
Local dog access rules 2025

Howick local parks

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99	Other (please explain below)	The rules aren't clear. Are they still allowed to be off leash in the park when more than 10m away from the village? It would be good to impose off lease dog parks where dogs can be contained away from people who don't want to be near them but still allowed to run freely and play. Most housing in auckland does not have back yards but there are not enough facilities for dogs to play and swim off leash ... especially in summer when it is so hot and they need to cool off. Maybe stronger enforcement and penalties for those who have dangerous dogs and don't pick up after their dogs could be implemented? Dangerous dogs could be muzzled which would seriously reduce the likelihood of attacks (my dog has had several incidents where off leash pitbulls have charged and jumped on his back). This is just walking around the streets and not even at parks so muzzles on those dogs would be great. Failure to pick up dog poo is a littering fine? Can you use cctv to capture the offenders? No one wants dog poo lying around so maybe we could fine them and the people that flick their cigarette butts everywhere. You would probably make enough in fines to cover the wages required to monitor. My dog is so placid and gentle and everyone loves him when they meet him but the existing rules already limit the options for good dogs and good dog owners. There needs to be a more targeted approach to problematic dogs and their irresponsible owners.
111	I support the proposed change	Too many children, cars, etc in this park. Historical Village is popular with children and old people and dogs should be on a leash to safeguard these visitors.
164	I do not support the proposed change	Policy is too complicated. People can easily miss signage. Just have one rule for the entire park.
434	I support the proposed change	Due to a few irresponsible dog owners, letting their dogs run free when they are at least 50 meters away ..
481	Other (please explain below)	Dogs in leash at all times
512	I don't know	Hard to police unless there are some kind of barriers or fencing to indicate where off-lead finishes and on-lead starts.
521	Other (please explain below)	I have questions. Have there been incidents which this idea is in response to? The chickens and ducks are usually behind the village fences are they not?
531	I support the proposed change	A lot of people and traffic around the Historical Village. Need to also have an on-leash only restriction for the mountain bike track there and the cycle paths that pass through this Park

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541	I do not support the proposed change	Cats are responsible for far more bird 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
563	I do not support the proposed change	current rule is enough to protect the animals. More restriction, more problem, and less enforceable, eg. how to tell "within 10m of Howick Historical Village"? Hope common sense prevail.
673	I do not support the proposed change	I have not encountered any issues around this area
1175	I do not support the proposed change	The historical village is completely fenced and allow dogs on leash. As a local who has walked dogs in this area for 18 years and visit the historic village all the time, they should only be able to dictate dog rules in their own fenced area. The park is large enough for everyone to enjoy this space and is a cherished park for all.
1179	I support the proposed change	There is an off-leash fenced area across from the netball courts providing a safe area for dogs to run around. I'd like to see this better maintained but it's still a great option.
1520	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules are great as it is.
1752	I support the proposed change	I walk my dog here and already put him on lead near the carpark by rugby fields past the howick historical village. I have no issue with it being made official. It's a safety thing for. dogs too near the roads. The walk wsy over the otherside following parallel to Aviemore drive should remain off lead. It is ideal and most fog owners are respectful of each other and their dogs on or off lead.
1810	I do not support the proposed change	There is no proposed controlled off leash area for dogs at all at this park. This is the only park in east Auckland that accommodates to controlled off leash area for dogs. If this is taken away then where are the dogs going to exercise?!
1925	I support the proposed change	Dogs on leash preferred as some off leash not under control
2124	I do not support the proposed change	We take our dogs to Lloyd Elsmore Park all the time, the villege is gated anyway, and there have been no problem in the area that we know of, why do you need the dogs to be 10m away from the villege? That area is very small already!
2215	I support the proposed change	Sensible it's a small high use area and rest of park is ok to have dog under control. Makes sense
2233	I support the proposed change	This is a very popular area and many people may object to roaming dogs

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2285	I do not support the proposed change	It is a large open area with plenty of space. Dog owners are responsible with their dogs in this space, we go there all the time and don't witness any problems. We don't need to create rules for problems which don't exist. Dogs cannot get into Howick Historical village as it is a fully gated space so the animals within the community are safe in their space.
2398	I do not support the proposed change	I resist any more restrictions on local parks and beaches for walking my dog
2464	I support the proposed change	It clarifies where dogs are allowed to be off lead, and will increase safety for patrons at the historical village.
2561	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs accompanied by their owners under control are not usually the problem Unaccompanied Dogs roaming free are more likely to be an issue
2562	Other (please explain below)	Leads need to be used another case of big dogs harassing and nipping small dogs and their owners verbally abusing small dog owners when asked to control or take control of their dog. Some cases prompting their dogs to go fetch the small dogs
2578	I support the proposed change	Promotes a safer park experience for everyone, recognizes explicitly that dogs on leash need to be controlled
2692	I do not support the proposed change	This is one of very few off leash options in the location. There is a huge amount of space for everyone to share.
2697	I support the proposed change	With regard to the limiting access to Lloyd Elsmore Park, I believe this has been initiated because dogs off lead have been getting into the Howick Historical Village and killing livestock. I walk close to the Howick Historical Village and I can say that I have never seen chickens etc on the actual park land and the Village is actually fenced. Rather than ban dogs from that area of the park where the paths provide access from Aviemore Drive to the drive through Lloyd Elsmore Park I propose that dogs should be on a lead only in that area. The area causing concern is near to a children's play area and therefore if dogs were on lead it would make a safer environment for children in the play area. I do not believe banning dogs from this area but rather see the area as on leash only. Lloyd Elsmore is a very popular walking area for dog walkers, senior citizens and families with or without dogs.
2813	I do not support the proposed change	If a dog is menacing it should be taken off its owners, under control off leash dogs should not be penalized
3113	I do not support the proposed change	There are already no off