliiers and glendowie are well know for dog friendly and this is a very big reason people stay in this area. The sports fields are great for the community but there needs to be a balance between all of the community being able to use the facilities not just the football club. Because they have a good support base it doesn't mean they should be able to take over the majority of the fields. This is just not reasonable , given the grounds were gifted to the community originally and now they are being allocated as football fields? This just doesn't not support the intended use of the field when Midills was first set up. No support to these changes. It's definitely an overreach of rules. Who is going to police the rules? Locals and club.... that is just looking for trouble in itself.
4650	I do not support the proposed change	We have very few off-leash areas to walk dogs in Kohimarama. This park was gifted to the people of Kohimarama and not specifically to the sports entities who have taken over the park. We have always been able to work side by side with the sports teams, and there is no reason why dogs cannot have freedom on Madills when there are not football matches being played. Whilst I do understand there are some irresponsible owners, why do we always have to regulate to the lowest dominato. The majority of dog owners who use Madills are very mindful of their dogs and if they see defection from another dog which has been missed, are very inclined to pick it up - we are a community and use to sharing spaces.

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4656	I do not support the proposed change	I am a parent of a child that play sports at these parks. These sportsfields are used by very young children. The current rules are not enforced and dogs end up shitting and pissing everywhere. The fields are regularly covered in dogshit and it's inevitable that children playing football end up on the ground and rolling around in dogshit. Not to mention that some children are terrified of dogs some of which behave aggressively. The end result is that it detracts from the kids ability to enjoy playing sports. Both fields should be completely dog free. It's appalling that the parks are being used for both purposes. There are plenty of other parks around that they can use.
4660	I support the proposed change	I support the proposed further restriction of dogs in this area but the rules are too complex. None of Madills Farm should permit off leash.
4700	I do not support the proposed change	Completely unnecessary change and nonsensical. Why would dogs need to be prohibited form sports fields, when they are not in use? The current rules make perfect sense, the sports fields make a perfect dog exercise area for when not in use for sports. The current rules give the spaces the flexibility to make the park useable and enjoyable for many uses and purposes.
4702	I do not support the proposed change	Subject: Submission Regarding Proposed Dog Access Bylaw Changes for Madills Farm Recreation Reserve To the Ōrākei Local Board, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes to the dog access bylaws for Madills Farm Recreation Reserve, specifically the restriction of off-leash access on sports fields. I am a ratepayer in St Heliers and a regular user of Madills Farm with my four-year-old Maltese, Esha. I believe the proposed changes are unnecessary, infringe on the rights of responsible dog owners, and negatively impact the well-being of our canine companions. The Board's stated reasons for these changes, namely the protection of sports fields from damage, are not sufficient justification for such a sweeping restriction. While I understand the need to maintain the fields, the claim that dogs cause significant damage is overstated and lacks specific evidence. Digging can be addressed through responsible dog ownership and the provision of designated digging areas. Furthermore, the impact of dogs on field surfaces, especially when dry, is minimal compared to the wear and tear caused by organized sports. The financial burden of repairs, as cited by the Board, should be balanced against the benefits that off-leash exercise provides to dogs and their owners. It seems disproportionate to punish all dog owners for the potential actions of a few. The current policy, which allows off-leash access in designated areas, strikes a reasonable balance between the needs of sports players and dog owners. Restricting dogs to on-leash access near the sidelines during sports activities is a sensible compromise. However, a complete ban from the sports fields, even when not in use for organized sport, severely limits the space available for dogs to

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4731	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is a high dog walking area, vital to the community. I live and work overlooking the park, and have a dog that I walk there. There ate hundreds of users, worth scores of dog walkers there at all times of day and night. They don't interfere with the sport at all,. The football club seems intent on turning madills into their private domain, work lots of loud musicblasting out, late bars, beer bottles every Sunday morning through the park. There is no justification for banning dogs at all. I feel this is just part of a football club campaign to build a number of astro pitches, a big bar etc all too increase income, when they already hide huge amounts of cash in unrelated charitable trusts in order to qualify for grants.
4733	I do not support the proposed change	This is a park for everyone, not just football players. I find it hard to believe the council (which we voted in) can come to such a conclusion. There absolutely no reason for the change: - People move to the area to access the park - Dog walkers use it on a regular basis, every day - Elderly in the area walk in the park regularly How a sports club can apply for such a change and council take this seriously is beyond me. If this is voted in then I will not be voting you in next election
4735	I support the proposed change	seems ok
4736	I do not support the proposed change	To restrict the use of Madills farm for dog owners to the degree proposed in these changes is misguided and ultimately divisive - dog owners verse the football club. It significantly impacts the community of Kohimarama that utlaises the green space for a wide range of activities. I have enjoyed the use of Madills farm for the last 25yrs for fitness, sport, family recreation and dog walking. To restrict its use for dog owners for the benefit of a short season of kids weekend football is illogical - 2 days of use a week for approximately 16 weeks of the year. Much of the damage to the sports fields are as a result of poor management by the Eastern Bays Club. Over the Winter football season the surface deteriorates around the kids football goals where it gets muddy. Once the season is finished those roughed up areas are not cared for by the sports club so weeds take hold and the grass is unable to grow back leaving patches of weed and dirt. This damage is not caused by dog owners. Large muddy areas form around the cricket pitches that are at times underwater, especially during the Winter. Again this is not caused by dogs but poor managment by the club or council.

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4762	Other (please explain below)	if dogs are not strictly on leash in parks and beaches i.e. public areas you will be responsible for serious human fatality or death in the near furture Let me first take this opportunity to say "Thanks a Bunch" for the selfless services to Orakei Board of Auckland Council. It indeed takes courage and nobleness to serve the community! I am writing to express my concern regarding the increasing number of off-leash dogs in Glover Park. As a resident of Rarangi Road and a frequent visitor to the park, I have observed several instances of irresponsible dog ownership that pose a potential risk to other park users, particularly young children. While I appreciate the joy and companionship that dogs bring, I believe it is crucial to ensure the safety and comfort of all park visitors. Many people, including myself, may feel uneasy or even threatened by unleashed dogs, regardless of how well-intentioned the owner may be. To address this issue, I propose the following options for the Orakei Local Board's consideration: Designated Off-Leash Area: Could a section of Glover Park be designated as an off-leash area, with clear signage and fencing to ensure dogs remain within that space? This would allow dogs to exercise freely while providing a safe and comfortable environment for all park users. Stricter Enforcement of Leash Laws: Increased signage reminding dog owners of leash laws, along with more frequent patrols by animal control officers, could help ensure compliance and deter irresponsible dog owners. I understand that implementing these changes may require resources and
4764	I do not support the proposed change	there are few options for safe off leash dog exercise areas
4775	I do not support the proposed change	These parks are for the use of all residents in the area. There is a large percentage of dog owners who use these parks to excise their dogs. Dog owners also interact with other dog owners and this is an interactive area for a lot of people. Some of which are elderly or don't have much other interaction. These grounds are not only sports grounds. A high percentage of the users are responsible dog owners who need this area to excise their dogs. If shut down other dog areas will become overcrowded and a major issue. Then the residents will want these areas closed as well which going to cause a lot of conflict. As rate payers we contribute to the upkeep of these parks and therefor should not be denied access to undertake these activities.
4798	I do not support the proposed change	I have never witnessed any dogs out of control. Neighbourhood knows the dogs and will put on the leash if needed.

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4800	I do not support the proposed change	I'm not convinced that the majority of the problems with the sports field are 'dog related' Olaying in wet weather has a huge impact on the state of the field. Also the farm was donated for the use of all the community and not exclusively for sport. The residential area around Madills has many apartments and dog owners need somewhere relatively close by to let their dogs run freely.
4802	I do not support the proposed change	I am a regular visitor to Madills walking and believe the changes will impact the community in allowing people to meet up , the elderly get out either walking their dogs or meeting people with dogs . Madills has long been a great community space for sports, people walking running cycling and for dogowners to be able to walk their dogs off leash . Many of these people rely on these spaces for recreation and to socialise. Changes would mean this doesnt happenand would have an impact on many. Regular exercise and social interaction is good for the health and well being. Dogs using the fields for walking and running cause less damage than intense use by team sports and perhaps better maintenance can ensure they remain in good condition for all to enjoy . Restricting dog access will affect the community and you need to look at this and prioritise the well been of community members using it ,while making the reserve fair for sports and recreation .
4803	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should remain to be allowed on sports fields off leash (provided the dog is under control, and the sports field is not in use or closed). Rate payers (which also include dog owners) pay for the majority of the costs of the sports field upkeep NOT the sports club.
4830	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is very well utilised by the whole community around the st Heliers/kohimarama area. The dog walking community on the whole are responsible, considerate people who already ensure their dogs are under control. We are fully if aware of the times when the park is busy with sports training and tournaments and exercise our dogs outside of these times when we want to use the main grassy area. This is a public park where the community spirit thrives. By removing the dog walkers you will be killing that community. The people participating in sports are not necessarily from this area. Sometimes the only time our older or more vulnerable community get to talk to others is when they are walking their dog in this amazing space where people are friendly, polite and considerate. Please, please, please don’t take that away from us

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4831	I do not support the proposed change	This is unacceptable. How does this proposal make any sense. Firstly, the areas were provided for the benefit of ALL New Zealanders. They were not provided for the sole benefit of a small subset of people playing sport. Secondly, please do a study on where the damage to the football grounds comes from. We all know that hundreds and hundreds of football boots, stomping and sliding around the public parks, every Saturday and Sunday in winter, create way more damage to the surface, than a few dozen dogs going for a walk or chasing a ball. Thirdly, it should actually be the other way around, this review should be looking at the role and location of the football clubs. They monopolise the grounds every weekend which restricts their use significantly to the wider public (not just dog walkers). Lastly why would you make huge parts of these parks inaccessible throughout the week when they are not in use? That just does not make sense. Once again, these parks are there for the benefit of all people, not just people playing sports in the weekend. The only part is support is the restrictions around playgrounds which are sensible. No doubt you have reviewed this, but it would be worth making sure there are no Conflicts of Interest between the Eastern Suburbs football club and the local Orakei board, as this proposal seems VERY targeted, and I would not want to think it was driven through a misuse of power.
4837	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is an excellent and beautiful asset to Auckland. Countless members of the community bring their family and dogs down to enjoy the green space. Madills Farm is unique for dog owners because it provides a flat open space to exercise and socialize your dog. One example where this is crucial would be someone who has limited mobility, perhaps from an injury or old age, can use the space for their dog to run, play fetch and interact with other dogs, all while being able to see them due to the flat ground, and it is far from the road so the owner won't have to worry about the dogs safety from cars. I could go on and on about why Madills Farm is so amazing for all members of the community, furry friends included. Personally, my family and I value and have enjoyed many occasions at Madills, I hope we can continue to do so. Ultimately, the proposed changes would create difficulty for many members of the community. Please don't think these are small decisions with little impact, it will worsen the quality of life for many dog owners if the proposed changes go ahead.
4839	I do not support the proposed change	Putting the needs of Sports above the needs of many responsible dog owners is not democratic.
4860	I do not support the proposed change	Sports users already have an excessive use of the park over the needs of the rest of the community. Further restricting dog owners and families from the use of the park will continue to sustain the idea the only use for public facilities is sports.
4863	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs on leash at all times please.

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4867	I do not support the proposed change	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. I do not support this change in access to Madills and Glover Park for the following reasons. 1. The "offleash" area proposed to be remaining is small, boggy and not a fair or fit substitution for the responsible dog owner to safely exercise their dog, along with socialising their dog. I moved to Kohimarama and got a dog specifically knowing that there was a good off leash recreational reserve I could walk to with a dog. Removing this access is a significant change. 2. The area that will now be prohibited at all times, is a significant % of the park, This is not a fair and reasonable change, and prioritises one group to use this space at the expense of others that have enjoyed it peacefully for years. 3. The change is in conflict with the purpose of a recreational reserve, especially in regards to Madills & Glover where a significant area is now excluded for a large part of society that enjoy its use. as stated in the Reserves Act 1977 -" 1.It is hereby declared that the appropriate provisions of this Act shall have effect, in relation to reserves classified as recreation reserves, for the purpose of providing areas for the recreation and sporting activities and the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public, and for the protection of the natural environment and beauty of the countryside, with emphasis on the retention of open spaces and on outdoor recreational activities, including recreational tracks in the countryside." 4. The rationale given is not supported with any facts. Where are the facts that the damage is from dogs, and how does this measure against the damage from the sports, other recreational activities, weather events and larger events such as Round the Bays. I expect the facts with show minimal from dogs vs rest of use and damage from other reasons. 5. The rationale should be in regards to Responsible Dog Ownership, where this is using factors from Irresponsible dog ownership ie Faeces, digging holes - which should not be a consideration. There are a number of strategies to mitigate this

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4875	I do not support the proposed change	Our family uses Madills Farm weekly for both off-leash dog exercise and both organised and recreational sport. When we became dog owners 6 years ago we were so pleased to have Madills nearby to be able to exercise, socialise and train our dog on how to behave off-leash, how to interact with other dogs and with people of all ages and backgrounds. We believe it is extremely important for dogs and their owners to be able to do this to raise well-behaved and healthy dogs. Our children have grown up running and playing on Madills Farm and Glover Park with our dog and others - something that is increasingly difficult to do in today's neighbourhoods of extensively sub-divided land and in-fill housing, where families and animals rarely have any garden/lawn/space to run at home anymore. In summer dogs are banned from the beach from 10am - 6pm, which we understand and support, but that leaves us with just Madills Farm and Glover Park as our safe and family-friendly off-leash dog areas. We HAVE to go to a local park in order to properly exercise and play with our dogs. The space that is being proposed as the future off-leash area for dogs at Madills is an unrealistically small corner of the park, close to the roads (presenting a danger to dogs), that will lead to over-crowding of dogs and owners at peak exercise times of day. This could lead to dangerous situations arising if dogs can't create space between themselves and other larger or more dominant dogs. The proposed space also doesn't strike me as a particularly user-friendly area for eldery or disabled dog owners to reach. As a family who also belongs to the Easterm Suburbs Soccer club at Madills (our children have played there for a combined 7 years and my husband coaches
4881	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed rules are impractical. As a dog owner, I support changes to ensure the playing fields are free from poo. However, there are many people who just don't pick up poo ever, or who don't keep an eye on their pets. Any changes must be accompanied by an education campaign and enforcement of fines.
4886	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are being blamed for being a pain. They should be allowed the same freedoms as anyone else, provided their owners look after them

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4889	I do not support the proposed change	The current bylaw, which allows dogs to be off-leash under control on marked grass sports fields when not in use or not closed, strikes a balance between the needs of dog owners and the community. The proposed change to prohibit dogs at all times on sports surfaces and require them to be on a leash in the vicinity when in use is unnecessary and detrimental for several reasons. 1. Community and Social Interaction: The current bylaw fosters a sense of community by allowing dog owners to exercise their dogs on the sports surfaces while they are not in use, promoting social interactions among residents. Dogs are an integral part of many families in the area, and the Madills farm space provides a valuable opportunity for dog owners to connect and bond with their dogs and each other. Banning dogs from the Madills sports fields at all times (even when they are not in use) would reduce these positive social interactions. 2. Limited Alternatives: Kohimarama and surrounding areas have limited green spaces where dogs can be exercised. By prohibiting dogs from sports surfaces at all times, the options for dog owners to provide adequate exercise for their dogs are significantly reduced. This can lead to overcrowding in other areas, potentially causing conflicts among users. 3. Safety of Dog Walkers: Allowing dogs to be off-leash on the Madills sports surfaces when not in use provides an added sense of safety for dog walkers, particularly for women. Many female dog walkers feel more secure walking their dogs in open, central areas of the park, especially during early morning or dusk hours when the sports fields are not being used. The proposed change would force them to use less visible and potentially more isolated areas, increasing their vulnerability. 4. Recommended Dog Owner Training: To promote responsible dog ownership
4894	I do not support the proposed change	It is clear from the proposed changes that the council wishes to reduce significantly over the entire Auckland Region, the areas available for dog walking, in particular off-leash dog walking. Of particular concern to me are the two areas of Madill's Farm and Glover Park. Especially as there have been several attempts over the last 15 years or so to convert Madill's Farm into a sports ground. These attempts must stop.
4901	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs and sports teams can use this space together. When games are on dogs on leash cannot use the grounds. But outside of those times they should be allowed to use this space on lead. It is a space for all rate payers to use and are two key green spaces for residents to use in the Glendowie area. I do not support this change.

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4903	I do not support the proposed change	A local resident of 70+ years mother of 3 boys and 3 grandchildren all living in the eastern suburbs area. I wish to maintain the status quo. We all have the opportunity to use these grounds and having seen the existing and proposed rules it's looks to me that dog people are being eliminated. In both cases of Madills and Glover the off lead area is pushed to the surrounding roads and in Glovers case the cliff also. These are not appropriate spaces for off lead as for the other space offered at Glover you'd have to be a mountain goat. I am not a dog owner but still believe everyone has the right to enjoy these spaces and learn to compromise with the other activities that take place here. If the parks are going to be dominated by Eastern Suburbs football club then where does this end, is this the thin end of the wedge. And who will be eliminated next. Round the Bays, Movies in the Park, Opera in the Park, all these things I would have thought has more impact on the ground surface. Thank you for the opportunity to have my say [redacted]
4913	I do not support the proposed change	The current bylaw, which allows dogs to be off-leash under control on marked grass sports fields when not in use or not closed, strikes a balance between the needs of dog owners and the community. The proposed change to prohibit dogs at all times on sports surfaces and require them to be on a leash in the vicinity when in use is unnecessary and detrimental for several reasons. 1. Community and Social Interaction: The current bylaw fosters a sense of community by allowing dog owners to exercise their dogs on the sports surfaces while they are not in use, promoting social interactions among residents. Dogs are an integral part of many families in the area, and the Madills farm space provides a valuable opportunity for dog owners to connect and bond with their dogs and each other. Banning dogs from the Madills sports fields at all times (even when they are not in use) would reduce these positive social interactions. 2. Limited Alternatives: Kohimarama and surrounding areas have limited green spaces where dogs can be exercised. By prohibiting dogs from sports surfaces at all times, the options for dog owners to provide adequate exercise for their dogs are significantly reduced. This can lead to overcrowding in other areas, potentially causing conflicts among users. 3. Safety of Dog Walkers: Allowing dogs to be off-leash on the Madills sports surfaces when not in use provides an added sense of safety for dog walkers, particularly for women. Many female dog walkers feel more secure walking their dogs in open, central areas of the park, especially during early morning or dusk hours when the sports fields are not being used. The proposed change would force them to use less visible and potentially more isolated areas, increasing their vulnerability. 4. [illegible]

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4925	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support the proposed changes to Glover Park and Madills Farm re dog bylaws I had only recently heard that such a thing is proposed. I find it unbelievable that a public recreational park, supposedly for the use of all is being taken over by a commercial soccer club namely Eastern Bays Soccer. I have been on both websites Auckland Council and Eastern Bays Soccer and see Ngahue Reserve, Crossfield Park, Glover Park and Madill Farm all have occupancy by Eastern Bays Soccer. And now ousting one segment of the community is just not acceptable. Who's going to be next. I have nothing against soccer. But it now seems obvious to me that as a successful club they totally need their own purpose build grounds beyond Ngahue Reserve. So as it stands I am happy to continue with the Status Quo and share with everyone. Both these parks have a lovely community atmosphere across all ages and ethnicities. I am a dog owner and local resident. Thank you for the opportunity to submit [redacted]
4932	I do not support the proposed change	I am a dog walker and utilise Glover Park approx 21 times a week. The sports fields are not used that frequently during the week so if dogs were banned from the sports fields then its usage would be low. If dogs were limited to the slopes there would be attacks as dogs do not do well in confined spaces Aside from Churchill park, Glover park and madills there is nowhere else to run your dog to exercise them close by For dogs to be beneficial assets in our community we need places to exercise them., this can't be limited to on lead. I personally always clean up after my dog and she is well trained, walks to heel on or off lead. Obeys hand signals and listens to commands. She is a 29kg shar Pei x that needs somewhere to run and sniff around. Catering only to people without dogs is not serving the whole community for which I pay substantial rates. People who do not like dogs have the ability to go elsewhere and under the current rules dogs are prohibited on sports grounds when in use and at the playground. These rules are sufficient and should remain as is.

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4933	I do not support the proposed change	I find these changes to be unequitable to local dog owners in the St Heliers, Kohimarama area's. The majority of dogs and owners are well behaved. A small number ruin it for the rest (dig holes, owners leave droppings or dogs are aggressive). I find it interesting that the football club would effectively get exclusive rights over these areas at Madills Farm, yet only pay $1k per year for their lease. Yet many local residents will be paying in excess of $4-6k per year in rates. According to the lease terms, it seems that the FC will only have to pay if council ask, otherwise its effectively free. The sports and dogs should be able to co-exist. It feels very heavy handed that we would be asked to not use these fields at all for dogs. Where else are we to go? What options are council proposing to expand dog off leash areas? In addtion to this - if the FC and Council are concerned with the quality of the pitches - they only need to look at the fact that the was fencing up for 22 weeks in what one can only assume was an attempt to allow the field to re-generate.... however the fields were in worse condition post fences than before! I am firmly against the proposed changes by council to Madills farm.
4935	I do not support the proposed change	There are not many off leash dog walking areas in this area. This land was given to the people of Auckland for general use, so why would the council take this away. It was not given to the sports clubs, everyone should have access. During the summer months we cannot walk our dogs on the beach during certain hours of the day so taking this area away would limit where we can walk massively.
4936	I do not support the proposed change	Medill's Farm is the centre of the Kohi community for exercise and socialising slong with their dogs. To restrict the usage by dogs to only outside the fields is ridiculous and unenforceable. Dogs and their people make up about 75% of visitors to the park outside of sports times. With sports on only a few hour's a day a few days a week, banning dogs on the sports field is a gross underutilisation of a community asset that we should be all able to use. So I strongly support the status quo remaining.

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4937	I do not support the proposed change	Hello there, I am a local resident and dog owner and am writing in opposition to the proposed dog bylaws relating to Glover Park and Madills Farm. I wish to keep the rules as they stand today. I personally do not use the parks to walk my dog but know numerous people who do and also who take their dogs to the grounds when their children are playing, be it cricket, soccer or whatever. The dogs and their owners socialise in these places and that is what these parks are for. Nothing against the sport, most of us have been there for that too, but all of a sudden it feels like a takeover and the ESAFC is in itself a commercial entity which brings into question why it is even there in the first place, I mean in a public recreational park? The park is often unused which gives the community the opportunity to visit throughout the day with no one else around making great use of the facilities. A lot of people work from home and the elderly can use the unoccupied daytime to make the most of the opportunity to run their dogs off lead. It's great to have these flat green spaces and I can't believe you are considering banning us. If you are having any trouble with bad behaviour from dog owners then I suggest using dog management as that's what they are there for. But punishing everyone for the few is a nonsense.
4943	I do not support the proposed change	Madhills and Glover are great exercise areas for dogs. The proposed changes are punitive and only serve a small percentage of the community. The dogs need to be exercised and if the owners are responsible there is no issue. Many parents take their dogs to exercise whilst waiting for their children. No-one is allowing their dog to willingly run amok along the football pitches. banning them all together does not create a happy and inclusive environment. It just appeases a few. Make the rules clear and create fines if people don't obey them. Don't ban dogs all-together.
4944	I do not support the proposed change	Please restrict kids and homeless people i stead of our dogs
4953	I do not support the proposed change	Sport is played on a Saturday morning , i can't understand why you would restrict access to dog owners for the whole week . Responsible dog owners don't use the sports fields when sport is Been played . There is limited places that dogs can run off leach in general during the day we should all be able to share access to available land .. we all need places to exercise .. this applies to people that are also walking the dogs . I have lived in this area for 30 years and had dogs and it has never been an issue .. let's all get to enjoy green space .. if you have to restrict it just look at Saturday when sport is played which I think the rules state now ..

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4965	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs have always walked these grounds since I was a little girl. Every single day, the fields are packed with dogs and their owners socialising. Dog owners are conscientious about their dogs' training and picking up after them. We have also always played sport at the fields and I'm not aware of dog related issues in the slightest. Changing the fields to exclusive use for sports (used a few hours a day) compared to the many hours enjoyed by dogs and their owners every day is not right. Nor is it required at this park. Leave it as it's always been, please!
4967	I do not support the proposed change	We live right on Glover Park. We know all the dog owners that walk in the park. There is nothing wrong with how dogs behave in this park. Most dogs are small well behaved family pets. Some owners are at the park multiple times per day. There is more rubbish left at the park after sporting events and chaotic traffic. I run through Madils farm and see dogs and sports played at the same time. All dogs are well behaved family pets in this park too.
4972	I do not support the proposed change	its a dog park.
4973	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support the proposed change because once sports surfaces are removed from the allowed areas the dogs can go on there is not much park left, and what is left is an unworkable and difficult to manage configuration of space for the dogs to be offleash in. It's not as if all the sports surfaces are tucked away in a dedicated area of these two parks, they are dotted all over the parks, leaving an unworkable patchwork of ground connected by narrow strips in between sports surfaces for an offleash dog. I acknowledge the health concerns of dog poo on sports surfaces, however this is a very blunt approach. Perhaps greater fines for owners not picking up after their dog is a better way to address health concerns for sports people. Also, particularly in the case of Madills, it seems imbalanced that so much of the park is taken up for sports surfaces. It's fine if the dogs can use them offleash when not in use, but if this proposed amendment does go through it would only be fair if there was a reduction in the area of the park that is covered in sports surfaces, so that the dogs have a decent amount of contiguous space offleash.

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4997	I do not support the proposed change	I do not advocate banning dogs from the sports fields at Madills Farm. Madills Farm is a designated mixed use recreational ground and must be kept as such. I walk my dog daily approximately 320 days of the year - do sports players use it that often - and use the whole park to throw a ball or plastic stick for my dog to chase and return whilst respecting the on leash requirement of the playing fields when they are being used for training or games. Kohimarama Beach does not have any off leash time in summer so you are effectively taking away any sizable area for off leash activities in Kohimarama if the change is implemented. I pay the council rates and am appreciative of the condition that the council keeps the park. However, I understand the soccer club are complaining that the dogs dig holes, but my observations over the six years that I have used the park, are that the dogs do not initiate the holes, one only has to look at the goalkeeping areas to see the damage done by those enjoying their sport. I note also that the park was a swamp, then rubbish dump before the Council upgraded it. I am sure there will be areas of subsidence occurring from time to time as well. The area being proposed for off leash is not big enough for multiple dogs, is too close to the road, has karaka trees (berries poisonous for dogs) and is prone to flooding in winter especially the are at the bottom of Sprott Road. It also encompasses the path round the park and given that cyclists, e-scooters and pedestrians currently use the path it will inevitably mean that it will not be safe for dog walking. Note also that the area between Sprott Road and Southern Cross Road is poorly lit and would not be safe at night. On a personal note, meeting other dog owners during COVID certainly helped with my well being and we have remained close friends ever since, just a small community within a larger one. Please keep Madills Farm as it is.
5007	I support the proposed change	My understanding, Madills Farm and Glover Park are currently the only "dog off leash" sports fields in the Auckland Region. I see no reason for this exception. The proposed amended will put these parks aligned with all the other sports fields/park in Auckland region. Further, several players get injured during practise and games from stepping in holes dug by dogs on the sports fields. My understanding Auckland Council spent 10's of thousands of dollars on repairing holes dug by dogs at Madills Farm alone in the last financial year. This is money that can be spent on other priorities with the proposed policy rule. Another common issue is dog poo on the sports fields and dogs urinating on portable goals, football cones and kids drink bottles while they train which obviously raises some health and safety issues! This proposal still leaves plenty of dogs off leash space in these parks.

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5008	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support the proposed changes as Madills Farm Recreation Reserve is a public recreational green space for everyone to enjoy, including dogs - not just the sports clubs. It is a wonderful local area for dogs to run freely off-leash for exercise and socialising. Non-socialised dogs can develop snappy, possessive & aggressive behaviours. In the Orakei area dog ownership is increasing and most breeds are the more gentle dog breeds - many with a poodle cross that gives them intelligence with a gentle nature. The local dog owners don't hesitate to intervene and share dog training contact details if they see a dog being aggressive or unsociable or clearly needing to learn new skills. Dog ownership helps relieve loneliness, supports those with depression and mental health issues, provides therapy for the sick, elderly and disabled and teaches children to care and be responsible for an animal. Most dog owners in the Orakei area a very responsible, exercising their dogs at least daily if not 2-3 times, they pick up the dog poo, and will pay it forward by picking up any missed dog poo. In the 6.5 years I've been walking our dog daily I've seen very little dog poo left on the playing fields. What I do see is the rubbish that's left behind by players and spectators after training and weekend matches. I regularly pick up used sticking plasters, hair ties, strapping tape, cable ties, orange peel, bottle tops and chicken bones (which are lethal for dogs) etc. The dogs are not digging the holes that the football club claims they do. These field surface "blowouts" are caused by the players boot sprigs as they slide at speed as part of the game. I note the holes have been filled with sand with grass seed sprinkled on top (which is nonsense as grass won't grow on sand that doesn't hold any moisture or nourishment at any time let alone in the heat of the summer. The proposed non-playing field off leash areas around the park perimeter are
5010	I support the proposed change	Dogs are pets and should not have priority over human beings who wish to enjoy the shared spaces and feel safe and clean while doing so. Dog owners often do not exhibit control over their pets which leads to these dogs dominating the areas.
5012	I do not support the proposed change	All ratepayers should have access to public facilities unless they are being used for a particular purpose approved by Council...in this case, examples are Round the Bays, team sporting practices and games. Existing rules allow access to the facilities in a responsible way 99% of the time so why try to change what has worked well for a very long time. Don’t be pressured by a small majority, the soccer club I suspect.

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5021	Other (please explain below)	I support the proposal that dogs be prohibited from the Madills Farm and Glover Park sports fields ON THE FOLLOWING PROVISO: That the Orakei Local Board remove the proposal in the Waiatarua Reserve Enhancement Plan adopted December 2019 for the additional "On Leash" area (see 9.2 on page 31 of the Plan) This proposed on leash area is currently, and has always been, an off-leash part of the park that is primarily used by dog owners. It is a 10 minute walk from public toilets and the main entrance to the park. The terrain - boggy and often unmowed for much of the year - is unsuitable for picnics, children's play activity of any kind, and other recreational activities. It is however quite suitable for exercising dogs off-leash. The area proposed was introduced into the Plan after a complaint by a single person on the Meadowbank St Johns Residents Association which was taken up with gusto by a single Board member who has a long history of using his local governance experience to try and restrict dog owner use of public spaces. The Board adopted the proposal in the Plan despite a failure to adequately consult on it with not only the dog owning community of the Orakei Ward and users of Waiatarua Reserve, but the public in general. It should not be in the Plan at all. The removal of the Waiatarua Enhancement Plan proposal to further restrict dog activity would signal that the Board is prepared to be fair and reasonable when dealing with the highly emotive topic of dogs and their place in public amenities. Madills Farm & Glover Park Sports fields are not suitable places for dogs to be exercised. Waiatarua Reserve however IS a suitable place. How about showing some ability to compromise and stop threatening the few remaining SUITABLE spaces in the Local Board area where we can take our dogs.
5025	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should have access to all of the park except for actual sports fields when they are being used for sports activities. This is fair for all users of the public park as it always has been
5029	I do not support the proposed change	Madills is a wonderful place where dogs, kids and adults can all enjoy the community facilities. A large number of dog owners enjoy this off leash park and there is nothing else in the immediate vicinity available for our furry friends
5031	Other (please explain below)	It is unfair to stop the use of public facilities to the public when not otherwise in use for an approved purpose...eg playing fields needed for practice sessions, games, approved events such as Round the Bays Playing fields should be available for dog walkers, kite flyers and pedestrians when other authorised activities are not needed.
5037	I do not support the proposed change	It’s so important dogs have grass to walk on and Madills Farm is perfect for this. Stop making it so hard for responsible dog owners. Madills Farm works Perfectly the way it is.
5039	I do not support the proposed change	There are so few areas as it is to safely take small dogs to play off leash. Please don't deprive us of this too.
5041	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need to have space to exercise otherwise they don’t burn off sufficient energy.
5043	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are part of our family and want to have a green space to play and walk with our human children,

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5050	I do not support the proposed change	This is one of the happiest dog walking areas and only dog walking areas. We are there often and people are always respectful with thier dogs. Dogs already have ao many rules at beaches they need a place to be exercised.
5052	I do not support the proposed change	The park is for the benefit of the whole community, including dog owners. Further limiting the space for dogs to exercise locally is going to create a huge social problem of barking dogs. They need to run & wear themselves out. You are going to addressing one problem but create a far more problematic one.
5053	I do not support the proposed change	Madills is a great asset for dogs and their often older owners. The option would be the unsafe Tamaki Drive.
5054	I do not support the proposed change	We are local, most time we are working for long hour. We treat our fur baby like everyone else using park for fun, enjoy and relax. We want our fur baby Can do too.
5058	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to express my concern regarding the recent proposal to restrict access for dogs on the fields at Madills Farm. My dog and I, along with many other local dog owners, have been regular users of this space for over four years. The open fields at Madills Farm offer a safe, controlled environment where my dog can run freely without the risk of encountering traffic. It is a well-known spot for dogs to socialize with others, and it has become an integral part of our daily routine. We fully recognize that Madills Farm is a shared public space, and we are happy to share the field with sports users, making sure to leash our dog and avoid the areas being used for games whenever necessary. Additionally, we take great care to clean up after our dog and leave the area as we found it. I understand that there have been concerns regarding the quality of the turf, particularly with reports of holes being dug and dogs peeing on personal items left on the field. However, I strongly believe that these issues do not represent the behavior of all dog owners who use the park responsibly. In fact, I have never witnessed any dogs digging holes in the four years we've been using the space. I am also aware that other factors, such as the heavy vehicles used during the annual "Round the Bays" event, may be contributing to the damage. The setup for this event involves significant activity on the field, including the use of tents and other structures, which is likely causing much of the damage reported. Rather than imposing a blanket ban on dogs, I would like to propose several potential solutions that would address the concerns raised while allowing responsible dog owners to continue using the space: Clear Signage: Installing signs reminding dog owners to clean up after their pets
5061	I do not support the proposed change	Overly restrictive.
5062	I do not support the proposed change	Because there are not a lot of spaces to walk dogs. Taking this space away means less space

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5064	I do not support the proposed change	The farm was gifted for community use for all users. There is no issue you are trying to fix. I walk daily my two dogs for years down there and there is no issues between sports players and dog walkers. This proposal just causes animosity between two groups of users who traditionally have got along well.
5065	I do not support the proposed change	The changes do not give dog owners the flexibility and accessibility to walk their dogs off-leash in local parks close to home. These parks should be available for general use including off-leash dog walking by the public when the playing fields are not in use. I think that most dog owners are respectful of keeping dogs under control and on leash when the playing fields are in use. It is divisive to families who have children playing games at the playing fields and they are not able to bring their dogs with them to the playing fields areas under the proposed changes. Madills land was gifted to the community and as such, the park should remain accessible to all. The grassy areas you propose for off-leash walking are not safe for dogs given the size of the areas, multiple dog walking groups and the close proximity to the road – this is hazardous to the safety of dogs and road-users. You are disabling the dog community by proposing these changes –dog walkers of all ages and abilities need access to these parks for off-leash walks which provide level walking areas for those with mobility/physical needs. People with physical needs and disabilities/older demographic end up disadvantaged by not being able to access off-leash dog walking on flat terrain – the areas at Glover Park are undulating and the areas at Madills have hilly parts where you lose visibility of the dog over the mounds. The proposed changes would mean dog owners would need to drive to other areas further away to run their dogs, adding to Auckland's carbon footprint and the travel costs of owners. What is clear is the proposed changes would have a detrimental impact on the welfare of dogs and owners alike – the welfare of dogs is to socialise with other dogs and have the appropriate space to run, exercise and connect safely. The same for dog owners who connect with those in their local neighbourhoods close to the parks, meeting regularly for off-leash walks and making local connections & friendships. I have been lucky to make friends locally through dog walking off-leash in these local parks close to my home, bumping into dog walkers that I know and seeing the joy of dogs exercising together. The proposed changes will result in a loss of community

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5067	I do not support the proposed change	As a local resident, I walk my dog to Madills Park every day, typically twice a day, in the morning and evening. Through these walks, I have met and become acquainted with many other local residents and their dogs, fostering a strong sense of community. Most of the time, there are no sports activities taking place, and when there are, we ensure to keep a respectful distance. It is important to note that the ESAFC does not own the land and contributes minimally to its upkeep. The majority of the maintenance costs are covered by ratepayers, including us dog walkers. In a recent email to its members, the ESAFC stated that they only wish to restrict dogs from the sports fields, which constitute less than 50% of the reserve. However, when considering the driveway, parking areas, stream, overgrown sections, and the children's playground, the usable area is significantly less than 50%. This remaining area is uneven, with long grass that becomes very muddy in winter, making it difficult for many, especially older individuals, to navigate. The email also claims that the council has spent tens of thousands of dollars repairing holes allegedly dug by dogs. Many of these holes are located around the goal areas and are initially caused by sports players. The groundskeeper fills these small holes with sand, which is easily displaced by various factors such as children, birds, wind, and possibly dogs, causing the holes to gradually enlarge. If the groundskeeper used some of the funds to purchase soil and compact it properly, and perhaps installed temporary fencing between sports events, the grass would have a chance to grow. Blaming dogs entirely and spending tens of thousands of dollars on sand is misleading. Dog owners also contribute to keeping the park clean by picking up not only dog waste but also other litter such as lollie wrappers and sports tape left by sports
5068	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is a very popular, peaceful place for dogs to be off leash. It is one of the few safe off leash places in the area. It has good visibility, is isolated from the road, and allows families to enjoy spending time together, including with their family dogs. I am a regular there, and have found other dog owners to be incredibly respectful. There is a huge amount of space as the sports fields are rarely used during the day, meaning we have ample room for our dogs to socialise or exercise privately. It is safe and away from traffic, and gives children the chance to play with and near their pets somewhere that is safe for everyone to enjoy. It is a popular place to socialise with dogs, with most of these meet ups happening when the fields are not being uses at all. Prohibiting dogs from sports fields when they are not in use is completely unnecessary. They are separate from the playground, there are plenty of them, and they are often completely unused.

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5069	I do not support the proposed change	There is such an overwhelming support in the community against these new council policies. Madill Farm was given to the community to enjoy as a public space for everyone, it was not created as a playing field. Dogs and their owners are respectful when there is sport being played to stay away, and when the fields are not being used it is a lovely area for gathering and dogs to run free and socialise. The park is always busy and a happy space, and taking away the space for dogs will create gloomy dead space occasionally used for sports. The same is said for Glover Park, yet it is barely used by dogs. The sports fields are constantly used by people of all ages playing ball sports and therefore there are constant holes in the ground from constant hash use, from the spikes of boots, and water spouts. The managers of the sports fields who are protesting to remove dogs say the holes are caused by dogs digging, this is completely untrue, and if that was the case then there would be holes all over the park, and not just in the playing field area. There has to be an agreement so EVERYBODY can use the space, not just people playing sports.
5071	I do not support the proposed change	You are constraining responsible dog owners, by the actions of a few irresponsible people. This just does not make sense. I cycle on the road round the perimeter of Madills Farm every week. I see dog owners and their dogs enjoying themselves responsibly all the time (whether on or off leash). Come on, do you not think that we ratepayers have enough of our freedoms curtailed. Find something useful to do. Freedom for Kohi!!
5073	I do not support the proposed change	I feel strongly that there needs to be more, not less, off leash provision for dogs in this neighbourhood and the existing rules at Madills are adequate. The intended use of Madills farm is enjoyment for all. Not priority as a sports ground. This will directly affect my enjoyment of the park which I use as the primary off leash exercise area for my dog. Other options such as Churchill park are unsuitable in winter as full of mud and Glendowie sports field by the skate park is not an area of natural beauty and depressing to walk around.
5074	I do not support the proposed change	The area suggested is not ample. The park is there for the enjoyment of everyone. The new proposal seems to benefit one group more than the other. The suggested safety of all should be considered.
5075	I do not support the proposed change	This is a great facility for shared use and there are limited off leash areas in auckland

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5077	I do not support the proposed change	Hi there. Firstly, it seems there are missing details in this page. I've been following this case with other members of the community and is known that the soccer club was complaining of the cost they have to fix the wholes created by the dogs and other concerns. All of them in a ton of accusations towards the community members, as if we were damaging a private property owned by the Soccer Club. However, this area is not private and is managed by the council and its maintenance is paid by the taxpayers of the community, which are also the members of the soccer club. I cannot agree on a change where it only benefits one side, as is very clear there are two sides here, the community using the area for recreation purposes and walk their dogs, and the other side is the Soccer Club, using the fields regularly during school terms. I've been using this area for around 5 years now, walking my dog, and also using for recreation with my family and my son. I can totally understand that the turf needs regular maintenance and eventually gets damaged, but saying that Dogs are the cause of it as they dig holes, I think is a bit too much. Even more as so far I haven't seen a public evidence of it, no vídeos on social medias or myself witnessing or anyone that I spoke to. In fact dogs might dig wholes when playing or in other situations, very common at the beach. But in parks, they are busy with other activities and don't have the need of digging holes, to hide a treat/food, or as very common, trying to go under fences to reach the neighbours or just escape, when confined at home.
5078	I do not support the proposed change	As an older person there are very few safe areas left in Auckland where you can give your dog a run off leash .. an important part of a dogs social, physical and psychological well being.
5083	I do not support the proposed change	I use Madills Park regularly when I take my dog for a walk, prohibiting dogs from the playing surfaces at all times is a bad idea. How can this possibly be enforced? When I am there dog owners are acting responsibly and removing droppings from the area. We pay a dog registration fee yearly, thing this area awayfrom our use seems vastly unfair.
5085	I do not support the proposed change	As a parent and dog owner the park is there for everyone not just Football and cricket
5086	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are part of our family and should be allowed to continue to enjoy madills farm, we need to educate owners about looking after dogs rather than banning access I think current rules are appropriate and do not require changes.
5090	I do not support the proposed change	Maddils farm is a community dog get together where locals on a daily basis meet and let their dogs play. Responsible dog owners always make sure to leave the park clean. It's fantastic to have public spaces that are multi-use as it creates a better local community.

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5091	I do not support the proposed change	There has been historical use by thousands of dog owners per week on this park every week and only a few hours per week for sports use . This is a ridiculous proposal
5093	I do not support the proposed change	We are a community and Madills is park the entire area uses for all sorts of reasons. I don't have a dog but I think it is crucial we include our four legged friends for our families as there are no back yards anymore .
5096	I do not support the proposed change	I believe that this is an unnecessary change to the current dog access bylaws. Madills Farm and Glover Park are important resources for everyone. I often walked my dog at both parks and the opportunity to run off leads provides healthy exercise that walking on leesh does not. I cannot see the issue that the proposed changes to the bylaws will resolve. If the sports fields are not in use at the time then what is the issue with dogs running on them. If the issue is with regards to owners not picking up after their dog then target that poor behaviour with a bylaw specifically, but a blanket ban impacts everyone, not just inconsiderate dog owners.
5099	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is an excellent safe off leash location because of its size and quiet surrounding roads. It's a social hub for dogs and owners to meet and you would be removing an important part of the community. It's also a good nearby alternative during summer when dogs are not allowed on the beach.
5104	I support the proposed change	Sports fields need to be free of dog excrement. Dogs on leash while sports fields are in use so as not to disrupt games. Dogs permitted off leash when sports field are not in use allows well trained dogs to enjoy supervised free range exercise but remaining off any designated sports field. It would be very helpful: 1. to be able to access an online site that indicates when sports fields are in use, so that dog owners and dog walking businesses can plan ahead. 2. to have very clear markings to indicate location of sports fields NOTE: I have had the joy of canine companionship for almost 40 years. I am a responsible dog owner. I always pooper scoop after my dog. I take time to train my dogs so that they are obedient in all settings. I have observed runners (early morning usually) who run far ahead of their leash free dog / dogs. They are oblivious to their dog defecating, and then, do not pooper scoop. I am frustrated that the actions of these thoughtless few impact on all dog owners. Also, council provided pooper scooping bag holders do not appear to be topped up regularly. (I carry my own bags)
5107	I do not support the proposed change	I think this is absolutely ludicrous. This park is the main dog park for the eastern bays area and provides such community for so many dogs and owners. This would be such a horrible loss for the community if we were no longer able to let our dogs have some controlled freedom in this nice big open space! Especially in the summer when it is too hot for our dogs to walk on the concrete and they are already not allowed on the beach. Basically you wouldn't even be able to walk your dog during the daylight hours for months at a time!

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5109	I do not support the proposed change	I believe the area should be available for community use and not overly resticted primarily for use by Eastern Suburbs Football Club. The proposed amendments would effectivly restrict use of the central and safest area of Madills exclusively for football and exclude a large percentage of the local community who pay rates and have been regular users of the facilities. I am a dog owner and take my small dog off-leash daily for a run at the park. I avoid the footballers who are regularly training. My dog does not dig holes and I pick up after her. I beleieve it is not a equal sharing of community facilities for this activity to be only availbale in the usafe area of the park next to the roads. I beleive as elected representitives you should treat all community activities fairly and not promorte a football club ahead of other activities. When football/cricket is taking place they vitually cover the entire usable area of the park and we cannot access this area either with or without dogs- surely that is enough consideration given to minority community groups without excluding dogs when the park is not in use.
5111	Other (please explain below)	It appears the proposed "updates" almost entirely serve to limit the off leash dog areas. The Council's approach to the provision of information is disingenuous and should state this openly. While I agree with limitations on the number of dogs a person can walk, I do not support the Council's move to reduce the areas where dogs can exercise safely and happily off leash.
5114	I do not support the proposed change	Limited spaces for dog off lead activity. Sports ground like Madill's Farm rarely used for sport (many hours of the day it is unutilised). Issue is actually people failing to pick up after their dog - why not toughen that issue up rather than reaching for the ban word. No reasonable dog owner would disagree with harsher penalties for failing to clean up after their dog.
5120	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need to be on leash always. This park is for people and often need to avoid because of off leash dogs.make a dog section, closed off if needed
5121	I do not support the proposed change	Park is for use by all. The limitation to small subset of users from football club is unjustfied. The linkage between dogs and football injuries and maintenance costs is not justified or explained. Existing rules suffice.
5122	I do not support the proposed change	There’s enough rules already. Dogs are part of families and provide so much joy. It’s all of our land to enjoy. Leashes are very limiting for people with old dogs that can’t walk fast. And cause aggression issues in some dogs when leashes tangle
5127	I support the proposed change	I AM NOT A DOG OWNER, BUT AM AWARE OF THE AMOUNT OF DOGS OFF LEASH IN THIS AREA, THAT ARE EITHER AGGRESSIVE TO OTHER PARK WALKERS, OTHER DOGES, AND WHO DEFECATE IN THE PARK. IF THEY ARE ON A LEASH, THE OWNER CANNOT IGNORE THEIR DOGS BEHAVIOUR BECAUSE EVERYONE KNOWS IT IS THEIR DOG THAT IS CRAPPING AND NOT BEING PICKED UP, OR BARKING AND BEING AGGRESSIVE TOWARDS OTHER DOGS/PEOPLE
5131	I support the proposed change	For health reasons keep dogs off sports fields.

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5139	I support the proposed change	There are now so many dogs in the area and it impacts other users of the areas. While most people are conscientious about picking up poo some are not and it's not fair that kids have to run around sports field with dog **********. I have seen dogs that are not well controlled and owners are not always receptive to bringing their dog under control. I believe clarification for all users and spaces designated for off leash use would be more appropriate. Many locals take their dogs to the beach and Churchill park so there are numerous alternatives.
5140	I do not support the proposed change	Most dog owners live around the parks and are incredibly responsible in care of the park. Dog owners are rate payers who are part of the community and parks.
5141	I do not support the proposed change	I am a local veterinarian and a parent of two children who play soccer at Madills Farm on Saturday mornings. I strongly oppose the proposed bylaw change that would prohibit dogs from being exercised off-lead on the sports fields when not in use. The current rules strike an appropriate balance, allowing dogs to enjoy off-lead exercise when sports fields are not in use while ensuring they are leashed when activities are taking place. In my experience, this has worked well for both dog owners and sports users. As a vet, I see firsthand how essential off-lead exercise is for dogs' physical and mental well-being. Madills Farm provides an easily accessible, flat area for dogs to exercise. Restricting off-lead access would limit opportunities for exercise and socialisation, negatively impacting our local dog community. From a parent's perspective, I have not found the current dog use during the week to be an issue, and I believe maintaining the current rules is the best solution for all park users. I urge the council to reconsider the proposed changes and retain the current bylaw, which allows dogs under control off-leash when sports fields are not in use. Thank you for your consideration.
5147	I do not support the proposed change	Restricting dogs at all times from the sports field would have a significant impact on the wider community. The sports fields make up a huge section of the park and only very few members of our Kohimarama and St Heliers community are member of the sports club. The park is used throughout the day by a large number of dog walkers who take their daily exercise there and form community connections. Removing this would have a very negative impact on a wide range of peoples' wellbeing.

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5149	I do not support the proposed change	Limiting access to Glover Park for dogs off leash in marked sports areas is a massive overreach & suggests that the sole reason for this is to cater for sports players at organised events - this is just 1 part of the cohort that enjoy access to Glover Park. The vast majority of owners who exercise dogs at Glover are responsible & care for the park - their local park. Any damage to playing surfaces cannot be mainly attributed to dogs & their owners - it is due to use of the park by many groups, football, crockets, walkers, kids playing, mountain bikers etc etc. Millions has been spent on the improvement of the grounds at Glover and it does a good job of standing up to heavy use even in mid-winter conditions. What should dg owners be penalised? Owners who exercise dogs here are mainly local and have paid handsomely via rates for the upkeep & improvements at Glover and have a right to enjoy them - juts as much as any other locals. Churchill park is a pastoral, open "wild" park and is enjoyed as such by walkers, dog owners and their pets. It is off leash and is enjoyed as such. Again, the vast majority of owners are responsible and respect the park and its other users. If anything, it is the grazing cattle that damage and pollute the park. Cow's defecating & urinating and turning pasture into mud in winter are a real issue here - not lightweight dogs with owners who pick up their mess. The pollution in the waterways of the park is clear to see and stems from the cattle - why are dogs singled out & not cattle? Also, what is the arrangement with the cattle - who owns them, who pays for the damage they cause?
5153	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm was gifted as a recreation park to all Aucklanders but this change is only in favour of the sports club and is not allowing dog owners to use the fields when they are not even in use. Dog owners are predominantly responsible and keep these parks clean. There is always litter and rubbish left lying around after sports teams have used the area. Dogs are not the problem. Teams should do a warm up run around the field to check prior to playing if they are so concerned. I don’t believe it is that much of a problem and that this has been exaggerated as a means to get dogs banned. There are fewer and fewer places where dogs can be exercised off leash in these suburbs and dogs need to be able to run and play. Dog owners are rate payers too and entitled to equal access to these areas. We also pay dog registration. What do the sports teams contribute? They have been trying to get rid of dogs for years so they can have exclusive access but this is clear discrimination and taking away our rights as residents. We need to preserve these areas for the benefit of everyone not just a few. They might play sport once a week for a few weeks but dog owners walk their dogs every single day, 7 days a week month after month for years rain or shine. It is a serious commitment and this council is taking away options of where we can exercise our dogs safely and in an enjoyable environment. I am totally opposed to these changes which seem to have no actual valid reason except for demands from a few (sports club) and ignores the wishes of our community. I do not think the health and safety of these sports people is at risk from dogs

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5155	I support the proposed change	My young children (5 & 7) learned how to ride bikes at Madills Farm and also play football on the sports fields. Strange dogs running up, jumping on and slobbering all over my kids have always been an exceedingly unwelcome feature of our visits to Madills Farm. Both my children were knocked off their balance bikes by dogs at Madills when learning. I am also uncomfortable with dogs urinating and defecating over the playing surfaces that my kids play on, often with open wounds (being normal young kids). Most dog owners are very good at cleaning up faeces but that doesn't detract from the fact that hundreds of dogs are defecating on those playing surfaces and, despite most being good, there are still routinely uncollected faeces all over the park. Other cities have fenced areas for off-leash dogs to run around in. There is space near the children's playgound to put an off-leash area for dogs.
5156	I do not support the proposed change	I have lived next to Madills Farm reserve for 25 years. I am an involved community member and have walked our dogs over the years at least once a day at Madills Farm because it is an off-leash dog reserve. I pick up rubbish left behind by sports teams - discarded bandages, water bottles food wrapping, etc. We work from home and overlook the park seeing people of all ages enjoying this amazing green open space, many are dog walkers young and old. We happily share our reserve with ESAFC, Cricket, Touch Rugby, local schools, etc, but when does the constant push by ESAFC for complete dominance over our reserve stop? Madills Farm is not the location for a commercial sporting entity to further grow its membership and develop its semi-professional teams. ESAFC have stated in their submission 28/09/23 "The surfaces are heavily used and in some months "overused" " and "predicted usage figures indicate that improved durability surfaces and more lighting is required to meet the demand." Is this an indication that ESAFC will next be wanting artificial turf, fencing, more floodlighting towers, multi-storey clubrooms, spectator stands - as per the ESAFC previous years' submissions? The OLB is supposed to reflect the views of the community, not an individual sports club that pays a minimal amount to lease the fields, and we the Ratepayers pay for all the maintenance of an "overused" field that is still not good enough for them. Maybe it's time ESAFC looks for a more suitable location that is equipped to provide for their predicted growth and constant turf upgrading; a location in a suitable sporting precinct that is not a community reserve surrounded by homes. Dogs are being blamed for the increase of costs due to damage to the turf. Attached are photos from Tuesday morning 11/02/25. They clearly show damage made by football boot studs, skids with studs, worn out patches by goal posts and mid-field sections, divots and holes created by kicks from football boots - particularly noticeable where corners are taken from during football play, holes

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5168	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is a shared community space not just a sports field, so should be able to be accessed by all
5173	I do not support the proposed change	As rate payers we should have access with our pets to these parks
5174	I support the proposed change	The current situation is untenable - dogs dig up the sports fields and defecate on them. I've seen a football player dislocate their knee after landing in a hole in the pitch. I've also seen footballs with dog excrement on them. One player ended up with dog excrement on his face after heading a ball. If the status quo were to be maintained, Auckland Council could be breaching their Healthy and Safety obligations when a football player is injured/if they become sick after exposure to dog feces. The unfortunate reality is that a small number of irresponsible dog owners are ruining it for the remainder of dog owners. Whilst almost all dog owners are responsible, I believe the minority of negligent/irresponsible owners cause these problems.
5175	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs provide comfort, positivity, company and exercise for us. We need places to go to exercise and enjoy playing with them. Madills is one of the few places in Orakei that we can do this. Dogs are an important part of our lives and we need places and spaces for them to use. Most dog owners at Madills are responsible and careful - please don't penalise the many for the few. Madills is big enough for everyone. Although perhaps if Madills wasn't used as a sports field we who don't play soccer could enjoy it more! Seems like this use outweighs any other use for it. What about other sports too like basketball? Why does soccer and children's sport have a dominant presence at Madills over all the dog owners in the area? It would be interesting to gauge how many locals would prefer dogs use it versus soccer kids using it!

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5176	I do not support the proposed change	I have lived in the area for 30 years and have had dogs that I walk at Madills and Glover Parks for that time. My dogs are golden retrievers who have been and still are therapy pets. I have owned 5 goldens over this period. Some 2 at a time. Their service has been and still is widely used in Auckland. We have visited Auckland hospital various areas - Starship, Heart wards, geriatric ward, Fraser MacDonald House and the mental health unit. We also have been to Oceania rest hone in Meadowbank and St John's dementia unit in Epsom. These dogs have provided much love and care for many members of our community over the past years. They have always enjoyed the ability to run, play, and roll in the grass at Madills and Glover parks particularly after they have visited many less fortunate members of the general community who wish to cuddle them and just have a non demanding friend in their lives. I also need to be able to go to these parks and meet other people who have dogs and interact with me personally for my mental wellbeing. Visiting these places can be emotionally upsetting for me too and the freedom to run, walk and play with my dogs and interact with others who have become friends over the years has been just wonderful for us all. There are other places we were able to have that freedom but they have restrictions on them now - Crossfield park, mt Wellington, Shore Road fields, Colin Maiden Park. So many restrictions for me to meet new people with common interests and for the dogs to be free to roll in the grass and socialise with other dogs and healthy people. I do not support any change to the bylaws for Madills or Glover Parks and love to see the dogs interacting with families and sports people. We all live in the same community and we all need space to walk freely with our dogs.
5179	I do not support the proposed change	The current rules allowing dog off leash access to the playing fields have been in place with no significant issues for over 40 years and are a very valuable and rare option for all local dog owners the vast majority of which are resident ratepayers. The proposed change is not supported by any properly researched reasons and those put forward do not stand up to the most simple examination. For example the suggestion of multiple dogs digging holes is total nonsense. The holes that occur in the fields on occasion are caused by the high water level underlying the fields causing collapse of the turf and the method of treatment by putting sand in the holes is flawed as they require replacement turf. The fields are zoned for general recreational use not just as sports fields and need to be available to all Aucklanders not just for football or cricket etc. Dog owners and walkers use the fields from dawn to dark and as a gathering and social space which is a unique and wonderful resource. Any change will cause significant resentment and unhappiness amongst local ratepayers and could well be subject to legal challenges. At the very least any proposed change should be deferred until a proper full review is carried out and local ratepayers are properly consulted and polled and ideally after the upcoming local body elections when this will be a significant issue in removing an existing option from ratepayers across Auckland.

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5183	I do not support the proposed change	Remove the menacing meth addicts, drunks an Rough sleepers who pitch their tents and accost the walkers. Honestly get the priorities right for goodness sake.
5187	I do not support the proposed change	I am a dog owner and use the park to exercise my dog off leash.
5191	I do not support the proposed change	I am an 80 year old owner of a Cavoodle and we both love the socialising offered at Maddils Farm. I am still active but many who come require a flat surface to exercise themselves and their dogs. Maddils Farm is perfect for them. Other dog walking areas nearby are hilly and Not suitable for the many older people. In my experience people at Madills are thoughtful and responsible Clearing up poop and in control of their pets. I am vigorously opposed to any changes to the existing arrangement. Madills Farm provides a safe and social space for dogs and dog owners alike. We have been taking our dog here for a number of years. Dog owners are careful about cleaning up after their dogs and have respect for everyone using the park. We would to have dogs continue to use Madills Farm off leash and under control as it is now.

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5193	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is for all people to use. It makes sense that while some are using it for sports games dogs should be kept off the fields that are in use for the safety and convenience of both the players and the owners. However, when fields are not in use it makes no sense to ban dogs and their owners from walking across it as the fields that are used for sports takes up a majority of the park and is in the very centre of the park. Furthermore, if they just be on leash near the fields that further limits the amount of space allowed for the dogs to be able to properly exercise. If the reason for this permanent ban is to keep the fields in a good condition by banning dogs and people From walking over them this makes no sense as it is a field and public park, not a sports arena (as has been attempted to be built in the past and was resoundingly rejected) with the added benefit of being used as a temporary space for a variety of sports games. Many people use the central part of the park for walking, running, cycling (which is not banned but would damage the grass more than a dog's paw prints), playing recreational sport that is not official and does not cordon off fields, to meet up with fellow dog owners and chat and let the dogs off leash as no games are in play, and for round the bays which sets up may tents and trucks. Notably, the water fountain for dogs is located right next to the soccer club and fields and during the summer months or hot weather dogs cannot walk on the footpath as they will get burned but need access to water so have to either go across sports fields that aren't in use or get burned which is not a fair trade off. Furthermore, when the fields are not in use, the dogs pose no inconvenience or danger to anyone as no one is playing the sport. To conclude my submission, it makes no logical sense to ban dogs at all times on sports fields as Madills Farm is not just an area used to play sports, it is a dog park, cycle park, walking park. It is not fair to cordon off areas of the park to exclude the park's most loyal visitors (dog owners) from meeting and chatting to
5194	I do not support the proposed change	This ridiculous proposal makes some users more important in their time at the park, than others. As a long, long time resident, & ratepayer in the area, I am disgusted that not all people under this proposal will be able to use all of the publicly owned park, just because they own a dog. If the Council is worried about dog poo on the sports fields, maybe they could use the enforcement measures they already have to fine any dog owner not picking up their dog's waste, & not penalise most good dog owners. This proposal is nothing but a cop out by the Council, for not doing their job.
5195	I do not support the proposed change	It has been an off lead park for years and is enjoyed by many
5196	I do not support the proposed change	As a kohi resident who has grown up in the area, the park is a major part of our community. By taking away essential off leash areas to dogs, you are also taking away important aspects of the community. Dogs need a big area in order to play and exercise effectively, by limiting to only on leash near the fields and no dogs on the fields you are taking this away. The Kohi community is filled with dog walkers, I have made many friends in my neighborhood by our experiences in the park with our off-leash dogs. Please do not let these restrictions happen to our parks. Thank you.

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5199	I do not support the proposed change	As a local community member, and responsible dog owner I strongly oppose the dog rules that the council is looking to change at Madills Park. Covid 19 changed a lot of things for people and their dogs and being able to get out and exercise was a saving grace for many, fast forward over the last few years I have seen Madills Farm reconnect people and their dogs, especially the elderly being able to drive down, sit on a park bench whist their pooches have a run around off leash, I have also had many chats with young mums going through PND and the feeling of fresh air, walking the buggy and family pets being able to be walked off leash at the same time to give them some sort of reprieve, and then meeting with other young mums experiencing the same overwhelming feeling as the Also I pay my ACC rates and my dog registration fees too. which confirms I am a responsible dog owner. Majority of us as dog owners respect the space, and pick up after our dogs, The Melanesia Trust also gifted this land for community use not just as a sports field, Many weekdays I walk our dog and there is no one around because the children are at school, I have no problem with dogs not being allowed off leash during sports i.e weekends during seasons but other than those times our dogs should be able to have off leash time. Research also shows if you put a number of dogs into a confined space you will create problems, anxiety, stress and then on top of that due to frustration bite attacks will happen purely from dogs not being space to run around, Please consider my thoughts

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5201	I do not support the proposed change	The first question that comes to mind is WHY are changes being made to Madills Farm dog usage? What has suddenly happened to cause the change? can someone explain please. I have been using Madill's since I bought a Cavoddle puppy some four and a half years ago. It has been a great place for dogs of all shapes and sizes to socialize and exercise. Madills is seem as a "Safe" place for both dogs and people, with the open space and shade from the larger trees. The sealed foot path offers easy access for elderly folk who have to uses walkers or mobility scooters as their dogs run freely on the grass. Fortunately although 80 next year I am still mobile. That said there are other folk less fortunate. I know of several users of Madills farm that live close bye and the walk to Madills is within their mobility. They can walk at their comfortable pace while their dogs can enjoy a run around and socialise. Imagine the impact for some of these people if this was to change. One lady I was speaking to was in tears as she thought of an alternative if the use of Madills was to change and spoke. What am I going to do?. Unable to drive, unable to take my dog on a bus unless in a cage or muzzled. I couldn't carry a cage it would be hard for me on my own to even get on a bus, she said let alone getting on with a cage. Unquestionable people with their dogs at Madills are responsible people clearing up poop and being in control of their pets. It is great that Madills is utilized as much as it is. To restrict usage to the small area being suggested is as good as closing Madill's up completely. I challenge anyone to take a walk around Madills and find a good reason why dogs should be band. I strongly oppose any changes to the existing situation. Naturally I would expect dog owners, and have witnessed, owners who do not

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5203	I do not support the proposed change	I am a dog owner and regularly use Madills Farm for off-lead exercise of our dog. My son also plays touch rugby, so I can see things from both sides. I have noted that some other dog owners are giving others a bad name by not cleaning up after their dog. I can understand the concern of sports people potentially being impacted by irresponsible dog owners, but the effective ban would get rid of a valued resource for exercising our dog. We do things like throwing balls and keeping our dog entirely off the playing surfaces would be difficult. I've already started avoiding the playing surfaces and there is room around the outside, but a complete restriction would severely limit the use of the park. At certain times, the vast majority of park users are dog walkers and I think it it heavy-handed to ban the majority of the space for these users when the sports fields are not in use. In my view, a proportionate response would be to allow off-lead exercise, but with an emphasis on educating owners regarding cleaning up. On-lead while games are on is reasonable. As for the playground, this is fenced, so on-lead around the playground also seems heavy-handed, especially if the playing fields are being removed from off-lead exercise. Dogs can't get through the fence, so the area outside the playground is vital for off-lead exercise.
5204	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm park and Glover park is there for the community whether you are a dog owner or a sports person.As a dog owner I think it is not a balanced policy to ban dogs off leash in these parks (the bulk)when it is not being used for sport. These parks are not big enough to restrict dogs and their owners like this. Who are mostly visiting these parks for the same reason as the sports people are. Recreation and socialising.As well as the fact that off leash access to the beach is very restricted in the summer months which leaves very little space for dog owners to exercise their dogs off leash.
5209	I do not support the proposed change	It's a dog park. Dogs should be allowed on leash at all times.
5212	I do not support the proposed change	The fields are a shared area and comprise the most surface area of the parks. These are shared amenities used mostly by dog owners. The Auckland Council has a sad legacy of discriminatory practises against law abiding and responsible dog owners. Rather toughen up the penalties against bag owners and owners of dangerous dogs than penalising all for the crimes of the few. We are rate payers too and are entitled to the amenities.
5218	I do not support the proposed change	This is near a playground. Fully fenced which makes its great for families to use. I do not support banning dogs from here
5219	I do not support the proposed change	For the most part, the dog walkers of Madills and Glover are very responsible, clearing up mess and respecting pitches when the fields are in play. The park is used constantly by dog walkers who utilise it far more than the sports teams. To remove the off leash aspect of the park seems particularly mean-spirited.
5228	I do not support the proposed change	I take my dog there frequently, all the dogs there have a great time and well behaved. This proposed change is totally unnecessary .

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5229	I do not support the proposed change	Because the beaches are off limits during summer there are limited places to walk a dog off leash in these areas. My kids play football at these parks and it's an ideal time to give our dog a run so we all get some much needed exercise. Well controlled dogs don't need leashes to stay off the fields
5231	I do not support the proposed change	These fields are the only ones of any value in this area, old people and children walk their dogs and play on the fields with balls, dogs need to be able to run and play with each other, also the fields are for everyone not just a select few, we have been paying through our rates for years so that we can play with our own dogs on this park unobstructed, this is not a Auckland Regional Park which has already banned dogs, if you want registration fees for our dogs , you need to provide some good services and leave the regulations as they are..
5236	I support the proposed change	Poop on the pitches is not good, residue still left on grass, even if picked up. Kids playing minutes later. Dogs off leash running around ever night when kids play footballl, owners throwing balls everywhere . Dogs digging holes in pitches. Keep in line with other Auckland sports pitches.
5240	I do not support the proposed change	I have lived in kohimarama for 20 years and love walking around the park every morning watching dogs having a lovely time running around. Puts a smile on my face and many others. Great way to chat to other people and when great when you are feeling sad and lonely
5242	I do not support the proposed change	Dog owners have as much right to enjoy the park as sports users and the 2 'have coexisted for years , Mostly successfully. Stop imposing more and more rules on dog owners. Dogs are hugely important to many many people and and it is wonderful To see so many of them enjoying the entire park. Impose a fine for not picking up droppings but stop at that please.
5252	I do not support the proposed change	This is a disgrace. No issues with off leash dogs for years. Apparently the dogs dig holes in the fields and there is a report to that effect. I asked Ōrākei Board member Angus McPhee to walk with me on Maddills on a Monday morning to find these mysterious holes dug by dogs over the weekend that apparently people fall in to & hurt themselves. He refused my offer. I spent 45 minutes walking up & down Maddills. Didn't find a single hole. Council have already made up their mind to do this & are just paying lip service to the locals who have walked their dogs there off leash for years. I thought we got rid of Nana state when we got rid of Labour. Clearly not. Bring on the October elections.
5254	I do not support the proposed change	The restricted area is far too large, making the default off-leash rule almost pointless. The tiny off-leash space isn't nearly enough for dog owners. Plus, turning the whole field into a soccer-only zone is a real waste of a great community resource and a big letdown for dog owners.
5255	I do not support the proposed change	The sports area can already be effectively cordoned with simple ribbon fencing as has been done The culture of the park is a dog park and it would harm the most regular users of the park :-)

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5257	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm was left as a reserve for the.people of kohimarama. It was being used as a place for dogs far before the council allowed a football club to be built there - just wondering how a private company can be built on a reserve btw? They can ********** share it. They don't own the land - it's for the people to be shared by the people. 99% of people who walk their dogs there are decent and pick up after their dogs. Occasionally a poo gets missed - but it's not the end of the world. Often there are sports bottles, rubbish, beer bottles etc left by club members on the field - the dog walkers pick these up so that no one gets hurt and their dogs don't get hurt either. Madills farm is also used as a community meeting place for all the elderly residents to 1) socialise their dogs 2) make positive social connections themselves. It is an integral part of our community. There is already heaps of rules about the dogs on the local beaches. But the dogs aren't the ones leaving sanitary items, plastic bottles, kids toys beer bottles and the like on the beach. We pay heaps for our dogs to be registered with you guys. Now you want to tell us we can't exercise them in parks anymore? Fair play they shouldn't be near kids playgrounds. But on a field?
5263	I do not support the proposed change	I have more to do with dogs than field sports, so I do not support my rates being used for a purpose I have no interest in while denying access to one that I do. In the past I did have reason for the use of the sports fields, and at that time, the current rules were sufficient. If sports field users want exclusive rights to an area, then they are most welcome to purchase land for private use.
5269	I do not support the proposed change	By sports field you mean football fields , which is run by one of the most arrogant sports clubs I have been part of. Just another area they want to demand authority over and ruin for the general public. These green areas are for all to use especially now the council has decided building a house so close to your neighbour is a good thing - humans need space to run with their pets.
5271	I do not support the proposed change	There are so few areas to walk dogs where they can run off leash. It is unfair to responsible dog owners (who are the majority). The dog owners who are irresponsible won't follow the rules regardless so why punish the good people. Dogs are part of the family now. Get with the times, it's 2025. The public are sick of this sort of **********. The board should be acting for the good of the community, not a couple of disgruntled staff. Put your resources into dealing with the unregistered dog problem, who won't follow the rules anyway, not punishing responsible owners who already follow the rules.
5273	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs that are trained to return to the owner when called should be allowed to have some space to run off lead.
5279	I support the proposed change	The rules are confusing currently and dog owners are disregarding. Often are off leash during sports events. In any case, with the intensity of sports use the dog presence has become too large a issue to allow any access tp the park.

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5280	I do not support the proposed change	Madills is a safe and well utilised area for all dog walkers. Dogs and their owner also have a right to enjoy out door spaces. The pleasure of seeing you dog run free and interact With other dogs brings joy to your heart. When are these bans going to stop!
5281	I do not support the proposed change	There is a community of dog owners who meet regularly and have been doing so for a long time, many people may not be able to go further a field to walk their dogs
5282	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules are acceptable provided dog owners are responsible. This update appear to target all dog owners regardless. Please create updates to target irresponsible dog owners.
5287	I do not support the proposed change	No need to change sport fields rules. Why change something good? We love taking our dog there for a walk. Don't ruin a good thing
5291	I do not support the proposed change	Unreasonable. Current rules are entirely adequate.
5292	I do not support the proposed change	I abhor the proposed 24/7 total ban of dogs at Madills Farm and Glover Park because dogs and people need local, convenient, grassed areas to walk dogs, dogs need grass to protect their sensitive pads especially from the Summer heat and they need enough safe off-leash space to be able to walk and play with other dogs. There are not enough local dog parks in Auckland full-stop in my opinion. In particular, Kohimarama has a mixture of ages of people walking their dogs, when elderly people are deprived of walking their furry companions in convenient grassed areas, this will have a direct effect on the wellbeing of these aged folk. Taking their dogs out daily and being social is essential to elderly people. Dedicating both Madills Farm and Glover Park ONLY to sports is a completely selfish choice and disregards the whole community. Shame on the Council for even considering this suggestion. Stop removing our freedom of choice and act as representatives of the entire community not favouring only sports-minded community members. Thank you
5301	I do not support the proposed change	There are so few areas to walk dogs where they can run off leash. It is unfair to responsible dog owners (who are the majority). The dog owners who are irresponsible won't follow the rules regardless so why punish the good people. Dogs are part of the family now. Get with the times, it's 2025. The public are sick of this sort of **********. The board should be acting for the good of the community, not a couple of disgruntled staff. Put your resources into dealing with the unregistered dog problem, who won't follow the rules anyway, not punishing responsible owners who already follow the rules.
5302	I do not support the proposed change	Families in the area need to have local space to let their dogs run and play. That is why they have bought near these parks. There are already far too many restrictions. I don't have a dog but if i ever get one as a local I want to preserve the right to use these parks with my dog and strongly object to the proposal. It also breaches the terms of the gift of madills farm to the people (not to sports clubs)and I would certainly support an application for judicial review of any decision to restrict dog access. Also I have never seen dogs playing fields and think this is just an excuse or an exaggeration. I often see dogs at glover park and madills farm and they are never causing any trouble.

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5308	I do not support the proposed change	Totally impractical; it was used for dogs long before the sports fields were put in. It's like people in apartments in the inner city complaining about the noise. Its a great community asset and an extremely social place. No problem with them being on lead when the fields are in use
5309	I support the proposed change	We walk our dog at Madill's daily and see too many people not picking up after their dogs. It's unsanitary for football and cricket players to come into contact with dog faeces while practising or playing.
5314	I do not support the proposed change	I bring my dog off leash daily to this location and have never had any issues. The park is frequently quiet and is a large convenient space for the local dog community. All dogs here are well behaved and people pick up after their dogs. The proposed change is excessive and unnecessary. I strongly oppose it.
5323	I do not support the proposed change	There are to few places to walk dogs locally and thus area allows owners to utilize grounds that re otherwise only going to be for parodic sports use
5324	I do not support the proposed change	Most days, the sports grounds are unoccupied for the largest part. Sports use is minor when in comparison. It is a safe park for people and dogs. I visit the park many times each week and almost never see any dog issues. Leave the existing rules as they are. Off leash unless the sports grounds are being used. It works well. The Kohimarama area is limited with the number of grassed areas for dogs.
5339	I do not support the proposed change	This is a wonderful wide open area that should be available for the whole community. Prohibiting access to the sports fields when not in use is very restrictive and limits the use of the area to the local sports clubs. I would say the number of dog walkers in a given week far outnumbers the folk playing sport. I know dog poo can be a problem, but there is basically no penalty for people not picking it up.

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5341	I do not support the proposed change	I am opposed to the proposed changes to dog access rules at Glover Park and Madills Farm and would like the council to adopt option 1 – no change. I am a 25 year old resident of Mission Bay and, since 2022, have been disabled with limited mobility as the result of a chronic illness. I can only walk on flat surfaces and even these can become inaccessible to me for example after heavy rain when the ground gets water logged and swampy. The only open spaces with suitable surfaces available for me to walk our dog in my local area are Madills Farm and Glover Park. The proposed changes at Glover Park would mean I could only walk the dog on the hilly area of the park which is not an option for me. At Madills, while there are some areas outside the marked playing fields which are flat these are often water logged and not accessible to me. They are also close to busy roads. The improvements that Auckland Council has made to the drainage at Glover Park and Madills Farm for the benefit of sports users has had an additional benefit of giving disabled users like me a suitable surface to exercise ourselves and our dogs. If you take away my access to these areas there are NO other parks available in the area and I will be unable to walk with our dog any more. I should also add that I cannot walk our dog on leash at all as my disability affects my stability and I have a high risk of falling over, made greater if the dog is on leash. I walk on grass to limit injury if I fall. This also means I prefer to walk in open places without significant tree or bush cover so that I can be seen if I do fall. Disability is an isolating experience for anyone and I think particularly hard for younger people like me. In the last 3 years I have seen almost every aspect of my life change and my opportunities gradually disappear. Being able to do anything that is 'normal' is hugely beneficial to my mental wellbeing and being able to walk the dog, even if I am limited to off leash flat parks, has been important in helping me deal with my limitations. If you remove off leash access to the playing field areas of Glover Park and Madills Farm you will also removing by ability to walk my
5351	I do not support the proposed change	I work from home without a lot of contact with people and one of my only contacts with people can be walking the dog at the end of the day. This is extremely important for my physical and mental health, and general connection to others, in a time when there are more challenges than ever to this. If access to Madills and Glover are taken away, there is nowhere else in walking distance, which will mean driving, and more cars on the road, which will impact emissions and carbon footprint. Several of the older people at the park do not drive, so you will be taking away their ability to have this much needed activity. Madills was gifted to ALL the people of Auckland as a public park, NOT to the Football club as a sports field.
5355	I do not support the proposed change	I exercise my dog regularly off her leash, but mostly when the football pitches aren't in use. I clean up any faecal matter and deposit in the bins provided. By preventing her from running free when there is noone else or minimal other people around is an infringement on being to exercise her adequately. It is the nearest place for me to take her and I don't want to waste petrol driving to a farther away location.

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5359	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm and Glover Park are multi purpose fields. The sports fields which we have all enjoyed for our family are not in use 24 hrs and dogs and families use the fields while not in use. The Community must share these facilities and alot of rate payers have family dogs which they enjoy playing with on these local parks. We do not want astroturf and fences instead of grass. We have lived in this area for 34 years all have been able to enjoy and use these facilities so why change.
5369	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose the proposed change. I have lived next to Madills Farm my whole life and walk my dog at least once a day there. Dogs are being blamed for the damage to the turf. We keep our dog off designated pitches when sport is in play, he does not dig holes and we pick up after him. I have also never seen a dog digging on the turf, but have seen soccer boots and goalposts damaging the grass. It is irresponsible to suggest that dogs are walked off-leash around the outside of Madills Farm next to the road and cars. This is unsafe, especially for puppies, and research shows that off-leash socialization is the key to well-behaved dogs. Madills Farm is precious to our community and the status quo should remain so that it can be enjoyed by all people, not just sports people. ESAFC should look for a more suitable location to develop their club, which would better equip them to provide their future vision and stop trying to exclude locals from access to areas of this shared park.
5370	I do not support the proposed change	We live on Baddeley Ave opposite Madills farm and see how many people enjoy this space with their dogs. We are down there at least once a day with our dog. I think it a wonderful green space for all people to enjoy. The community socialising that happens when people are walking their dogs is heartwarming and essential for a happy community. I feel it is completely unfair to restrict the use of the playing fields for only playing sports on. What a waste of a resource. There is a large population of people who gather at Madill farm playing fields to play with their children and dogs away from the roads, and the new proposed changes would mean this use of the space wouldn't happen. Where are dogs meant to run off lead if green spaces like these ones can't be used? Property prices and subdivision laws do not mean it's possible to exercise your dog on their own property. I would be very disappointed and saddened to see the use of Madills farm be restricted to just sport players. The playing field area of the park is such a great place to run with dogs away from roads, and I feel restricting its use would mean a great green space would go under utilised. Please keep Manila farm as unrestricted off leash dog area.
5372	I do not support the proposed change	The land was gifted from the Maddilll family for all recreational to enjoy equally , i feel a corporate bullying manor or the sports club to take control of the park is not fair ,, this has been rejected fo many years and nothing should change

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5400	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need some off leash time to sniff and play and socialise and just be dogs. Your proposed new rules will limit the space at Madills where larger dogs can chase a ball and also limit space for people with smaller dogs to avoid the larger dogs. I feel there may be more chance of dogs not interacting kindly when there is only a small area to be off lead. I do feel dog owners need to be more vigilant with their dogs, not allowing them to dig holes and to watch them at all times and clear up any dog faces but these are the minority. Bigger fines and signs should be in place. I believe Madills was gifted by the original owners as an off leash dog park and I believe it should remain so when there are no sports on. It is the dogs that will suffer greatly from no fault of their own. Please rethink this carefully.
5405	I do not support the proposed change	The large off-leash area at Madills Farm is an invaluable resource for local dog owners, providing: Accessibility for all: The flat grounds are ideal for older adults and those with mobility challenges, enabling dog lovers of all ages to meet, socialize, and exercise their pets. Safety and peace of mind: Naturally shielded from the road by a small hill, the off-leash area offers a secure space for dogs, especially puppies, to play and socialize without risk of traffic accidents. The on-field lighting also makes this a much safer space for women in the darker winter months. Reduced pressure on other spaces: This designated off-leash area helps ease demand on other public spaces, like nearby Kohimarama Beach.
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5439	I do not support the proposed change	I think both Madills and Kohimarama Beach of leash policies should remain as is or be more lenient towards allowing responsible dog owners to have dogs off leash. Humans have so many options, around and a designated area for dogs is needed. Current dog registrations protect people from bad owners, but in my opinion should also provide responsible dog owners a designated area to walk their dogs freely and off leash and under control.
5442	I do not support the proposed change	The park was donated with the purpose of dog being able to go for a walk freely, as well as their owners, also, the place geography allows the elderly and people with disabilities to walk their dogs more easily, without risking their physical health, lastly, dogs need their space to run and relax, stressed dogs are more likely to generate discomfort in the community (becoming aggressive, loud, or destructive), therefore, dogs need to be able to go freely and in case of any discomfort the owners will have become responsible for it
5445	I do not support the proposed change	Madhills Farm was gifted to Auckland Council for public recreational use. As a local resident who uses the park for recreational team sports, general recreational and dog walking use. Madhills Farm is a vital amenity including dog walking and cannot support the banning / exemption of dog access and use as per the current policy rules.

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5461	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes to dog access at Madills Farm. As a local resident and daily visitor to the park, I believe the current rules, which allow dogs to be off-leash on the sports fields when not in use, should remain unchanged. Madills Farm is one of the few accessible green spaces in the area where dogs can run freely. The proposed restrictions are concerning because: 1. Lack of Off-Leash Alternatives – There are no other nearby off-leash areas where dogs can get the exercise they need. In summer, when pavements are too hot for dogs, this restriction will further limit safe exercise options. The surrounding path is also not sufficient all the time as it can be close to car traffic especially for younger dogs. 2. Responsible Dog Ownership – From my experience, the vast majority of dog owners are responsible. I have walked my dog at Madills Farm almost daily for over a year and have not observed issues with dog waste or problematic behavior that would impact the sports fields. 3. Community Impact – Many local dog owners rely on Madills Farm for socialisation and exercise. These proposed restrictions unfairly limit the ability of residents to enjoy the space with their dogs while causing no clear benefit to the wider public. The damage to the sports fields by dogs would be minimal compared to the usual wear caused by sports naturally being played on the fields. I urge the council to reconsider these changes and maintain the existing dog access rules, which fairly balance the needs of all park users. R
5474	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm was gifted to the people of the area for everyone to enjoy. The park is a fabulous place for dog owners to socialize their dogs and was an important part of our family's lives growing up. I do not believe that a small group of people (eg. sports teams who only use the part of the park at certain times on certain days) should have the ability to take away the rights of thousands of dog owners to have fun and enjoy the park.
5475	I support the proposed change	I am utterly sick and tired of having to clean up dog mess from the sports fields at Madills Farm and Glover Park where my son plays football - almost every time there is at least one dog mess to clean up plus there are numerous big sticks left on the sports fields which have clearly been left chewed up by dogs which are sharp in places and could seriously injure someone. Also, there are numerous holes dug up by dogs constantly which the council is failing to address in a timely manner so I fully support dogs NOT being allowed anywhere near the sports fields at all. The simple answer here is to fence off a significant area of Madills Farm and Glover which can then be used freely by dogs off leash.
5482	I do not support the proposed change	I've been walking my dog for 20 yrs, at Madills and all owners have been respectful of the environment

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5492	I do not support the proposed change	The park was Gifted to the community as a park not a Sports field. I see no reason why the sports club receives special Treatment and access to the public park. It was a local park first and the sports club should move And find other Amenities. I do not believe a special Interest group Such as a football Club should Get indicate then use of a public park. There are very limited off leash areas in the vicinity and the loss of this at madills farm appears uNreasonable. Lose the sports club not the public amenity as intended by the deed of gift.
5498	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs deserve a place to be free, run around and act like dogs. They have the best time there and it is a lovely and enjoyable place for dogs and owners alike. Around the area there are no other appropriate areas. Taking away this dog park is taking away not only freedom for the dogs but also dog owners incentive to go outside, get fresh air, stretch their legs and embrace nature in a convenient way. It bring a positive vibe and sense of community to the area

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5501	I do not support the proposed change	Here's a sample submission: Date: We'd 19 Feb Subject: Request to Reconsider Off-Leash Dog Policy on Sports Fields To whom it may concern I am writing to respectfully request that the council reconsider its decision to prohibit dogs from being off-leash on sports fields at madills farm. As a responsible , concerned citizen and dog owner, I believe that this policy requires further consideration. The sports fields provide a valuable community resource, and allowing dogs to be off-leash in these areas would greatly benefit local residents and their pets. Many dog owners rely on these spaces for exercise and socialization, which are essential for the physical and mental well-being of dogs. I appreciate there is kohi, st Heliers and mission bay beaches but depending on the tides this does restrict area and also nature depositing slugs that are poisonous to dogs deterrent to walk your dog on those beaches at times. Keeping to the status quo of off-leash areas on sports fields would: - Provide a safe space for dogs to exercise and socialize - Encourage responsible dog ownership and community engagement - Enhance the overall liveability and recreational opportunities within l To address potential concerns, I suggest the following works well and currently
5508	I do not support the proposed change	I think that there is no real issue with dogs out of control here or conflict and this risks creating a conflict. My views dogs should be on a leash if a sporting event is on but there are few other safe off leash areas for dogs to exercise and socialise if this status quo is changed.. Dog owners are a key user group for the park and probably more frequently than any other user group
5512	I do not support the proposed change	It is notoriously a park with well behaved dogs who, even off leash, are well trained to obey owners. There are not enough off leash spaces in the area. It's always been an absolute pleasure seeing all friendly dogs socialised
5515	I do not support the proposed change	Because there are few areas as it is to exercise dogs and prohibiting them unless on a leash just reduces areas to exercise dogs . I support them under control at all times and not there when fields are in use
5523	I do not support the proposed change	There is nothing wrong with the current rules of off leash when not in use. There is a really community of dog owners who gather to let their dogs play and run off leash - they are responsible and pick up poos. It is a key social element for many of the older dog owners and provides a place the dogs can run given the beach time restrictions. Dogs need to run and socialise and restricting the area is a disservice to them and the owners

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5554	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm (Kohimarama) has long been designated as a neighborhood park and NOT a dedicated sports field. This neighborhood park, and the surrounding residents have suffered the continued loss of amenity as the clubs, notably the Football Club have encroached on the park for park for their exclusive use. Banning dogs from the fields during playing time and the Council on their behalf (without requisite reporting on alleged damage) are attempting to get dogs banned, which in real terms confines dog activity to a limited perimeter of the park at all times. This is a substantial and unwarranted loss of amenity for dog owning ratepayers who are now essentially subsiding the "hobby sports" of a special interest group. The growth of the club means that locals are subjected to more noise pollution, increased light pollution as flood lighting is used, the increase in congestion as cars descend into the area, the lack of parking, the lack of all other access. The Council as part of the long term sporting strategy needs to respond with alternative arrangements to meet the needs of growing sporting interests elsewhere and keep the designation of local park as it. This imposition on locals has gone quite far enough. The establishment of clubs like the Football Club getting preeminent consideration is an overstep, and in effect prohibits all other access. The Council in the opening consultation is framing this decision as "protection of sports fields" - there has been no study done of damage. Dogs have been blamed and this "truthy" is now regarded as fact. The Madills Farm neighbourhood park is reclaimed land and should the football club feel that the grounds aren't good enough, perhaps they should pay market rate for the rental of the property and also pay for the substantial cost of the surface management.
5555	I do not support the proposed change	This is a community park, not just sports fields. Dog owners are generally responsible and clean up after their dogs. Why does this nanny state mentality need to come down on something that has worked well for decades
5556	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs and humans need regular exercise. Many people meet daily whilst their dogs run around and have fun. Many a friendship have been formed. I, have personally made friendship over many years, Sure dogs and their owners should stay off the playing fields whilst planned games are on, - this is obvious.
5565	I do not support the proposed change	Our children goes there for training, I go there every 2nd days in the roll. I walk with my dog along the side walk, off leash! Please we just need some space for our dog and kids, they work fine together.
5566	I do not support the proposed change	Glover Park and Madills are for community use and not just for sports Facilities. A lot of people use the parks for socialisation and a flat area to walk with their dog companions. When sports are not in play the parks sit empty, and just as much litter and damage is caused by sports users as dogs.
5575	I do not support the proposed change	There are so many well behaved dogs and humans in This area and it’s the one local place they can stretch and play. This must remain a dog safe place, with more bins

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5578	I do not support the proposed change	What difference does it make if the sports fields are an 'off leash area' when not in use? it is one of the joys of the park seeing dogs running freely around chasing balls and each other. Can you please explain why this change is being made.
5584	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support these proposed restrictions on dogs in parks, sports fields, playgrounds, and car parks. While I understand the need for responsible dog management, these rules seem unnecessarily strict and may negatively impact both dog owners and their pets. Sports Surfaces & Playgrounds – A complete ban on dogs at all times, even when not in use, is excessive. Many responsible dog owners ensure their dogs do not disrupt activities or leave messes behind. A more balanced approach, such as requiring dogs to be under control during active use, would be fairer. Leash Requirements in Vicinity – Requiring dogs to be leashed even near playgrounds and sports fields when in use seems restrictive. Many dogs are well-trained to be under voice control, and responsible owners already keep them at a respectful distance. Car Parks – While safety is important, requiring all dogs to be leashed in car parks at all times may be impractical. Many dogs are trained to walk calmly off-leash from a vehicle to an open space without issue. Off-Leash Areas – I appreciate that dogs are still allowed off-leash in other parts of the park, but these additional restrictions reduce the already limited spaces where dogs can exercise freely.
5589	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed when sports grounds not in use. The ESAFC does not own the land and should not have complete control over it. There are completely insufficient off leash dog exercise areas and recent summer prohibitions for exercising dogs on our beaches leaves very limited options for healthy happy dog owning families. This proposed removal of freedom for play and proper socialising is extremely distressing for good dog owners
5593	I do not support the proposed change	The proposal represents a SIGNIFICANT reduction in the availability of off and on leash dog walking in the eastern bays. As the number of dog owners and dogs has increased since 2020, reducing the area to exercise them is counterproductive. As sports fields have grown to cover the whole park, the ‘balance’ that this proposal seeks to address has been lost. The sports fields are never fully in use - only the front three fields are used. An appropriate compromises would be to ban dogs from the two pitches that front the club house. Please do not take away dog exercise availability just when dog numbers are increasing.
5595	I support the proposed change	Dogs need to be kept off sports fields at all times, whilst many owners are responsible in clearing their dog's faeces, some are not and even if they are removed there will be residual contamination. None of us should countenance our children playing on contaminated sports fields. Ideally dogs should be on lead in the vicinity of sports fields at all times to reduce the risk of contamination.

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5608	I do not support the proposed change	Do Not take this park away from the dog walking community in this suburb!
5610	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should allowed under control off a leash on sports surfaces (marked grass sports fields) when NOT in use or not closed. Dogs should allowed under control off a leash at any time on other parts of the Park.
5611	I do not support the proposed change	1. Loss of Community Inclusivity Shared spaces are meant to serve all members of the community, including dog owners. Restricting access reduces inclusivity and disproportionately affects residents who rely on these areas for pet exercise and social interaction. 2. Negative Impact on Dog Owners Many dog owners depend on shared spaces for safe and legal exercise areas. A ban could force them to walk their dogs on streets or less suitable areas, leading to safety concerns, overcrowding of remaining dog-friendly spaces, or even non-compliance with the ban. 3. Unfair Use of Public Land Public spaces should cater to diverse recreational activities. Prioritising only sports teams or organised activities over casual and everyday community use undermines the principle of equitable land use. 4. Potential Overuse & Wear on Sports Fields If a space is converted to a sports-only field, it may see limited seasonal or scheduled use, leaving it empty much of the time. In contrast, a shared space with dog walkers and casual users ensures continuous community engagement. 5. Increased Conflict & Enforcement Issues A ban could lead to disputes between residents and local authorities, increasing enforcement costs and potentially leading to confrontations or legal challenges from dog owners. 6. Impact on Mental & Physical Health Dog walking contributes to physical activity, mental well-being, and social

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5613	I do not support the proposed change	Submission Opposing Restrictions on Dog Access at Madills Farm Reserve I strongly oppose the proposed changes restricting dog access at Madills Farm Reserve for the following reasons: Social and Community Benefits As a daily user of the park, exercising and socializing my dog has been a crucial part of my routine. This space has allowed me to build strong friendships and create a sense of belonging in the community. Before getting my dog, I knew no one in the area and often felt isolated. During COVID-19 lockdowns, the connections I formed at Madills Farm became my main source of social interaction and emotional support. Since then, I have faced personal health challenges that have temporarily prevented me from walking. The friends I made at the park have helped by visiting me, taking my dog for walks, and even accompanying me to medical appointments. This demonstrates the strong sense of community fostered by this shared space. Accessibility and Terrain Considerations The flat terrain of Madills Farm makes it an accessible and safe environment for me to walk. If the restrictions prevent dogs from accessing the sports fields—which remain unused for many hours of the day—it will limit my ability to use the reserve. The alternative area near the road is unsuitable due to its proximity to traffic and its tendency to become excessively muddy and waterlogged in autumn and winter. Wellbeing of Dogs Off-leash time at Madills Farm is vital for my dog's wellbeing. It provides him with a safe space away from traffic to exercise, socialize with other dogs, and interact
5619	I do not support the proposed change	There are several reasons why banning dogs from a shared community space in favour of sports fields is a bad idea: 1. Unfair Blame on Dogs – As you pointed out, the suggestion that dogs are responsible for field damage is weak. Poor drainage, heavy foot traffic, cleats, and seasonal weather conditions are the real culprits. Blaming dogs is an easy scapegoat rather than addressing the actual maintenance issues. 2. Loss of Shared Community Space – These spaces have traditionally been shared by the entire community, including dog owners. Excluding a significant group disrupts the balance of use and prioritises one activity (sports) over others. 3. Sports Fields Are Already Under Pressure – High-intensity sports, especially in winter, cause far more damage than occasional dog walkers. The focus should be on improving field drainage, rotating field usage, and investing in proper upkeep rather than banning dogs. 4. Community Harmony – Shared spaces work because they accommodate a variety of activities. Banning dogs creates unnecessary division in the community and prioritises one group over others, setting a precedent for further restrictions.

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5622	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should not be prohibited on sport surfaces as usual. They should be allowed with a leash at minimum. And they should be free to walk on the allocated pathways alongside people. I agree dogs should not be allowed in playgrounds.
5639	I do not support the proposed change	When sports fields are not in use there is no good reason why dogs should be prohibited from enjoying the area. Furthermore, once they are off leash it would be virtually impossible to stop them running into the field. These proposed restrictions are unrealistic and unfair on dog owners and their dogs. Madills Farm is a wonderful community hub for people walking their dogs and is known as such around the entire region. It is a huge asset to the community in this way. Sports and dog walking can co exist without one taking priority over the other. Most dog owners are careful and respectful and the proposed changes are unnecessary. I am not entirely sure what is motivating the proposal to ban dogs from sports fields when they are not in use, however I would like to offer some thoughts on possible solutions which do not involve banning dogs from Madills Farm sports fields. Firstly, keeping the dog litter bags replenished would be great, as even the most careful owner is sometimes caught short without a dog litter bag. This is a simple and inexpensive way of helping to keep things clean. Secondly, I am not aware of any dog damage to sports fields but if there is then it is hard to understand why the local council does not see this as part of its regular maintenance in the same way that fixing the fields from players' use is regarded this way. To elevate sport above dogs is unfair. Both are recreational and both provide enjoyment in their own way to people and to the community. Thirdly, if there are any incidents of unacceptable behaviour by dogs or their owners then sanctions for breaches can be increased/enoforced, rather than a blanket taking away of a huge asset for everyone.
5650	I do not support the proposed change	While dogs should absolutely be prohibited on a field while in use, or on a leash if nearby they should be allowed off leash when the fields are not in use. Dog owners in the area pay rates like any sports user of the park and deserve to utilise the park to play with and exercise their pets in a safer environment than the edges of Madills that are closer to busy roads.
5665	I support the proposed change	Dogs can not only be a nuisance but a health and safety issue.. All dog owners think their dogs are well behaved but in reality the vast majority have never had training and refuse to obey owners commands. Parks are for people, not animals.

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5677	I do not support the proposed change	This is a thriving community of dog walkers, may elderly people who enjoy the flat easy access and is the one place we feel safe in off leash walking in our area. The preposterous proposal ignores a the needs a of a large segment of ratepayers, many who have bought their homes nearby to be able to use this area. This is another attempt at ignoring the needs of rate payers over some ill though through ideology.
5683	I do not support the proposed change	proposed dog bylaw rules. Dogs have been walked in this park as long as I can remember. Why is this particular group of the public being picked on and squeezed out. And I note it is Auckland wide. You could have chosen any one of the scores of people who use the park, cyclists, cricketers, soccer players, I am an eastern suburbs resident and live on the edge of Glover Park. I do not own a dog but am submitting in opposition to the runners, picnickers with BBQ's, etc. why this particular group. If your argument is the damage, sports teams are far more destructive to the field than anything else. If it's a dog poo issue then a few fines should bring them into line.
5689	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support the proposed change to Madills Farm management plan to restrict access to dogs walking off-leash on the sports fields when not in use. We regularly walk our dog off leash at Madiils Farm on the sides of the sports fields, This park has worked well with sport, community use (e.g. picnics) and dog walking off leash for many years, since 1929. Madills Farm is a community meeting point for people both for sport and general recreation use. Many people use it for exercise for walking on a regular basis, more so than those playing organised sport especially in winter. Before this proposal was raised there were few fields marked at Madills Farm and this worked well with the mix of sport and dog walking. Without notice, more fields were added and marked up so now there is minimal area for people to walk and dogs to run off leash. Sport was not usually played on the marked up areas of Madills Farm. It is important for everyone to use to continue to enjoy the park and have access to walk their dogs off leash. There are many other parks setup for sports and don't allow general recreation that could be used , e.g. Colin Maiden park and Oceania Football Confederation fields. These are very rarely busy.
5694	I do not support the proposed change	There're already enough limits to avoid any possible incidents. When not used the sport grounds can be used by dogs
5704	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners will pick up pooh and the park represents a great space for dog exercise when not in use for sport. The current rules strike a fair balance. No need for change.

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5709	I do not support the proposed change	We use both Glover and Maddills to exercise our dogs off leash, and our son plays football for Eastern suburbs and he trains at both parks during the week. In the 10 years we have been using the parks I have observed dogs playing happily as the football and cricket teams play and train. There are large portions of the day when no one is using the park for sports purposes and I cannot understand why dogs would not be allowed off leash in these areas during this time. If the proposed changes come into effect this will force more dogs down to the beaches so they can run off leash which is a more challenging environment to control a dog, there are often very young children on the beach, and it is unsafe for dogs because they are very close to Tamaki drive. What we have today works so please don't change it.
5716	I do not support the proposed change	Madills park is so close to our heart. It is where we see our furbabies have fun and run free . Everyone is so lovely and helpful. It make the community nice and not only for dogs it also help us unwind and see them Run around and have fun is the most beautiful thing we can see in these times
5725	I do not support the proposed change	As above we need somewhere to take our dogs to socialise, spend tlme with children etc. Most are responsible dog owners this is a ground fir all not just a sports field. I have had 2 generations of children playing sport at madills and dog walking with children and grandchildren over the past 35 years it is part of our life. Be tragic if future generation cannot experience the joy of doing both. Infill housing has destroyed the area and people need somewhere to take their dogs as no dog parks easily accessible and beach access so restricted over summer - we need to encourage health outdoors famillt and pet time nit listen to a few anti people who are against everything anyway -
5727	I do not support the proposed change	Because the council has a far too heavy handed draconian approach to dog access to parks in general. This is yet another example of the dwindling number of parks where dogs can go. Most people are responsible and pick up their poo. This field is a regular for so many locals and their dogs. As ratepayers we have a right to have access to exercise our dogs in parks.
5729	I do not support the proposed change	Families with their calm dogs like to watch the games together.
5733	I do not support the proposed change	This park is one of few in the area that it is possible to let a dog off leash in a safe environment. Especially in summer when the beach is off limits most of the day. There are so few parks in the area where dogs can be free to run around. Most dog owners who walk here are respectful, abid by the current rules and pick up after their dog.

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5735	I do not support the proposed change	Submission on Proposed Changes to Dog Access at Madills Farm To: Auckland Council Subject: Opposition to Proposed Restrictions on Dog Access at Madills Farm Dog Madills Farm and Recreation Reserve is a unique and shared community space which should remain wholly accessible to all in our community as it was gifted to the community not a sports club. This submission is made in the strongest possible opposition to the planned changes proposed by the Ōrākei Local Board which effectively ban dogs from the majority of the community space. The first part, will highlight the significance of the Recreation Reserve to the large community of dog owners who regularly use the farm, often for more than exercise. The submission will also strongly refute the claims that dogs have damaged the turf by digging holes which have caused soccer players to roll ankles and injury themselves. ACC figures regarding injuries to soccer players will be presented as will the findings in 2024 Ōrākei Local Board annual report re the reasons for unsatisfactory ground conditions, which are blamed on bad weather and subsequent lack of maintenance. The magic of dogs at Madills centres around wellbeing and community. Off
5740	I do not support the proposed change	The main difference is dog owners will no longer be allowed to spectate with their dog on a leash as you're proposing that they are prohibited. It's extremely frustrating that proposing such a rule is not aligned with creating a fenced off off leash area of the park so dog walkers could safely use the same facilities.
5742	I do not support the proposed change	We are so far behind the bigger country's who embrace dogs as family. Responsible dog owners respect the rules and train our dogs well. We love the freedom of these parks and need this space for our fur family. Please don't change the rules 🙏
5743	I do not support the proposed change	This is the only all-seasons off-lease area in the area. The last proposed rule "Dogs allowed under control off a leash on other parts of the Park" is effectively meaningless since the first two rules state "in the vicinity" which can be read as the entire park.
5746	I do not support the proposed change	We are restricted enough in the places we can walk our beloved dogs

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5747	I do not support the proposed change	This is a public park used at all times of every day to a large number of locals with their dogs. To limit it to use only when sports grounds are in use is to deprive the community from their facility. In recent times I have noted a small number of dogs wanting to dig on the playing ground but this only became noticeable after the groundskeeper added significant amounts of sand to the surface. Having the large off lead dog area is very beneficial to the wellbeing of the community. Many people (often older people) meet and congregate on the park as their dogs play. The vast majority of dogs are well socialised and as a regular user I rarely see dog fights or aggressive dogs. The vast number of owners clean up after their dogs and II rarely see dog mess left on the park, a park I walk my dog on most days and have done for 10 years.
5751	I do not support the proposed change	Sorry put my answer on the last one - BUT this was gifted to the community for use - NOT just for a sports club.
5819	I support the proposed change	Dogs can pollute sports fields at any time and this is not always cleaned up by the owner.
5821	I do not support the proposed change	It is a great place for dogs to socialise and to focus on recall/ training. There are many locals that thoroughly enjoy taking their dogs to the park and it is an integral part of the community. Banning dogs on the sports fields would take this away.
5825	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm has been a playground for both sports people and dogs. Dog owners are very responsible and clean up after their dogs and respect the grounds when they are played on. It The beaches are restricted so Madills is a great place for dog to run round. I totally disagree with the changes and don't understand why things have to change.
5831	I do not support the proposed change	My dog and I walk around Madills farm every evening. It is the one place where she is able to run around and play fetch. If this was taken away from us, she would get more agitated and lose her enjoyment in life, with potential effects on us. We have never had a problem with sports games. There are many sports feilds available around Auckland but not a lot of places where we can walk our dogs. This would be a huge loss to our community., Why ruin something that is working well and is an asset to us? It is the time where we catch up with neighbours and walk our dogs together as a community. We have grown up with this park as our home. When games are on, we are respectful and make sure they are on leash. Please do not ruin Madills farm for us, which is a real gem.
5835	I do not support the proposed change	The current arrangement works well although it is regrettable that so much of the area is being tied up in sports grounds with additional dog access protection. This area is extensively used and enjoyed by dog owners and dogs which may otherwise be a nuisance elsewhere. It is also an important social and meeting place for dog owners. Many are older people who rely on their pets for company and a focus of interest. These people often have limited outside social opportunities

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5837	I do not support the proposed change	I have been walking my dogs at Madils for 16 years. In all that time I have only seen one dog dig and the owner quickly stopped the dog. By changing the laws you are only catering to the sports club. Madils is a council area for ALL people, not just the sports people. I strongly disagree with the proposed changes. Nicola Lincoln
5838	I do not support the proposed change	I am completely against this proposal for many reasons, being a local who has had a few dogs and Walked them and let them play at Madills Farm. Over the last 40 odd years, the last 30 especially I have never seen anything bad happen regarding canine behaviour. This is a fantastic Farm for people to come together, socialise and socialise with their dogs, off leash and run and play. I am vehemently against this proposal. I am due to get a new dog as is a local friend of mine. Where we will go and how will we walk them and let them exercise/play naturally???
5854	I do not support the proposed change	Dog owners with their dog off leash on the sports grounds use that area for exercise more than any sports event! No one allows their dog on the fields when a game is in action as per common courtesy. I have been taking my 8 yr old dog to Madills Farm daily, often twice daily since he was a pup, for his exercise & mine + social contact. I am a 74 yr old widow, going to Madills Farm is very important to us both for our wellbeing. Sport club members at Madills Farm apparently claim to have numerous "rolled ankle" injuries as a result of dogs digging holes on the playing fields, I have never witnessed any dogs digging holes on the playing fields at any time. This claim is unsubstantiated nonsense. Sports club members are mainly FOOTBALL players, as the name suggests, running fast whilst trying to kick a ball makes one susceptible to rolling an ankle!! As did playing netball in my younger years, where an ankle roll was & still is a common injury to players. The football club committee could tell a couple of teams to spread out & walk the fields prior to the start of sports i.e Saturday mornings, if they are so sure there might be holes in the field. If they did find a hole they could fill it with sand from a bucket kept at the sideline. If it was a fact that the fields are a hazard to players because of holes, then the risk would also be to the dog walkers who use that area more than any sports team. There has not been an issue or record of rolled ankle injuries amongst us dog walkers suffered on the playing fields. Given the mixed ages of dog walkers, if holes were a problem then we would likely suffer a broken ankle rather than rolled! We are local residents, paying our high rates to council. Please let common sense prevail and not spoil for us dog walkers the use of all areas of Madills Farm & Glover Park as they were intended. The sports club only pay a nominal fee for the
5859	I do not support the proposed change	I want to exercise my dog at the local reserve.

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5860	I do not support the proposed change	I exercise my dog here most days. In winter or after rail the footpath around the sports field is a blessing so i do not get muddy. It is important that dogs are allowed off lead to socialise and exercise the proposed change would prohibit this. The only other off lead options have time restrictions (beaches) or are muddy (churchiill park and maskell Dog park). The proposed change severely penalise responsible dog owners who can only exercise their dog during the day. At this time during the week the sports fields are empty so it seems very unfair for us not to have acess
5863	I do not support the proposed change	I think the current rules for both Madills Farm and Glover Park in the Orakei Ward are fair for all users of the park. I do not think the sports fields should out of bounds for dogs when not in use. And in the case of Madills Farm, it was gifted to all Aucklanders to use and enjoy and should not be just for the benefit of sports participants. Most dog owners are responsible and pick up after their pets and do not allow their dogs to dig holes. I have never seen them dig holes and we walk at both parks regularly. I do think that better signage may help remind owners to pick up after their pets and that there is $ fine if you don't. Plus have bags available near the sports fields. This could be paid out of the funds we pay the council as dog owners.

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5865	I do not support the proposed change	Dear Auckland Council. I categorically oppose the proposal to ban dogs off leash at Glover Park and Madills Farm. These parks are important recreation areas for the entire community not just Eastern Suburbs Football Club. A large part of the community enjoys walking their dogs at Glover Park and Madills Farm. This includes my wife and I who walk our small caboodle at Madills Farm. We will throw a ball and he will run and retrieve it. We then put him back on the lead and walk along the bays. It is the only park in the local area where we can do this. So taking it away has a significant detrimental impact on us. We have been doing this pretty much every weekend for four years and the occasional weekday afternoon. I can confidently and honestly say that I have never once seen any problem at the park at all in the four years we have been taking our dog there. There tends to be two groups of people who go to the parks - the dog walkers who would like to have their dogs off leash to let them have a run and parents playing with their children (who may also have a dog). People without dogs tend not to walk on the fields. They walk on the paths around Madills Farm. So dogs off leash have no impact on them. These two groups I referred to earlier coexist quite happily. The dogs that tend to be at the parks are well behaved and generally small dogs like cavoodles not

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5869	I do not support the proposed change	My submission to keep the status quo on both Glover Park and Madills Farm I am a local resident and owner of 2 dogs. I have lived here my whole life. I frequent Glover Park and occasionally Madills Farm and nearly always meet and socialise with other dog owners and others. I personally find the social interaction extremely rewarding. Sometimes they are the only people I converse with all day till family come home. The dogs also need this socialisation. It is well known and promoted by people like Mark Vette for good dog behaviour. We have been doing this for years and people come and go as do the sports people. We were the sports people at one stage too. With our children playing soccer and cricket. I believe we should keep the status quo and be tolerant and accepting. The sports people make a mess of the ground exposing sand and creating holes. As does to a large degree the lights which are moved on and off the ground seasonally plus the water sprinklers which pop up and down in there own little hole (sometimes not so little) Masses of non biodegradable trash is left behind as a constant, but on mass after a tournament with overflowing rubbish bins. I admit we also miss the odd dog poo but do our best to retrieve them. If the council provides bags it's easy enough to pick them up. You might say why should you have too but that works both ways. Sports days create major traffic and clogged roads and parking over residents drives but we manage again it's give and take. The parks seem to be empty 90% of the time. I know, I frequent them twice a day rain or shine and I think it's a good thing to use them in many diverse ways. The parks belong to the community. They are community parks. They belong to us as ratepayers. We frequent them. Our taxes/rates maintain them and we are willing to share them with sports people. However if sports people are unwilling to share them with us then maybe it's time they acquired designated sports grounds
5875	I do not support the proposed change	If there's no-one playing sports and dogs aren't worrying any people, dogs should be allowed off-leash so long as their owners keep them under control.

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5881	I do not support the proposed change	This has taken me some time to write - I hope that you take the time to read it :-) I dont believe this is the "balanced approach" that is being touted and I believe it will affect many groups of people in a negative way. I know of quite a few dog owners in their 80's and 90's who have lived most of their lives in this area and enjoyed Madills farm but who can no longer walk all the way around the footpath loop and need to cut across the sportsfield to the other side (which they do past the soccer players). I also know of many dog owners who have older dogs that can no longer make it all away around the footpath loop and need to cut across the field. This is a safe environment for them all to walk and it would be awful to take this away from them. You mention about preventing damage to the sports fields, I think it is brilliant that the lights have been put in at Madills farm but this now means that players are able to use the fields more often in the mornings and at nights - which again is brilliant - But, we have noted that the fields seem to get wrecked more quickly and I would suggest this to be because they are actually used way more now than ever before by the sports people. I have lived in this area for huge chunks of my life and it has always been known that this area was gifted to the people for "all" to use and that "all" is people with dogs. That is why we brought back in this area. This is why Madills is special. The fields are for "all" to use, share and enjoy. My son grew up playing both soccer and cricket on these fields. WE, and so many others would have our dogs on the fields on the sidelines (as they still do.....). I think I spent more time accommodating all the younger children who desperately wanted to pack our dog than I did watching the games. I always saw it as a great opportunity to socialise

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5882	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support the proposed changes to Madills Farm. I have been a resident and Ratepayer of Kohimarama for over 30 years and the last 25 years lived next to Madills Farm. I object to any further dominance by ESAFC over Madills Farm and object to any plans of ESAFC trying to exclude the community from access to parts of our reserve. ESAFC's submission dated 28/09/23 states "predicted usage figures indicate that improved durability surfaces and more lighting is required to meet the demand". What's to prevent ESAFC next wanting artificial turf again – which needs to be fenced off to everyone – a grandstand and more lighting towers again as they have stated in previous submissions? How has one sports club been allowed to get such a hold on a local reserve surrounded by hundreds of homes? Where is the evidence to support claims that dogs are to blame for 27 ankle injuries from turf damage and the cause of increasing costs for turf maintenance? I walk our dog at least once per day at Madills and I run 4-5 times per week with friends through Madills. The damage is not from the dogs; it is clearly from fencing, sprinklers, goal posts, bleachers, boot sprigs, where football play is happening – specifically on the white paint lines marking all the pitch boundaries. We happily share our reserve with everyone, but Madills Farm is not the place for a commercial sporting body with semi-professional players requiring an unreasonable level of demands from the environment, ratepayers and the community.
5886	I do not support the proposed change	These proposed changes assume that the damage to the playing fields are ONLY from dogs. This is not true - there is far more damage to the fields from the playing of sports. These two recreation areas are important for the WHOLE community - not just those playing sport. They are fabulous areas for dogs and their owners - and let's not forget that we dog owners aside from paying rates and contributing to the maintenance and upkeep of these recreation areas, also pay a yearly dog registration fee to the council. The proposed small strips near the road where dogs could be allowed is simply dangerous and crazy. It is imperative to maintain the status quo and ensure EVERYONE can enjoy these shared facilities.
5891	I don't know	The new policy is to ambiguous. Very unclear

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5893	I do not support the proposed change	I own a dog, who I walk in any of 3 different parks (Madills, Glover or Monte Cecelia) twice a day. My dog walks and runs off leash and does not annoy others, is not a threat to people or the environment does not dig holes and just enjoys chasing a Frisbee or ball and playing with other dogs off leash. This provides stimulation for her and for me as I get to chat with other dog owners and park users. I am respectful of other park users if they are playing games and I endeavour not to visit if organised activities are taking place, although this can be hard as in summer months we are also not allowed on the beach. My pet provides companionship to me and to my neighbours. Allowing dogs to use local parks is beneficial because it provides them with essential exercise and mental stimulation, promotes socialization with other dogs and people, enhances the overall well-being of both the dog and its owner, and can contribute to a stronger sense of community within a neighborhood, as long as responsible dog ownership practices are followed. Exercising a dog our side, promotes physical and mental health, for our dogs regular exercise and playtime to maintain a healthy body and mind, and parks offer a great space for them to run, play fetch, and explore. Socialization: Dog parks allow dogs to interact with other dogs, which can help with socialization skills, reduce aggression, and build confidence. Community building: When dog owners frequent local parks with their pets, it creates opportunities to meet and connect with other people in the neighborhood. Increased physical activity for owners: Walking a dog in a park encourages owners to be more active, which benefits their own health. Stress reduction: Spending time in nature with a dog can be calming and stress-reducing for both the dog and the owner. Please don't take the space away from us to walk freely and paly respectfully. I would also like to not that I have heard it say that dogs dig holes in the parks, my experience is that it is the sport equipment and sprinklers that do the most

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5894	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes to dog access rules are unnecessary and unfairly restrict public use of a shared space. The current system already ensures sports teams can play without disruption while allowing the community to enjoy the park when fields aren't in use. Public Space Should Be for All – The park isn't owned by the football team; it belongs to the community. It's unfair to ban dogs from open grass when no games are happening. The Current Rules Work – Dogs are already required to be on a leash when games are on, ensuring safety and fairness. Maximizing Green Space – Huge areas of grass shouldn't sit unused. Families, dog owners, and others should be able to enjoy them. Harm to Local Businesses – The bays are a dog- and family-friendly area. If dog owners have to go elsewhere, local cafés and shops will lose business. Personally, I take my dog every weekend and visit a café—this change would push people like me away. Where's the Justification? – If there's a problem, let's address it with sensible solutions, not a blanket ban. A Better Approach: Keep the current system, allowing dogs off-leash when fields aren't in use. Let's ensure the park remains accessible for everyone, not just a select few.
5898	I do not support the proposed change	What has been put forward by the Orakei Local Board and Council, that dogs dig holes is totally misleading. The park maintenance staff have no idea of how to fix any surface damage. Purely pouring sand into a damaged area will not grow grass. The number of wholes expressed by the local board is the same wholes being counted time and time again, as per the incorrect method of fixing the damage. It is also noted that sports groups damage the surface, also events like Around the Bays another prime example. I recommend to no change to the current bylaw for Madills Farm.

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5900	I do not support the proposed change	This will eliminate a valued shared use. Numerous local residents use Madill's Farm throughout the day and evening for dogs off-leash exercise and are respectful of the existing rules about staying away from areas where organised sport (including the many informal practise sessions)are in progress. 'See Attachment Summary of attachment: Support for Option 1: Status Quo: Friends of Madill's Farm (FoMF) support maintaining the current off-leash dog exercise policy, which has been in place for over 20 years without significant issues. Community Value: Madill's Farm is highly valued by the local community for its diverse recreational use, including off-leash dog walking. Balanced Use: Option 1 aligns with the objective of balanced use of public space, supporting both active and passive recreation. Opposition to Option 2: Elimination of Off-Leash Areas: Option 2 would eliminate off-leash dog exercise areas, which FoMF argues is impractical and unfair. Health and Safety Concerns: There is no evidence of health or safety issues from the current off-leash policy. Allegations of dogs causing injuries are statistically insignificant. Enforcement Issues: Implementing Option 2 would require costly and impractical enforcement measures. Community Impact: Dog Walking Community Team [illegible] significant

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5910	I do not support the proposed change	The complete prohibition of dogs on sports fields goes against your dog access principles to provide a balanced approach to dog access in council controlled public places. There will not be enough room on flat land to exercise dogs off-leash and maintain control to keep dogs and public safe. Dogs can run out onto the road if chasing a ball on the perimeter of the area. You acknowledge Auckland's growing population and increase in dog ownership which requires more space to exercise dogs not less. I believe the "vicinity" of the sports fields is too open to the vagaries of interpretation especially when there is the threat of a fine as documented on the signs that were put up around the park before being taken down as not yet agreed by Council. It is joyful watching the excitement of dogs racing onto the open space and jumping to catch a ball or frisbee. This will be severely restricted if the big dogs are pushed out to the edge of the park. Madills Farm fosters community spirit and combats loneliness. I have been walking my dog twice a day at Madills for the past 2 years since retiring and have made social connections with local dog walkers of all ages but especially elderly people and new immigrants who speak little English. It is great to move from saying "hello" to developing a friendship. Dog faeces on sports fields is a "nuisance" as referred to in your dog access principles but this requires enforcement of the current regulations not restricting dog access for all. I suggest large billboards reminding us all that being a good citizen means keeping the grounds clean. The players and their supporters could also "walk the field" and make sure it is clean before use. Many dog owners pick up other dogs' poo but we can't be there all the time. I have heard that others have observed dogs digging holes in the turf but the
5913	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm has long been an off leash park. It is ridiculous to have such an off leash park where there is little to no area left where a dog can actually be off leash to run and chase after a ball. The football club has steadily expanded into taking over the entire area of the park now to the exclusion of other users and that's unacceptable. There is no trouble with dogs in this area and putting in place such oppressive rules will simply ensure that everyone ignores them.

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5914	I do not support the proposed change	I am a local dog owner and I also play football cricket and touch. I have lived in the area my whole life. I have played a lot of sport on Madills Farm and have rolled my ankle there. The ground is in terrible condition I feel because it was built on swamp ground and the drainage now contains a lot of sand. The grass seems to breakdown easily. The dogs are being blamed but I feel it's more of a grounds man issue. I do not wish to ban the dogs. The park belongs to the community and was gifted to them stating passive recreation so I don't see why they should be banned. Maybe a designated sports area needs to be built like the netball courts near Morrin Road. But it seems that the football club is trying to takeover Madills Farm which was in no way the original intention. ESAFC uses 4 parks already according to its website. Failing that I suggest we maintain the Status Quo. Thank you for the opportunity to submit [redacted]
5917	I do not support the proposed change	I write to express my strong opposition to the proposed restrictions on dog access at Madills Farm. This policy, which effectively transforms the park's large, versatile playing fields into a de facto no-dog zone, risks undermining a cherished community asset and jeopardises both public safety and community cohesion. Madills Farm as a Vital Community Hub Madills Farm is more than just a park—it is a vibrant space where residents, regardless of age or ability, come together to socialise, exercise, and enjoy the outdoors. The expansive off-leash area not only serves the practical need of providing dogs with safe, ample space to run and play, but it also acts as a catalyst for community interaction. By confining off-leash activities to a narrow perimeter area, the proposal effectively marginalizes a significant portion of the community that benefits from this multifunctional space. Safety Concerns and Practical Implications The current layout of Madills Farm offers a secure environment, with a naturally sheltered off-leash area that minimizes exposure to busy roads. This design has proven essential for ensuring the safety of our canine companions, particularly puppies, and provides peace of mind for dog owners. Restricting access to only a small, peripheral path forces both dogs and their owners dangerously close to traffic, thereby increasing the risk of accidents. It is counterintuitive to limit what has been a safe, well-managed space in favour of an area that is neither adequate nor safe for off-leash exercise. Accessibility and Inclusivity The park's flat, open grounds have long been accessible to all members of our

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5918	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is a shared space for the community and should not be under the control of the Eastern Suburbs Football Club. Those playing football should use the facilities provided in the OFC are at the end of Ngahue Road where the council has already invested significant resource developing the fields. There are a signifacnt number of people who rely on this area to give good exercise to their companions. This is NOT an exclusive use area for an independent football club.
5922	I do not support the proposed change	To the Auckland Council and the Ōrākei Local Board, This submission is offered in strong opposition to the proposed restrictions on dog access at Madills Farm. The proposed policy, which would effectively transform the park's extensive playing fields into a de facto no-dog zone, risks undermining a valuable community asset and compromising both public safety and community well-being. Madills Farm as a Vital Community Asset Madills Farm is much more than a park—it serves as a dynamic community hub where residents come together to socialize, exercise, and enjoy the outdoors. The park's large off-leash area not only provides a safe and ample space for dogs to play and run but also fosters social interaction among community members. Restricting off-leash access to a narrow perimeter area marginalizes a significant portion of the community that relies on this multifunctional space. Safety Concerns and Practical Implications The current layout of Madills Farm offers a secure environment, with a naturally sheltered off-leash area that minimizes exposure to busy roads. This design has proven essential for the safety of dogs, especially puppies, and provides peace of mind for dog owners. Confining off-leash activities to a limited path near busy roads would heighten the risk of traffic accidents, negating the safety benefits that have long been associated with the existing setup. Accessibility and Inclusivity [illegible]
5936	I do not support the proposed change	I'm firmly against this proposed change because it greatly limits the space where dogs can run, play, and socialise. The narrow strips around the fields simply aren't enough to allow for safe and enjoyable exercise without overcrowding or issues arising. Restricting off-leash activity to these areas also raises safety concerns, as dogs may be forced closer to roads and car parks, increasing risks for both pets and road users. Madills Farm is a recreational space for everyone, not just a sports facility, and any changes should reflect the needs of all users, not just one group.

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5940	I do not support the proposed change	It was my understanding that Madills Farm and Glover Park are for the community to use and are maintained through rates. It seems that the sports clubs are having more and more say over how these parks are being used and by whom. A huge amount of revenue is generated by Council every year from dog registrations and these same owners are also paying rates. I would like to see these parks still fully available to the whole community not just the sports clubs. I love the fact that my dog can run free currently at these parks and can exercise freely (under my watchful gaze)which he just doesn't get when he is restricted by a leash. I had requested information via a Lgoima but it has not been responded to - I would like to understand, how much the sports clubs pay to maintain the spaces they are using (I had heard in the case of ESFC at Madills a minimal $1000 per year! Given how much I already pay in rates (a portion for maintaining public spaces) and dog registration I feel that dog access should not be taken away
5942	I support the proposed change	Such a beautiful sports ground and used so much by so many youngsters and their sport. I walk there often and no matter how many people pick up after their dog, there are many who do not even know the dog has pooped. I have called out many over the years. How can it be healthy for the youngsters and athletes playing there.
5949	I do not support the proposed change	Manila and Glover were a good space to exercise the dogs. The current rules are satisfactory.
5950	I do not support the proposed change	We pay a lot to register our dogs whereas the soccer / football club pays a minimal amount to the council for use of the land. The land was given to the local community for all to use - not just for sports! Apart from all of this - Auckland Councils attitude towards dogs is appalling. Other regions have fantastic specific dog parks - all fully fenced and with even some with different areas for different energy level dogs etc. The Wellington region for example absolutely puts Auckland to shame in this respect. If Auckland Council would assign some areas for specifically dog parks and made them safe and enjoyable to use like they are elsewhere in the country - then perhaps we wouldn’t be so angry about it when Auckland Council try to take away the hopelessly limited options we have!! And why are we still wasting money, resources and energy on crappy plastic registration tags every year too, when other regions have permanent tags???

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5958	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly object to the proposed change. I have lived in the Kohimarama area for 22 years and in that time we have always walked our dogs at Madills Farm. Over the years we have seen a significant amount of tax payer (our) money spent on upgrades to the sports fields that have mostly benefited the Eastern Bays Football Club. There have been attempts before to take over areas of the park for the football club including a proposal to have artificial turf on two of the fields. It is obvious that the Eastern Bay Football club has outgrown the Madills Farm Reserve and the exclusion of dogs and dog owners is discrimination and prejudice which needs to be stopped. We see hundreds of dogs and their owners on a regular basis walking and socialising their their dogs at Madills Farm and the proposed area at the Southern end of the park is not suitable for dogs as it is small, adjacent to a children's playground area, close to the road, and has little to no car parking. With the intensification of Auckland City very few people have sufficient areas at they properties to adequately exercise a dog therefore pubic open spaces such as Madill Farm are required for dogs and dog owner's use. The Madills Farm Recreation Reserve should stay as it is, a shared space where everyone can use it within the current rules. Dog owners need a safe open space to walk their pets but the proposed area for this is away from the park lights, clubhouse lights obscured by trees therefore is not as safe as the current areas where dog walking and socialising is allowed, this makes no sense.
5960	I do not support the proposed change	The current rules suit everyone. Keep the status quo. We have grandchildren that play soccer on the parks. We have not experienced any problems with dogs and take our dog to watch the games. We also exercise our dog everyday mainly at Madills. There is a fantastic community of dog walkers at both parks. We also agree with all the submissions presented at the meeting at St Chads Church last week.

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5963	I do not support the proposed change	I write mainly about Madills Farm as it is my local park, but my comments apply equally to Glover Park, where I have spent many mornings watching kids football and walking my dog. I have had three children play football for Eastern Suburbs so am supportive of the use of the fields for football generally. I often use the park for fitness as well as walking my dog. Madills Farm is the only large dog walking area in the area, and is well used by dozens of dog owners at all times of the day, but particularly in early mornings and evenings. The flat central area that contains sports fields is well away from cars and provides an ideal location to let dogs run and play fetch and socialize. Owners too gather in this area and build community through their interactions as their dogs get the chance to run. This does not happen with on-leash walking areas, where owners are always moving with their dogs and not pausing to talk with neighbours, friends, and strangers enjoying the outdoors at the same time. The area at the bottom of Southern Cross Road, which is where Council proposes off-leash activity be allowed, is a small area close to roads. It is poorly drained, uneven and the grass is left to grow much longer than anywhere else in the park. In long grass it is hard to find and remove dog poo, and the proximity to traffic makes it unsafe for dogs to run. It is also at the opposite end of the park from the carpark, making it a long trek to get to an off-leash area. In winter this area is sodden and quite unpleasant. It is also adjacent to the playground, which is the precise area that dogs should be kept away from as very young kids often don't know how to react to dogs, and dogs often are over-enthusiastic when greeting children - not violent or aggressive, but may lick a kids face and scare them. There is a reason that the corner of the park is rarely used by people and dogs alike - it is exposed to the street, has poor visual amenity, has no walk paths (just an access footpath on one corner), and is too small to accommodate the number of users that would be forced to use this area if the playing fields were off limits. If
5966	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is my 'go to' with my dog for off leash exercise. There is nowhere else within walking distance that she can have a run around. I do not wish to have to use my car to get to another off leash park. Madills Farm is a dog friendly meeting place for the local community. I do not agree that the dogs are damaging the surface. I was there today and saw many long weeds and dry surfaces certainly not damage caused by dogs. I think the majority of dogs owners are very respectful and clean up after their dogs. I believe there is a long standing agreement that Madills Farm is a shared recreational ground and it should remain that way.

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5967	I do not support the proposed change	Your proposed changes are outrageous. This park was gifted to OUR COMMUNITY, not the football club. It is not theirs, it is all of ours. As OUR park, we should be allowed to do many things, such as exercise our dogs. If you want to ban dogs at parks, good luck to all the aggressive under-socialised animals, who have no safe space to run around and play. We pay rates and tax are residents in this community to use this park for MANY purposes, not just football. And it's sad, because your purposed changes won't stop there. There is discussion of stadiums and astroturf being laid. Imagine the about uproar you will get. They claim it is dogs ruining the grass. I'm sure it's the big machines, the goals, the football boots... all of that really ruining the park. Footballers have SO MANY AVAILABLE FACILITIES TO PLAY. The football club needs to learn how to share, it is not THEIR PARK. They don't own it. We as a community do. And we have always been happy to be respectful with sports, time they learn to suck it up and share. And for the love of God, focus on something more important that this. Is this really?!?!?! What we pay tax for? So you can come up with bull 'ideas of change' .
5969	I do not support the proposed change	Madills is a great community facility for us all to use. It is a community space and should stay this way. It is great to see so many families on the weekend out playing and running with their dogs. Madills is often not being used and would be such a shame for it to be under utilised. For some of our elderly community walking their dogs and having conversations with other dog walkers is there only company. If madills is taken away the knock on effect will be a very busy dog beach at Kohimarama.
5972	I do not support the proposed change	There are not enough large areas for dog off leash exercise currently in the eastern Auckland areas of St Heliers and Glendowie and Kohimarama, so I feel strongly that they should not be further restricted. The Madills Farm area is not solely intended as a sports ground but to serve as a space for enjoyment for all. To add to this I have been resident and dog owner who walks my dog daily at Madills Farm for 8 years as well as having 3 kids who play football at the Eastern Suburbs football club over many years. Not once have I seen a dog dig holes or cause any issues with other people or other dogs. It is senseless and very dictatorship telling people of NZ where and how to walk their dogs. Walking my dog is the highlight of my mornings, walking and talking with other locals freely without being told where and how to walk our dogs. It is 1% of the population that can ruin it for others so why should the majority be punished for our freedom.

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5974	I do not support the proposed change	Outrageous - as ratepayers of this community, we deserve to walk our dogs at our park. Go do something serious with your lives instead of wasting money and time on this **********
5978	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm has been a dog exercise area for generations now. Being able to throw a ball or stick is a vital part of this. We live overlooking Madills Farm and have done for 30 plus years. We exercise a dog there. To restrict dogs from playing field areas at all times is draconian and pointless. What minimal harm dogs may cause to the playing surface is de minimis. Why should large areas of the park be out of bounds for dog owners permanently so a few sports players can use it when games are occasionally played. This is grossly favouring one relatively elite group of people to the detriment of the general public. The change would be unenforceable. How can a dog owner prevent a dog chasing a ball from inadvertently entering a playing field area not in use. All the change would do is create a whole lot of "offenders" just doing what they have always done, and do good self appointed police'rs busy telling them off, and create tensions between sports people and dog owners.
5988	I do not support the proposed change	I am old and struggle to walk on areas that are not flat. This is one of few places I can have my dog off lead. I don't understand why the facility can't be shared. The park was never intended to be just a sport facility, but rather a facility for all the community, including dog walkers like me.
5990	I do not support the proposed change	Limiting where locals can freely walk their dogs is just stupid. I think providing healthy excersize for dogs is more important than claiming another field for sport when there are hundreds to use. Locals who pay enough in taxes and everything else should be able to use their own park as they wish. Justice for the pups.
5994	I support the proposed change	There have been too many incidents of owners not controlling their dogs. We have been almost knocked over by dogs jumping on us several times and we are sick of watching dogs poop and their owners not picking it up. These are not isolated incidents they happen regularly
5995	I do not support the proposed change	Wasn't this land gifted to the community for use by everyone? More families have dogs now and soon there will be nowhere to walk other than on concrete paths around the streets. Did you know dogs pads burn when they walk on concrete/tarmac at this time of year with the heat. Wasn't it a recreational park for all before it was used as sports fields? Where do you suggest we walk the dogs after 10 when we can't be on the beach?
5996	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support the proposed changes. We pay rates and taxes to use our park to do many things like walk our dogs. Go do something better with your time

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5999	I do not support the proposed change	The rule change is unnecessarily broad. People should be able to walk their pets when sports fields are not in use. The fact that there are minor instances of dog waste on sports fields is not a reason to ban them from those areas. Failing to pick up dog waste is already regulated. We don't ban people from using the footpath just because some dog owners fail to follow the rules. Sports clubs, their members and their parents are becoming far too entitled. The local residents should be able to walk their dogs in their parks. The Council should be more focussed on regulating parking and the behaviour of sport club members and their parents than placing more and unnecessary restrictions how how we use our parks.
6002	Other (please explain below)	Current rules are fine.
6009	I do not support the proposed change	As a ratepayer and owner of a registered dog I do not support this proposed change of access to Madills Farm or Glover Park. Many of the active dog owners in this area are older because it is an expensive part of Auckland in which to live. Unable to exercise our dogs with the freedom from a leash would be an enormous disappointment and burden for the elderly who would then feel obliged to seek out an area much further away from their homes. This would lead to a more isolated form of exercise and socialisation for dog and owners. We "know"each other and their dogs, down on the parks. There is an unwritten promise and obligation to pick up any dog poo whether it's yours or not. Please allow us to continue to enjoy our dogs while they live with the freedom that they deserve. With thanks, [redacted] ratepayer and resident in this area since 1965.
6012	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed off leash on sport's vicinities or whatever when not in use. Tell the Karens to keep their nutcase off spring demons on leash instead
6033	I do not support the proposed change	The sport fields cover the vast majority of these parks. With the rule proposal, dogs have SUBSTANTIALLY less area to exercise, which means that families and children have less space to exercise in the open and free area. With sections getting smaller and gardens non-existent, parks are more important than ever. And Madills, in particular, is meant to be for full community use, not just sport. When my family moved to this community, it was Madills that drew us to the area. In fact, we went on to buy a house not far away because we think of Madills as a major jewel in the community crown. It's because of Madills that we felt comfortable welcoming a dog to our family. We - like many families - rely on Madills as a third place for our family to be together, and that includes our dog.
6037	I do not support the proposed change	I agree with dogs not being in playgrounds but do not support the change prohibiting having dogs off leash on sport areas

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6041	I do not support the proposed change	What a ridiculous concept. Dogs need off leash time and to play fetch in a decent sized safe park. Health and safety? Please explain what you mean by health and safety. This has not been an issue my whole life, even when i used to play sport on these fields. Having been a user of these parks myself I've never seen a dog "damage" the area. If anything, that'll be from the sports teams and their cleets. Parks are meant to be "for all to enjoy", including pets. Very very few dogs are the problem so why punish everyone? I've walked my dogs during sports trainings and never seen an issue of dogs getting in the way or interrupting in any manner. They've always been off to the side playing fetch with their owner, under control. The council needs to stop trying to be so controlling of the public. Dogs are a gift and deserve to have a proper place to play!
6045	I support the proposed change	I think you should fence off an area of madills near the olayground to use as an off leash dog area. My children and myself have been rushed and jumped by dogs when playing sports not to mention the dog poo on the fields where they are playing. But at the same time dogs need a place to run. Fence off a large area further down and all can enjoy the park.
6054	I do not support the proposed change	Its not clear why changing these rules is beneficial? If people were already following the rules then any perceived negative impacts would already be addressed. Madills doesn't have good parking options at the end that would nominally become the dog area. It needs some fencing probably, but more parking. Maybe switch parking at that end to angled parking on the park side of the street only. Also, the dog bags stations are never refilled, and there is limited waste bins there. If this is going to be successful, it needs to be an area that people find it easy to run their dogs there. Glover Park. People with disabilities are going to struggle with these rules, the only useable ground for them would be prohibited. If their dogs aren't an issue, then why restrict their access. If there are dogs that are an issue, deal with those owners. Don't punish the well behaved owners.
6056	I do not support the proposed change	I recognize the concerns clubs have about dogs being on sports fields in public spaces. However, Madills is a vast piece of land that has ample room for everyone. I would like to inquire whether an alternative space within the park for dogs and their owners has been considered. There is plenty of underutilisied land at Madills that could easily accommodate a large, dedicated fenced area for dogs and their owners to enjoy the park without interfering with other activities.

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6059	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm has some of the most respectful and polite dog owners I've seen at the numerous off leash areas I've visited all over Auckland. Orakei board area has one of highest dog ownership rates in greater Auckland. It is a community institution and a key part of the culture. I would regularly visit before I was an owner just to walk the area and be amongst the dogs. Owners are respectful of the play/sports areas already - staying away or leashing their dogs when sports are on, picking up after their dogs (including pointing out when an owner misses something, or picking up after a non-local dog) Dog culture is a part of our community fabric and every proposed change here tears away at the threads that bind our community culture. I've personally made real friends through visits to this specific park and met through our dog's off leash play. And off leash play and walks are a key requirement for healthy, obedient dogs - it literally halves the time you need to exercise them - the freedom to run, the additional mental stimulation, etc. worse still, the areas left after this proposed change would all be close to the roads, and/or creek (wet dogs are not only a hassle, but also less obedient as they hyper stimulate - the zoomies - leading to worse behaviour. This has always been a great space for people and dogs to enjoy a wide range of activities and play. With such limited other options in the area, it should be considered an integral part of maintaining our community culture and vibe - dogs do little damage to the playing surfaces (owners don't like dirty dogs, and don't like damaging the fields) so this seems like unnecessary bureaucracy that punishes the animals and the owners. Don't take away a space of happiness and make life worse for animals.
6063	I do not support the proposed change	It's ridiculous, how are families to play at the park with their dog with the new rules. Dogs are an important part of st part of family life and wellbeing and they should be allowed at all parks, under control and on leash. Signed should be clear that all poop be picked up and bags provided by council. Our rates should cover poop bags just like they do rubbish bins.

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6065	I do not support the proposed change	Removing off leash exercise in Glover Park would mean the only option for off leash walking in the near area would Churchill Park which is not an accessible walking area for many older dog owners. It would result in them going by car to Roberta Reserve or going to the beach which would add to the congestion in those areas and lead to more unnecessary traffic. I am a responsible dog owner and walk my two small dogs at Glover Park daily as does the dog walker who comes to take them out when I am at work. The majority of the dogs on the playing fields when there are events are the dogs that are with the supporters of people participating. I have never seen a dog disrupt anything as sports are in play. There are rarely people just using the playing field for the exercise of their dogs at Glover in the times I walk my dogs. In my experience the majority use the path around the field and their dogs venture a limited way on to the fields. Therefore limited disruption from dogs on the field with digging or toileting. I see human debris (food, clothing, bottles) left in the area more frequently than I ever see dog faeces that has not been picked up. As a responsible owner I will pick up dog faeces that I see that is not my own animals. I will also call out those that do not pick up after their dogs if I witness it. It is not hard to remember poop bags when you walk your animals but potentially providing rolls of bags in the parks may help people who occasionally forget to bring them - but to be honest most owners would happily give bags to people who have forgotten them or been unfortunate to miscalculate the number needed on a walk. Reminding people of the rules and potentially having some park wardens would assist in all forms of poor behaviour in our public spaces instead of punishing
6066	I do not support the proposed change	Na mate. Dogs need the opportunity to be off leash in this amazing space. We are respectful of sports games and it needs to be a shared space.
6069	I support the proposed change	Good idea to keep dogs off playing fields at all times
6070	I do not support the proposed change	There are many times when the sports fields are not in use, making them ideal for a shared space. Both groups should have equal access to this space and be respectful. I notice often the fields are strewn with coffee cups, drink bottles and sports tape, especially in the winter. This is not the fault of dog owners
6072	Other (please explain below)	There needs to be a dedicated dog area at the south end of Madill's farm for dogs with the grass area fenced off from the road. If this happens then I agree dogs should not be allowed on sports playing areas.
6083	I do not support the proposed change	This change is unacceptable and unnecessary. The park is currently enjoyed by all users in a complementary way. You're proposing to reduce the amenity to a large proportion of the tax paying population who enjoy and respectfully exercise their dogs in this public space. The proportion of time that sports users occupy this space is disproportionate to these measures.. I would consider supporting some time or seasonal restrictions but, not these broad bans. The outcome of this consultation will be a consideration for me in board elections on 9th September. Thank you for considering my perspective.

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6089	I do not support the proposed change	There are less and less places to exercise dogs and dog owners make up a significant percentage of the eastern bays community. Responsible owners always look after the park so this new ruling is non sensical.
6097	I do not support the proposed change	Glover Park is a park I use a lot to walk our dog. I would personally be upset if I could not use this park for this activity. The majority of time I'm there the sports fields aren't being used.
6101	I do not support the proposed change	[redacted] DO NOT SUPPORT the proposed change for Glover Park and Madills Farm for the following reasons: -These parks are well utilised by the community for exercising dogs, which also aids in dog socialisation, and in my experience in fostering community social connections. I have met a lot of new neighbours this way! -The status quo is well supported by the community, as shown in the recent public (in-person) submissions . The vast majority (all?) spoke in support of maintaining the current off-leash areas and times. -Long standing usage as an off-leash park should be recognised and maintained. "aligning with bylaws" would be heavy-handed and deaf to local support / current usage. -There are no biodiversity or ecological issues at Glover Park. -There is a very low incidence of Irresponsible dog owners in these areas. -The status-quo offers a higher aggregate level of community health and happiness with these parks . -Damage to sports surfaces is mostly from sports activities – ie turf damage and soil depressions at the mouth of the batting cage and at the mouth of the football goalposts. -Removing/reducing local off-leash areas (schedule 1(2)) is viewed as a selfish, non-sharing takeover of SHARED PUBLIC AREAS by sports groups. It is unnecessarily divisive.
6108	I do not support the proposed change	Prohibiting dogs from the sports grounds at all times is unreasonable; the sports grounds cover a large portion of the area which is well used by the public for walking dogs, but only a small portion of this area would be available under the new rules. The sports grounds are only used for a few hours a day while the public walking dogs use the fields most of the time, so will suffer if access is prohibited over such a wide area. Owners are responsible for removing faeces from the fields and leave the fields in a clean state at all times so not causing a hazard to those playing sports.
6112	I do not support the proposed change	This is a discriminatory and unnecessary change. The fields are used for sports at the weekend only. There are many sporting areas available in the city and this is the only dog walking field in the area.

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6116	I do not support the proposed change	Dear [Council Representative/Committee], I am writing to urge the council to reconsider current restrictions on dog access to public parks and to advocate for policies that allow dogs to be present in all parks without limitations, provided they are on a leash, with balanced measures for off-leash times during peak usage. As urban development increases housing density, private outdoor spaces are diminishing, placing greater importance on public recreational spaces for all residents — including dog owners. Dog ownership continues to rise, and yet, despite paying levies and registration fees, dog owners face significant restrictions on their ability to use public parks fairly and equally. Key Reasons for Allowing Unrestricted On-Leash Dog Access to Parks 1. Equity and Fair Use of Public Spaces Dog owners contribute to the community through fees and levies, and they should be entitled to equal access to recreational areas. Public parks are communal spaces, and no group of responsible users should be excluded. Ensuring that dogs on leashes are permitted in all parks supports equitable use. 2. Adapting to Increased Housing Density With the city's strategic plan prioritising higher-density housing, many residents now live without access to private gardens or yards. This makes local parks vital for responsible pet ownership. Denying dog owners reasonable access forces them to travel further afield, which can be impractical and counterproductive to community goals around local engagement and sustainability. 3. Supporting Mental Health and Well-being Dogs play a crucial role in the mental health and emotional well-being of many
6130	I do not support the proposed change	Disagree with needing to prohibit and manage this so strictly. The park is an accessible place for all people and their 4 legged friends that would be a waste to take it away.

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6131	I do not support the proposed change	am writing to express my opposition to the proposed amendment that would prohibit dogs from all sports surfaces at all times. While I understand the need to balance public use and safety, I believe the current policy is already a fair and effective approach. The existing rules ensure that dogs are only allowed off-leash on sports fields when they are not in use, preventing disruption to activities while still allowing responsible dog owners to exercise their pets in open spaces. Completely banning dogs from these areas, even when unused, is unnecessarily restrictive and limits accessible off-leash spaces for dog owners. Dogs require adequate exercise and socialization, and for many residents, sports fields provide one of the few large, open areas suitable for this purpose. Removing access to these spaces could lead to overcrowding in other permitted areas, increasing the likelihood of conflicts between dogs and other park users. A more balanced approach would be to maintain the current policy, which already prohibits dogs when sports fields are in use while allowing responsible off-leash exercise when they are vacant. If concerns exist about dog waste or damage, education and enforcement of existing rules—rather than an outright ban—would be a more reasonable solution. I urge you to reconsider this change and support a policy that accommodates both dog owners and other park users

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6135	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes greatly impact the unique character of two very important local parks. Many residents have specifically purchased or rented properties close to these reserves for ease of access to dog off-leash locations. This is a way of life for us. These two parks bring us so much joy and a chance for both owners and dogs alike to de-stress whilst throwing a ball or frisbie or playing with others dogs. There is a huge sense of belonging and community fostered amongst local dog owners who frequent these parks daily. This is vitally important for the mental health of vulnerable members of the community including senior citizens who need time outdoors, bonding with their pets and interacting with other people. Our dogs help to unite in conversation with strangers who become intergenerational friends. Madill's Farm particularly is a flat and open reserve with a safe carpark and easy access to the grass. For most of the day the marked up sports fields - which make up the majority of the safe central area of the park - lie vacant and unused by sports people. Dog owners are the only people regularly using this open space during the weekdays. Anyone who has stopped to observe the patronage of Madill's Farm for any length of time will note that the majority of users are people walking with their dogs - giving them opportunities to socialise in a safe space unhindered by leads that would create tripping hazards when dogs interact with eachother as they naturally do. It is very important for good dog behaviour that they get sufficient exercise and this requires a large open off-leash space in a safe location well away from the roadside. Owners also feel safe here as the reserve is open, well lit and with an even walking surface. During the summer months it is untenably hot for dogs to walk the paths, around the perimeter the space is extremely limited. In winter the perimeter becomes boggy and unusable. I hope that the Board will show some insight in this matter and recognise that the reserve is not like other locations in Auckland which were purposefully designed as primarily sports fields. Madill's is a reserve for everyone.
6137	I do not support the proposed change	I have been a dog owner for the past 30 years and have enjoyed the off leash areas as they are. To restrict these areas would be extremely disappointing for dog owners who enjoy the interaction of dogs enjoying meeting other dogs in an off leash environment. Socialising dogs is extremely important to their welfare. Maddils Farm is enjoyed by many and for years, it is a great place for walking and socialising for people. To restrict this area would be extremely upsetting to our community. As it appears today it is an asset to the community.
6142	I do not support the proposed change	While there are no sports taking place on the fields, it provides a safe and happy place for local dogs to meet and play, as well as creating a strong sense of community among the dog owners themselves. We.dogs are generally speaking, all very well behaved and there have been no serious incidents of note. Please reconsider this decision.

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6143	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support the proposed changes because they will negatively impact the daily exercise routine for ourselves and our dog. We have a well behaved border collie who is a very high energy dog. It would not be reasonable for us or him to be artificially denied access to such a large proportion of these recreation areas. While I acknowledge there are issues with a minority of dog owners failing to clean up after their dogs and a lack of control, these behaviours are already handled by the existing rules. To arbitrarily toughen the dog walking rules will act to punish the majority of dog owners who do not contribute to the problem. My strong preference would be for improved adherence to the existing rules by a combination of education and enforcement. If these new rules are introduced, then many people will be in the situation of having to drive their dogs to alternative areas on a daily basis. This will increase both carbon emissions and congestion. Has Auckland Council factored these negatives into their thinking? We also note the Auckland Council has contributed to the problem of owners being unable to clean up after their dogs by neglecting to replenish the dog poo bag dispensers in the parks affected by this proposal. This was raised by notification 8110729850 last year, and council appears to have ignored this request.
6144	I do not support the proposed change	Want the ability to exercise my dog off leash outside sports times. Will limit access in this area considerably removing Madill as an option
6147	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is used by hundreds of dog owners in the community. Good dog owners make well behaved dogs. People should take it upon themselves to know whether their dog needs to be on a leash or not socialising with others. This is a free country. It is a public place and it is not your place to push people and their beloved pets out of a park that has been used for as long as I can remember as a dog park. I have beloved memories of my dog and heaps of others coming to football games and being walked around Madills. It is a community. Do not do this.

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6158	I do not support the proposed change	I am an elderly woman, and have walked each of my dogs at Madills over the last 32 years. Madills is a large green community recreation reserve space, where residents from all walks of life meet, which reduces feelings of loneliness and isolation, particularly amongst the elderly. This is a flat, and above all SAFE place for any woman to walk her dog. A psychiatrist said loneliness is as toxic to your mental health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. Many older people have a dog for company, and to help to keeping fit. We dog walkers use Madills at least once a day, in all weathers. At any time, there is always someone walking a dog. We are locals who pay our rates, to live in this special part of Auckland, and without exception our dogs are all registered. 29% of our rates go to maintaining areas like Madills for everyone, dog walkers included. During lockdown, the socially distanced dog walkers, were the only people I came in contact with. Madills fulfilled it's purpose as a COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL RESERVE. When restrictions began to ease, you will remember we were allowed to have a picnic. One of the other dog walkers suggested this to us, and the rest is history. We have become really good friends, even though the only thing we have in common is our dogs! I am the only one who is retired. We are a really mixed group, and all enjoy each other's company. For our first gathering they gave me an 80th birthday party in the park, with a cake and flowers and balloons. What a treat! My doctor was really impressed by this. We now look after each other's dogs when needed and help each other. Why is a change being discussed for Madills as in the past it has all worked perfectly? If it ain't broke....don't fix it! My grandson plays football at Madills, and the members of the club were all sent an explanation of the proposal changes, after saying it was nothing to do with
6161	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is a great community space for that is safe and accessible to all ages and fitness levels - particularly the elderly community. When the sports fields are not in use it is currently being well utilized by dog walkers and their families - it is very rare to see any dog mess not picked up. Without this facility, the impact will be felt by increase of off leash dogs on Kohimarama beach. I can't understand why after 21 years of this park being a designated off leash exercise area that works for all that there is now a change in law being proposed. Waste of time and money on a ridiculous agenda.

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6163	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is used heavily for off leash dog walking. The dogs are well controlled and prople pick up the dog poo. The park is used every day by elderly people taking their dogs for iff leash walks. It would be impossible to let them off leash and not ontothe spirts fields. I thinknthe current law works perfectly well and it is always a joy fir us to walk our dog there snd connect with other dog owners. the playground is fenced so dogs are never in there anyway which makes it a very safe place for children to play. . I would be very sorry to see the nature of Madills farm changed. . It is a fabulous extremely well used community park. Msny people come from afar to walk their dogs there specially elderly people as the path is nice and is a circuit. It is an excellent park that works beautifully for many groups of people.
6165	I do not support the proposed change	There is very limited areas for dogs to be off leash at parks within this area. This is a great local park and accessible to anyone. The proposed area is far too small with most of it being a gated playground. The area here is too close to the roads causing issues for traffic is dogs roam too far, closer to residents that may get annoyed with dogs barking. The original area has lots of space keeps animals safe and away from cars or distracting children and parents at the park or annoy residents with barking.
6168	I do not support the proposed change	I am strongly opposed to the proposed changes to dog access at Madills Farm and Glover Park. I have been a local resident for 15 years, first in Kohimarama and then in Mission Bay and have used Madills Farm and Glover Park extensively in this time both with my dog and with my family, including for sport. These parks are the heart of our communities, helping us build connections with our neighbours while providing a pleasant, safe space to exercise and enjoy the outdoors. I have met some of my best friends while walking my dog. When health challenges have limited my exercise options, Madills and Glover Park have been the only spaces available to me being flat and open. I visit these parks multiple times a week – more so in the summer when I can't take my dog to the beach. There are no alternative flat, open, off leash parks in this area. I already drive from Mission Bay to use these parks because there are no similar off leash areas in Mission Bay. Dog owners have so few options for exercising ourselves and our dogs off lead and the Council appears to take every opportunity to reduce these options every year. Population growth and housing intensification in our community has resulted in increased demands on our limited open spaces. It is imperative that Auckland Council recognise this demand and ensure that the whole community shares access, that the needs of all user groups are taken into account and balanced and that our open spaces are used in the most productive way for all. The current proposal would see our limited open spaces reserved for one niche user group (organised sport) at the expense of the larger community and unfairly disadvantaging older residents, a larger than average demographic in the Orakei Local Board area who make up a significant proportion of dog owners. It would also see these spaces left unused for the majority of the day when dog owners in the community have a need which can't be met elsewhere in the area. There seems to be a misconception at Auckland Council and even within the Orakei Local Board that Madills Farm and Glover Park are primarily sports fields.

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6174	I do not support the proposed change	Objection to Changes in Dog Access Rules at Madill's Farm To the Auckland Council: I respectfully submit my objection to the proposed changes to dog access rules at Madill's Farm ('the Farm'). Local Context and Community Impact: The Farm is a vital community asset, enjoyed predominantly by dog owners during the day. Restricting off-leash areas would disproportionately limit the use of this public space for a significant portion of the community. Many dog owners have purchased homes within walking distance of the Farm. Their decision to purchase has been influenced by the long - standing dog access rules at the Farm, which includes the use of the sports fields when these are not being used for games. The Importance of Shared Spaces: The Farm, as a public reserve, should remain accessible to all members of the community. Currently, the fields are in use for sports only a small percentage of the day, particularly during weekdays. Limiting dog access, even during times when the fields are unused, seems excessive and unnecessary. Post-COVID, dog ownership has risen significantly, as has apartment and townhouse living in the area. Dogs, as social animals, require off-leash exercise and interaction for their well-being. Madill's Farm offers a safe and supportive environment for this.
6185	I do not support the proposed change	The grounds are a shared space for all. I cannot walk my dog around the proposed area. Most of the time these proposed new areas a slippery, flooded, dark at night and closer to the road.
6187	I do not support the proposed change	Hello, I am a resident of St Heliers and have been my entire life. We have had 3 dogs and I often walk the 2 we still have at Glover Park. I have played football at Madills Park and used to attend the athletics at Glover on a Tuesday night. I am very sorry to hear that you have intentions to ban us from the sports grounds, where will we be aloud to go off lead if not there? It's only one block from my home and I know a lot of locals. Not so much for myself but I know a lot of the older people meet there and it's a great social community for them, not to mention of course the dog socialising drummed into us by vets and dog experts alike. I don't understand why we can't carry on with the way it has been. It's just a matter of taking into account the other point of view and respecting each other. As it is we aren't allowed on the fields when in play for obvious reasons and that's fine, but when there's nobody there??? The park is for everyone and I think that's how it should stay. Why should one sector of the community take president over another? Regards [redacted]

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6190	I do not support the proposed change	Free range access for all family members is important. As long as the dogs are controlled which are the majority then there shouldn't by any issues for anyone.
6191	I do not support the proposed change	The current policy works well for Glover and Madills and meets the council's #1 Dog Access Principle. To change to no access on the sports fields at any time means there is no large flat area in St Heliers or Kohimarama on which to properly exercise dogs off leash, especially the larger breeds. To not provide that access would seriously affect both animal and owner welfare. There is an old saying "if it's not broke, don't fix it" and we think this applies here. The current shared access works, with dog owners exercising their dogs when there is no active sport so please do not change .
6192	I do not support the proposed change	I am a ratepayer and dog owner who regularly uses both Madills Farm and Glover Park for off-leash dog walking. I value these opportunities. It is important that dogs get adequate exercise for their well-being, and the well-being of their owners. For many dogs, walking on a leash will not be adequate exercise. They need some off-leash exercise to blow off steam. Also consider that many dog owners in the area are elderly, and this further limits their ability to give their dog adequate exercise when it is on leash. I do not support the proposed changes to Madills Farm and Glover Park because: the reasons given are inadequate relative to the loss of opportunity inflicted upon ratepaying dog owners; the reasons do not appear to be supported by evidence; the proposed off-leash areas are greatly reduced, and a significant amount of that reduced area is not suitable for off-leash exercise; there is a significant portion of the day where the park is not being used for sporting purposes, and as a ratepayer I would feel significantly upset if I could not use the sports field for walking my dog during those times. Health and safety of sports users is given as a reason. Presumably this relates to 3 potential issues – hole digging, droppings, and urine. Having used the park consistently for 5 years, I have not seen any significant amount of hole digging by dogs. I simply have not seen it occur with a level of frequency that would cause me to think "this is an issue". Regarding droppings, as a responsible dog owner, I not only collect my dog's droppings, but on the rare occasion I see another person fail to do so, I will call their attention to it and/or pick it up myself. But regardless of that, the proposal states that the changes "are not used to address the actions of irresponsible dog owners", so the issue of owners not picking up droppings should not be used as a basis to change the rules. The final issue could be urine. If this is being used as the basis for the rule change, it would be helpful to see evidence that it poses a significant risk. If there was a significant risk, I would expect this to be something that is more widely discussed in general society, but

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6195	I do not support the proposed change	SUBMISSION AGAINST THE PROPOSED CHANGE TO DOG ACCESS RULES AT MADILLS FARM RECREATION RESERVE We strongly oppose the proposed changes to dog access rules at Madills Farm, specifically the change prohibiting dogs off-leash on the sports fields whilst they are not in use. Our arguments against this rule change are it fundamentally goes against the intended use of Madills Farm Recreation Reserve, would be unreasonably prioritising the wishes of Eastern Suburbs Football Club/ other sports clubs and their members, weak arguments given for the basis of this 'necessary' change, and lastly the significant impact on the enjoyment and safety of all other non-football/ sports users of the park (including dog owners). 1. INTENDED USE OF MADILLS FARM RECREATION RESERVE: As the name suggests Madills Farm is a recreation reserve not a sports/ football park. The word 'farm' suggests large open spaces with few or no restrictions, it is certainly far from the image of a sports park. According to the Auckland Council website and the Eastern Suburbs AFC website, the history of Madills Farm is as follows: "In 1947, the Melanesian Mission Trust Board subdivided part of their land and arranged with the former Auckland City Council to set aside 26 acres for recreational purposes". https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parks-recreation/Pages/park-details.aspx?Location=188

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6196	I do not support the proposed change	Banning dogs from a shared community space in favor of exclusive sports field use is a bad idea for several reasons: 1. The Real Cause of Field Damage Blaming dogs for sports field damage is misleading. Poor drainage, heavy foot traffic from players and spectators, winter sports wear-and-tear, and soccer boots with sprigs are the primary causes of field degradation. There's no real evidence that responsible dog walking contributes to the damage at the same scale. 2. Unfair to Responsible Dog Owners Auckland dog owners collectively pay over $8 million annually in dog registration fees, contributing significantly to council revenue. Despite this, they often see limited reinvestment in dog-friendly spaces. Restricting their access to long-standing shared community spaces is unfair when they are already financially supporting public amenities. 3. Loss of Community Balance These shared spaces have always been for everyone—families, dog walkers, joggers, and sports players alike. Banning dogs tilts the balance towards one user group at the expense of another, eroding the sense of shared community ownership. 4. Limited Dog-Friendly Areas Auckland already has a shortage of safe, accessible, and off-leash areas for dogs. Pushing dogs out of existing spaces forces more congestion in fewer areas, leading to overcrowding and potential safety concerns. 5. Alternative Solutions Exist
6204	I do not support the proposed change	It is unnecessary and exclusive getting rid of a community

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6207	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is the only flat accessible recreation area in Kohimarama. It is the only area in Kohimarama where people with a disability or reduced mobility can exercise their dogs off lead. There is an off street carpark that services the current recreation & exercise area, the ground is flat, open with night time lighting not obscured by trees or buildings & is a safe space for young & old to exercise a dog. The proposed new dog exercise area is too small, often there are approx 40 dogs in the park early evenings. I know I live across the road. The proposed area has no parking & would rely on street parking on Baddely Ave adjacent to a roundabout & is also the area where people park to access the childrens play ground. The area is already dangerous & AT wanted to paint double yellow no parking lines here. The area is very close to the road and consequently dangerous that dogs would run into the trafffic & be killed or cause accidents. Its not suitable for people with disabilities & would be intimidating for children accessing the playground. Small children should not have to walk through a dog exercise area where large dogs would be chasing balls. This is very dangerous. The park needs to be available for everyone to use. There are more people than ever & more dogs too living in Kohi. More townhouses & apartments with out gardens . People need to be able to go and play here with or without their dogs. Myself & others work from home several days a week , walking our dogs in Madills at lunchtime. Midweek, during office hours dog exercisers are often the only people using the park, and there is always several dogs playing at any time of the day. Removing the ability to walk a dog here is an enormous loss of amenity for so many people. Its a loss of personal safety , I walk here at 630 am before work. Its safe in the dark, all other parks in the area have trees & secluded areas. I have female friend that was sexually assaulted in Waiatarua. Myself & others should not have put ourselves at risk. We should be able to continue using Madills as I have done for over 20 years.
6208	I do not support the proposed change	We walk our dog at Madills farm - we do not have easy access to another park and the restrictions suggested mean there is very little off lead area to allow him to exercise. Out children take him there - it is safe, and the community meet there. We put him on lead when there are sports activities but the times we use the park for dog walking rarely have sporting events on. There is sufficient space and time allocation for both sports users and dog owners to use Madills.
6211	I do not support the proposed change	With so many restrictions on dog access to beaches etc, there are very few areas in the bats when dogs can run properly. Many dogs need running, and staying on leash and at walking pace is not enough for them.
6217	I do not support the proposed change	see my word doc submitted, off leash park is a necessity to keep an alive community, to allow for all ages and origins people to meet while their dogs are playing.

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6218	I do not support the proposed change	I am speaking as the carer for an elderly gentleman with poor mobility and dementia - we attend Madills farm 3-4 days a week to walk is beloved canine companion Alfie. This is without doubt the highlight of his day - I can drive him right up to a bench where we can sit and throw the ball for Alfie. This is such a safe space - I feel happy knowing that there are always other members of the community present for assistance should we need it, there is a toilet should he need it and the path is flat making it user friendly for his wheel chair on the occasions he is dependant. I know of no other park in the area that could facilitate this experience - sitting with his dog on a leash would be a complete non starter. I hope against hope that for him these proposed changes do not progress to a reality.
6219	I support the proposed change	I think that's perfect
6224	I do not support the proposed change	I use Madills almost everyday for my dog when not being used for sport. This ban would severely affect our social relationships and well being with our community. I am a responsible owner that watches his behaviour on the field to make sure the field is left the same as we found it. Please place CTV footage and penalise / fine the owners who are outstanding to this - not the majority of us who respect Madills and cherish it for the memories it gives us and our dogs.
6226	I support the proposed change	Having twisted my ankle and also pulled a muscle while referring at Madills due to the hole created by the dogs, and seen a couple of even more serious injuries I agree. There is plenty of other space or reserves without using the fields. Dog owners even throw balls onto pitches whilst playboys going on.
6227	I do not support the proposed change	We have walked our dog here for many years and support the local businesses every time we do. There are a lack of other parks in the area it these changes go ahead. Community benefits of locals walking their dogs will be destroyed. This is a big mistake and should not proceed.
6228	I do not support the proposed change	Fence off part of the field for sports and leave the rest for public to walk the dogs.
6229	I do not support the proposed change	Just more complication and unnecessary government interference. Just back off and leave people be
6231	I do not support the proposed change	Believe should still be allowed dogs under control off leash in the vicinity of the sports fields when not in use. This is currently a great local space where Dogs can be walked daily early in the morning under control off leash and not disturbing anyone or causing disruption or havoc. Personally my dog doesn't go on the fields but does walk off leash on the path and the grass area to the side of the fields

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6232	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm and Glover Park are centrepieces of the community, beyond just sportspeople. Walking my dog there in the mornings on weekdays is a time of social connection. From our walk, we will continue to some of the local businesses for a coffee and some breakfast with a tired pup. While I cannot speak for all dogs, Madills is one of the only parks in Auckland where I can let my dog run free. This is because of the layout of the park (our play areas aren't near the road) and because the dogs who walk there are always so friendly. I worry that by decreasing the dog area, people like myself will no longer walk their dogs there for fear of the road, and will no longer frequent the local businesses. Dogs bring people together and give strangers a reason to connect. We don't have many places to do this. Please preserve Madills and Glover Park
6238	I do not support the proposed change	Provides a supportive community network
6243	I support the proposed change	The amount of dangerous holes that are dug by dogs on these sports fields pose a very high danger of injury to people playing organized sports or just casual users
6245	I support the proposed change	It is becoming more frequent that Dogs not on leashes at parks and beaches are out of control of owners or not being watched by owners, Unfortunately this can be dangerous and unsanitary when dogs poop is not picked up because the owner wasn't watching the dog or the dog pees on peoples belongings

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6248	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to express my firm opposition to the proposed limitations on dog access at Maddills Farm. As a long-time member of the community and a devoted dog owner, I am deeply concerned about the impact these changes would have on our local environment, public health, and community cohesion. Maddills Farm has long been a haven for local residents and their dogs, offering a rare open space where dogs can roam freely and interact safely. Over the years, this area has evolved into more than just a park—it is a cherished part of our community's heritage. Limiting dog access not only threatens this tradition but also disrupts the established way of life for those of us who rely on this space for recreation and social interaction. Instead of curtailing access, I believe efforts should be directed toward promoting responsible pet ownership. Educative initiatives and improved infrastructure—such as better signage and waste management facilities—can effectively address concerns without compromising the freedom and well-being of our dogs. This approach respects both the safety of all park users and the rights of dog owners to enjoy a well-maintained public space. The availability of off-leash areas in our region is extremely limited. Restricting dogs from Maddills Farm would force owners to seek out other, often less suitable, locations. This shift could lead to increased congestion and potential conflicts in alternative areas, thereby affecting the broader community. Our local park currently plays an integral role in supporting not only the physical health of dogs and their owners but also the social fabric of our neighbourhood. In conclusion, I respectfully urge you to reconsider the proposed restrictions. Rather than imposing limitations that could harm both the community and our
6254	I do not support the proposed change	The sports fields are used mostly on a Saturday morning and maybe one or 2 nights during the week . I can't see why you would want to ban dogs all the time . We are all important members in this community who all pay rates . We should all get to enjoy these green spaces . This is a perfect park for people of all ages to walk their dogs including elderly people as it is flat snd safe from traffic . There are very few places that dogs can enjoy space to run and actually be a dog .. this is the perfect space. The dogs do not damage the fields and I think it's very short sighted that you are wanting to change the rules just for soccer players on a Saturday morning . I've lived in this area for 30 years and always had dogs and used that park .. leave it as it is for everyone to enjoy. Once you take out the designated sports fields it hardly leaves any room or space for dogs .

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6257	I do not support the proposed change	Why change what's currently working in our community? This is a shared area for the whole community & has been for decades, including dog owners. If dogs are under control off leash, there's no issue - they are under control. Also, who do you think picks up the rubbish left behind by humans playing sport at the fields?? It's dog owners - we keep the park clean including picking up rubbish & food left by 'sports ground users'. Often adults, but children too - set bad examples by adults. We shouldn't be punishing responsible dog owners. We pay registration fees & many of us hold RDOL. We're following the rules. If anything, you should be limiting 'human use' due to their poor behaviour & care for our community areas.
6259	I do not support the proposed change	Dog walkers use the park a higher percentage of the time than sports players do. Madils has always been a dog park, for important exercise and socialisation - from owners to professional dog walkers. Off leash exercise is an essential part of dog exercise and ownership, and there are no immediate parks that could be used as a substitute for what it provides in terms of convenience, size, and safety. The proposed dog area near the playground is far away from the car park - and many people, elderly and those with mobility issues included - utilise the car park to drive their dogs down for exercise. The proposed area has no such access, as the on road parking is limited and the roads far busier and not as safe. Madils is also a safe place for walkers, where women feel safe to walk their dogs even in the dark. Aagin, there are no parks to reserves in the immediate area that provide this. The proposed dog area is right next to the playground, where dogs are not allowed. Not only is this a significantly smaller area, but children also utilise this area (particularly older children). Having this as the only dog friendly area takes this space away from their spaces for activity. Dog walking im Madils has also become a community. I have lived next to the park for 23 years, and myself and my family have made strong connections and a sense of community from the regular walkers - to the point where I feel safe walking my dog alone as a woman in the dark. The dog owners and sports players have always co-existed, and I see no reason why this should stop now.

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6262	I do not support the proposed change	I have been going to Madills Park with my dog for the past 7 years as we live a walking distance away. this is the highlight for both of our days and makes physical activity and outdoor time enjoyable, accessible and convenient for us both. We have both made friends at the park and visit them most days. It's a community we have at Madills, and community is so important. Each and every day when i take my dog to Madills I feel uplifted and improves my mood. As a Labrador, my dog needs the space to run around, chase a ball and socialise with his dog friends. This would be beyond devastating if this change was passed. Madills Park is more than a place to exercise dogs; it is where friendships form, support networks grow, and a sense of belonging is cultivated. Over the years, I have built lifelong friendships with fellow dog owners, and many others share the same experience. The park serves as an informal gathering place where people of all ages, from young families to elderly residents, come together, strengthening our local community. Allowing dogs to exercise off-leash provides significant mental and physical benefits for both dogs and their owners. Off-leash exercise is essential for a dog's socialization and well-being, reducing behavioral issues linked to pent-up energy and anxiety. For owners, these outings encourage an active lifestyle and provide an opportunity to de-stress, which is vital for mental health. Many of us rely on Madills Park as an accessible and safe space to maintain this routine. Madills Park has long been a place where responsible dog ownership is practiced. The existing off-leash setting has worked well because of the mutual respect among park users. Many dogs and owners frequent the park daily, ensuring that there is a natural community-based approach to monitoring behavior and maintaining safety. If concerns have been raised, targeted solutions—such as additional signage, designated time slots, or clear guidelines—would be far more effective than an outright ban. Rather than banning off-leash access, the Council should consider alternative approaches that balance the needs of all park users, such as:
6264	I do not support the proposed change	There are no parks or green spaces in the area that are suitable and safe for dogs to walk/socialise with other dogs.

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6265	I do not support the proposed change	See attached Summary of attachment: Opposition to Proposed Restrictions: Long-term Use: The author has enjoyed Glover Park and Madills Farm for 43 years and opposes the proposed restrictions on dog access. Community Impact: The proposed changes would harm the harmonious sharing of these spaces and contradict Auckland Council's objectives. Health and Well-being: Exercise and Socialization: Dog-walking is crucial for the author's exercise and social interaction. The central areas of the parks are essential for safe dog training and social contact. Negative Effects: Excluding dogs from central areas would reduce the ability to raise well-mannered dogs and increase isolation for both people and dogs. Unsubstantiated Reasons: Questionable Justifications: The reasons given for the changes, such as "Structural Change" and "Consistency," are seen as unreasonable and not supported by evidence. Field Degradation: The author argues that sports activities, not dogs, cause field degradation and that maintenance costs should be shared more equitably. Recommendations: Status Quo: The author urges Auckland Council to retain the current dog access rules, which strike a fair balance for all park users.
6266	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should have access to local parks
6269	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is a great place to off leash play game and teach a dog retrieval. It is also a good place to socialise with other dogs which is best done off leash u under the watchful eye of the owner. Dogs should be not be allowed on a sports field when sport is being played but at all other times this should be allowed. For me It is safer for my dog to be walked in the middle of the field as he has severe anxiety and gets upset by the noise of cars. The law should be : Off leash when sports field not in use and all other times on leash.
6271	I do not support the proposed change	For goodness sake please stop limiting areas we can access with our dogs. Countless families, with their dogs, enjoy time together at these parks. The planned dog access rules further reduce opportunities for families and dogs to enjoy each others company.

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6275	I do not support the proposed change	Subject: Opposition to Proposed Restrictions on Dog Access at Madills Farm Introduction I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes restricting dog access at Madills Farm. As a regular visitor and meighbour I advocate for responsible pet ownership, I believe these changes will negatively impact the community and contradict the original intent of the reserve. Background Madills Farm, located in Kohimarama, Auckland, has long been a cherished community space. The reserve features sports fields, playgrounds, and open areas that are integral to the local lifestyle. Currently, dogs are permitted in designated areas, fostering a harmonious environment for both pet owners and non-pet owners. Health and well being of all, including loved pets. Proposed Changes The proposed changes aim to prohibit dogs from the sports fields at all times. This includes areas where dogs have traditionally been allowed, potentially leading to increased congestion in other parts of the reserve. Such restrictions could diminish the quality of life for many residents (and dogs)who rely on these spaces for recreation and socialization. Concerns 1. Community Impact: Madills Farm serves as a vital recreational area for families, individuals, and pet owners. Restricting dog access could lead to overcrowding in other areas, reducing the overall enjoyment of the reserve. 2. Health and Well-being: Regular exercise and social interaction are essential for both pets and their owners. Limiting access to suitable areas could negatively affect the health and well-being of dogs and their owners. As a responsible pet owner (which the vast magority in the area are!!!!) socialisation and exericse off leash in a wide open space without boundries such as Madills is a gift and is critical for healthy city living dogs and owners. In fill housing means less space in
6288	I do not support the proposed change	Madills has such a great community and works well with the sports fields when they’re not in use. Auckland already has such limited off leash dog parks, this is such a special one!
6294	I support the proposed change	Tighter control of dogs is required.

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6300	I do not support the proposed change	As you know, Madill's Farm has always been a space where families with pets come together as a community, providing an area where dogs can roam freely, meet other dogs, and enjoy nature without any restrictions on time or space. In the past, we have always respected the needs of sports users by limiting the dogs' activity areas only during the times when sports are being played. However, I have recently been informed that there are plans to change this arrangement, and that sports areas may soon be restricted for pet owners around the clock. I understand that sports users may contribute fees for the use of these areas, but I would like to highlight that all members of the dog-owning community already pay an annual registration fee to use the facilities. It seems unfair to limit the space for pet owners in favour of sports users, especially considering that the current system of temporarily adjusting dog activity areas during sports events has worked well for all parties. I strongly oppose any proposed changes to these regulations that would create an unfair imbalance, and I hope that the long-standing arrangement can be maintained. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.
6302	I do not support the proposed change	I have lived in this area for 25 years and have always walked my two dogs at these parks. In the mornings there are no games played but many dog walkers enjoying this off lead area. I am an older woman and this exercise is very good for both my mental and physical health and I can't see any reason why these off lead parks needs to change their rules. Dogs are good for us all!!!

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6305	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs and their owners have the right to use the grounds at Madills to exercise their dogs OFF lead when sports are not being played, which is generally Monday to Friday. All responsible dog owners pick up after their dogs and often, like me pick up other dogs poop. To ban dogs from Madills is a grave injustice. A lot of owners like myself are disabled and this is our excersise too. I have two small dogs and have been coming to Madills for over 15 years. I'm not able to walk on the sand, and you certainly could not use a wheel chair there. Madills is perfect, we all know each other and it's good to socialise our dogs as well as us For a start Madills is not a sports ground full stop! Its for recreational use for anyone. The Football matches are only on the weekends, otherwise its mainly clear during the week days. It is the only area away from main roads that dogs can have a good run, and if you are a responsible owner like me you will always pick up your dogs poo and shout out to other people that have missed theirs! To: Auckland Council Subject: Opposition to Proposed Restrictions on Dog Access at Madills Farm Introduction I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes restricting dog access at Madills Farm. As a regular visitor and advocate for responsible pet ownership, I believe these changes will negatively impact the community and contradict the original intent of the reserve. Background Madills Farm, located in Kohimarama, Auckland, has long been a cherished community space. The reserve features sports fields, playgrounds, and open areas that are integral to the local lifestyle. Currently, dogs are permitted in
6310	I do not support the proposed change	Dog exercising is doing no harm. Need to exercise dog. Would have to drive somewhere otherwise with associated environmental and congestion consequences. Dog behavior deteriorates when dogs not exercised and this can cause problems.
6312	I do not support the proposed change	Madill farms is a family area and dogs are part of the family and should be allowed off leash if controlled. Also mental health is such a big issue and studies show dogs help people with mental health and if people are trying to go for a walk for their mental health with a support dog then they should be allowed to. You will be impacting people's mental health in a negative way. What proof or reason why do you show that the current way is not working? Why change it what's your reason?

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6313	I do not support the proposed change	I don't agree that dogs are causing the volume of damage outlined. I believe this rule to prohibit dogs at all times on sports fields should not be implemented just so all parks can have the same rules. Madills is unique. It is my opinion Madills is a park used for sports not a sports ground. My issue is with the inability to even walk your dog, even on leash, at all times on the so called sports grounds. I live backing onto Madills farm and there is a huge portion of the day where no sport is taking place so no dog walker will be able to access the most useable parts of the park. Watching and participating in some of the 100's of daily non sport interactions, many with dogs in tow, It would be unnecessary community loss to stop this access. Many a social and human interactions would be lost. This can not be good for society and the dogs themselves.
6325	I do not support the proposed change	Because I think dogs play an important part in the lives of so many people in Auckland that a good place where the dogs are allowed to run freely is key. The most of the owners are very conscious and are after their dogs and clean its excrement, and grab its dog if it goes away.
6332	I do not support the proposed change	Glover Park and Madills Farm Dog owners are responsible and obey the rules This is a precious open air resource that needs to be shared by ALL residents, NOT just sports people. Surely this is obvious. With the creeping intensity of housing in our area, these open air spaces are necessary for recreational purposes for ALL. Dogs need to be able to run and play off leash it is an important part of CARING owning a dog . PLEASE DO NOT allow this further restriction to proceed Dogs are a very important part of our culture and society, providing companionship to the individual owners but also these off leash area provide community companionship and support for many many people and ... their dogs. In today's world where there is more and more screen time this is a valuable resource and facility that we should not lose to further rules... Dog owners are respectful at all times of both of these areas and the of the people that utilise these areas, be they sports people of the general public in my 14 years of utilising both of these areas regularly. Please respect us and allow us to continue to utilise these green spaces.
6337	I do not support the proposed change	As always, the minority ruins everything for the rest of us and councils and governments are scared to do anything and just punish everyone. No wonder people have no trust and faith in you. Why not police the area at busy times and fine the minority who are ruining it for all, that way people may start to have more faith in you and you can still get that extra bit of money from us as you love to do.
6343	I do not support the proposed change	I have lived in proximity to Madill's farm since 1999 and have been a regular walker with my dog. In all of those years I have no observed any incident that has resulted in injury or harm to others as a result of shared use. It is only area within walking distance that allows for off leash walking and in my view is an amenity that should continue to be available for shared use within the constraints of the current rules.
6346	I do not support the proposed change	This is a very popular park used by the community of dog owners, in the local area and beyond. Dogs are already restricted in sports areas during play times. No more restrictions for dog owners!

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6352	I do not support the proposed change	Our dogs need exercise and the best way to do that is unleashing them. I used to go to the parks early morning or after 07 pm, and nobody is playing there. I am agree if there is a schedule, but forbidden 24/7 is not healthy for them.
6363	I do not support the proposed change	I am 22 years old. I grew up living around the corner from Madills Farm, where myself and my family walked our Springer Spaniel, Monty, for 18 years, right up until the day he passed away. It was his favourite spot. His ashes were spread there! The dog community at Madills Farm is unique, and the large majority of owners are respectable, loving dog owners who want their animals to live a happy, engaged life with other dogs - and the dogs love it. It has always been one of the more accessible park options for people who don't want to let their dogs off at the beach, who can walk down from the surrounding hills and enjoy exercising their dog somewhere that is easy for us to get to, without trekking around the suburb. Please consider the long term community that has been built at Madills Farm - the fact there are even so many submissions to begin with should say enough.
6369	I do not support the proposed change	Registered dogs and owners should have access as it currently stands , no change . Police the current rules don't change them
6372	I do not support the proposed change	For the past 10+ years I have enjoyed the use of Madills for sport, dog walking and general enjoyment. Throughout this time the distinct user groups have been able to coexist and self manage. I see no reason to change nor do I feel that the change is balanced and reasonable for all groups. Regarding the injuries sustained due to "dogs and rolled ankles" there is no credible evidence provided . All three of my children have sustained rolled ankles playing sport - it could have been a tuft of grass, another players foot or simply landing wrong. We cannot attribute all ankles to dogs digging at the park. I would be keen to see that data. Further, over the years Eastern Suburbs soccer has become a much bigger club taking more of the green space - while lovely to see the engagement of kids, it has crowded the rest of the public and does not allow fair use of the space. Making any additional restrictions would further disadvantage other user groups.

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6373	I do not support the proposed change	Opposition to Restricting Dog Access at Madills Farm Restricting dog access due to a small minority's actions unfairly penalizes responsible owners who use the park considerately. Park Usage & Community Impact Madills Farm is a vital community space beyond sports use. Dog owners actively use it, especially outside organized sports times. Sports activities are mainly on weekends, with limited weekday use. No data highlights the benefits of responsible dog ownership. The impact on other areas (e.g., Kohimarama Beach) hasn't been assessed. Data Bias Presented data lacks rigor and credibility, appearing selective. No clear link between field damage and dogs—wear is mostly from sports. Auckland Council's review showed strong support for shared spaces (68% in favor). Field Condition & Maintenance A fenced-off section for improvements in 2024 remains unchanged, indicating maintenance issues, not dog-related damage. Sports activities contribute significantly to field wear, yet rates should cover maintenance. Cleaning Up After Dogs The proposal won't fix non-compliance with waste pick-up. Existing laws address this, but enforcement is lacking. Safety Considerations Restricting access shifts pressure to other limited dog-friendly areas. Madills Farm's open space enables safe, shared use for all.
6391	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support in full the proposed change. The park has always been a community park and not just an active recreation soccer park. I would support dogs on leash on sports fields but not a total ban of dogs from sports fields as this would be impractical to enforce and place to much control of the park with the soccer club. Further soccer club is very intolerant of other users, including cricket and I can well imagine them enforcing a no dogs policy in an unpleasant manner

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6394	I do not support the proposed change	I have been visiting Madills and Glover Parks for the past 3 years with my dog and I have never seen a dog digging a hole in the fields. This is a great place for dogs to socialise (the evidence shows this makes them much safer to be around) and for owners to meet each other. In an era where people often don't meet local families or neighbours, this provides a great place for this to happen. Giving dogs a place where they can run, catch balls, and burn off energy, allows them to to also live a great life. The sports fields at both parks are only used for such a small proportion of the week, and dog owners already keep their dogs away from(or on a leash) during these times, but the rest of the time the fields (which were gifted for public use) remain empty. And what a waste of space that would then become. I have sons who play soccer and cricket, and I still have no problem with dogs being allowed to use this space. I think you would find that the majority of holes in the fields are from goal posts, wickets etc and not from dogs. I also find the evidence of 27 rolled ankles all due to "holes caused by dogs" in sports that are well known for ankle injuries, very hard to believe.
6395	I do not support the proposed change	I would like to oppose the changes proposed at Madills Farm. The proposed changes to restrict dog access and to especially remove off leach permission is excessive and unnecessary. The park should be freely used by sports AND dog users. The majority of dog owners are responsible and able to exercise their dogs without causing any problems for other park users. There are not enough free access for dogs in Auckland already and putting further restrictions is going to have a detrimental impact. Dogs need opportunity to exercise off leach and to socialize freely with other dogs. Not allowing this will cause significant behavior issues for many dogs and impact on the health and wellbeing of dog owners.

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6399	I do not support the proposed change	Opposition to Restricting Dog Access at Madills Farm Restricting dog access due to the actions of a small minority unfairly penalises responsible dog owners who use the park with full consideration for other users. Park Usage & Community Impact •Madills Farm is a focal point for the community providing many benefits beyond sporting use. •It is actively used by dog owners throughout the day, particularly during times when the park is not in use for organised sports. •Sports activities are largely concentrated on weekends, with limited use during the week. •No data has been provided on the positive contributions of responsible dog ownership to the community. •There has been no assessment of the impact of restricting access at Madills on other areas, such as Kohimarama Beach, which would likely experience increased usage as a result. Data bias •The data presented to the Orakei Board is limited and appears to lack both rigour and credibility (ankle injuries, near misses with grass cutting). It is limited to justifying the proposal rather than providing an informed view for all users. Its integrity is also in question following the correspondence between Council and Phil Myhre dated 21 February. •The is no clear correlation between field damage and dog behaviour. Damage can occur fpr a number or reasons. Recent observations indicate minimal new damage to the park. Areas with higher wear and tear—such as goal mouths and sidelines—align with sports activity rather than dog-related damage. A dog and owner walking in the park is unlikely to cause any damage, in any conditions. •The ‘2024 Review Findings Report: Auckland Council Policy and Bylaw on Dogs 2019. July 2024, Version 1.0’ concluded there is a ‘lower agreement for right to
6402	I do not support the proposed change	The use of these areas should be for all. If necessary fine those responsible for not collecting poop. Most people in these areas do, others commonly pick up for those who may have missed it. Has the situation got worse since you took the bags away? In Warsaw the fine is huge if you don’t pick up your dog poop.

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6403	I do not support the proposed change	I am asking for a status quo response to the proposed limitation of dogs off leash at Madills Farm. I understand that the reason for this proposal is pitch damage, resulting ankle injuries, and hygiene. 1: What evidence is there that pitch damage is done by dogs? To establish the actual cause of the pitch damage is there photographic or video evidence of dogs digging holes on the fields? If so this should be presented, with quantity, dates, and times. I understand that there has been people seen removing sand from holes in the fields with a bucket and spade - who would know why someone would do this, but there are multiple contributors to field damage. I personally have never seen a dog digging a hole at Madills Farm. As a comparison Vellenoweth Green where there are also plenty of dogs using the field there aren't any holes that I can see - there is also very minimal sport usage of this area would that not indicate that sport can be a contributor to the damage? 2: My children played Football for Eastern Suburbs for years and frankly by the end of a morning the high use parts of the fields were pretty messy. In fact some weekends the childrens games were cancelled to enable the adults to play later in the day so the fields had minimal use and damage. I see that there is reference to 27 ankle injuries in the document circulated regarding this issue. I would have thought that given there are 2,000 players at the club that would be expected - I also see from the ACC website that Football is the second highest contributor to claims for the 2024 year so less than 1% of the club presenting with an ankle injury wouldn't be unusual? And specifically how were these people injured was it slipping on wet grass vs stepping in a hole? 3: I understand that the area was gifted to the people of Auckland - that would be ALL people and rate payers I would have thought, why does the football club take priority for the fields? The Eastern Suburbs Football website states there are
6405	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm was left to the community, this included dogs. If this rule comes in we will have no where to let our dogs ru.n Free.

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6414	I do not support the proposed change	Madill's farm is a treasure for all of the community to use and enjoy. I support continued use of this as a shared space for walkers, off leash dogs and sportspeople. The majority of the park is now covered in sportsfields, but only used during games. It is important to have a local accessible space where owners can exercise dogs off leash, dogs can have space to play and run, and socialise with other dogs when the fields are not in use. 99% of dog owners are responsible. The proposed changes would only allow a very small perimeter area for walking dogs on leash at all times which is extremely restrictive, and this area would become much more congested. Locals would have to drive to get to an off leash dog park. I in no way support these proposed changes.
6419	I do not support the proposed change	We have been taking our dogs to this park for years and years. Over time we have noticed all dog walkers have been slowly getting squeezed out due to the sports people. Now this change to have our dogs onLeads is a real kick in the guts. I will not be abiding by these new rules.

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6420	I do not support the proposed change	Anyone who has visited Madills on a weekday afternoon can see how vibrant and essential this space is as a community hub, with dogs at its heart. Restricting dog access to a small portion of the park compromises safety by forcing dogs and their owners closer to busy roads and undermines Madills Farm's role as a shared community space, reducing it to little more than a single-purpose sports facility.
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6438	I do not support the proposed change	Hello, Please find additional information regarding my feedback on the proposed changes for Madills Farm dog access. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes restricting dog access at Madills Farm. As a regular visitor and advocate for responsible pet ownership, I believe these changes will negatively impact the community and contradict the original intent of the reserve. Background Madills Farm, located in Kohimarama, Auckland, has long been a cherished community space. The reserve features sports fields, playgrounds, and open areas that are integral to the local lifestyle. Currently, dogs are permitted in designated areas, fostering a harmonious environment for both pet owners and non-pet owners. Proposed Changes The proposed changes aim to prohibit dogs from the sports fields at all times. This includes areas where dogs have traditionally been allowed, potentially leading to increased congestion in other parts of the reserve. Such restrictions could diminish the quality of life for many residents who rely on these spaces for recreation and socialization. Concerns
6439	I do not support the proposed change	This is a key park for dogs to spend time off leash- what is the issue if there is no sports on the field? Off leash should remain as is for this park.

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6440	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is a community park designated and gifted to the community as a shared space. The proposed change gives priority access to the football club and other sports at the expense of the community being able to enjoy the full park access (including where sport activity may take place). Over time, sports activities have taken the title of sports field. This is not a sports field. It is a community park in which a designated area facilitates the playing of sports activity. This is an important distinction. Closing off community access to this area for dog owners who also wish to enjoy and walk across the centre of this park is not acceptable. The Football club have a clear goal to control how this park operates, in time with plans to take over the building beside the car park and build a club house. That should never happen. This is community building in which the communit should be canvassed on best use of that space and with clear restrictions of turning it into a sports viewing hall and all round football centre. With more infill housing, our green spaces are precious and there should be no restrictions on community members enjoying that full park space. We are restricted in use during sports games. We do not wish to lose that access when the park is not being used for sport, that is an utter waste of green space. If better signage is needed to encourage dog owners to pick up dog poo that should be the route taken, not prohibiting use for the multitude when dog poo being left is in the minority. Don't let a minority offence effect the majority. Dogs are therapeutic animals for humans and being able to run freely in larger open spaces is essential to better dog behaviour. To restrict dogs to being on leash curtails both the enjoyment of the dog owner and the dog. It creates more stress and tension in a dog as they attempt to play with another and curtails overall enjoyment by owner and dog. This is our community park in which a range of activities, walking, sport, dog walking and creative activities should be part of our planning process. Finding new ways for the community to fully enjoy this park space. The simple reality is
6450	I do not support the proposed change	This is not a private park owned by the football club. It is a shared area maintained by ratepayers. Dog owners who use Madills are by and large responsible citizens who pay their dog registration and train their dogs. What not focus on areas like Glen Innes where untrained, unfixed, unregistered dogs regularly roam the streets.

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6451	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to formally oppose the proposed changes to dog access rules in Auckland Council parks and beached. As a responsible dog owner and member of the community who has enjoyed being part of the organised sporting teams in the area, I strongly believe that dogs should be allowed to continue using these parks and beaches for the following reasons: Effective Existing Rules: Dogs and organised recreational users of the parks have co-existed effectively for many, many years under the current rules. Fundamentally there is no clear reason or community benefit to change the existing rules which are effective. If implemented the proposed rules will negatively impact the wider community and large number of park users who enjoy making use of these public facilities, and in particular when the marked sports fields are not in use e.g. early mornings and late evenings Health and Wellbeing: Dogs play a crucial role in their owners' physical and mental health. Public parks are vital spaces for dogs to exercise and socialize, which is essential for their overall well-being. A ban would restrict dogs' access to these spaces, limiting opportunities for them to stay active and healthy. Social and Community Benefits: Many Aucklanders, especially in urban areas, lack private outdoor spaces where they can exercise their dogs. Parks offer a communal area for dogs to safely interact with other dogs and with people, fostering positive social behavior for both dogs and their owners. This also helps to strengthen connections within the community. Family groups, including dog owners, regularly visit parks together, where dogs and their owners can watch and enjoy sporting events or activities. Dogs being part of these family outings helps create inclusive spaces that encourage more community participation.

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6452	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose the proposed changes for the following reasons: 1. The parks in question are already limited in size. Restricting off-leash dog access at all times would leave an extremely small area for dogs to roam freely, which is impractical and inadequate. 2. The majority of local residents do not play football. However, many people have dogs and rely on these parks to walk their dogs and engage with their neighbors, while their pets socialize with others. Groups of dog owners gather there daily for these purposes. 3. The sports clubs that use Madills and Glover Parks already have access to ample facilities where they can play football without interference from dogs. On the other hand, dogs are increasingly being left with fewer large spaces in the Eastern Bays to run freely. 4. Local parks should be accessible and enjoyable for everyone, not just a small subset of the population who play football. After all, all residents contribute to the community through their rates. For these reasons, I believe the current arrangement should remain unchanged.

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6454	I do not support the proposed change	Unfortunately the proposal is another incremental step towards turning Madills Farm into a single use facility, denying the community that has been utilising the park for many years, long before the soccer club with their ambitions arrived. Motivation for the proposal is flawed and certain parts are downright deceitful: 1) There are no compelling reasons why Madills Farm needs to be “aligned” with the rules at other parks. Madills Farm is unique because it was gifted to the council to manage on behalf of the community. The community has been very active and involved over many years. 2) There is no need for a total ban to reduce the small incidence of urine and faeces on the sports fields. Effective alternative solutions are educational campaigns, signage and enforcement. 3) The soccer club has been very helpful providing statistics such as ankle rolls. There is no causal link between this very common sports injury and holes dug by dogs. 3) Increases in cost of repair are dubiously linked to damage from dogs. No mention is made of the significant over-use of the fields, admitted by the soccer club. 4) A total ban on sports fields leaves dog walkers with a not fit for purpose facility e.g.: - The helpful soccer club asserts that dog walkers will retain 50% use of the park. It does not take a mathematician to determine the area left to dog walkers is actually closer to 20%. - The proposed off-leash area is close to the street which increases health and safety risks. - Significant parts of the proposed off-leash are hilly and often not mowed, making it not suitable for elderly people (a significant part of the dog walker community) - During the winter, significant parts of the off leash area are water logged,
6456	I do not support the proposed change	Reducing dog access to Madills farm and Glover Park is in direct contradiction to the purpose of the policy. The purpose of the Auckland Council Policy of Dogs 2019 is 1) To keep dogs as a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places 2) protecting dogs from harm and ensuring their welfare 3) adopting measures to minimise the problems caused by dogs. These two parks are great parks particularly for those slightly older who need a flat park to walk in. No evidence to say that dogs are a hazard in either of these parks. The rules already in place are sufficient.

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6459	I do not support the proposed change	Re: Opposition to Proposed Changes to Dog Access at Madills Farm. I am writing to formally express my opposition to the proposed changes regarding dog access restrictions at Madfills Farm. My objections are based on several key considerations: Spatial and Usage Concerns The existing park space is already limited in size. The proposed blanket restriction on off-leash dog access would significantly reduce the available area for dogs to exercise freely, which is essential for their wellbeing. Community and Social Impact The park currently serves as a vital community hub where residents regularly gather while their dogs socialize. These daily meetings foster important community connections and contribute to the physical and mental wellbeing of both residents and their pets. This social aspect represents a significant community benefit that should not be undervalued. Public Asset Management As a council-owned facility, the park should maintain equitable access for all community members. While I acknowledge the concerns regarding pitch maintenance, the observed wear patterns appear consistent with normal sporting use, particularly around goal areas and center spots. The attribution of damage to dog activity appears unsubstantiated by the available evidence. Alternative Facilities It is worth noting that this facility primarily serves junior sports, while alternative venues exist for higher-level competition. Specifically, two astroturf pitches near Stone Fields are currently underutilized and could accommodate additional sporting activities. Inclusive Community Access Local parks should serve the entire community rather than prioritizing any single user group. While sporting activities are important, they should not take
6460	I do not support the proposed change	See my earlier extensive comments
6464	I do not support the proposed change	Both Glover Park and Madills are great parks with a nice path to walk around but also flat which is great for the elderly and disabled. There have been a few incidents, but only because dog ownership, without any training, rules or guidance has gone up, not because dogs are bad creatures. Removing the ability to be off lead will only create more problems on streets and roads where dogs are over excited by just seeing another dog.

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6471	I do not support the proposed change	The parks are a shared community facility, not just for sports. Dog owners also pay rates, as well as dog registration fees to councils, and as such have as much right to use the parks in a responsible manner as anyone else, when they are not in use as sports fields. If dog owners are not allowed to walk their dogs there the parks would be very underutilised for the majority of the week. It is important for dogs to have access to off leash areas with other dogs to contribute to them being well adjusted and well socialised dogs. It is also important for dog owners to have safe and pleasant spaces to exercise with their dogs and socialise with others doing the same. Dogs and their owners have minimal impact on the surface of the park, especially in comparison to the damage done by playing sports on them. The vast majority of dog owners are responsible, and ensure their dogs are under control and not disruptive to others and keep the parks clean.
6475	I do not support the proposed change	It has been the local park for dog meet ups for years on end. My dog, Lulu, loves nothing more than being let off the leash at Madills, and sprinting around, chasing a ball, playing with countless other dogs and rolling around in the dirtiest patch possible! An alternative may be the restrict access on the one football pitch EAFC first team play, I would understand that, but the whole park is ludicrous, and takes away an infamous local park for many loving, playful dogs. Furthermore, the amount of Elderly who live by the park with dogs, will now have to travel further to let their energetic dogs get rid out their energy, this is bad overall for the community.
6480	I do not support the proposed change	Hi Orakei Local Board, I hope you consider the proposed changes and the impact they will have upon all users of Madills Farm and Glover Park. As a local for almost 40 years we have valued the many users of the parks, and dogs off lead on the main part of the park(s) is one of the main uses. I have been in correspondence with Eastern Suburbs and they are firm in the fact they do not want to be the sole users of the fields and encourage full community use (and are not behind the proposed rule change). This begs the question, where is this policy coming from? It appears from reading the materials presented that it is a one side interpretation of the council surveys that were conducted. Another relevant question is around enforcement if this rule change is implemented (will there be an increase in budget in dog enforcement as a result - rate payers deserve to know if so). The dog community is a positive force for good, encouraging exercise and community spirit - who else uses the park at 6am on a rainy winter morning! I seriously hope you consider all parties when making your decisions. The current rules strike a balance for all park users and it seems like classic ‘overreach’ if they are extended as proposed. Regards [redacted]

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6483	I do not support the proposed change	Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the draft Auckland City Dog Bylaws I submit in relation Orakei Local Board and specifically, Madills Farm, and •Support Option 1- to maintain the status quo for Madills Farm (and Glover Park), •Strongly oppose Option 2 which would restrict off-leash dog exercise on these parks. We have lived overlooking Madill's Farm for more than 20 years, and I witness daily the joy it brings to our community. Watching local dogs run freely, chase balls, do zoomies, play and socialise is an integral part of what makes Madills Farm so special. Though I don't own a dog myself, the ability to witness this vibrant inclusive use of our park enriches our neighbourhood and the community of people who live here - in just as many ways as organised sport. Madills Farm is Public Space for All, not just one Group. In recent years, the increased dominance of "organised sport" on Madill's Farm has altered its shared-use nature and role in the community. The park has always been able to balance structured sport with open recreation, with mutual respect among users, but that balance is being tipped as seemingly less value is given to the role of Madill's Farm in the local community of Kohimarama. The justification for restricting off-leash dogs is weak, and seems to be being driven by those facilitating organised sport rather that genuine community needs. If the Orakei Local Board allows these interests to be prioritised over the broader community rights to enjoy Madills Farm we risk losing an essential, inclusive space that defines our neighbourhood. Whilst I understand the Councils desire to align dog access rules across all parks, the purpose of this consultation is to determine whether that justifies changing the status of Madill's Farm and Glovers Park. The local community has been clear for years – nothing has changed, and we have been fortunate to date to have a Local Board that listens too and supports its community. Let us hope that

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6488	I do not support the proposed change	Use of this park by dog owners is an integral part of the community and the level of reduction in access by off leash dogs in the proposed changes is not an equitable solution or necessary for the stated reasons. Should the changes be implemented as proposed, there would no longer be suitable room in the park for proper exercise and enjoyment of the many local dogs and owners that rely on this critical open green space as part of their everyday wellbeing. In a time where green spaces are becoming more and more restricted, and people don't have their own yards, it is critical that the local government maintain access to all community members, even if this could require increased levels of control or maintenance. Dog owners in the area are extremely conscientious about droppings being picked up and there is a community focus on this, which fosters good behaviours. The suggestion that dog use of the sports fields poses a H&S risk to sports field players, is not substantiated. If the risk is associated with damage to the playing field then this is just as likely to be caused by the sports play itself, where contact with the grass and soil is significantly more impactful than that when owners are playing with off leash dogs. I would urge the local government to consider a more equitable solution and, if the changes are not completely removed from plans, at least one of the three proposed areas should be allowed off leash dog access when sport is not being played. This would at least allow the current use of the park to remain and foster the clearly needed community green space. Thank you for your consideration of the value that this park brings to dog owners in the local community.
6489	I do not support the proposed change	The proposal to further restrict dogs usage on Madills park and Glover park is unnecessary and a complete overreach in terms of park usage. I have lived by Madills farm for over 40 years and in all that time I have only seen positive benefits from dog owners and their dogs using the park. Locals get daily exercise, they communicate with other dog owners and enjoy the benefits of being out in nature and wide open spaces. The MENTAL HEALTH benefits of this interaction will be ENORMOUS. Parks are valuable resources in so many ways for so many different groups and to limit the use for dog owners makes no practical sense. I also understand that the sports users do not have any concerns about the current dog usage. Please use common sense and leave the current policy in place without changes
6490	I do not support the proposed change	I’ve lived in the area 40 years. I’ve walked my dogs here almost daily the community of do owners meet here replay and some lonely Auckland residents can exercise their dog safely and not near the children’s playground. Therefore I appeal the proposed changes. Leave our dogs to walk as they have the past 40 plus years.

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6491	I do not support the proposed change	I am vehemently opposed to the proposed changes restricting dog access at Madills Farm. As a regular user of Madills Farm I believe these changes will negatively impact the community and contradict the original intent of the reserve. I cannot emphasis enough how much of a negative impact this will have on my young family and the community. BACKGROUND Madills Farm in Kohimarama is a much-loved and well-used community space. It's at the heart of our community with its sports fields, playgrounds, and open areas which are wonderful for the dogs in Kohi and surrounding suburbs to run around off leash whilst their owners walk and their children scooter or bike ride around. PROPOSED CHANGES The proposed changes aim to prohibit dogs from the sports fields at all times. This includes areas where dogs have traditionally been allowed and will have a significant negative impact on our community. These include: 1.Community interaction: Madills Farm is an important recreational area for families, individuals, and pet owners. Restricting dog access could lead to overcrowding in other areas, reducing the overall enjoyment of the park for everyone. It's currently the perfect place to go for a walk whilst you can enjoy your dog being safely off leash, and your children can safely bike or scooter as there is room for everyone. It would be unfortunate for this beautiful space to predominantly become sports fields. 2.Claim of damage by dogs: given football is a sports involving kicking the ground whilst moving at pace, the argument by the local board that dogs are causing damage to the fields, resulting in ankle injuries, is weak. There are other activities
6492	I do not support the proposed change	I look after dogs in the St Heliers and Kohimarama area and often use Madill's farm to walk them. The sports fields are not that often in use and are a good safe place to walk the dogs. I have a long term foot injury/pain condition which means walking on uneven ground like at the beach is not possible. The owners of the dogs that I look after specifically don't want me to walk the dogs near roads. If the proposal included a fenced in dog park as part of the Madill's changes then I wouldn't be opposed to it.

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6493	I do not support the proposed change	1. The information provided for review by the public is short on details around the need to change current settings. No statistical analysis has been shared. The only thing that could be found is in an Appendix to the Agenda for the Local Board meeting on 12/12/24. This states that in the 2024 winter season, 27 rolled ankles have been associated with damage to surfaces (not strictly dog related), and a forecast of $35k for turf patching due to dog damage. No further details are provided, neither the source of this information, further breakdown, or discussion around other turf damage. This is hardly transparent and not available via the Have Your Say portal. It was only through direct engagement with OLB that this information came to light. 2. Due to the above, the proposals from Auckland Council are presented more like a predetermined outcome. There is no openness around what problems are deemed to exist, the extent of those problems, a comparison of these parks to others (both dog controlled and open-dog), and what other solutions could be considered - e.g. additional education, enforcement, or hybrid versions of dog bans, taking into account hours of use, areas that may be less used by sports activities, etc. We note that Glover is used only during Terms 2 & 3 for football (according to ESFC), yet the ban is proposed year-round. 3. There is no discussion or evidence that bans have a positive effect on outcomes to the extent that it will "solve" the problems that are deemed to exist. There is some discussion around "responsible dog owners" and that this is not meant to negatively impact those people already doing the right thing. It would follow that "responsible dog owners" are the ONLY ones going to be negatively impacted by this law, as the "irresponsible" ones are likely to ignore the changes anyway. 4. There has been no discussion around what changes would need to be made to
6497	I do not support the proposed change	I believe we should all have access to open spaces and it’s already limited as to where the dogs can run around freely

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6498	I do not support the proposed change	The sports fields of Madill's in particular are not used during the week at off-peak times except by the dog owning community who use the space as a place to meet, socialise dogs and give them a safe environment to run around in. The space is also used heavily by some of our elderly dog owners as it is flat and easily accessible, and they can give their dogs exercise while not taxing themselves. Madill's Farm was gifted to the community for recreational purposes - not just sports but all recreation which dog walking is one of those. When the sports fields aren't being used it makes no sense to not let others use them for whatever purpose (are you also going to ban people who use the sports fields to run personal training, practise Tai Chi etc). The Madill's dog community has a real sense of belonging - everyone knows the dogs names even if they don't know the owners' ones! It's a source of advice and community. For some of our community, the Madill's catch up is the only interaction with people they may have in a day and since COVID the idea of isolation is not just an idea anymore - it's a reality. The dogs at Madill's are all friendly, well behaved and their owners are the same. Since having my pup I've been given valuable lessons and training advice from dog owners in both Madill's and Glover. If there aren't sports being played it makes absolutely no sense why others can't utilise the space - and while sports are being played the dog owners are very respectful of that.

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6499	I do not support the proposed change	I am AGAINST the proposal to change dog access rules at Madills Farm and Glover Park. I have been a local resident for 15 years and a regular user of Madills Farm with my family. My sons played cricket and touch, my daughter learned to ride her bike on the grass and my family regularly walks our dog there. These parks are the heart of our communities and are widely used by all. To attempt to ban dog owners for the apparent benefit of the sports clubs and particularly the football club is not fair. The current rules create no conflict. Dog owners only have access when sport is not being played. There is no valid reason to ban dogs owners when the park is not being used for sport. To do so would see these parks unused most of the time when there is no other similar space in the area for dog owners to exercise. I was particularly concerned to read a letter from Auckland Council to a resident yesterday. This was a response to an official information request asking for evidence to support the reasons given by Auckland Council to justify the proposal to make these changes. The letter explained that the 'evidence' of injuries came from the ESAFC who are stakeholders in this consultation and have a vested interest in having dog access rules changed. The Council has advised that ESAFC reported these figures to support their demands to upgrade the surface and there is no evidence that these injuries are connected to dogs. The Council has made no attempt to verify this information which cannot be seen as independent or reliable. In addition the Council admitted that there have been no recorded incidents involving dogs and mowers and in fact the information provided is purely anecdotal. This confirms that the data that has been used to justify the Council's proposed changes is not credible and potentially flawed. I urge the Orakei Local Board and Auckland Council to make robust inquiries of staff providing information to inform their decisions on all proposed dog access rule changes as it is clear that the information being provided in relation to Madills

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6501	I do not support the proposed change	Time to Stop, Paws and Reflect? Dear Councillors, I am a dog owner, and my dog leads me to Madills farm every afternoon except golf days. The Farm has a special character which provides local people sustenance across all four pillars of health, physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual. It is the whenua underpinning the Māori Model of Health, Te Whare Tapa Whā. I believe the Orakei Local Board needs to be steadfast in upholding the history of the farm as a recreation park and an off-leash dog area as it has been since 2004. It is not appropriate to the character and location of the park, for it to be progressively turned over to organized sporting activities which are increasingly bearing the character of semi-professional activities. The Board is not obliged to follow the norms adopted elsewhere. Madills is special and different. The Board has courageously acknowledged this in the past and should do so again. It's time to stop, pause and reflect. When I read through the documents available which pertain to the recommendation to ban dogs from sports fields on Madills Farm at all times, I see three and possibly four areas of contention: 1. Process

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6512	I do not support the proposed change	How will you monitor this area for the sports fields - will this be somehow fenced off that dogs are not able to access? (similar to a playground)?
6515	I do not support the proposed change	Not fair on ratepayers. Restricts use of the land. Impacts the elderly.

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6516	I do not support the proposed change	You are not taking the interests of the majority of ratepayers who deeply value Madills being an off leash dog walking park. You are putting the interests of a minority (many who will not be ratepayers) above the rest of the community. You say it has a safety aspect but what you are proposing to do is put animals and people at risk by making them walk by or under the “widow maker” trees in Madills. You have huge safety risk with those trees that you have not adequately addressed. Are you planning on doing nothing about the risk, and forcing animals and their owners into those areas where there has already been a serious incident? People know that the councillors know how dangerous those trees are and do nothing about them. You are trying to take away the community park but expressing concern about tripping on playing fields. What about being killed by a falling branch or tree.? My family has lived at our property right by Madills for 75 years. A big reason we continue to live here and pay the high rates put on us by the Council, is for suitable use of the park. You are planning on taking that away from those who pay maintain Auckland. If these proposals go ahead in Madills and Glover Park then the Council will lose a lot of its support base. You will impact the wellbeing and health of the full range of ages- young children to the elderly who use the park with their dogs for their dog’s health and wellbeing as well as their own, always there are people gathering and talking whilst exercising their dogs. It is very concerning that you even think about ripping out the green space that is heart and soul of the Kohimarama/ St Heliers community. You already overly restrict dog access on Kohimarama beach, now you are heartlessly wrecking Madills for good ratepayers and their dogs, who do not have a voice. You should spend time and money prioritising what is important at Madills - making safe the “widow maker” trees. This was quoted from a Council person.
6524	I support the proposed change	-Dog owners do not pick up dog excrement and therefore if our children play on these areas they put their health and the health of others in their family at risk. - watching sport is a relaxation for the public to enjoy and not being continually worried about where doggs are and what they are doing - do not want children frightened by dogs when out enjoying valuable time with the family

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6528	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes to dog access at Madills Farm, which would prohibit dogs from the playing fields at all times. As a local resident and dog owner who has walked at Madills Farm almost daily for 18 years (and 7 of those as a dog owner – the other as a mum walking my kids), I am deeply concerned about the implications of this decision for our community. Key Concerns and Opposition to Proposed Changes 1. De-Facto Ban on Off-Leash Walking The playing fields make up the majority of Madills Farm. By prohibiting dogs from these areas, the proposed changes effectively ban off-leash walking in this park. The only remaining area would be the narrow path around the perimeter, which is far too close to the road for safe off-leash exercise and provides no room for dogs to run or play. This severely compromises the ability of dog owners to exercise their pets safely and responsibly. 2. Negative Impact on Community Wellbeing The off-leash area at Madills Farm is an invaluable resource for local dog owners and the community as a whole. It provides: o Accessibility for All: The flat grounds are ideal for older adults and those with mobility challenges, enabling people of all ages to meet, socialise, and exercise their dogs in a safe and inclusive environment. o Safety and Security: Naturally shielded from the road by a small hill, the current off-leash area is a safe space for dogs to play and socialise without the risk of traffic accidents. It also offers a secure environment for women to walk their dogs in the darker winter months, thanks to on-field lighting. o Community Connection and Mental Health Benefits: Madills Farm serves as a vibrant community hub where people of all ages and ethnicities come together, fostering social connections and promoting positive mental and physical health. This is especially important in today's society, where opportunities for social
6530	I do not support the proposed change	These changes are designed to marginalize the dog owner community and seem at odds with the council responsibilities to provide a balance of dog-friendly and dog-free spaces. There seems insufficient data to support such sweeping changes given it appears to be based on Auckland-wide complaints. What are the problems on Madills that need to be solved! If this was clear and you reach out to the dog-owning community through the database you have there can be constructive collaboration to find solutions. Consideration of off-leash/on-leash times, regular communications with the dog-owners etc. You will find the dog-owning community are self-policing, calling each other to account. Many who are not dog-owners in the park enjoy the opportunity to engage with the dogs - the elderly, those with small children - so a healthy co-existence is supremely achievable. Kind regards [redacted]

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6545	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes reduce the off-lead area to a point where it would not be feasible to exercise our dogs. They would not be able to have sufficient room to run to get exercise without entering one of the prohibited areas. I believe this limitation goes against the intended purpose of Madills Farm. Reducing the ability for residents who own dogs to use the park will also decrease the amenity value of the park to local residents. One of the reasons we purchased out property near the park was the off-lead areas. I also dispute the evidence that the turf damage causing sports injuries is wholly the result of dogs exercising. My family and I walk through the park most days and have seen the damage caused by the local sports teams putting in temporary goals and other training aids as well as cricked teams, touch rugby tournaments and even families putting in stumps to play cricket or practicing place kicking. In my nearly a decade living near the park I would say that the sports and recreational activity has increased at a far greater rate than the number of dogs walking through the park. I understand that there is a cost to maintain the field but with the amount of sports use perhaps that cost should be borne by the clubs, schools and businesses who use it so frequently and not used as a reason to reduce the value of the park to local residents.
6550	I do not support the proposed change	As this is one of the only locations where I can run my dog around, it helps bond the community removing this is isolatong
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6566	I do not support the proposed change	Regular users and visitors alike are mostly respectful of the current sports ground regulations, and historically enjoy the freedom allowed to them and their dogs. I feel that responsible dog owners should and must be allowed to exercise their common sense in public areas. Maybe responsible ‘dogs’ should be issued a different colour of council tag. Also failure to remove dog poo from public spaces should have fines enforced. Do we have to live by sanctions imposed on the lowest common denominators, ie the inconsiderate few? ,
6570	I do not support the proposed change	I am a dog ownership and parent to 3 children who have played multiple sports at Madills Farm (Football, Touch Rugby, Cross Country etc). There is no issue with the current environment where Madills Reserve is used by everyone in the Community. Madills Reserve is the heart of our Community. People of all ages and abilities utilise this park on a daily basis. It is safe. My children walk the dog at Madiils and as a parent I don't have to worry about their safety. Have you verified the allegations made by the Football Club in relation to the dogs digging, ankle rolls etc. I would expect that you have done your due diligence. What did you find? Was the hole in fact a result of goal damage or damage from sprigs? The near misses is an interesting point from council contractors. I was walking with my wife and our dog a couple of weeks ago and heard one of your contractors yell "fucken dogs " at my dog when it walked past. Again I would assume that you have done your due diligence and verified these elegations. I am genuinely very disappointed in the lack of consultation to the rate paying Community and am heavily opposed to your proposed rules.
6572	I do not support the proposed change	This is a multi use facility, and has operated this way for decades. The Eastern Suburbs Football is a commercial entity supported by Auckland Council rarepayers. There should be a way for the fields to be enjoyed by all.
6579	I do not support the proposed change	The current use of madills and government park for exercising dogs is a contentious multi factor issue. I don't support changing rules. Most dog owners are respectful of looking after expensive sports fields. But. Some owners let their dogs dig holes and leave faces behind. I recommend funding from local board for more council dog handlers. Hand out fines !!!!! And much more signage. The fields and reserves should be for all aucklanders. We pay huge rates and should be able and ENCOURAGED to exercise as a family.. with our dog. Respectfully. Also . Get the over sized sports clubs to stop over using the fields. And charge them. For the use. The council don't have a bottom less bucket. They do an amazing job.

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6589	I do not support the proposed change	I oppose the proposed changes to dog access rules at Madills Farm Recreation Reserve for several reasons. First, and most importantly, I believe these changes conflict with the original intent of the land's gift. The Madills Farm property was gifted to the community for the use of all its members. Its use was specifically not intended to be dominated by any single group or activity. The proposed changes heavily prioritise organised sport—particularly football—even though that was not the intended use of the land. The spirit of the gift should be respected. To be clear, my submission does not seek to limit the park's use for football, cricket, touch rugby, or any other sport. Thriving communities need sports fields, playgrounds for children, and places for dogs to run. My submission simply highlights that Madills Farm currently accommodates all these uses equitably and effectively. It is a genuine shared space that should be preserved. I believe the proposed changes would move us away from this vision and are based on several flawed arguments. These include (but are by no means exhaustive): A claim that 27 ankle injuries among football players were caused by holes in the pitch. This argument makes the grossly simplistic leap that these holes are the result of dogs digging. I highlight several flaws in this argument: •The 27 ankle injuries were reported by a self-interested group and have not been independently validated. •Even if the reported injury rate is accurate, it has not been compared with robust data on ankle injuries at other facilities with a similar number of players and frequency of play. •It is well established that the sand-based grounds at Madills Farm are ill-suited to the volume and intensity of football played there.
6595	I support the proposed change	Seems sensible as long as "in the vicinity" is well defined and not excessive

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6596	I do not support the proposed change	The proposal to implement a region-wide prohibition of dogs on sports surfaces at Madills Farm Recreation Reserve and Glover Park raises concerns regarding the balance and inclusivity of public spaces. While the intention to protect the health and safety of sports users, dogs, and sports surfaces is acknowledged, the current dog access policy already provides a comprehensive and effective framework that achieves these objectives without imposing unnecessary restrictions. The existing dog access rules outlined in the 'policy-on-dogs-2019' are designed to promote responsible dog ownership and ensure the safety and enjoyment of all park visitors. These rules include: •Dogs allowed under control off a leash on sports surfaces (marked grass sports fields) when not in use or not closed (Schedules 1(2) and 2). •Dogs prohibited on sports surfaces when in use or closed (Schedules 1(2) and 2) and must be under control on a leash in the vicinity when in use (Schedule 1(2)). •Dogs prohibited on playgrounds at all times and must be under control on a leash in the vicinity when in use (Schedule 1(1)). •Dogs must be under control on a leash in car parks at all times (Schedule 1(4)). •Dogs allowed under control off a leash at any time on other parts of the Park (Schedule 2). The current policy is well-balanced and promotes the active use of the park by all members of the community. It ensures that dogs can enjoy off-leash exercise in designated areas while maintaining safety and minimizing conflicts between dogs and other park users. Key benefits of the current policy include: •Flexibility: The policy allows for dogs to be off-leash on sports surfaces when not in use or closed, providing ample opportunities for exercise and socialization. •Safety: By prohibiting dogs on sports surfaces during use or closure times and requiring leashes in car parks and playground vicinities, the policy mitigates potential safety risks.

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6597	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support the proposed changes as Madills Farm Recreation Reserve is a public recreational green space for everyone to enjoy, including dogs - not just the sports clubs. It is a wonderful local area for dogs to run freely off-leash for exercise and socialising. Non-socialised dogs can develop snappy, possessive & aggressive behaviours. In the Orakei area dog ownership is increasing and most breeds are the more gentle dog breeds - many with a poodle cross that gives them intelligence with a gentle nature. The local dog owners don't hesitate to intervene and share dog training contact details if they see a dog being aggressive or unsociable or clearly needing to learn new skills. Most dog owners in the Orakei area a very responsible, exercising their dogs at least daily if not 2-3 times, they pick up the dog poo, and will pay it forward by picking up any missed dog poo. In the 10 years I've been walking our dog daily and I seldom dog poo left on the playing fields. What I do see is the rubbish that's left behind by players and spectators after training and weekend matches. The dogs are not digging the holes that the football club claims they do. The proposed non-playing field off leash areas around the park perimeter are dangerous to both dogs and some owners. The areas are not flat, it is not safe being around trees and dark areas in the winter months, are infrequently mown so the grass is often long and wet so gumboots are required, plus there are 2 Karaka trees just along from the main entrance which drop their poisonous berries in summer - which kill dogs. This also goes for the grove near the

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6603	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support the proposed changes as Madills Farm Recreation Reserve is a public recreational green space for everyone to enjoy, including dogs - not just the sports clubs. It is a wonderful local area for dogs to run freely off-leash for exercise and socialising. Non-socialised dogs can develop snappy, possessive & aggressive behaviours. In the Orakei area dog ownership is increasing and most breeds are the more gentle dog breeds - many with a poodle cross that gives them intelligence with a gentle nature. The local dog owners don't hesitate to intervene and share dog training contact details if they see a dog being aggressive or unsociable or clearly needing to learn new skills. Dog ownership helps relieve loneliness, supports those with depression and mental health issues, provides therapy for the sick, elderly and disabled and teaches children to care and be responsible for an animal. Most dog owners in the Orakei area a very responsible, exercising their dogs at least daily if not 2-3 times, they pick up the dog poo, and will pay it forward by picking up any missed dog poo. In the 6.5 years I've been walking our dog daily I've seen very little dog poo left on the playing fields. What I do see is the rubbish that's left behind by players and spectators after training and weekend matches. I regularly pick up used sticking plasters, hair ties, strapping tape, cable ties, orange peel, bottle tops and chicken bones (which are lethal for dogs) etc. The dogs are not digging the holes that the football club claims they do. These field surface "blowouts" are caused by the players boot sprigs as they slide at speed as part of the game. I note the holes have been filled with sand with grass seed sprinkled on top (which is nonsense as grass won't grow on sand that doesn't hold any moisture or nourishment at any time let alone in the heat of the summer.

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6605	I do not support the proposed change	* A Recreational Park is for the enjoyment of every part of society not merely the sporting public, therefore , everyone should be treated equally as regarding how they can enjoy the parks facilities. * * Most dog owners are responsible law abiding citizens who wish to enjoy the parks and the freedom of walking as at present. * * Off leash is a time when owners can safely allow their dogs to exercise and integrate with other dogs and families. Removing the ability to walk dogs in this way takes the sensible option away and restricts most dog walkers from fully exercising their dogs * I believe the maintaining the status quo is the best policy, as it gives the non football playing ratepayer time to enjoy the park facilities with all members of their family including the beloved dog. Regarding maintenance I believe Chemical spraying requires much clearer signage as this can affect the health of adults, children and dogs. I do not understand how it is possible for the dog walking community to cause more damage to the grounds that the thousands of players, runners and their equipment including trucks and dragging goals across the grass. In all my time of walking around this lovely space (since 1976) I have not seen one dog behave badly to another dog off leash. We recognise every person has a right to enjoy the park and its amenities and we would wish that our dogs exercise abilities are not bound by harsh restrictions, in

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6606	I do not support the proposed change	Submission to Auckland Council & Ōrākei Local Board on Proposed Dog Access Changes at Madills Farm [redacted] [redacted] Date: 23rd February 2025 Introduction Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed changes to dog access at Madills Farm. I appreciate the effort Auckland Council and the Ōrākei Local Board have put into managing our public spaces. However, I strongly oppose the proposed restriction that would prohibit dogs from the playing fields at all times. This change would significantly reduce safe, accessible off-leash exercise areas for local dog owners, creating unintended negative consequences for both the community and the park's usability. Our Position The playing fields make up the majority of Madills Farm, meaning this proposal effectively eliminates meaningful off-leash space. While the perimeter path remains technically off-leash, it is too close to the road for safe exercise and lacks the space required for activities such as ball-throwing and social play. I request that Auckland Council and the Ōrākei Local Board reconsider this decision and explore a more balanced solution that maintains off-leash access while addressing any concerns about shared park use. [redacted]
6611	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm was given to the area to provide a recreation space for all residents, not just the football club. Many, many people take their dogs there daily to exercise them off leash in a safe area away from the roads. If dogs are only allowed on the periphery path, there could be many car accidents. I walk my dog there regularly and have made many lovely friends. For elderly people it is a safe area where they can socialise and enjoy others company, while exercising their dogs. It would be a crime to our citizens if this facility had restricted access! Small children also have fun while they are there with their parents and the family dog. If the problem is, that some walkers are not vigilant in removing dog faeces, then notices, and a warning that they may be fined would take care of this. After a few weeks of surveillance, and follow up , word would get around and, problem solved!

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6617	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm has long been a vital community space where both dog owners and sports enthusiasts can coexist. Banning off-leash walking from the majority of the park would severely limit safe and accessible spaces for dogs to exercise, socialise, and play. The current off-leash area is uniquely suited for this purpose, providing a secure environment away from the road, making it especially valuable for older adults, those with mobility challenges, and anyone who relies on this space for safe and responsible pet exercise. Restricting dogs to only the perimeter path—close to busy roads and with no room for proper play—compromises safety for both pets and owners. Furthermore, this change would place undue pressure on other already crowded public spaces, like Kohimarama Beach, which are not designed to accommodate the same level of off-leash activity. Preserving Madills Farm as an inclusive, multi-use community space benefits everyone, and it is crucial that we oppose any changes that would limit access and undermine its role as a shared resource for all.
6619	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes are an over-reaction to a minor problem which does not even appear to be directly related to shortcomings in the current dog rules If there is a problem with dog owners not obeying the rules relating to control, or allow their dogs to cause damage then address that behaviour directly. Adopting the proposal unchanged will ignore the needs of the many more local dog owners using the park than sport club users.

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6624	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm Park has been an area for the recreational use of all for many years and it is my understanding that it was gifted to the council for this purpose. Our family has lived in the area for 26 years and seen how loved and used this area is. It was not intended for the preferential use of selective sports clubs but the restrictions on access for dogs will have this effect and the effect of large amounts of time when the sports fields will not be being used by anyone. We have already had lights introduced for sports use and a large area fenced off for regrassing. The sports club - by which I mean the soccer club should have no right to exclude other community members from accessing the fields when they are not using them. By restricting off leash areas the available places for dogs to run free are shrinking and unfortunately as this is happening all over Auckland there are fewer and fewer alternatives. One of the advantages of Madills Farm is that it is flat which makes it perfect for older dogs and older dog walkers. Also, by introducing such restrictive rules the areas dogs are allowed will become crowded - the paths already get busy and will become hazardous as the number of children/bikers/walkers/runners/mothers with prams/the elderly will increase exponentially leading to the possibility of accidents. Also many dog walkers have children and these will now be forced to walk and play near the very busy roads surrounding the park. I must also mention that the current cricket practise area on the creek side of the park is so near the path that it is currently dangerous and it is a matter of time before someone is hit by a cricket ball. The vast majority of dog walkers who use this park are extremely responsible about controlling their dogs and respecting the fields when in use.
6630	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is one of the only places in the area dogs can be off leash and run around in the park

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6633	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm was generously gifted to the community with the intention that it be a place for everyone—a place to be shared, not monopolised or controlled by any one group or activity. The proposed changes, however, would come at the at the expense of this balance, placing the needs of the football club well above any other community groups. This was never the intended purpose of the land, and the spirit of that gift should be respected. By all means, the use of Madills for football should continue, an also for cricket and other sports activities, as it is currently. These activities are an essential part of any vibrant community. In the same way we need places for people to walk and be in nature, for children to have fun and for dogs to exercise and play. These are all equally important. Right now, Madills Farm provides for all of these things in a way that is fair and as intended by the original gift of the land. The proposed changes would severely restrict the activities of some in favour of others, and their rationale is based on reasons that are contentious and in many cases, simply don't stand up to scrutiny. One key justification for these changes is the claim that 27 football players have suffered ankle injuries due to holes in the pitch, which are assumed to be caused by dogs. This claim has not been independently verified (and was made by the group who will benefit most from the proposed changes), and no comparison has been made to injury rates at similar sports grounds. More importantly, it is very well known that the sand-based surface of Madills Farm is not particularly suited to the high volume of football currently being played on it. There is also no clear substantiation that dogs are responsible for the holes—many are left behind by the installation and removal of goalposts, as well as by heavy wear in areas of intense play, such as in front of the goals. It has also been suggested that there would still be plenty of space for off-leash exercise even with dogs banned from sports fields at all times. This is simply not the case. The claim that 50% of Madills Farm would remain available is misleading, as most of the designated areas in the proposed changes are directly

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6639	I do not support the proposed change	The proposed changes to the dog rules at Madills Farm and glover park would deeply affect both the well-being of my dog and myself. For many of us, off-leash areas are not just about giving our dogs the freedom to run and play; they are a lifeline. As someone with health issues, I struggle to provide my dog with the exercise she needs on a leash. Without a safe, open space for her to run freely, it becomes incredibly difficult to ensure she's getting the exercise she needs to stay healthy and happy. This isn't just about convenience—it's about giving my dog the quality of life she deserves. But there's more to it. The off-leash dog park isn't just a place for dogs to play; it's where I find the social connection. As someone who lives alone, worked remotely and has now lost my job to the cheaper labour market in India, the park is my only chance for human interaction. In a world where loneliness is becoming an increasing problem, especially for people who don't have children or live far from family, the dog park offers a rare opportunity for meaningful connection. Without it, I would be isolated. My dog's walks and the brief chats with fellow dog owners are sometimes the only contact I have with other people all day. Taking away this space is not just taking away the freedom for our dogs—it's taking away our only social outlet. For so many of us, it's our connection to the community, and without it, life feels a little lonelier. Please consider the importance of these spaces for both our pets and our mental well-being.
6642	I do not support the proposed change	there is no mandate from Orakei ratepayers for the proposed changes. all of the councils and OLB arguments are weak and are not supported by any real evidence. there is no recorded evidence of dogs digging holes put forward by council. there have been no near miss incidents recorded between dogs and the mowing contractor since July 2023. any spraying of the fields with pesticides would mean notifying the public and animals to keep off regardless maintenance of the park is poorly managed by council and many holes in the pitches and patches of bare ground are not repaired for months and in some cases years. of the 24 ankle injurys reported on fields 3 and 4 none were recorded in eastern suburbs football clubs first aid register due to a damage playing surface Auckland council receives over 8 million from dog registration fees with increases year on year but continues to restrict off leash areas that dogs can exercise freely.

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6645	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is a wonderful resource to the community, and it should be a place where it can be enjoyed by all. Eastern Suburbs FC are already heavy users of the park, particularly at the times of the day when its most frequented by the public. As it stands the public's access to much of the park is restricted as a result of trainings and games, and it is my view that the proposed rules changes will result in the further curtailment of that right of access. On any given evening, the park is full with people walking their dogs, and the vast majority are doing so without issue and without impacting upon the quiet enjoyment of the park by other park users. There will no doubt be rare occasions where rules are not followed or behavioural standards are not met - let's deal with those instances as they arise and primarily through education.
6648	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is first and foremost not a sporting ground - it is a shared community space for the enjoyment of all. Banning the dogs from the fields - which make up the majority of the park - is unduly favouring one user of the park (the sports clubs) over a huge host of people that walk their dogs and socialise at the park. The main proposed area that would remain available to dogs off-leash is a narrow path around the outside of the park that runs next to the road, essentially a footpath in places. This is totally inadequate for safe off-leash exercise. As the surrounding neighbourhoods are slowly built up with denser townhouses & apartments and having a garden becomes ever rarer, parks like Madills - large off-leash green space accessible within walking distance - is increasingly important. When I first moved to the area, I lived directly opposite Madills - no dog at this stage - and saw firsthand the huge & varied dog-walking community that gathers there on a daily basis. I now have a dog in part due to seeing the happiness on display at Madills every day, and some of the friends I made here are thanks to connections made on those fields. I believe "27 ankle rolls" at the fields has been raised as a reason to exclude dogs, the implication being that they are "digging holes". I would like to challenge this assertion, given that "ankle rolls" are one of the most prevalent injuries in youth football worldwide. Furthermore I call into question that dogs are to blame at all for the condition of the fields - the ESAFC in their 2023 submission on the Ōrākei Local Parks Management Plan admits "the surfaces are heavily used and in some months 'overused'". At the very least I ask for the community to be given additional time to bring in external turf experts to examine the grounds over some weeks, rather than blindly accepting anecdotal reports from the ESAFC. I know that Madills is one of the few remaining parks to still allow dogs on the

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6650	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is intended to be used by all members of the community, not to be dominated by an individual group or activity. The proposed changes very heavily prioritise the needs of organised sport, and particularly football. This was not the intended use of the environment and goes against the best interests of the community. Thriving communities need third-spaces (social settings separate from home and work) where people can socialise, dogs can run and play, children can play safely, and people can play sport/excercise. Madills Farm currently allows for all of these things – equitably and effectively, and should remain this way. The changes proposed would change this space into one that prioritises the needs of some over others, which goes against the spirit of our community. Some of the claims being made in aid of these proposed changes are also clearly biased and do not look at the full picture or make any good-faith efforts to resolve the issues that impact everyone. For example, The increasing costs of maintaining the grounds are being conveniently blamed solely on damage caused by dogs. This seems like a big claim to make with no evidence and does not take into account the full picture. The sand based grounds at Madills Farm are not suitable for the amount of football that is being played currently and the Eastern Suburbs Football Club (ESFC) themselves have expressed concerns about the increase in the amount of football being play on the grounds. If the council is concerned with the increasing costs of maintaining Madills farm, maybe they should consider limiting the amount of football to an amount the fields can handle or ask the ESFC to contribute to the costs associated with their use of the fields. Similarly, there is the claim of 27 ankle injuries suffered by football players as a result of holes in the pitch. This claim has been made by a self-interested party and has not be validated by any third-parties, or compared to any rates of injury at other grounds. There has also not been any evidence supplied that the holes are being dug by dogs, and the impact of moving big and heavy pieces of sports

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6651	I do not support the proposed change	I am vehemently opposed to the proposed changes restricting dog access at Madills Farm. As a regular user of Madills Farm I believe these changes will negatively impact the community and contradict the original intent of the reserve. I cannot emphasis enough how much of a negative impact this will have on my young family and the community. Background Madills Farm in Kohimarama is a much-loved and well-used community space. It's at the heart of our community with its sports fields, playgrounds, and open areas which are wonderful for the dogs in Kohi and surrounding suburbs to run around off leash whilst their owners walk and their children scooter or bike ride around. Proposed Changes The proposed changes aim to prohibit dogs from the sports fields at all times. This includes areas where dogs have traditionally been allowed and will have a significant negative impact on our community. These include: Community interaction: Madills Farm is an important recreational area for families, individuals, and pet owners. Restricting dog access could lead to overcrowding in other areas, reducing the overall enjoyment of the park for everyone. It's currently the perfect place to go for a walk whilst you can enjoy your dog being safely off leash, and your children can safely bike or scooter as there is room for everyone. It would be unfortunate for this beautiful space to predominantly become sports fields Claim of damage by dogs: given football is a sports involving kicking the ground

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6652	I do not support the proposed change	We have lived in this area since December 2017 when we moved back from overseas. It was our children's dream to own a dog and we stated when we lived back in New Zealand we would buy a dog for our family. Since we have had our dog we have enjoyed walking our local neighbourhood, promoting the outdoor lifestyle not just for our dog but for all members of our family. One of the highlights of every dog walk is the time at Madills Farm. It brings us pleasure to see not only our dog but all the neighbourhood dogs mixing which in turn promotes our community mixing and learning more about each other. Socialisation is not just for the dogs but for their owners also. By limiting the areas our dogs can be off leash will create a very different environment for the dogs and will make it very difficult for the whole community to use such a small amount of the green space for multi recreational use. In my opinion it will become unsafe for not only the dogs and dog owners but also for the many members of the community that use the park and the paths for riding bikes and scooters, including the elderly that rely on the paths to walk away from the action that most of the park enjoys. We use Madills Farm every day with our dog. I cannot see how keeping dogs off the sports fields will realistically work as even with good recall, dogs will have a mind of their own when off leash. I do also think off leash is a necessary part of a Dogs life to be able to run around. One thing I would say is, after the closing off of part of the fields - for good reason - I would suggest signage saying why these types of maintenance are being carried out rather than just doing it and leaving people wondering why.

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6655	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support the proposed changes because the Madills Farm Recreation Reserve is a public recreational green space intended for the community , including dog owners and their pets to exercise in and enjoy , and not just for sports clubs . I make my comments as a 75 year old regular user of the park who exercises by walking in Madills Farm park most weeks together with my families small dog and attends soccer matches of my 2 grandsons who belong to Eastern Suburbs football club and live a block away from Madills Farm. I observe how those exercising themselves and their dogs include many elderly people and young families . Most of the dog breeds I have observed there are small and sociable . I have never encountered an aggressive or out of control dog there . I have encountered aggressive and not properly controlled dogs upon the streets in other parks and suburbs and that is why Madills Farm is my choice as a safe and friendly option for someone of my age and vulnerability to walk our dog . Our family is meticulous in collecting our dogs faeces and I observe that other dog owners I have seen walking pets there also exercise the same high degree of responsibility . Many dogs such as ours attend weekend sporting events at Madills and again I observe well behaved well controlled dogs on the side lines with spectator/supporter families . The dogs presence enhances rather than detracts from the experience of attending the games . If it were otherwise I would not hesitate to object to their presence , but these dogs are clearly well loved and controlled family pets .I have seen . They do not litter the grounds or create a hazard for other users. I feel safe walking our little dog freely in this reserve including the playing fields particularly because of the presence of many mature responsible adults . The only other parks I am aware of where I could walk a dog are some driving distance away whereas this is at the foot of Sprott Rd which I can readily walk from. I would not have confidence that if there was a problem and I needed assistance the other parks would be a safe place to exercise as less
6661	I support the proposed change	The sports fields are a very valuable resource to the local community and are constantly being damaged by the dogs when off leash. As the fields are maintained by the council this is costing a lot more money than would otherwise be needed if dogs were banned from the sports fields
6669	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is primarily a dog park with a small amount of sports on weekends. It should stay that way rather as it is a well used community park by all dog owners in the area.
6672	I do not support the proposed change	The playing fields are completely respected by dog walkers during sports matches and it is great to see the parks being used so completely at other times. There is great interaction between dog owners and dogs at the parks and both parks are a great asset to the local areas.
6673	I support the proposed change	keeping dog faeces off the playing fields is no-brainer surely?
6674	I do not support the proposed change	It isn't fair that dogs are getting less and less areas to be walked /do their exercise. If we keep banning pets what's going to be left? A lot of houses don't have proper front/back yards due to houses being built pretty much on top of each other, so taking away areas to walk pets is just cruel.

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6687	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is a wonderful resource to the whole community. Eastern Suburbs FC along with other sports teams are already heavy users of the park, particularly at the times of the day when it's most frequented by the public. As it stands the public's access to much of the park is restricted already, as a result of scheduled trainings and games. The proposed changes is an egregious curtailment to the public's right to enjoy this facility in a manner they choose. I do not believe denying access to pretty much a big section of the park is the answer to deal with a very small minority of irresponsible dog owners. Perhaps the answer is spend the resources on educating these owners instead of ruining it for everyone?
6689	I support the proposed change	I strongly support the proposed change, as dogs off leash are a significant nuisance or hazard for young children and others using the facility. The dogs dig up the sports field which creates health and safety and injury issues for users. In my experience some owners also do not clean up after their dogs, leaving dog fasces on the sports field on occasion. I would note that dog users can use their dogs off leash in other areas, such as Waiatarua which is relatively nearby. The sports ran out of Madills Farm are significant and important community social hubs, and it is unusual for dogs to be able to roam sporting areas off-leash. I'm at the field weekly for sports, and would also observe that the majority of dog users actually walk around the field with their dogs on a leash so this is not an unreasonable expectation given that it aligns with prevailing practice anyway. They can also unleash the dogs to let them run on the large parts of the reserve which aren't used for sporting purposes.

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6698	I do not support the proposed change	Submission on Proposed Changes to Dog Access at Madill's Farm To: Auckland Council Subject: Opposition to Proposed Restrictions on Dog Access at Madill's Farm I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes restricting dog access at Madill's Farm. As a regular visitor both a parent of a long-term member of ESAFC and a responsible dog owner, I believe these changes will negatively impact the community and contradict the original intent of the reserve. Madill's Farm has long been a cherished community space and features sports fields, playgrounds, as well as open areas that are integral to the local lifestyle. Currently, dogs are permitted in designated areas, fostering a harmonious environment for both pet owners and non-pet owners. The proposed changes aim to prohibit dogs from the sports fields at all times. Concerns Original Deed Conditions: The deed of gift documentation for Madill's Farm, outlines conditions for the reserve's use and any changes to the reserve's usage should align with the original intent and conditions set forth in the deed. It is imperative to review these conditions to ensure that any proposed changes do not violate the original terms of the gift.
6700	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm park was donated to the community for our collective enjoyment. The current arrangement works well, I do not see a compelling case to restrict access. Both parties respecting each other. We live on the boarder of Madills and I would suggest that the number of people using the park for recreation with dogs at least matches the number of individuals playing sport.
6728	I do not support the proposed change	Off leash access should continue when the sports fields are not in use.

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6738	I do not support the proposed change	Kia ora We are local residents in Kohimarama. As regular users of Madills Farm, we believe this is an asset for an our entire community to enjoy, and we believe the voices of a vocal minority are disproportionate. We are both dog owners as well as members of the local football club. In our view both groups get great amenity and value from this community asset. We can say this with a degree of authority, as at least one member of our family visits Madills Farm every day. A few observations from our visits - The football club has a strong community and it's great to see people of all ages enjoying football, particularly on Saturdays. - The dog owners group(s) also represent owners of all ages and stages. We note a number of the dog walkers are younger children or elderly, for whom the local park is considered a safe place to exercise their dogs, as opposed to the footpath or beach which has additional hazards and considerations. - In our case, our boys now exercise our dog at the park, whereas we would have reservations about them doing this at the beach (given traffic, patronage, stimulus etc..). The off leash arrangements at the park is one of the reasons we moved into this area. We note there are a number of other families who hold the same view. In terms of use - The football club generally utilise the fields for a couple of hours on weekends, and during the day on Saturdays, during which time they have exclusive access.

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6741	I do not support the proposed change	Objection to Changes in Dog Access Rules at Madills Farm To the Auckland Council I respectfully submit my objection to the proposed changes to dog access rules at Madills Farm. The rationale for my objection Auckland Council's stated position is "keeping dogs a positive part of the lives of Aucklanders." Auckland Council repeatedly states that "dogs provide companionship, emotional support and help foster social connections", and "taking a dog to a local park or beach can be great for the wellbeing of the dog and their owner". Changing the dog access rules at Madills Farm would run contrary to these held positions. It would also run contrary to the purpose of the Madills Farm Recreational Reserve when it was first created for the benefit and wellbeing of the local community. Sports Fields in Auckland Over the last 24 years I have coached and played junior and adult sport in both Winter and Summer at Madills Farm, as I have done across Auckland. The provision of sports grounds and public recreational spaces in Auckland are – in a word – a compromise for all users. There are very few dedicated sports grounds. Those that exist on recreational reserves accessible to the public are self policing. When sport is being played, sport has a Right to use the space. When it is not, the public have the Right. That is not ideal for anyone, but it is the compromise required in a City with too

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6742	I do not support the proposed change	Access and Rules for Dogs at Parks and Beaches , Madills Farm Recreations Reserve and Glover Park I wish to submit a strong objection and concern for the proposals put forward in relation to dogs at Madills Farm Recreation Reserve and Glover Park, not including the maximum of 3 dogs walking. I specifically object to the approach, the lack of any published basis for the proposal and what I see is a misleading or disingenuous respective right from the introduction. The headline “keeping dogs a positive part of the lives of Aucklanders” followed by the statement “ sometimes however it is not appropriate to take a dog to certain places off leash at all ”in relation to Madills and Glover Park, this can only reasonably include the risk to people, habitat and property, as the other points are inconsistent with those locations. It goes on to say Auckland Council help dogs remain a positive part of the lives of Auckland as we are updating the rules that balance the needs of dogs, people etc. I am asking, concerned and wondering what the actual or evidence-based reasons are for the changes proposed. Our experience as a family is that we have not witnessed any basis at all for the changes. In this area, like in any other there will always be the occasional dog/owner who don't follow the current rules or any additional rules that might be brought in. Because of the area occupied by sports fields and borders, this is a practical or in effect a full ban on dogs off leash. We have lived in Kohimarama for about 12 years and regularly use both Madills and Kohimarama Beach fully within the dog policies and notices published. Speaking of Madills only for the moment, we have continuously observed that the vast majority, perhaps 98% of dog owners follow the dog policies explicitly. We have found dogs are kept under appropriate control, keeping them away from sports areas while in use and not only pick up after their dogs but point out to others when they have very occasionally “ messed the occasion”.
6744	I do not support the proposed change	It does not make any sense that dogs should be prohibited when not in use. Most users are responsible and dogs have very few spaces in the local area where they can exercise and socialize off leash. This is a fantastic space for that. Improved monitoring and/or reporting of irresponsible owners should be a first step. This is over reaction to the problem. Safe, healthy, fun and free use of public spaces should be the primary goal. Keep public land open to as many uses as possible because it is funded by all of our rates, not just by a few.

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6745	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm reserve is an extremely important daily part of my life as I take my dog there daily. This park / reserve was given to all people for their recreational use and as a sports field alone but for the safe respectful use of all people in the area. Its use should not be restricted to a few people who play football at the expense of a large group of people who have no where else to use for off leash dog walking. I need to take my dog to madills as it has a large off leash area for me to exercise my dog. It is an area that allows both my dog and me to exercise in an appropriate and safe manner. I have diagnosed depression and part of my mental well-being is being able to take my dog off leash and walk fast around the park with my dog running and chasing the ball I toss. This will not be possible in a small confined off leash dog area, especially with multiple people trying to exercise their dog in a confined area. I would feel like I am walking in a prison yard. When I walk my dog on the leash around the streets it is a very slow non emotionally fulfilling time as she walks and sniffs everywhere. At madills I am able to connect with other people and know I do not get this same level of social interaction walking the streets. My mental health will be negatively impacted if the off leash area is removed and/ reduced. Another concern is my brother who has Parkinson's will also take my dog for walks here when I am away or late at work. He is unstable on his feet and can walk her safely off leash on the fields at madills. Beaches are too unstable for him and as the road is close by then our dog would need to be on a leash which is difficult for him. He feels valued and enjoys the friendships he has made whilst walking our dog off leash at madills. This reserve needs to continue to be an inclusive place to all people especially those with life challenging illnesses such as Parkinson's. I am aware that dog owners need to be held accountable for their dogs and the safety of others and their dogs waste but do not punish or restrict the great
6747	I do not support the proposed change	Prohibiting dogs from sports fields *at all times*, serves no cognisable purpose other than a generalised and poorly particularised *fear* that some children might *possibly* be hurt. If the Council wishes to impinge on the rights of dog owners (actual and potential), it must do a lot more than it has to show that its fear is something more than a mere flight of fancy. It rather needs to show that the probability of serious harm is such that but for this proposed prohibition, Madills farm would be, as perhaps it always has been, a violent and desolate place; a veritable hellscape, where roving packs of aggressive dogs terrorize young and old alike. One shred of evidence might be nice. But no. Evidence?! who ever heard of that?! This appears for all outward appearances, to be an exercise in making law for the sake of making law.

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6753	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose the proposed restrictions on dog access at Madills Farm and Glover park. As a regular visitor and advocate for responsible pet ownership, I believe these changes will negatively impact the community and contradict the original intent of the reserve. Background Madills Farm, located in Kohimarama, and Glover Park, St Heliers in Auckland, are cherished community spaces. The reserves feature sports fields, playgrounds, and open areas that are integral to the local lifestyle. It is a community space where dogs have a positive influence on people and on social connection. I see young and old enjoying dogs, people of all ethnicities enjoying dogs, and well behaved dogs loving their opportunity to run free and 'make friends' with other dogs (resulting in many social connections also among their owners). This is a precious treasure for our community in a day and age where things are tough for many. It also has a positive flow-on effect for people's mental and physical health, of which I have heard many stories where people now on their own after losing their life partners, make critical connections and friendships. Proposed Changes The proposed changes aim to prohibit dogs from the sports fields at all times. This includes areas where dogs have traditionally been allowed, potentially leading to increased congestion in other parts of the reserve, despite the fact that the area of the reserve proposed changes is used for sport at MOST 15% of the total hours in any year. Such unreasonable restrictions would diminish the quality of life for many residents who rely on these spaces for recreation and socialization. Key Concerns: 1)Community impact on rate payers: Accessibility: Many residents, including the elderly and those with mobility impairments, rely on the flat and accessible nature of the park to safely exercise their dogs. Other parks in the area are too steep or unsafe for these users.
6757	I do not support the proposed change	Its cruel to not let the dogs off leash at Madills Farm, it's stopping them from being free and getting sufficient exercise. As a public park, Eastern Suburbs Football Club shouldn't be entitied to the use of almost the entire park, the plan is very excessive . It wouldn't be so much of a concern it if was just one field they wanted to preserve, its greedy to take the whole thing. Our rates contribute to the maintenance of the field, it shouldn't be just for the sports games. The well being of the public and dogs is more important.

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6760	I do not support the proposed change	I am opposed to the proposed changes to Madills Farm and Glover Park for dogs. My family are dog owners. I often walk our family dog at Madills. I am surprised by the allegations from the Football club in relation to holes dug by dogs. Can you please confirm that you have done your due diligence and verified their allegations that the holes are in fact created by dogs. Please share this evidence. Can you also please confirm that you have done your due diligence and verified the alleged ankle rolls. Did they in fact occur because of stepping in a hole or just from playing football. Where is the evidence? I know people at the Eastern Suburbs club who moan about the poor effort from the Council in relation to ground maintenance. They believe the holes are created by the goal posts and from general wear and tear of people playing with sprigs on their shoes and are not repaired properly by the Council. Simply putting sand in a hole is not good enough to fix a hole. Madills Farm is at the heart of our community where people of all ages and abilities exercise and socialize. Its also a safe place for people to be. It's a very open space. You will destroy a community if you make this a designated sports field. The main users of this Reserve are the community not the sports players. Why should the local ratepayers foot the bill for maintenance of this field and then have that taken away from them. I also challenge your near misses with your sub contractors and dogs. Have you verified their allegations? Have you conducted research on the number of dogs within the Orakei region? What revenue you receive from dog registrations? What are you offering in return? Can you please confirm that there are no conflicts of interest with the current
6768	I do not support the proposed change	This park is for the public, adding these restrictions is unfair and does not reflect the community that wishes to use it. This park has become a hub for dog owners and walkers, creating a strong sense of community. Adding these trivial restrictions seems to neglect these community members and their needs in favour of another. This park should be a point of unity, not division. I urge you to reconsider. Thanks
6771	I do not support the proposed change	Ridiculous! This part of town needs safe dog walking areas for off-leash exercise. There was never a problem with the sports people when I was there with my dogs.

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6772	I do not support the proposed change	The reason that the council are using to back up this proposal are based in costs of maintenance of the grounds that should be covered by the dog registration fees that owners have to pay. The claim that dogs digging the sports field and causing injuries are absurd. Injuries are part of playing sports and a player can roll their ankles even when playing in the Real Madrid's field. In addition, holes in the ground are common to appear when the soil is dry as result of the nature of the grounds. If that is the case then implement times and seasons where dogs can be allowed under control off leash in all sports fields area. FILL THE HOLES WITH A DIFFERENT KIND OF SOIL OTHER THAN SAND. cut costs with sprinklers wetting the grounds during the day over summer only wasting water under the hot weather. Make it only in the early morning hours and late afternoon. Monitor the contractors that take the whole entire day to mown the lawns using tractors when the job can easily done in less time
6775	I do not support the proposed change	Both these are large parks& people respect / & overall manage their dogs well. Sports take preference when one but otherwise space for dogs off leash as well as on leads is important& there seems little justification for making the changes.
6777	I do not support the proposed change	Our community feels strongly about keeping things as they are, where everyone can enjoy these parks together. After all, these aren't just sports fields; they're precious community reserves. We've certainly seen how heavy sports use can sometimes take a toll on the grounds, but there's simply no real proof that dog walking, whether on or off-leash, causes any harm. And there's definitely no reason to think that dogs being there gets in the way of the Council's plans to get more people involved in sports. These proposed changes, cutting back on dog access at Madills Farm and Glover Park, just don't align with Auckland Council's own dog-friendly approach. While it might be simpler for the Council to have a one-size-fits-all approach across the region, that shouldn't mean taking away a vital and much-loved resource from so many of us. For many, especially our older residents, these parks are essential. They provide a safe and convenient place to stay active, both for themselves and their furry friends. They're also wonderful places to connect with others, building community and contributing to our well-being, both physically and mentally. So, let's keep things as they are. These proposed changes should be completely rejected, and we should continue to cherish and protect this valuable shared space.
6778	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should not be prohibited from the sports ground when not in use. These grounds make up a significant part of Madill's Farm.

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6781	I do not support the proposed change	I am submitting against changing the status of dog rules on the basis that the information provided by Council in the consultation documents was not rigorous or balanced, and that the stats behind the recommendations don't seem to hold up to scrutiny and are lacking in evidence, or any comparative data against other fields or sports - particularly in relation to the assertion that dogs digging holes are causing high numbers of ankle sprains. Holes that I've seen in common areas on fields are frequently on the penalty and half way line on a soccer field. I'm sure you'd agree that whilst dogs are intelligent animals, they are not digging holes according to usage on a soccer field perfectly in the middle of the field or in front of goals. In addition to the misleading information, it is outrageous that an organisation that pays a peppercorn rent to use the fields for soccer are trying to take over maddills for their own use. Eastern Suburbs football is not a 'community first' organisation - in fact they view the community and Maddills farm as a way of funding their own professional football team by charging extortionate fees to junior players as well overcharging for uniforms. There is no 'giving back to the community' it is just a private fundraising club who care little for the community other than how much money they can extract from wallets. Dogs and users of Madills have existed harmoniously for many years. There is no need to change. I would also like to note that our rates are high in this area and our dog registrations are costly. We expect to get something in return for this, and rightly so. Taking away this precious benefit will be a huge blow for many, many people and their dogs. Finally, the deed of gift documentation for Madills Farm, as per the Official
6783	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs do not do a lot of damage to sports surfaces, compared to humans wearing soccer boots with blades/ studs on the bottom. Madills Farm and Glover Park are perfectly good community spaces with enough room for everyone to continue to enjoy them. It's lovely to see people and their hounds enjoying the spaces along side each other. Next I would like to see the removal of the Karaka tree near to the playground at Madills.

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6784	I do not support the proposed change	I am a resident of St Heliers and a regular user of Madills Farm. I believe the proposal that in Madills Farm Recreation Reserve dogs would be required to stay off sports fields at all times will negatively impact a large section of the local community in a number of important ways. Madills Farm is a mixed-use recreational park and serves hundreds, if not thousands, of members of the local community for a diverse range of uses, including off leash dog activity when sport is not being played. The proposed ban on dogs on the sports fields of Madills Farm at all times, will effectively end the opportunity of dog owners to truly engage in the mixed use of this beautiful recreational park. Given the extent of coverage of the five sports fields, when combined with the children's playground, dog owners will be limited to a very small portion of the space, with many largely be restricted to the path. For young dogs in particular, the available space is simply too close to the road to for safe off-leash activity. This area has many attributes that make it a space that enhances the mental health and well being of the community. The natural / landscape characteristics, in combination with the trees, vegetation, stream make this a unique and accessible space, that currently serves as a community space and underpins important social aspects of the surrounding community. The shared use of the space is central to Madills Farm continuing to provide access to these key aspects of a community facility. The provision of useable off-leash space for dogs and dog owners provides a critical facility for dogs, and dog owners, and at a personal level we can attest to the enormous value this has had for our dog, who is now 11-years old. The provisions of a large safe space, for young dogs to play safely and socialise with other puppies and dogs, is critical in
6785	I do not support the proposed change	Please keep Maddill's Farm dog access as before: A time and season rule where dogs are NOT allowed on the sportsfields when the sportsfields are in use, but that they ARE allowed on the sportsfields off-leash at other times. Reason: This reserve is popular with dog walkers and it doesn't belong to the sports clubs, it is a public park. Dog owners are rate payers as much as sports club members, so it is not fair that dog owners always have to accept restrictions in favour of other users. Maddill's farm consists mainly of sportsfields and the small strip of land around it is inadequate to exercise dogs if they are not allowed on the fields. If they are confined to just the small strip of land, this is too close to the road, meaning that the rule effectively makes the remaining park on-leash only, as dog owners will worry to have their dog play this close to the road.

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6787	I do not support the proposed change	I should not need to espouse the physical and mental health benefits of walking dogs - I'm sure this has been covered in many submissions. For the human it is daily physical activity, socialisation, companionship... not to mention the fact that a well exercised dog is a better behaved dog. So on this basis alone I cannot understand why council would propose such a massive change - my feelings on this are the same for all 64 parks in auckland, but I will focus on a few that I am familiar with 'Madills and Glover' and Monte Cecilia. The dog policy requires there to be a 'Structural change' and/ or a 'significant risk factor' before any chanegs should be considered. the findings for structural change were "Madills Farm Recreation Reserve sports surfaces are used for football in winter and in summer for cricket and touch rugby. Glover Park sports surfaces are used for football in winter and cricket in summer." - this is not structural and it is not even a change - it is merely stating what is currenrly happening, which has not changed' on the question of SIGNIFICANT risk factors the findings stated "There is an increased significant risk to health and safety of sports users and dogs and of damage. • During the 2024 winter season on Madills Farm Recreation Reserve, damage to surfaces contributed to 27 football ankle roll complaints from children and adults and five reported near misses between mower operators and dogs" - a)there is no evidence that these risks have actually increased because there was no comparative measure provided, the 27 rolled ankles while not exactly a significant injury were only from a sports club first aid records that they had happened while plying sport and had absolutely no record or evidence directly attributing them to anything a dog had done (digging or otherwise), and there is no recorded evidence of said near misses with mowers! Even if all of these things had happened AND we had evidence that dogs were at fault... are we really willing
6790	I do not support the proposed change	All dogs should be able to walk freely in both parks off leash. the owners who are walking them are sensible, responsible and kind enough to take the time out of their own days to walk their dogs there. Meaning those dogs who are in the park would be well trained and friendly. It is important that these dogs are able to run and get there energy out properly so the limited zone of which the proposed change is considering is not suitable. It is also very important that these dogs should be able to socialize with other dogs and other people off leash in a big area as some might not feel comfortable on the leash all the time and may grow to being aggressive if they don't socialize in the parks regularly. The dogs are doing no harm to any people or the fields by playing and exercising freely. There for dogs should be able to access and run of leash at all areas when sport is not in play. I understand that madills was supposed to be left for all to enjoy particully dogs. Do not take this away from them!

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6791	I do not support the proposed change	I do not have a dog and I never have. But I would like to have one and I would like to live in this area as its great for kids and families. But the houses have little to no land for dogs. The only concessions is Madills (the park i take my daughter to). Its great knowing that the park is there for everyone to enjoy (dogs too). Its great seeing them able to run off leash. This is not really possible if dogs are only able to be off leash on the path. I've seen teens play catch with their dog on the field and assume playing catch would be quite dangerous if played on the path next to the road. Its just sad that the council doesn't keep the safety of dog walkers in mind too. From what I hear it seems as if the council has already made up its mind which is a pitty as it takes away even more trust we have in the council. Please prove me wrong and actually listen to the majority of the community.
6794	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed free access off leash on all grounds in these area except when sport is in play. Dogs and owners should have access like every one else. We pay the same rates. There are numerous benefits to keeping Madills and Glover how it currently is. Many people and dogs enjoy and benefit from social interaction. It is good to encourage friendly dog behavior and good for mental well-being of people. Especially those who don't have the means to own a dog they too benefit. Often dogs on lead can become more protective of their owners not running free can contribute to poor socialization in other dogs and people alike. I understand that Legally Madills was left for all to enjoy, particularly dogs. I find the new by laws to be discrimative to those who have dogs. The holes dogs are supposed to be causing is from poles and boots during soccer training. Cramping dogs in the small areas suggested in the new by laws is going to cause overcrowding and potentially unwanted behaviors. It is going to discourage younger children access to meeting dogs and learning about them. Also sending the wrong message to our younger generation.
6795	I do not support the proposed change	I don't mind if the sports fields are progibit however dogs should be allowed off leash in the vicinity under control. we should be allowed to walk with our dogs around the path with our dogs under control. it's possible to stay off the sports field and use the surrounding areas. it's unreasonable to have most of the park restricted just because the sports field has to be protected.

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6798	I do not support the proposed change	Madills is a city recreational asset that is used by a number of dog owners every day of the year. Why should access to this public facility be denied to the long term daily users at the whim of the Eastern Bays Football Club who use the facility only about half the year and on only a fraction of the available days in any one year? Local dog owners pay rates too, and are also additionally taxed (registration fees) for the privilege of having a dog in Auckland City. How much targeted tax do soccer players have to pay to use the Rate payer funded playing fields which they seem to feel should be access denied to dog owners? Dog owners are attacked with the spurious claims that dogs are digging up and damaging the playing surfaces necessitating expensive repairs and maintenance. If this is some justification for denying them access to the fields, consideration must also be given to the playing field surface damage caused around the goal mouths and cricket wickets caused by players exercising their rights to access the playing fields. The same logic would have all soccer and cricket players similarly banned. Every year Auckland City uses significant ratepayers funds to repair and maintain the Madills facility due to wear and tear from public use as can reasonably be expected from any popular venue. To proclaim that ratepayers should be obliged to subsidise the whims and damage caused by soccer players at Madills, and yet be banned from exercising
6803	I do not support the proposed change	I am elderly I enjoy seeing dogs enjoy the parks how they are now.
6809	I do not support the proposed change	Letting dogs have a run around is just as important as people having that space too. It's called sharing!!!
6811	I do not support the proposed change	1. It is not legal as I understand that this land was left to ALL RESIDENTS EQUALLY, not just sports players. 2. This park forms a vital link for elderly and families to meet socially with their dogs in the centre of the park where they feel safe and in the summer when the beach is off limits to dogs. It is a critical part of the community.
6814	I do not support the proposed change	No need for change, this is not a sports field it is a mixed use space.

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6816	I do not support the proposed change	I purchased my property opposite Madill's Park because it is an off leash dog park and shared community space. Revoking the use for dog walkers will reduce the amenity value of mine, and other properties who surround the park. I do not believe the damage to the sports fields which have been recorded as due to dog digging holes is an accurate picture. I have lived opposite Madill's Farm for over 8 years, I walk through there on a daily basis and I have not seen dogs digging holes in the middle of the sports fields. I have however seen damage caused from sport club usage, such as digging for cricket stumps (by clubs and the general public) football goal posts, for utilities to be laid, and mostly by the large amount of users during times the space is used - foot traffic, vans being driven onto the pitches and the use of temporary seating stands. I do believe that there may have been a number of injuries (rolled ancles) occurring on the pitches, however the recording of all of these as due to being caused by holes dug by dogs are unsubstantiated claims. I over eight years of looking out on to Madill's Farm and using it on a daily basis I have not seen an increase in dog usage which would support the figures which suggest an increase in the cost of maintenance due to dogs. I have however seen in increase in sports usage, which is supported by the figures supplied by the football club, which as above have caused damage to the recreational space. I suggest the football club, an other sports clubs being allowed to hold events in the area contribute to the upkeep of the recreational space to allow everyone fair and shared access to the space. This would include repairing damage caused to the shared public space by their usage, and cleaning up afterwards, for example all the litter which is left (empty coffee cups, food wrappers).
6817	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm is a publicly funded facility and it should not be reserved only for the benefit of the football club. I say this as a paying member of Eastern Suburbs Football Club (and note that the club has NEVER consulted its members on the proposed bylaw changes). Madills Farm is currently a family friendly, open space where dogs, their owners, families, and sports fields users can co-exist without issue. Why change that and exclude one of the most prominent groups of users?
6818	I do not support the proposed change	Being able to exercise dogs off leash at Madills Farm is incredibly valuable to the local community. Many older and less mobile people, as well as people who do not have any exercise space in their own properties, take their dogs there to run around and chase balls. In three years of living on Allum St I have never seen a dog out of control in Madills - the dog owners who frequent the park are responsible and the dogs are well trained. Preventing dogs from being allowed on the sports fields at all, and requiring them to be on leash at all times, would severely curtail the exercise opportunities for dogs in the area as well as making the pathway around the park much busier - currently many children on bikes and walkers/runners also use this path. Dogs and their humans love Madills, please don’t change its use in this way.

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6819	I do not support the proposed change	As a responsible dog owner, ratepayer and a member of the Eastern Bays community, I believe that allowing dogs to exercise off-leash at Madills is vital not only for their well-being but also for the social fabric of our neighbourhood. Below are the key points that highlight why this is crucial: 1. Adequate Exercise for Dogs Dogs, like all animals, need regular exercise to stay healthy and happy. For many dogs, especially active or high-energy breeds, being on a leash limits their ability to run freely and engage in the physical activity they need. Off-leash areas in parks provide dogs with the space to move at their own pace, run freely, and burn off energy in a safe and controlled environment. This is particularly important for urban areas where space for exercise can be limited. 2. Encouraging Socialisation for Dogs Off-leash parks offer a unique opportunity for dogs to socialize with one another. This is important for their behavioral development and emotional health. Interacting with other dogs in a safe environment allows dogs to learn positive social behaviors, such as sharing space, playing appropriately, and responding to other animals. These interactions are key to creating well-adjusted, confident dogs. 3. Fostering Community Connections for Owners Dog ownership often provides a unique opportunity for social interaction among neighbours. 4. Mental and Emotional Well-Being for Dogs and Owners - Off-leash time in parks is beneficial not only for dogs but for their owners as well. Owners are able to observe their dogs engaging in natural behaviors, which is a rewarding and fulfilling experience. Moreover, these moments of connection with our pets help to reduce stress, promote physical activity, and improve overall mental health for both the dogs and their owners. Public parks with designated off-leash areas support the well-being of the entire community.
6821	I do not support the proposed change	There needs to be a balance between all activities using this park - I agree with no dogs in the play ground, however if the fields are not being used then dogs and owners should be free to use this as an off-leash area. Due to the low traffic flow Madills is one of the safer areas for dogs off-leash.
6827	I do not support the proposed change	The supposed reason for this amended rule is illogical. In my experience, dogs rarely dig up sports grounds.
6830	I support the proposed change	Dog faeces is significant issue and in our local area (Eastern Bays/Suburbs) dog faeces is to be found every time we are out walking,. It is unacceptable to have dog faeces on sports playing surfaces and playgrounds. There are children who afraid of dogs and as very common that owners fail to keep their control or fail to prevent distress to others (either due to inattentiveness or indifference), I see that keeping dogs out of some of these spaces as a necessity.
6831	I do not support the proposed change	There is no harm by allowing dogs off leash on the sports area when it is not in use or closed. To close this space to dogs seems to be unjustifiable other than a 'land-grab' of public land by the well resourced Eastern Suburbs football club. Perhaps they can purchase their own sports fields if they wish to prevent access to the public.

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6833	I support the proposed change	There is enough space for off leash dog activity outside the sports field areas, in my opinion. Having specific areas of the park for dogs off leash (such as the area between the parking lot and the sports field or the entire corner near Southern Cross Rd at Madills) also makes it more enjoyable for the people who want to walk through the park without having dogs run up to them. It also seems like less chance of owners 'inadvertently' not seeing their dog poop, if there are specific areas where dogs can be off leash.
6835	I do not support the proposed change	All dogs should be leashed in public areas especially around playing fields and playgrounds
6836	I do not support the proposed change	When the sports fields are not in use which is most of the time my dogs love to run. I think Madills is a special place and a rare safe place to walk our dogs without leash
6843	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm Recreation Reserve plays a vital role in the well-being of dogs and their owners within our community, particularly for vulnerable animals like rescue dogs. My dog, Bella, who is blind and experienced severe trauma before being rescued, has made significant progress in her emotional and social development thanks to the safe off-leash area at Madills Farm. This space allows dogs like Bella to: - Socialize with other dogs, improving their behavior and reducing anxiety. - Experience physical activity, contributing to the overall health of the dogs and their owners. - Build trust and confidence in a safe and open environment. The ability for dogs to socialize in a controlled environment fosters responsible pet ownership and contributes to a harmonious community. Removing or restricting this off-leash area would significantly impact the well-being of the community. I do not support the changes proposed by the council. I request the council maintain and protect the designated dog off-leash area at Madills Farm Recreation Reserve, as it is an essential space for us, members of the community. I agree that the council should consider implementing clear boundaries and regular maintenance to ensure the area remains safe and enjoyable for all users, especially focusing on owners picking up after their dogs. I truly believe that this space is essential for fostering a healthy and inclusive community for both residents and their canine companions.

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6844	I do not support the proposed change	There is strong community support to maintain the status quo whereby the parks operate as a resource shared between multiple groups of users. Indeed, the parks in question are reserves, not solely dedicated sports fields. And while there is ample evidence of intense sports usage causing damage to playing fields there is no credible evidence that dog walking (on or off leash) negatively affects these areas, nor does current dog access hinder the Council's sports participation strategy. The proposed changes reducing dog access to Madills Farm and Glover Park run counter to the current objectives of Auckland Council's own dog policy. While it may be convenient for Council to want to normalise region wide regulations, this is not sufficient justification to deprive many hundreds of residents of a vital and cherished community resource. Many older residents rely on access to these parks to exercise themselves and their canine companions in a safe, close by environment, and the parks effectively function as social hubs contributing to improved physical and mental health outcomes. The proposed changes should be rejected in their entirety, and the status quo maintained.
6849	I do not support the proposed change	It is absolutely ridiculous that anyone thinks that dogs should never be allowed to use the sports fields, even when they are NOT IN USE! There is no legitimate reason for this. I have never once seen dogs digging up the field in the 13 years I have been walking my dogs there. If the concern is the playes might accidentally step or fall into dog poo then it's just silly at this point. I would say that bare minimum 95% of dog owners are picking up their dogs poo within a minute of it happening. I would go even further to say that the only occasions when dog poo is left on a field is when the owners don't see the dog do it!! The soccer club already tries to fence off the number one field for the entirety of the season anyway. It's a far better use of the councils time and money to supply the users of the sports fields with biodegradable bags so that they can PICK UP ANY DOG POO THEY SEE THEMSELVES. By prohibiting the dogs from ever exercising on the sports fields you are cutting their area of use in half effectively, and shunning them to the far reaches of the park without easy accessable parking, and putting the dogs at risk of being hit when being let out of a car when parking on the road. If this foolish proposed change does go through, the sports players should be banned from using any other area of the park because they might ACCIDENTALLY STAND IN DOG POO!

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6851	I do not support the proposed change	Most dog owners are respectful of these parks. These parks are for the enjoyment for ALL the community and not just the sports community. Well exercised dogs are generally content, happy and well behaved. We need to be able to throw a ball and lets them have some vigorous exercise in open, safe spaces away from roads and with easy access for all(elderly, young , etc) Safety is an issue. It is important to have access to open, well lit-spaces (not surrounded by trees eg Waiatarua park on abbotts way) so that all (women, young and old) can feel safe. There are so many restrictions already on where dogs can and cant go. The majority of dog owners in this area are responsible, pick up their dog poo and are mindful of children. Its so important to keep these spaces as 'shared' Animals are important. They provide companionship, fun, and love. Most are beautiful additions to society who also deserve open spaces to enjoy.
6864	I do not support the proposed change	All the local dogs of Madills Farm are all great friends & are well behaved off-leash dogs. They love to socialise together. Whenever sports or training is on the field all dogs owners are very respectful. Madills space is a lovely well known dog park.
6869	I do not support the proposed change	Good afternoon I have been a resident of the Kohimarama / St Heliers area most of my life. I have owned dogs all my life. I walk my little dog most days at Madills Farm and have never had a problem. I collect up if needed and I believe as a much older Aucklander, walking with my dog at Madills is a daily delight. Madills Farm belongs to all of us. It isn't just for sport, which doesn't take place all day anyway, except for a few exceptions. If there is spot being played, then of course we all walk on the pathway around the edge. As a rate payer of Kohimarama, I say, the park belongs to us all, it is not just a soccer and cricket park. Dogs are part of our lives, and we wish to remain walking them there.
6878	I do not support the proposed change	There are so many dog walkers at Madills that are responsible - the majority of us so I don't think its fair we should be penalized. Its great interaction for dogs as well as adults, especially when living alone as I am

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6879	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm & Glover Park I am a ratepayer, resident of the Ōrākei Local Board area, dog owner, CEO, and frequent user of both Madills Farm and Glover Park. I do not support the proposed changes to dog access in these parks for the following reasons. The history of Madills Farm is unclear—it was either gifted to the public or developed by Auckland Council for recreational purposes. Regardless, both Madills Farm and Glover Park were intended for the enjoyment of all people for recreation. Dogs require exercise and socialisation as pack animals. Without regular social interaction, they are more likely to develop behavioural issues. Off-leash exercise is essential for their well-being. The vast majority of dog owners in these parks are responsible, not only managing their dogs but also often picking up rubbish left behind by sports teams—many of whom may not even be local. The parks' demographics also matter. Many users are older adults who benefit from the flat, well-lit, and safe environment. Restricting off-leash access at Madills Farm and Glover Park would push dog owners toward Churchill Park, which is unsuitable for many. Churchill Park's steep terrain, gravel surfaces, lack of lighting, and presence of cattle make it an unsafe alternative, particularly for the elderly and for dogs untrained around livestock.
6928	I do not support the proposed change	I walk my mother's dog after in Madills and have done for many tears with out dogs. it is a safe environment - away from traffic and essential and feel for dogs well being to be allowed to run free off leash as long as they are supervised
6946	I do not support the proposed change	Leave the rules for Madills as they are, the councils suggestion for Madill's is financially influenced the E. Suburbs soccer club. The parks financial function is as a recreational reserve - not a sports field. The council is heavily influenced by the soccer club and is using highly questionable tactics to bring about their aim. ie 27 Rollenkles etc. This is a preposterous allegation that is the result damage to the dogs and their owners and is unsupported by any evidence
6953	I support the proposed change	Dogs can be particularly menacing when people are active, chasing after both adults and children. I have seen it happen and scare children, nip at legs etc. Unfortunately many dog owners think this is harmless fun that everyone likes which it is not

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7283	I do not support the proposed change	•Walk every day at Madills •Pick up his poo and others •The biggest thing for me is the consultation process, we pay thousands in rates and dog registration, bins are taken away and dog bags and now dog access •All of these things are just being taken, teaching our kids that it is just okay for council to take those away without consultation •My four kids have all rolled ankles in other places at Madills, unfair to take other people's rights away for something that just happens to a few people.
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18	Other (please explain below)	I think this reserve should on leash only, it is not a suitable area for dogs to be off leash due to the lack of fencing and busy roads. And in my experience parks of reserves with mixed on / off leash areas just end up being a problem because most dog owners completely ignore the rules and let their dogs off leash anyway. This reserve would be far safer for all dog owners to enjoy if it was 100% on leash.
37	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on sport surfaces when not in use.
86	I do not support the proposed change	The sport fields in this location are very rarely used. Trying to take away access to more of the park makes no sense. Keep it the same.
87	I do not support the proposed change	Auckland is not very dog friendly. There are not many places provided for dogs off leash. This is a very important meeting place used for dogs off leash. If you remove this park dogs in the area will have no wear to humans they need this socialisation and exercise. You have elderly people who can't just walk their dogs and need to let them have a run. You could look at removing the karaka berry trees which are poisonous/deadly to dogs as well. They are everywhere. I think you could actually propose something that benefits dogs. I don't see that within these bylaws. Please make Auckland more dog friendly for good dog owners.
165	I do not support the proposed change	That doesn't leave much off leash space while the sports fields aren't used all the time...
264	I do not support the proposed change	I don't understand why you want to change that.
303	I do not support the proposed change	I don't see why dogs shouldn't be allowed on the sports field when not in use what is the logic behind this?
304	I support the proposed change	Common Sense.
341	I do not support the proposed change	Monte Cecilia and Glover park are much loved areas to allow dogs to exercise off leash. The number of complaints (only 5 at Monte Cecilia) far outnumber the amount of dog owners and dogs that enjoy the dog parks responsibly. Making these parks on-leash only will also lead to overcrowding neighbouring parks, leading to increased risk of incidents between dogs, which is preventable
376	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is a brilliant place to walk dogs. Don't let a tiny minority of owners ruin it for the entire community. When the sports surfaces are not in use what a waste to not let dogs on them.

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387	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm offers a safe space for pets to play ball. When sports are on, everyone keeps their pets to the footpath or uses the far end green that isn't used for sports. This change is only marginalising pet owners. What is the rational for this? Because to me it seems overkill for what potentially might be 1 or 2 isolated incidents. Families with pets have less and less places they can safely take their pets, and by changing these bylaws will only worsen things. There are only enough dog only parks that are safe for the populations. The council happily enforce dog registrations and increase costs, but then take away resources at the same time. This is a ridiculous situation to consider "lease at all times" and off green spaces.
460		There should be a fenced off area for dogs to run off leash.
470	I do not support the proposed change	This is a great place where dog owners can connect, dogs are apart of peoples families and that includes trips to the park and to watch adults and children's sports games. Will end up dogs being left in cars. There are no notable events here that have caused concern to the wider public and this has been accessible to families and their dogs for years
523	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on all publics areas under control at all times unless there is a non kauri die back conservation need
541	I do not support the proposed change	Cats are responsible for far more bird killings than dogs! Why do you still allow cats to be unlicensed, un-neutered and to roam freely??? There are NOT enough off-leash dog exercise areas in Auckland. Many more in ALL areas need to be provided URGENTLY. LARGE areas, not small areas! Dogs SHOULD be allowed on-leash in all parks and beaches and many more parks and beaches should become off-leash
548	I do not support the proposed change	Sports users should not have the monopoly of use of the park. This proposal to stop dogs being allowed on sports surfaces (which now make up the majority of the park) is not fair or equitable. You state that the changes are not meant to punitive but that is exactly what this is .. you are punishing the majority of respectful dogs and their owners because occasionally a roaming dog soils the pitch. If Health and Safety is the issue then the sports users should inspect the field before play and remove anything that may be a risk to health. It's important to note that this could be broken glass, bottle tops, fireworks or any kind of deitrus left behind by a disrespectful park owner - it isn't always left by a dog. Make it fair to ALL and do not deny access to dogs who have so few areas in which they are welcome already.
569	I do not support the proposed change	Every day hundred of dogs walk off leash in this area. It is a lovely social place with dog owners all being friendly and allowing dogs to socialise Particularly in the morning and after five
615	I do not support the proposed change	I would love an off leash area pls
639	I do not support the proposed change	Stop banning access. Walking dogs is a great family and healthy activity in this location.

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641	I do not support the proposed change	it is a great area for dogs to have a run around.
688	I do not support the proposed change	This is one of the best places to walk ones dog and there is a huge community that comes to Madills for this. Very few parks in this area allow for off leash like Madills and it is an essential area for those with dogs to interact and enable dogs to interact with other dogs. By proposing this legislation you decrease the ability for dogs to have a place to learn how to socialize correctly and in turn have a greater risk of dogs not learning the correct behaviors. By taking away the ability to walk dogs on the sports fields you essentially take away the ability to walk dogs at Madills as majority of the park is now sports fields. If you proceed with this proposal you should also reduce the number of sports fields and set outside a sizeable area for off leash dog activity. If you
696	I do not support the proposed change	I use Madills Farm every day to exercise my dog and have done for over 3 years. It's very popular at all times of day with local dog owners who I have always found to be respectful of the environment. I carry several dog poop bags to tend to the needs of my dog and also to pick up any dog waste i see that has been left by a stray dog, or a distracted owner. Everybody I communicate with there has the same attitude to collecting any waste that has been missed. A law change to ban dogs from sports fields will only affect respectful owners. The stray dogs will still defecate there, as will the dogs of disrespectful owners who won't care whether there is a law prohibiting them, or not. The park is for the use of all ratepayers and while I wholly agree with dogs being prevented from entering a field of play while an activity is ongoing, I do not see why sports fields shouldn't be used by dog owners when they are free. If it is a matter of players encountering dog waste on the pitches, surely these should be inspected before use? There could be broken glass, sharp objects or any other public litter that could be harmful to players.
698	I do not support the proposed change	This is a well-loved park by dogs and their owners. From my personal experience, I have no issue sharing this park with other dog owners as they are all responsible in looking after their dogs litters. The dogs in this park are all well behaved as they have been socialised in this park most of their lives.
703	I do not support the proposed change	This area has alot of families with dogs and crazy need access to areas to exercise there dogs of the lead. If people are scared of dogs they should use all the other parks where dogs are not allowed. Better patoling of areas for dangerous unmuzzled dogs would be more appropriate and fune people who do not pick up after their dogs
719	I support the proposed change	Dogs need to be banned from the playing fields so that the horrible injuries we are seeing from the holes they dig can be eliminated

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726	I support the proposed change	I have seen so may injuries over the years on the pitchs at Madills Farm from player who step into holes that dogs have dug. Injuries ranging from ACL tears to twisted and broken ankles. I think the proposed is very reasonable and should hopefully benefit both players on the pitch and local residents as it keeps a reasonable area for off lease dogs.
755	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need space to run, having used the park for 50 years I don't see an issue as it stands
778	I support the proposed change	Sensible, and fair to all
827	I do not support the proposed change	In my 40 years of owning dogs i have never come across problematic owners and dogs i fact Madills is a happy well balanced area for dogs and humans but what i have noticed is a younger woke generation that take a dislike to dogs and are clearly teaching their children the same behaviour . It saddens me that these types of people spend time not embracing a love for animals but an immediate up in arms approach to sharing a space and teaching their children that the huge percentage of dogs are just happy wee ones themselves. I’m not talking about South Auckland I’m talking about good people in good areas like Madills and Glover and well aware of the campaign against dogs . Very sad society we are becoming.
885	I do not support the proposed change	change is not necessary and does not fit with the aims stated around dog policy
943	I do not support the proposed change	Yesterday I submitted my feedback for the proposed changes to the council's dog policy and bylaw. I am making a correction. I am against all the proposed changes to the current rules. I do not accept any of the alternative options offered. I also do not see how my age, gender and ethnicity are relevant to these views in any way whatsoever, and I would appreciate an explanation why these questions are included, and how they relate to the matter at hand. The proposed rules are not good for dog owners and seem to serve a vocal minority who either simply don't like dogs, or who have had bad experiences with dangerous dogs. Dangerous dogs and their owners should be held responsible as appropriate, and we should not punish the majority who are responsible.
948	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed off leash somewhere

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1169	I do not support the proposed change	Banning access when the fields aren't been used is ridiculous. For dogs that love to play fetch having the use of the whole farm is fantastic. Apply hours of use if the council feels a change is required, but removing the availability of such a currently well used park is not considering pet owners. The nearest park to be able to throw a ball would be St Heliers Domain. What does our pet owners fees pay for- how about Providing complimentary recycled poo bags at all parks.
1293	I do not support the proposed change	It doesn't make sense to restrict dogs from being off leash when the sports fields aren't being used. All they're doing is running around, playing and sniffing and if there's no sports for them to be interfering with then what problem are you solving by adding that restriction?
1358	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on leash in all park areas. Provision for off leash play should be made in all parks.
1379	I do not support the proposed change	More dogs in Auckland and your solution is to restrict where and when they can go places, removing areas of much needed off leash areas and giving nothing in return. This makes absolutely no sense.
1404	I do not support the proposed change	Unused sports field should be available to dog owners and dogs so they can exercise freely and it is also used as a social occasion for both owners and their pets. Agree with keeping children's playgrounds dog-free.
1460	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed under control off a leash on sports surfaces (marked grass sports fields) when not in use or not closed. especially when people living around, its good place to take dog for a short break on the grass fields.
1474	I do not support the proposed change	retain full access to sports areas off-leash when not in use or closed. all other proposals supported.
1488	I do not support the proposed change	Most of the park is designated as sports fields which are only used a small portion of the time. Why should responsible dog owners be penalised and not allowed to use the fields to exercise their dogs? We pay our taxes and dog licences, so we should be treated fairly too.
1520	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules are great as it is.
1707	I do not support the proposed change	This is unnecessarily restrictive and hard to manage. There are very few open field areas where dogs are allowed off-leash but it is really nice to have a flat space to let dogs exercise, particularly as a low-mobility owner.
1724	I do not support the proposed change	Why bother charging people's dog registration??? Dog owners are so heavily restrict on when and where they can go or be off lead. We don't seem to see any benefits for the amount we pay but you need to protect grass on a sports field???
1763	I do not support the proposed change	There is limited spaces around to be able to give your dog a social environment and learn to mix with others while of the leash, this benefits all. I always thought Madills Farm is large enough to have fenced area for off lease dogs during day light hours, half the size of a soccer field would be sufficient. Thank you.

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1767	I do not support the proposed change	This does not provide a balanced approach for dog owners. This park provides a well known off leash area which is well used and liked by responsible dog owners. Removing this very much limits the parks these owners can go to to provide an off leash experience in the area. Whereas those people looking to avoid dogs have plenty of options. I walk my dog there often and have never had an issue and have observed responsible owners even when the ground has been used for sports.
1769	I do not support the proposed change	Because the park is supposed to be a place for everyone recreations and not only sports. Dogs owners have same right as anyone else especially considering we are paying at extra rate for the dog. Madills farm was donated to the city as a place for general recreation including off lish dogs!
1854	Other (please explain below)	Same for all areas - we should have a section for owners and dogs to be off leash during summer.
1910	I do not support the proposed change	stop restricting access for dogs.
1977	I do not support the proposed change	This is such a great park for off leash runs and is frequently used outside of sport playing times. I also do not support dogs being prohibited from playgrounds as there are young families in these spaces with dogs and children alike, this is one of the few fenced areas they can all enjoy together. I do not believe family dogs at a playground are an issue
1999	I do not support the proposed change	When not in use there are no problems with digs running free on the sports fields
2010	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed off leash on sports surfaces in this park when not in use. It is so hard to find large open spaces for dogs to run around in.
2040	I do not support the proposed change	There is nothing wrong with the current rules. Having dogs on sports fields when not in use makes sense. It's such a waste of public space if dogs cannot use sports fields when fields not in use. Especially, as the fields are only used a small percentage of the time. I think this change is ridiculous!
2047	I do not support the proposed change	Taking the dog/s for a walk in this park has been such a valuable part of our lifestyle and community for generations. I'm keen to understand the reasons for this change? Are some bad dog owners ruining it for everyone by not picking up poo? You could argue the same about children's sport on the weekend and the few naughty families who leave rubbish behind. Please don't do this, this park hums with life and activity because of everyone popping out to walk their dogs. If you ban this from the majority of the park as proposed, it will be a waste of a beautiful park, central to life in the area.

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2090	I do not support the proposed change	Unlike some other larger parks, the sports fields and their adjoining grass are the area that most owners and dogs use. This leaves the playground area at the other end relatively dog-free. Madills is in constant use for dog exercise off leash and is well known for its well behaved dogs and respectful owners. Dogs are kept off fields when in use for sport and other activities, but for many hours those areas are the places that dogs and their owners meet and greet. I'm there with a grandchild or 2 and 2 small dogs on and off all year. Just because it is generally helpful to standardise rules is not sufficient reason to spoil the current use of an area sensibly functioning under the existing by-laws. These existing rules are more suited to its current and future habit of use. I'm for the Opinion that leaves this Park as it is. site, demographic and
2099	I support the proposed change	The park is there to be shared by sports and dog owners. Maybe a small fence around the main field would be good so that it prevents dogs that are not controlled by owners and are used to be being on the fields.
2183	I do not support the proposed change	We share this land - with all living things. We cannot prohibit access because it might cause issue with a few biased individuals. This doesn't solve an issue it creates disconnect and segregation between demographics. Focus on educating dog owners as well as non- dog owners and simplifying regulations. If people get used to dogs everywhere, the less of an issue it will become. Dogs bring joy to peoples' lives. Stop trying to take away their rights to play. That's all they ask...we have people that treat them horrifically, people who hit them, beat them and try to kill them and yet they stay loyal to their owners and only ever ask for love and a good walk in return. Just let them be part of the community.
2184	I do not support the proposed change	Keep current
2185	Other (please explain below)	Please provide as many opportunities as possible for on-lead walking.
2230	I do not support the proposed change	These parks are for everybody to use including dogs. Where are dogs suppose to exercise if they cant go to the park. Dogs do no harm to the playing surfaces.
2245	I do not support the proposed change	Beloved area by whanau and dog owners stop trying to change it
2271	I do not support the proposed change	Great place for Dogs to socialise off lead - also their owners. Additionally, there are no other off-lead parks in the area.... Dogs need exercise, they live in our city, we need spaces to exercise them fairly.
2272	I do not support the proposed change	This park is great park for my children and our dog, have this change would stop our family from being able to use and enjoy the park and would be detrimental to our outdoor activities.
2286	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm park is such a important park for our family and for do many families and there dogs.It was a first place our fog learned how to socialize either other fogs and people.All fog owners I know are responsible and look after the park maybe more then People who play spor there.It is really important to keep that space for recreation for everyone.

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2288	I do not support the proposed change	It is important for dogs to socialise off lead and glover park/madills farm is a large area that is suitable for this to take place. The current rules only allow for dogs to be controlled off leash when the sports surfaces are not in use which also supports that dogs don't hinder the club/sports teams playing ability
2326	I do not support the proposed change	I believe the existing policy should remain unchanged however there needs to be some sort of 'policing' in order for it to be sustainable. For example, Cornwall Park have a ranger-like person that patrols and will tell people to keep their dogs on leash, etc.
2343	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners are already highly restricted on area and times if access. Increasing those limitations is unfair and discriminating. The majority should not be penalized for the minority who are not responsible dog owners.
2359	I do not support the proposed change	Policing the policy is a waste of time and resources.
2395	I support the proposed change	Dos should not be on sports fields as they may poop or urinate in those areas which is unsanitary for players.
2410	I do not support the proposed change	Need to enforce better dog ownership, rather than penalise those who are responsible dog owners - which is what this is doing. These fields are not used a lot of the time, for example 9am-5pm week days, and not allowing dog access whatsoever is overkill. There are limited other off lead areas in the surronding area, especially in the summer when they cannot go on the beach. This could lead to more dog incidents due to under-exercised dogs. It is a better idea to add the restriction at certain times of day, rather than a set rule for all times
2481	I do not support the proposed change	The parks should be for use by ALL and everyone, including DOGS, whenever playgrounds are not in use. When dogs are free to play off leash, owners meet, make new friends and socialise, contributing to a great community feel.
2488	I do not support the proposed change	It's already to minum the parks and areas that you currently can walk with your dog, and to keep a healthy and balanced dog at least the dog need to be walked once a day.
2503	I do not support the proposed change	The sports surfaces are a large part of the park and it doesn't make sense to leash dogs on them if unused
2544	I do not support the proposed change	When fields are not in use then dogs should be allowed to use them as well. Without access to the open fields it’s harder to throw balls etc. Introduce fines if dogs dig holes in the fields but when not in use they should be allowed to be used
2545	I do not support the proposed change	Madills Farm was donated to CITIZEN OF AUCKLAND N O T Sports clubs. We will not be excluded from this clean green park. It belongs to all of US.

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2595	I support the proposed change	Both Madills Farm and Glover Park have regular issues with off leash dogs that are a health and safety hazard. Dogs dig up the sand surfaces and create holes, in turn causing dangerous surfaces for playing football, cricket, and practising athletics. It is not uncommon for off leash dogs to run through games and training sessions, charging at young children and even stealing cones and balls. These sports all involve aspects of players being in contact with the ground, and it is a health and safety issue falling in dog poo and/or picking up items which have been urinated on by dogs. Personally I herniated a disk in my lumbar spine at Madills farm due to a pot hole, and am about to have spinal fusion after a prolonged period of pain. A few years back I also had an incident where I was playing at Madills as a goal keeper (football) and a dog ran into the goal behind me and peed by the post. As a GK I then had to dive into this later in the half which was disgusting to say the least. Dogs are great, but time and place is strongly required. Perhaps a fenced off-leash area at Madills would provide a way to increase the safety and enjoyment of all involved. Changing the rules will not be enough; policing and enforcement must be included.
2671	I do not support the proposed change	This is one of the few places where you can have off the dogs. Most of a dog owners around this area are very responsible and I've never had any issues there. Taken away more room for dogs is just cruel to the dogs. They should be more punishment for irresponsible owners.
2674	I do not support the proposed change	Why should people on sports fields have greater rights than people exercising with their dogs, when maintenance is funded through rates. No group should have greater rights to public areas.
2692	I do not support the proposed change	Penalises responsible owners. Too complex to follow.
2713	I do not support the proposed change	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well
2767	I do not support the proposed change	Very limited alternative off leash walking places. Important socially to the local people who use the park. What harm is it doing?
2773	I do not support the proposed change	i strongly object to the prohibition of dogs on sports grounds and the requirement they be on a leash elesewjwre. I request that the Council make no changes to the acess and use policy at this park. Sport gets by far too much focus and the dog walking community needs safe fun interactive places for their pets and for the social interactions of people and dogs to flourish, as it does at Madills farm. No change to policy please. I am not a dog owner but have enjoyed this place with free off leash dogs. Keep it that way.
2837	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs rarely cause serious damage to sports grounds. Human activity and rabbits are a far bigger issue.

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2871	I do not support the proposed change	Maintain ability to be off Lead when fields are not being used by athletes.
2896	I do not support the proposed change	As a dog owner I strongly object to the rules proposed for Madills Farm and Glover Park . I can see absolutely zero merit in this proposal, both parks are places I enjoy walking with my dog, and what's proposed is totally unfounded, unnecessary , and both parks are for all recreation not only sport, so leave them alone, for owners and dogs to enjoy . All I can conclude is whoever came up with this proposal, never owned a dog,so has no idea that dogs need to be exercised in safe places and both these parks are a pleasant and safe place to take dogs and all dog owners will be incensed if this goes through as a new rule .
3058	Other (please explain below)	I support the proposed changes as an owner of two dogs. I think it is unhygienic having dogs on playing fields. I would like to suggest that it would be good to offer dog walkers some alternative off-leash walking options where there are no playing fields. Some suggestions for these could be Paddington Reserve in Glen Innes as there is no playground or playing fields and Roberta Reserve in Glendowie as playground is fully fenced and the rest of the reserve is not used as playing fields.
3194	I do not support the proposed change	Good evening I wish to put forward a submission on the banning of dogs 🐕 from Madills Farm 24/7. Many people walk their dogs at Madills Farm and they interact with the locals without incident. We have a major obesity problem in NZ and walking dogs gives people an opportunity to not only keep fit but allow themselves and their dogs to socialise. In South Auckland they ride trail bikes that are not registered or warranted, no helmets, shorts and T Shirts but nobody cares. Yet you can't walk your dog in Kohimarama, an affluent, higher, socioeconomic area? C'mon guys. Maybe your Porsche is due for a service or the school fees are due at Kings Prep but let's open our eyes. Maybe you have never travelled, you have a small town mentality? 95 percent of the people who walk their dogs clean up. As for the other 5 percent, it is organic. Remove the muppet's from South Auckland on trail bikes terrorising the locals. Get real guys... Owning a dog is part of the Kiwi culture, psyche. Provide open spaces for our dogs. It is hard enough that many landlords don't keep pets. Let us allow open spaces to walk our dogs. Everyone benefits, dog's and people alike...
3213	I do not support the proposed change	It's an off lead dog community space, I feel a part of a community walking there even if I don't have a dog. I walk that park everyday and never seen any dangerous dogs or digging the turf.
3260	I do not support the proposed change	This is a commuity space for all to enjoy. Many rate payers own dogs and this park owned by the city should be available for all. Where are the dogs to go now?
3263	I do not support the proposed change	No off-leash dogs at all, please. Otherwise fine.

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3309	I do not support the proposed change	Again more space required
3435	I do not support the proposed change	The sports fields take up the majority of the park so to ban dogs on these areas basically bans most off leash activity at this park. We live in Parnell but drive to Madills as it is the best small dog/friendly park we can find. It has been an amazing space for our dog to socialise over the past 3.5 years. Many dogs visit and are able to fetch a ball and meet other dogs safely. We have found most dogs/owners here are well behaved and it has the largest amount of small dogs of any park we've been to in Auckland.
3704	I support the proposed change	As a parent whose children use the sports surfaces there are often dog poo on the fields, when the children are playing early in the day. Holes dug by dogs, and at times people walking there dogs at the park off leash have their dogs running onto the fields. My children are okay with dogs but there are children who are terrified of them. This is a positive move. Great work!
3726	I do not support the	I don’t agree with the sports field being permanently excluded and the area should
3766	I do not support the proposed change	Freedom and independence of a man's best friend. My sister and husband are surgeon/Doctor and they save people from cancer their dog gives them joy in challenging and stressful rewarding careers!
3790	I do not support the proposed change	Over complicated and limiting exercise because of the bad behaviour of the minority.
3811	I do not support the proposed change	This is absolutely ridiculous. Sports do not outweigh dog owners - which is exactly how this is coming across. The sports fields are properly used on Sundays. It is one of the few parks in the area that is great to run your dog offleash. We have developed a community of dog walkers down there which is beneficial to people and dogs socialisation. The way it currently works is FINE. You would be blocking off a huge area for people and be incredibly disruptive to peoples daily routines. People who walk their dogs are sensible enough to keep their dogs away from the sports when they are happening outside of sundays - we also dont want our dogs potentially being injured. I strongly object this proposed change
3853	I support the proposed change	fully support having the large number of dogs under control and not defecating on the sports fields. I see my mother's locals - Madills and Glover - are getting a blanket ban on off-leash, which I support. I would have liked to have seen the same at Marist in part to help control the large dogs running free and threatening other dogs and humans. A big part would be to help protect the roosting shorebirds that rest up when the tide is full. The good people at TEPS would be on board with this, I'm sure.
3911	I do not support the proposed change	Don’t take access away without providing an alternative place to go. Dog owners need to walk their dogs at all times of day, why can’t nurses on a night shift walk their dogs off leash there during the middle of the day when barely anyone else is there? Where do you propose they go nearby??? If the issue is dog poop, better enforcement is needed of the irresponsible owners. Irresponsible owners are highly unlikely to abide by the new rules anyway.

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3959	I do not support the proposed change	The area that's proposed is a very small area that doesn't meet exercise standards for dogs Our rates ate used to maintain those parks so our households should have full access to these facilities as well
4025	Other (please explain below)	Access should BE ALLOWED 'ON lead' & 'off lead' during day & for most areas for trained Dogs & Owners who are licenced & registered
4040	I support the proposed change	The current rules are not adhered to by a large number of dog owners. I have witnessed significant danger to children with off-lead dog chasing each other when young children are practising and playing matches on the football fields. Enforcement action is effectively non-existent and the proposed change should be clearer and simpler for people to understand and follow. I am a parent to a young child and a dog owner.
4049	I support the proposed change	Too many dogs running off leash out of control and digging holes on the sports fields. Those holes create large mud puddles over winter and can be dangerous
4062	I do not support the proposed change	As a user of the soccer fields and as a dog owner I do not believe that dogs are having a detrimental effect to the sports grounds, this is a by product of kids playing soccer in wet weather and causing holes from their boot spikes. Neither have I ever encountered dog poo on the field during a game or training. We have so few truly dog friendly parks in our area it would be such a shame to lose another space to safely exercise the local dogs.
4085	I do not support the proposed change	Too restrictive for the dog owners who live in the area. There isn't much option for a walk after work, dogs need to be able to run around and this is the perfect place currently. Can't see a reason why you need to change it.
4152	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need a place to socialize and run and Madills has provided this. Maintaining sports grounds is not a reason to change this amazing space for all.
4155	I do not support the proposed change	The current policy rules already prohibit dogs on sports grounds when in use and when closed. This is already sufficient.
4161	I do not support the proposed change	There is a very special community who walk their dogs at Madills. This has been a welcoming environment for many years and was particularly meaningful for my new daughter-in-law who arrived from Ireland and knew no locals at all. She also worked from home so these outings were vital for her mental health and have allowed her to become a valued member. We also walk our dog at the park from time to time. Everyone is always very friendly and we enjoy our outings very much. I have never witnessed a dog digging holes in the park or seen any holes. The proposed area that would remain for dogs off-leash is totally inadquate, a small path right next to the roadside. The majority of Madills is the sports fields and banning dogs from them is effectively removing off-leash access from the park entirely.
4162	I do not support the proposed change	The current rules are fine. Why change them

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4180	I do not support the proposed change	Access to the park by dog owners and their dogs is an important community social activity, bringing many people who live in the area together. Dogs need space to run free and interact with other dogs. The proposed changes will effectively deny this access, with only access to the perimeter path allowed off leash access is probably too risky being so close to the road.
4211	I support the proposed change	Current Risk of poo and holes on sports fields where children play. Unpleasant for spectators with wandering dogs. Owners not picking up poo and currently the bushes smell. Increase on leash areas, decrease off leash areas.
4237	I do not support the proposed change	dogsbylawreview I take my dog regularly to Madils Farm and Glover Park two excellent off leash parks. I am opposed to news laws that will restrict dogs off leash. Dogs need space to run, play, socialize and sniff and these parks provide this. Dogs at these parks are well behaved and owners pick up poop, I have never stepped in any. Sports are played at weekends and then the parks are empty for a majority of the time. What a waste of rate payers money, of which I am one and I will be unable to use park. This is why I object to the proposals.
4391	Other (please explain below)	I support except the sports filed bit. As per previous comments. We are not given flat, nicely mowed surfaces to exercise our dogs. We are given rubbish land that is not maintained and treated like second class citizens. We need flat, hole free, regularly mowed land. Can't throw a ball if the grass is too long for the dog to find it. Can't throw a ball on rocky or uneven surface as dog could hurt themselves, or I could hurt myself resulting in hefty vet and doctor bills.
4460	I do not support the proposed change	This bylaw doesn’t need changing. Dogs are not an issue here like at other places
4461	I do not support the proposed change	Leave as is
4489	I do not support the proposed change	I want less restrictions not more. Our dog used to come with us to watch kid's sport - no problems. Address the individual causing problems instead of making blanket rules.
4617	I do not support the proposed change	We have used the park for years.. it’s a very nice place to socialise dogs. The dogs in the area are well behaved. There could be poo bags made available in case someone misses their dog doing their business. It’s been working fine for so long. Please don’t change for a minority
4632	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm is beautiful as a shared space for sports, receration and off leash dogs.
4821	I do not support the proposed change	If dogs are under control there is no problem.
4876	I don’t know	I understand the sports grounds in theory due to some owners not cleaning up properly but these are great locations for obedience training and it’s really hard to find similar areas in the centre of the isthmus.

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4879	I support the proposed change	Personal safety
4919	I do not support the proposed change	This area is currently well loved and used and the status quo should remain as it is
4927	I do not support the proposed change	All dogs at. Madills and Glover are well behaved and they and their owners are respectful of others. Off leash dogs have never been a problem there and owners with very few exceptions always pick up after their dogs. Most people, when their dogs are off leash put them back on a leash when approaching others, as we do, and most people rarely go on the field Please do not ruin this great area for dogs and their owners
4947	I do not support the proposed change	This is reducing the amount of space available for off leash/on leash walking. I do not support this.
4950	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed to be walked on all beaches, at all times provided they are on leash and controlled.
4981	I do not support the proposed change	If the sports fields aren't being used, the off lead should be allowed. Increased high density housing means that off lead open spaces are crucial to animal welfare
5023	I support the proposed change	There is no need for a dog to be on a sports field, especially when in use. You can walk around it.
5044	I do not support the proposed change	Proposed change does not prevent dogs attacks as footpath remains on leash. Vague restricted area as proposals does not cover entire sports field.
5056	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are part of that community and banning them is just an outrage. They deserve a place they can be walked.
5095	I do not support the proposed change	This park can be well utilised for families and dogs, the way it is. As long as dog poop is cleaned up there should not be a problem. It's a great area for people and dogs to meet each other and socialise. To close the field, would just further seclude people into their own bubble so to speak. I have met many other lovely other dog owners at Madills Farm while the dogs enjoy off leash play together. We truely hope the existing rules are kept.
5103	I do not support the proposed change	There is no reason for the change, it is an attack on dog owners
5133	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed full access to the park when sports fields are not in use
5163	I support the proposed change	Two many dogs at Maddils. Many not on leash and not under control by their owners. Goodness only knows how much damage is being done to the sports pitches.
5167	I do not support the proposed change	Many owners in this area, from my own personal experience have fantastic control of their dogs, clean up after them and the dogs love running around up the hills and around the park when the sports fields are not in use. Dogs are such an important family member to so many in the Eastern Suburbs and its essential we keep these areas available for everyone to work synergistically

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5244	I do not support the proposed change	These proposed changes close the park entirely to dogs off-leash. The unintended effect will be more dogs in closer proximity to children and the elderly riding or walking along the exterior pathway. This could increase the risk of harm, should a child scare a dog, or to an elderly person if they get startled from a dog calmly walking past them. There are very few off leash areas in this area of auckland, let's keep this one as it is for all aucklanders to enjoy in a respectful manner.
5265	I do not support the proposed change	I do not think that Madills Farm is suitable for dogs to be off leash in any area, this is due to lack of fencing near busy roads, a large sports field as part of the park and the poor compliance of dog owners generally in this park presently. It is a park that should be on leash only.
5277	I do not support the proposed change	If the dogs are not allowed to play on the fields off leash when it is not in use the who will use the park? As long as they are under recall command control and owners pick up droppings then it's fine. Bad owners who do not have control and do not pick up after their dogs will not be deterred by the changes anyway.
5340	I do not support the proposed change	This park (Madills Farm) is a regular spot for my elderly father-in-law to walk his dog. It provides much-needed exercise and socialization for the dogs, while also offering a space for dog owners to connect, benefiting everyone’s mental and physical well-being. These interactions provide valuable socialization opportunities for both the dogs and their owners, fostering a sense of community and improving mental health for everyone involved. We are mindful of park etiquette, such as avoiding the area during games, ensuring mutual respect among park users. Auckland already has limited off-leash parks, and reducing these spaces would create frustration for responsible pet owners who rely on them. As responsible pet owners, we contribute financially to the Auckland Council through registration fees, and it is disheartening to feel that we are not being considered when it comes to maintaining accessible off-leash spaces. The loss of this park and all the other parks would undoubtedly cause frustration for many dog owners, who rely on it for the health and happiness of their pets.

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5368	I do not support the proposed change	What on earth are you thinking? The proposal to ban off-leash dogs from Madills Farm is not just unnecessary—it's completely absurd. This park has been a safe, well-loved space for responsible dog owners and their pets for years. Taking that away is nothing short of ridiculous. Madills Farm is one of the only truly accessible off-leash areas in the area. The park's flat, open space allows people of all ages—especially older adults and those with mobility issues—to safely exercise their dogs and connect with the community. Shoving dogs to the perimeter, dangerously close to busy roads, is not just irresponsible—it's downright dangerous. Let's be clear: dogs are already prohibited from the sports fields during games. The idea that off-leash dogs are some kind of major issue is nonsense. This ban does nothing but punish responsible dog owners while solving a problem that doesn't exist. Who exactly benefits from this? Certainly not the community that actually uses the park. This proposal is out of touch, unnecessary, and a slap in the face to local dog owners. Do not take away one of the few remaining places where dogs can run free. Scrap this ridiculous plan. Sincerely, Shannan Faulkner
5392	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be able to use all grass surfaces with their owners if they're not in use by sports teams. Why are we controlling that a dog can or can't walk on a centre side of the white line in the grass
5412	I do not support the proposed change	I walk my dog there every day and meet all my friends there the dogs do no harm
5419	I do not support the proposed change	Madills farm was gifted to the community as a park that had full access for everyone, including dogs. It was not gifted to the Eastern Suburbs Football Club for their own use. This park is a beautiful place to walk your dog and a place to congregate and meet up with dog owners. This park is huge and I've never had an issue with dogs there. Please don't take away this green space.
5425	I do not support the proposed change	Since covid, the amount of people with pets has increased significantly. Having no where close by to exercise them off leash is going to create MASSIVE problems,
5432	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support limiting further the parks & other council areas where dogs are allowed both on & off leash. I believe maintaining good off leash areas is important to dogs & owners.
5465	I do not support the proposed change	This takes large parts of the park away from then use of dogs and their owners. What evidence is there re health and safety at present? Dogs are currently not allowed off-leash when the sport feels is in use. At other times, it's fine. And the same should be true of all other parks. Why should the players have better access than the rest of us, except of course when they are actually playing?

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5477	I do not support the proposed change	The park should be available to human users & their dogs whenever the grounds are not being used for sporting purposes. The sports are played for a limited number of hours on a few days a week so it is ridiculous to virtually exclude dog walking and running all the other times when the park is not been used for sports.
5486	I do not support the proposed change	Let dogs be off lead for god sakes!!!
5489	I do not support the proposed change	There is no harm with dogs on sports field when not in use. If concern is dogs pooping on the fields then enforce your rules rather than making blanket new ones. How often does it happen. Provide bins for use.
5502	I do not support the proposed change	Madill's is one of the only areas where dogs have more access to the park. The sports fields are great for good dog exercise.
5522	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs under control have great owners, owners that have trust with their dog will only take them off leash. Stop taking places away from us, we already have a lack of options
5537	I do not support the proposed change	I have received the Ratepayers' Update flyer, and notice the heading, Free and affordable activities. Yes, you provide parks, pools, recreation centres, community halls and events for people. In addition there are tennis courts, squash courts, bowling greens, boules greens, golf courses, children's playgrounds, all for PEOPLE to use. What do we have for dogs, an integral part of many families? For fifty years, we have been grateful to have the freedom of Madills Farm for the four dogs of our sixty five years of marriage. The thought that this freedom for our dogs could be curtailed fills us with shock and horror. The current and probably last dog we will own is 12 years old, totally blind in one eye and the other one failing too. But she loves to sniff and play around the bushy areas, she enjoys a little frolic with her friends which she certainly can't do when attached to a lead. This is important in wet weather when dogs can go to satisfy their curiosity, where elderly people shouldn't go because of boggy, slippery slopes. I know that the beach is leash free too but after a worrying incident because of eating something unsafe for dogs, we prefer to use the safety of Madills' Farm. A year ago I had the pleasure of meeting an older lady on Whangamata Beach. As we chatted about the privilege of leash free time there, I mentioned how lucky we were to have the Freedom of Madills'Farm in Auckland. She then introduced herself as Kate Madill and was so sweetly proud of the fact that her great uncle had gifted the farm to the people of Auckland, and maybe Kohimarama in particular. It would be fitting to continue to honor this gift and the freedom for

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5541	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose proposed dog restrictions at Madills Farm in Kohimarama. I think restricting dog access will negatively impact the community, reduce the enjoyment of the reserve, and go against the intended use of the space. I contend that dog use causes less damage than other activities like football and suggest designated dog areas or improved field maintenance as better alternatives to complete bans. I believe that the best solution for Madills Farm is maintaining current access rules.
5568	I do not support the proposed change	Why not be allowed to use a field when it's not in use for sports?
5583	I do not support the proposed change	There is not enough room at the edge to let dogs run safely
5621	I do not support the proposed change	When there is no sport on, there is no reason to prohibit people using the fields to exercise their dogs
5628	I do not support the proposed change	It is a huge area to lose and no alternative offered. There are already rules in place so sports users are not endangered and surfaces not damaged.
5638	I support the proposed change	Dogs should be kept away from people who are engaged in activities other than walking dogs.
5642	I do not support the proposed change	I disagree with restricting access to public spaces for part of the community. Prohibiting dogs from public recreation areas, especially when they are not in use, seems an unnecessarily restrictive measure for responsible dog owners.
5652	I do not support the proposed change	When the sports fields are not being used, dogs should be allowed to use them off lease
5661	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should be able to walk their dogs here. Stop limiting the good owners and restricting them. It is not fair on them or the dogs.
5693	I do not support the proposed change	This park (Madills Farm) is a regular spot for my elderly father-in-law and us to walk our dog. It provides much-needed exercise and socialization for the dogs, while also offering a space for dog owners to connect, benefiting everyone's mental and physical well-being. These interactions provide valuable socialization opportunities for both the dogs and their owners, fostering a sense of community and improving mental health for everyone involved. We are mindful of park etiquette, such as avoiding the area during games, ensuring mutual respect among park users. Auckland already has limited off-leash parks, and reducing these spaces would create frustration for responsible pet owners who rely on them. As responsible pet owners, we contribute financially to the Auckland Council through registration fees, and it is disheartening to feel that we are not being considered when it comes to maintaining accessible off-leash spaces. The loss of this park and all the other parks would undoubtedly cause frustration for many dog owners, who rely on it for the health and happiness of their pets.

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5698	I do not support the proposed change	I use both Glover Park and Madills Farm. Glover Park.: Occluding the sports area means that all is left is the grassy slopes around the centre (flat sports field). Not suitable for chasing balls and running around. I am elderly, and cannot negotiate the slopes. The corner by the playground is flat but becomes very boggy after rain and in Winter. Madills Farm: The areas left for dogs, , Once the Sports field is occluded are alongside the roads, and is dangerous for dogs
5699	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose the proposal to prohibit dogs from the playing fields at Madills Farm at all times. This decision effectively eliminates off-leash walking opportunities, as the fields make up most of the park. Madills Farm is a regular spot for my elderly father to walk his dog, providing much-needed exercise and socialization for both dogs and their owners. These interactions foster a sense of community and improve mental and physical well-being for many residents. Responsible dog owners are mindful of park etiquette, avoiding the area during games and ensuring mutual respect among all park users. It is disheartening that responsible pet owners, who contribute financially to Auckland Council through registration fees, are not being considered in maintaining accessible off-leash spaces. The loss of this park as an off-leash area would be a significant loss for many dog owners who rely on it for their pets' health and happiness. The large off-leash area at Madills Farm is an invaluable community resource that provides: -Accessibility for all: The flat grounds are ideal for older adults and individuals with mobility challenges, allowing them to exercise their pets and connect with others. -Safety and security: The off-leash area is naturally shielded from traffic by a small hill, creating a safe space for dogs, particularly puppies. Additionally, on-field lighting offers a secure environment for women walking their dogs during
5712	I do not support the proposed change	I am also deeply concerned by Auckland Council's plan to increase on-leash and dog-free areas. These restrictions further reduce dogs' access to exercise and socialisation—key factors in preventing behavioural issues. It seems clear that dog welfare is not the Council's priority, as these proposals not only limit safe exercise spaces but also restrict access to trained professionals who can provide it. a key factors of animal welfare are the "5 freedoms", one of these main pillars is freedom to express natural behavior. it is natural for a dog to run freely! I think there has been an overall lack of insight from professionals in the animal welfare, medical, training and walking community.
5719	Other (please explain below)	Madills Farm. Hardly room left for off leash dogs. Glover Park. Only room left is very slopy.

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5786	I do not support the proposed change	Signage specifying Penalties if owner does not respect the rules. Picking up/ letting dogs run loose in leash only areas

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5792	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should not be prohibited from the beached and restrained to on lead play time.
5804	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need more access for better quality of life. Walking streets everyday is not good for them. They need natural areas to walk and off lead areas are even more important. Good dog owners try to vary where they walk their dogs. This limits this extremely. Off lead is especially paramount
5839	I do not support the proposed change	I'm firmly against this proposed change because it greatly limits the space where dogs can run, play, and socialise. The narrow strips around the fields simply aren't enough to allow for safe and enjoyable exercise without overcrowding or issues arising. Restricting off-leash activity to these areas also raises safety concerns, as dogs may be forced closer to roads and car parks, increasing risks for both pets and road users. Madills Farm is a recreational space for everyone, not just a sports facility, and any changes should reflect the needs of all users, not just one group.
5864	I support the proposed change	people dont pick up after the dogs are pooing on sports surfaces and they are a danger to kids playing sports
5867	I do not support the proposed change	Responsible dog owners should have the right to exercise their dog/s as per they current bylaws.
5906	I do not support the proposed change	The rules to prevent dogs from beaches, bush walks, reserves and gardens seek only to punish good dog owners. It is roaming, unregistered, unneutered menacing dogs that are causing the problems. Please address the real problem here, and stop punishing responsible owners.
6024	I do not support the proposed change	The current policy is working, and the proposed changes unfairly weight towards infrequent users. The parks are used by all, and the elderly dog owners, and those who do not have access to transport should be able to walk their dogs away from hot pavements in their local parks

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6030	I do not support the proposed change	Westfield Animal Hospital website stated that “while a quick walk around the block may be enough to keep some dogs healthy, dogs with higher energy levels may require one hour or more of intense exercise once or twice a day. By giving your dog enough exercise every day, you are helping them stay fit and keeping them from getting bored, which could result in anxiety or destructive behaviors.” I take my dog to Madills farm for walks twice daily and he always feels refreshed and happy after a good run off leash in the field. If the sports field is no longer open for dogs to exercise even when unused, I think there will be more health risks such as obesity, behaviour problems etc. If there are concerns about dogs being out of control when off leash, I think we can introduce helpful ways to encourage dog owners to ensure their dogs are trained for off leash exercise. For example, we can offer special coloured registration tags to indicate dogs that have passed certain off leash training courses or tests. Or we can fenced up the sports field to ensure dogs won’t interfere with sports players. Or simply set a time to allow dogs to use the field (like how the beaches have set certain times of days when dogs are allowed) etc. Please consider the impact to dogs’ health before you make the big decision. Thanks.
6053	I do not support the proposed change	As a 75 yr old Aucklander and one of the vast majority of responsible dog owners I strongly oppose the sweeping changes to dog access laws proposed by Auckland Council and wish for the status quo to be maintained. Dogs are and need to remain a positive part of the life of Aucklanders and regular access to their local beaches and parks for off leash exercise is a huge contributing factor in the provision of a healthy and happy life for most dogs. The proposed law change is in fact an excessive and extreme response to issues arising from irresponsible dog ownership. These issues need to be addressed far more adequately through targeted and direct intervention, not through a cheap 'shortcut solution' like the law changes that are proposed here. "I strongly oppose the sweeping changes to dog access laws that are being proposed by Auckland Council and wish for the status quo to be maintained. Dogs are and need to remain a positive part of the life of Aucklanders and regular access to their own local beaches and parks for off leash exercise is a huge contributing factor in the provision of a healthy and happy life for most dogs. The proposed law change is in fact an excessive and extreme response to issues arising from irresponsible dog ownership. These issues need to be addressed far more adequately through targeted and direct intervention not through a cheap ’shortcut solution’ such as the sweeping law changes that have been proposed."

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6062	I do not support the proposed change	This park is a community park. The studs and physical movement of players during training and games is a major cause of the surface being damaged. I go to madills a lot with my kids (I do not have a dog) and never have a I seen a dog digging or doing anything that would cause more damage than studs/sliding of players. Dogs need a place to run. This has been a huge part of dog community for so Many years it would be damaging to change it. There are numerous places to lay sports but not numerous places to walk your dog off leash. I agree that during sporting times dogs can be on leads. But during the day (every day during the week) they should still be able to run about on the huge area that is not being used for sports. There are so many rescrictions already around Auckland. Please don't damage the community by making more unneccessary ones like this.
6088	I do not support the proposed change	Parks provide enrichment, socialization, and stimulation, all of it contributingto a well behaved dog; council should attempt to increase dog access instead of reducing it.
6090	I do not support the proposed change	It would become a ghost land. I was there on Thursday. There were only dog walkers. People were talking to each other and had dogs being in common. You can't walk your dog at Point England anymore as we will get attacked. Madills should be for all and be relaxed. Change the rules and you will get those vigilantes self policing the park. You will create nasty people in the park and lose the lovely sense of community. Soccer Saturdays are fine but don't penalise the lovely community of people who love dogs. If only dogs could talk - Archie is a different and happy dog walking Madills compared to walking GI and Point England. That can be frightening. Thank you
6107	I support the proposed change	I think dogs have a lot of rights and access in this area. I would go so far as to ensure that dogs are not allowed on leash near the playground as people often tie their dogs to the playground fence near the gates so we have to take our children right past the dogs. People think that if their kids like dogs all kids do and it is not fair to make all children deal with other people's pets. Also kids do go in the area near playgrounds and having to navigate dog poo is not great, kids do not necessarily notice and who want so to have to clean poo of off kids' shoes all the time?
6129	I do not support the proposed change	It's a park. Dog owners in this park are responsible and pick up dog waste. You can't tell a dog not to walk onto a sports field. It all looks like grass to them. What is the actual issue you want to address? Is it dog poo, digging holes, or leaving sticks behind? Address the real issues, signs and educate local users and everyone can use a great park.
6148	I do not support the proposed change	please leave these areas available for pups and there families

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6160	I do not support the proposed change	95% of people using these areas are using them as off leash dog parks. These are vital in any area as dogs, fir their own mental health need to be able to run and play off leash. In 30 plus years using these parks I have never seen any damaged caused by dogs. I do however see untild ribbish left behind by genersl members of the public as well as sports players and watchers which can make the areas unpleasant and even dangerous to dogs. Left over KFC bones for example can choke a dog and chip packets etc cause major issues if ingested. Perhaps spend more time and money keeping the parks clean and leave the dogs alone.
6234	I do not support the proposed change	I OPPOSE the proposal to PROHIBIT dogs at all times on sports surfaces at Madills Recreation Reserve and Glover Park . I WANT TO SEE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: TO RETAIN the current rule of dogs allowed UNDER CONTROL OFF A LEASH on sports surfaces (marked grass sports fields) when not in use or not closed. Reason: there are no other off leash areas that offer the same amount of easily accessible space for local dog owners with flat terrain. Removing this access will mean dog owners will have to drive to alternative locations that are not in their local area. Many of the areas that council are proposing as suitable are small or do not offer safe access for older people or young families with prams
6236	I do not support the proposed change	Vital space for dog walkers in the area
6331	I do not support the proposed change	Why they are prohibited. Dogs like us need freedom. Definitely not deserved like this. This is ridiculous rule.
6344	I do not support the proposed change	I oppose the change
6353	I do not support the proposed change	A grassed area not in use should not be prohibited from use
6356	I support the proposed change	Dogs have created many problems maintaining the sportfield surface at Madills Farm - there are plenty of other parks for off leash dog walking in the area I think this is a good compromise

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6397	I do not support the proposed change	Submission Opposing the Removal of Dog Walking in Glover Park & Madills Farm To: Orakei Local Board Subject: Submission on Proposed Dog Walking Restrictions in Glover Park & Madills Farm Dear Council Representative, I'm writing to strongly oppose the plan to remove dog walking access in Glover Park and Madills Farm. As a local dog owner, I know first-hand how important these spaces are—not just for our dogs, but for the whole community. Why Dog Walking Matters It's more than just a walk – Taking the dog out isn't just about exercise; it's a huge part of everyday life in the area. You meet great people, chat with other locals, and get to know your community better. These spaces bring people together in a really natural way. Health & wellbeing – Dog walking gets people outside, keeping both owners and their dogs active. It's a simple but important part of mental and physical health. Removing these spaces would take away a key part of that for many locals. More people = safer spaces – Parks with regular walkers are safer and more welcoming for everyone. The more foot traffic there is, the better it is for the whole community—not just dog owners. There's a Better Way I get that councils need to balance different needs, but removing dog walking
6408	I support the proposed change	These are sports and recreation facilities primarily for our young people. There are other dog parks that people can take their pets to if required.

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6427	I do not support the proposed change	Objection to Changes in Dog Access Rules at Madills Farm To the Auckland Council I respectfully submit my objection to the proposed changes to dog access rules at Madills Farm (the Farm). Local Context and Community Impact Madills Farm serves a broad and diverse community, which includes many dog owners. I regularly visit the Farm to exercise our family dog and have done so for many years. In all this time, I have not witnessed incidents warranting a change to the current rules. I no longer live at home, but I have had years of enjoyment with our family dog at the Farm and still regularly (2-3 times a week) take our dog for a walk around the area and this includes off leash time at the Farm. Concerns about field damage caused by dogs appear exaggerated. I have not seen any instances of dogs digging but would suspect this would be limited to sand placed following work on irrigation systems or lighting stands, holes made by markers and goals, or damage caused by events such as Round the Bays. Additionally, poor field condition including divots are often caused by overuse during wet/muddy conditions. Furthermore, claims that dog activity causes injuries, such as the 27 reported ankle injuries, I suggest are unsubstantiated. According to ACC statistics, 35% of all soccer injuries are ankle-related, suggesting that such injuries are inherent to the sport itself rather than to field conditions. The Farm is a vital community asset, enjoyed predominantly by dog owners during the day. Restricting off-leash areas would disproportionately limit the use of this public space for a significant portion of the community. Many dog owners have purchased homes within walking distance of the Farm. Their decision to purchase has been influenced by the long standing dog access rules at the Farm, which includes the use of the sports fields when not in use. The Importance of Shared Spaces
6441	I support the proposed change	Good idea to keep dogs off playing fields

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6444	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support the proposed changes to access in Madills Farm and Glover Park for the following reasons: Inadequate Off-Leash Area The remaining designated off-leash area is too small, often boggy, and not a suitable or fair substitute for responsible dog owners to exercise and socialize their dogs. When I moved to Kohimarama, I specifically chose this area knowing there was a quality off-leash recreational reserve within walking distance. Removing this access represents a significant and unfair change. Unfair Restriction of Park Space The newly prohibited area represents a large percentage of the park, prioritizing one group's use at the expense of others who have peacefully enjoyed it for years. This is neither fair nor reasonable. Conflict with the Purpose of a Recreational Reserve This decision contradicts the purpose of a recreational reserve, particularly in Madills Farm and Glover Park, where a substantial portion of the space will now be off-limits to a significant part of the community. As outlined in the Reserves Act 1977: "The purpose of recreation reserves is to provide areas for recreation and sporting activities, the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public, and the protection of the natural environment, with an emphasis on retaining open spaces and outdoor recreational activities." Restricting responsible dog owners from using these spaces goes against this fundamental purpose.
6447	I do not support the proposed change	Expand areas and times that dog owners can access with their companions

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6472	I do not support the proposed change	Submission Against Auckland Council and Ōrākei Local Board Proposal to Limit Dog Access at Madills Farm To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to limit dog access at Madills Farm, specifically the decision to prohibit dogs from the playing fields at all times. I believe this proposal fails to consider the vital role this space plays for the local community, the negative impact on responsible dog owners, and the growing need for safe, accessible spaces for dogs and their owners to exercise. Impact on Dog Owners and Their Pets Madills Farm is a critical community hub for many local residents, including dog owners. The park's playing fields constitute a significant portion of the space, and restricting access to these areas means a de facto ban on off-leash walking at the park. The remaining space, the path around the perimeter, is simply not a suitable substitute for off-leash exercise. This path runs far too close to the road, creating a hazardous environment for dogs. It is unsafe for dogs to exercise freely in such close proximity to traffic, and it severely limits the amount of space available for physical activity. The limited accessible area for dogs will also negatively affect those who rely on the park as a space for safe, off-leash recreation, especially given the area near the playground is already off-limits to dogs. This could lead to an overcrowded, less enjoyable experience for both dogs and their owners in the small remaining space. [illegible]
6478	I support the proposed change	There are very few places already where we can take our dogs; parks and waterways provide enrichment and socialization opportunities. Council should aim to increase the areas where dogs are allowed, instead of reducing them. Council is missing on the economic opportunity dogs can be.

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6495	I do not support the proposed change	I am strongly against the proposed changes. I own two properties in Glen Innes (I am living at one, and my ex-partner is living at the other). We greatly enjoy walking our dogs at Madills Farm (and occasionally at Glover Park). There is a strong and vibrant community of locals who walk their dogs at these parks. It is a great way to connect with the community and socialise, for both dogs and humans, by being able to let our dogs off leash to play with each other while the humans chat. The park is very accessible, flat and perfect for all ages and fitness levels to be able to enjoy the company of others. The proposed changes would significantly reduce the ability of dogs and their owners to enjoy this park. My dogs love chasing a ball, and there would not be space to safely throw a ball for them with the proposed changes. The sports field areas are also perfect for dogs to play without being at risk of running on to the road unlike the areas without sports fields. I have walked my dogs there for nearly five years, and have not witnessed any inappropriate behaviour by dogs or their owners. I note a couple of points in the paper proposing the changes: 1. The number of alleged rolled ankles. I would suggest that rolled ankles are part of life when playing in sporting events - I used to play/referee rugby/touch rugby (in Christchurch) and did roll my ankle once or twice, and that was at my local park where dogs were required to be on leash at all times (so clearly, did not contribute to digging holes). I also suspect that poor groundskeeping practice contributes to the issue, as it seems that any holes that do develop from sports being played on the fields are filled with sand, which does not seem to be a
6505	I do not support the proposed change	We should be able to use the sports fields when they are not in use
6510	I do not support the proposed change	In my opinion, if owners are not encouraging dogs to dig holes in the sports field surfaces, and the owners pick up the dog poop any dispose of the bags in a bin and the dogs are playing with each other, chasing a ball or a stick or a frisbee there is little harm that can occur to the surface of a playing field.

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6561	I do not support the proposed change	I am an older Aucklander (71)and whilst I do not have a dog myself, I regularly dog and house sit and use Madills Farm Recreation Reserve to exercise the dog and give myself some fresh air and the company of other dog owners/sitters. I am now moderately disabled and use a walker, other than around the home, so walking the dogs around the streets is no longer safe for me or the dog, if in fact it is possible. I can however, drive to the park and then walk around there. Within the park I can use my walker and the dog of the moment can run and sniff and play with other dogs. They are always, even off leash, within my control. I ALWAYS pick up "my" dogs poo and, on the very rare occasion I see a poo by another dog, I pick that up too; just as I see almost all other dog owners/walkers do. In the Auckland Council's feedback/comments to Official Information request 8140015334 it is mentioned that in the 2024 Winter Season "……damage to the surfaces contributed to 27 football ankle roll complaints from children and adults ……." Whilst it is not specified that the damage to surfaces is because of dog use, it seems to be implied. In a review of ankle injuries from soccer(football) Kolokotsios et al, (https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC8445148/pdf/cureus-0013-00000017228.pdf) stated that ankle injuries were amongst the most common in soccer players. They state: "The most common mechanisms of injury in the ankle area are contact with another player, noncontact injury, contact with apparatus (ball/goal post), and while being slide tackled" In 2018/19 the number of football injuries dealt with by ACC as claims from sport, were second only to rugby. It seems to me that football is inherently a high risk sport for injuries and maybe

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6567	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed amendments to the Dog Policy and Bylaw at Madills Farm (the Farm), specifically regarding the restriction of off-leash dog areas and the proposed limits on the number of dogs a person can walk. As a responsible dog owner, I believe these changes will negatively impact the well-being of both dogs and their owners and are not justified by the evidence provided, and will also undermine the principles of community recreation, access to public spaces and overall well-being that are inherent to the vision of Auckland. •Current Benefits of Dog Ownership: The document itself acknowledges that dogs provide companionship, emotional support, and foster social connections. The current policy allows dog owners to take their dogs to public places and have them off-leash, supporting social activity and community engagement. Restricting access to off-leash areas undermines these benefits and reduces opportunities for active recreation. •Proposed Limits on Number of Dogs: The proposal to limit the number of dogs a person can walk to a maximum of six, with no more than three off-leash, is arbitrary. This limit will particularly affect those who walk multiple dogs professionally, and limit the recreational options of responsible dog owners. A blanket limit is unnecessary when the focus should be on responsible dog ownership and effective control of dogs. •Impact on Dog Wellbeing and Recreation: Off-leash areas are vital for dogs to exercise and socialize. Limiting these areas will have a negative impact on their physical and mental health, which is counter to goals around active living and promoting well-being. The sources acknowledge the need to maintain opportunities for owners to take dogs into public places. The proposed changes contradict this principle, potentially causing more problems due to the lack of adequate space for dogs to exercise. •Regional Park Restrictions and Access: The proposed restrictions on specific
6568	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed & be on leash.
6581	I do not support the proposed change	we need more dog access

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6627	I do not support the proposed change	Dear Auckland Council, I am writing to formally oppose the proposed changes to dog access rules at Madills Farm. As a responsible dog owner and a member of the local community, I believe reducing dog access to this area would negatively impact both dog owners and the wider public. My opposition is based on three key reasons: 1. Madills Farm is a Vital Space for Responsible Dog Exercise and Socialisation Madills Farm is one of the few well-maintained, accessible, and safe areas where dogs can exercise and socialise off-leash. Regular exercise is essential for a dog's physical and mental well-being, helping to reduce behavioural issues. Responsible dog ownership includes providing dogs with opportunities to interact positively with other dogs and people, fostering a well-behaved pet community. Restricting access would push dog owners to less suitable areas, potentially increasing conflicts in other shared spaces. 2. Dog Owners Are Key Stakeholders in the Park's Maintenance and Safety Dog owners are some of the most frequent users of Madills Farm and play an active role in keeping the area safe and clean. Their consistent presence discourages anti-social behaviour, and they are often the first to report hazards or damage. Many dog owners also voluntarily pick up litter beyond just pet waste, contributing to the upkeep of the space. Reducing access would lessen this positive community engagement. 3. Existing Rules and Community Cooperation Already Ensure a Balanced Use of the Space The current dog access rules provide a fair balance between dog owners, sports teams, and other park users. Existing time-based restrictions and designated areas already mitigate potential conflicts. Further limitations would be unnecessary and unfairly penalise responsible dog owners without clear evidence of significant issues caused by current access. Instead of restricting access,
6629	I do not support the proposed change	Limiting areas where dogs are allowed off lead is just going to cause more issues than solutions. Breeds like huskys need large open areas to burn off energy and taking areas like this away will just cause more issues for owners and in return animal management services.
6636	I do not support the proposed change	I strongly oppose the proposed changes that would restrict dog access to on-leash only in certain parks, particularly Madills Farm Recreation Reserve and Glover Park. As mentioned earlier, my dog, like many others, needs the opportunity to run freely for proper exercise and mental stimulation. Restricting off-leash access in these areas would significantly impact the health and well-being of many dogs, including my own. This park has been a vital space for dogs to exercise off-leash, and these restrictions would take away an important outlet for dogs that require more space and freedom to stay healthy. I urge the council to reconsider these changes, as they would limit essential resources for dog owners and their pets.
6654	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs are part of the family life, including going to spots games. Both parks are great places to walk dogs and socialise them.

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6677	I do not support the proposed change	What ever changes Auckland Council make - unresponsible owners will not be impacted however as always responsible owners pay the price. Responsible owners are not the issue and neither are their dogs but by restricting further the areas that man can exercise mans best friend is penalising them. Auckland now has more dogs than ever before. These are the innocent creatures being punished. During Covid many people adopted a dog. Those dogs need exercise on and off a lead. By condensing the parks available to run dogs off a lead will only create congestion at those parks and raise the number of incidences. Sports fields are only used for a minimal number of hours each week so why at used times are they not able to be utilised by dog owners. We all pay rates for the services provided by council, so why cant ratepayers make the most of facilities. The issues are always around those unresponsible owners and that wont change just cos auckland council change the rules. Dog owners also like space. This limits confrontations. Council's proposals mean that families can't all go for a walk with their pets as the spaces their beloved pets are allowed will be severally limited. If they choose to go to a dog friendly park this will make the spaces council are allowing for dog use to be overcrowded with dogs and possibly children. A pure recipe for disaster!
6756	I do not support the proposed change	Subject: Strong Opposition to Proposed Dog Rule Changes - A Balanced Approach Needed To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes to Auckland Council's dog rules. I agree that all Aucklanders deserve safe and convenient access to outdoor spaces, and that our natural fauna and flora need to be protected. I believe these proposed changes are detrimental, misdirected, and will ultimately fail to achieve their stated goals. They unfairly penalize responsible dog owners while neglecting the core issues that contribute to conflict in shared spaces. Punishing the Responsible, Not Addressing the Problem The proposed changes disproportionately impact responsible dog owners who already abide by the existing rules. Restricting access for compliant owners does not address the behavior of those who choose to ignore the rules. In fact, it removes access for those who do follow the rules, while those who don’t will have even less incentive to change their behavior. This approach is counterproductive and will likely exacerbate existing tensions. Essential Needs of Dogs and Their Owners Dogs, like humans, require more than just walks on a leash for their physical and mental well-being. They need opportunities to run, play fetch, and socialize with other dogs. Restricting access to off-leash areas and beaches deprives dogs of these essential activities and negatively impacts their quality of life and ours. As your documents point out, exercise is crucial for a dog’s health, and simply

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6822	I do not support the proposed change	If the sports fields arent in use then I don’t see why they can be used by a dog under supervision noting good owners will pick up after their dog and bad owners won’t care about the rules anyway.
6852	I do not support the proposed change	I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes restricting dog access at Madills Farm and Glover Park . As a regular visitor and advocate for responsible pet ownership over 25 years, I believe these changes will negatively impact the community and contradict the original intent of the reserve. Background Madills Farm, located in Kohimarama, Auckland, has long been a cherished community space. The reserve features sports fields, playgrounds, and open areas that are integral to the local lifestyle. Currently, dogs are permitted in designated areas, fostering a harmonious environment for both pet owners and non-pet owners. Proposed Changes The proposed changes aim to prohibit dogs from the sports fields at all times. This includes areas where dogs have traditionally been allowed, potentially leading to increased congestion in other parts of the reserve. Such restrictions could diminish the quality of life for many residents who rely on these spaces for recreation and socialization. Concerns 1. Community Impact: Madills Farm and Glover Park serves as a vital recreational area for families, individuals, and pet owners. Restricting dog access could lead to overcrowding in other areas, reducing the overall enjoyment of the reserve. 2. Health and Well-being: Regular exercise and social interaction are essential for both pets and their owners. Limiting access to suitable areas could negatively affect the health and well-being of dogs and their owners.
6859	Other (please explain below)	I was going to speak against the freedoms for dogs. So perhaps mine could be submitted in writing please? I grew up in the regions and even in a small town - Ohope Beach/ Whakatane we didn't have a dog. My dad would say "dogs belong on farms". It seems that there are far too many these days who believe that dogs have as many rights as people. They don't need to be trained to come to heel and can toilet anywhere. If there's long grass at Madills, you walk through at your peril! It's really not suitable with the number of dogs in our local board area for Madills to still be an off leash area. A lot of time folks who let their dogs off have no idea where they've left their droppings. Small children will be rushed up to by out of control dogs. The extendable leads also create a hazard for kids on bikes.

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6877	I do not support the proposed change	FYI We have lived In Eastern Suburbs since 1962 We have walked our dogs nearly every day and then later together with our children. I met an ancestor of the family that gifted the park. IT WAS GIFTED TO THE PEOPLE includes OUR FURRY FAMILY MEMBERS IN GOOD FAITH! We hear the council purchased this land for a pittance! This should not allow people on council, who never enjoy or understand the pleasure of watching animals amd people socialise, having a 'safe' off lead play exercise, to change the use!This is premium mental and pysical good health. Lsst Sunday the beach was hosting a sailing comp, full tide and families, w their dogs wow so crowded! What will it be like w no Madills'? To date we have not observed visitors abuse the park, the sports teams mark their ground n peole respect this and utilise other areas of the field. You 'must ' understand the pleasure dog owners enjoy watching their dogs exercise in a safe environment. Why did council stop providing pooh bags??? What about a dispenser w a charge if our rates do not cover this convenience? How many dogs are owned in a five kilometre radius of the park paying dog rates?

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6914	I do not support the proposed change	Introduction I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes restricting dog access at Madills Farm. As a regular visitor and advocate for responsible pet ownership, I believe these changes will negatively impact the community and contradict the original intent of the reserve. Background Madills Farm, located in Kohimarama, Auckland, has long been a cherished community space. The reserve features sports fields, playgrounds, and open areas that are integral to the local lifestyle. Currently, dogs are permitted in designated areas, fostering a harmonious environment for both pet owners and non-pet owners. Proposed Changes The proposed changes aim to prohibit dogs from the sports fields at all times. This includes areas where dogs have traditionally been allowed, potentially leading to increased congestion in other parts of the reserve. Such restrictions could diminish the quality of life for many residents who rely on these spaces for
6922	I do not support the proposed change	Please don't take the walking for dogs away. I love Madills Farm so much and I especially love seeing all the dogs run and play together. I go to the dog park a lot and I love everything about it, and it'll be very sad if the dog park restricts dogs to being on the lead. I've met lots of friends, especially dog friends, and it won't be the same if all the dogs are on the lead.

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6939	I do not support the proposed change	See attached Summary of Attachment Informal Survey was Conducted on February 12, 2025, with 86 participants. Overwhelming Support: 94% (81 out of 86) of respondents support the status quo of off-leash areas. Safety and Enjoyment: Many respondents find Madills Park a safe and enjoyable place for walking dogs. Concerns and Comments Dog Feces: Some respondents mentioned the need for better enforcement and provision of plastic bags for dog waste. Football Club's Position: Several respondents felt the football club's concerns about injuries and field damage were exaggerated. Health and Safety: They disputed the football club's claims about injury risks from dog holes, citing his extensive experience in medical and rescue services. Additional Points Well-Behaved Dogs: No respondents reported issues with aggressive dogs, dog fights, or dog attacks. Community Resource: Emphasis on the importance of shared spaces for both dog owners and other park users.
6940	Other (please explain below)	This park needs to be fully on-leash, other than a specific off-leash in one of the sports-fields when not in use. I have been to this park with my children, thinking this would be a safe place for them to ride their bikes. The children themselves sadly told me we had to leave due to the off-leash dogs. We have not been back since.

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6947	I do not support the proposed change	Introduction I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed restrictions on dog access at Madills Farm and Glover park. As a regular visitor and advocate for responsible pet ownership, I believe these changes will negatively impact the community and contradict the original intent of the reserve. Background Madills Farm, located in Kohimarama, and Glover Park, St Heliers in Auckland, are cherished community spaces. The reserves feature sports fields, playgrounds, and open areas that are integral to the local lifestyle. It is a community space where dogs have a positive influence on people and on social connection. I see young and old enjoying dogs, people of all ethnicities enjoying dogs, and well behaved dogs loving their opportunity to run free and 'make friends' with other dogs (resulting in many social connections also among their owners). This is a precious treasure for our community in a day and age where things are tough for many. It also has a positive flow-on effect for people's mental and physical health, of which I have heard many stories where people now on their own after losing their life partners, make critical connections and friendships. Proposed Changes The proposed changes aim to prohibit dogs from the sports fields at all times. This includes areas where dogs have traditionally been allowed, potentially leading to increased congestion in other parts of the reserve, despite the fact that the area of the reserve proposed changes is used for sport at MOST 15% of the total hours in any year. Such unreasonable restrictions would diminish the quality of life for
6956	I do not support the proposed change	Restricting dog owners to use the whole park is unfair and unreasonable. Families, the elderly have used the park for many year. It is a reason people live in kohi not to play soccer . THere are other fields in close proximity. Dogs do not damage the fields-soccer boots do!

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6963	I do not support the proposed change	see attached Summary of Attachment: Original Deed Conditions: Changes should align with the original deed of gift for Madill's Farm to ensure compliance with its terms. Community Impact: Madill's Farm is a vital recreational area for families and pet owners. Restricting dog access could lead to overcrowding in other areas and reduce overall enjoyment. Health and Well-being: Regular exercise and social interaction at Madill's Farm benefit both pets and their owners, contributing to mental and physical health. Safety Concerns: The reported ankle injuries due to dog damage are disputed, suggesting a need for a formal comparison with non-dog access parks. Field Usage and Damage: The wear and tear from football and other sports are significant contributors to field damage, not just dogs. Community Consultation: There has been insufficient consultation with the community and club members regarding the proposed changes. Ratepayers and Fees: Dog owners pay high rates and registration fees, while the sports club pays minimal rent despite significant funds. Chemical Spraying Risks: Concerns about the risk to dogs from chemical spraying on fields, which should be publicly notified. Recommendations:

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6970	I do not support the proposed change	See attached Summary of Attachment: Loss of Access for Dogs •Impact on Daily Routines: Changes to access can significantly alter local people's daily routines, limiting dog exercise opportunities and requiring dog owners to drive to other locations. •Shift Workers: Close-to-home access is crucial for shift workers. •Overcrowding: More dogs in fewer spaces can lead to overcrowding, especially during summer and bird breeding seasons. •Safety and Accessibility: Open, flat areas with good sight lines are important for young families, older people, and women. Madills Farm •No Alternative Access: No alternative off-leash access is offered in lieu of removal. •Inconsistent Rules: Orakei has other dog access rules that are inconsistent with regional rules, such as winter restrictions on beaches. •Lack of Analysis: No analysis from the Council on the impact on dog owners or alternative off-leash areas. Analysis of Alternative Off-Leash Areas •St Heliers and Kohimarama Beach: Subject to time and season rules, with no off-leash access during summer and restrictions during winter. •Dingle Dell Bush Reserve: Not suitable for open space exercise, terrain not suitable for older owners or pram access. •Maskell Park: Small area, probably smaller than one sports field. •Ladies Bay/Gentlemen's Bay: Access issues and not family-friendly. •Karaka Bay: Access issues. •Mary Atkin Reserve: Small area, about the size of one sports field. •Churchill Reserve: Likely to see increased use due to limited off-leash options.
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7268	I do not support the proposed change	•Another 10k dogs were registered since the last review by council are constantly reducing off-leash areas in Auckland, we keep seeing erosion of access •Ōrākei has a high dog ownership rate •Already have winter restrictions on beaches which is an outlier across other local boards, if you want to get rid of Madills to make it consistent then you should get rid of winter rules •No suitable off-leash areas nearby. Where else can dog owners go? St Heliers Beach and others are not all family friendly or have a time and season rule, which only leaves Churchill and Glendowie which aren't local parks •None of the analysis looks at how many people are using the space as dog owners •I have a feeling that the original reason why Madills Farm and Glover were made off-leash spaces were because of restrictions on beaches (if you are taking access away, what are you giving back in return?) •Other off-leash areas were removed in previous bylaw reviews •The amount of people who showed up together tells you how important this is for dog owners •You taking away access can change a person's daily routine quite substantially •Local parks have huge value for dog owners •Ōrākei is 6th in dog registration numbers in Auckland, and they are also high in resopnsible dog ownership rates •Question from LB: have you gone to other local boards and advocated that they do this for their sports parks? •I don't know why this isn't in place elsewhere? No body else has got Ōrākei's rule
7270	I do not support the proposed change	•Would be a tragedy if we can't take our dogs to Madills •Ōrākei has the largest dog ownership among the Auckland boards •To take this away is taking away the character of the community.

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7276	I do not support the proposed change	•Express support for maintaining existing dog access rules at Madills Farm •Have experienced numerous benefits in using this area •Moved into the area recently and being able to have access to a dog walking area was a huge factor in choosing where we were going to live, Madills Farm was a big deciding point and felt like home •Madills Farm area is very safe and a controlled environment and is really safe for the older generation, my older father was able to go out with a dog easily •Off-leash access in the park plays an important role in seeing that other areas of the suburb aren't overused like Kohimarama Beach •Want to stress the community spirit around dog owners and the fact that we are quite responsible •Often I will reprimand other dog owners for not picking up after a dog •We always respect each other's space and pick up after other dog owners •Have researched incidents reported to dog management, looking at the Animal Management report last year Kohimarama doesn't even feature which suggested really low number of dog incidents •This is a very dog responsible area so please give us a chance
7277	Other (please explain below)	•Seen the benefits of dog ownership, my daughter had issues with behaviour and isolation at school and as a child she was in the dog park making friends with people •My daughter met people of all ages including an 80 year old women who she remained friends with until she died •Dogs being off leash on the flat part of the park enables a range of people to come together where they have safe, easy access to the park •Pushing people to the edges of the park will encroach on children's use of the paths on their bicycles, if you push everyone to the edges it would make the edges more congested •As you get older it is harder to make new friends and the park is one way of doing this •There is more housing and no spaces for people to go, we can't underestimate the importance of this kind of place for developing communities •Every user of the park takes a toll, the cricketers urinate under the tree, the football players leave rubbish, the dog owners aren't perfect but we are like a big family and all take part in looking after the space •If we could all use the space harmoniously.
7279	Other (please explain below)	•Sense of community with other users, I would never talk to a stranger without my dogs but I feel comfortable talking with other dog owners at Madills •Madills is really relaxing, if you put us by the road there is no way that it will be relaxing, I would not take my dog to this area as it is dangerous •The smell of the edges of Madills when the storm water isn't working in foul and I would not take my dog there •It helps new immigrants too. I have talked to new immigrants I have met at Madills and made connections with them.

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7281	I do not support the proposed change	•I am 70 and have a heart condition, Madills is important to me because it is flat •People will come up and make sure I pick up after my dog, people are almost religious about this •It is a precious resource for the community •I can't have my dog near the road and I can't explain to my dog that that white line is as far as you can go •You are effectively removing off-leash access all together •When it rains it is the only place you can take your dog that is not a bog
7284	I do not support the proposed change	•Eastern Suburb Football Club sent out email saying 'our understanding is that Madills Farm and Glover Park are the only off-leash sports fields left in Auckland' •These sports fields are our neighbourhood parks •Are we that insensitive to our dog owners that we are going to prohibit them? •There will be more cars on the road if we have to drive to other parks – at least 500 more cars on the road a day •I do not support the change and the Eastern Suburbs Football Club website says they have 6 fields on Madills Farm, not 5. •The proposal is pulling the community apart •Dogs of Madills really do celebrate sports users of the park.
7285	I do not support the proposed change	•Not once felt that their health and safety were compromised ever •Recommend status quo and coexisting together
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7288	I do not support the proposed change	•Strongly opposed •It is a community centre for everyone •No evidence of dog poo or dogs digging •Madills is built on a swamp, the whole land moves across the year •The holes are blowholes caused by a very high water table •The repairs are expensive but us ratepayers are paying for it •No one lets their dog misbehave down there, dog owners in the morning are the first people to pick up rubbish in the morning •There is an amazing atmosphere there •You need time to wind down after work which this park is great for •Lots of disabled and elderly people there, this proposal would severely affect them •Old lady comes there every day at 7am •Why are we changing something that works in harmony? •I appreciate that a blanket rule is easy to implement but we are robbing a whole community •It will impact the harmony of the balance of the area •I urge you to go there and have a look at how well the community connects there
7289	I do not support the proposed change	•Was a previous elected member of former Eastern Bays Community Board (EBCB) and used to be Trees, Parks and Reserves Representative for the EBCB •Previous advice from Auckland City Council tried to ban dogs at Madills with no evidence to support argument that people might get infections from dog faeces. Medical experts did not support council's views •At that time our recommendation to the Eastern Bays Community Board was to not ban dogs on Madills and Glover and this was endorsed by the ECBC •Possible human injuries from sport – medical exports do not support Auckland Council evidence •It would be a massive disservice to the community to reduce dogs •The current rule has endured the test of time and changing it would have a tremendous negative impact on the community •Current bylaws should be retained in their present form •Final recommendation is that members of the local board should observe the behaviour of dogs and owners at Madills Farm before making a decision.
7290	I do not support the proposed change	•My submission echoed what Shelly said (supportive of status quo) •Sports fields are not commonly used fully so they are sitting empty
7292	Other (please explain below)	•Feels safe at Madills Farm no matter what time of the day as the park is overlooked by so many homes •Wouldn't feel safe walking dog near the road •Supportive of option one.

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7293	I do not support the proposed change	•It is beneficial to children to be involved with pets •Have been walking my dog 7 days a week twice a day at Madills and Glover – around 700 hours a year •Dog owners are respectful and children learn from dogs in the park •All users of the park are cooperating in this space •Madills was given as a shared space and it is living up to it. •There are lots of us elderly people living alone and the benefit of walking dogs is that it helps you socialise with the community and prevent dementia.
7295	Other (please explain below)	•What happens every four years? When this park was made there was no buildings or sports fields on the park, every four years we get pushed to less park space for people and more park space for sports users •We are taking 80% of park users and giving them 20% of the park •We behave well, the soccer players do not. I pick up rubbish from soccer players all the time •Think about the users of the park and not taking up the whole park exclusively.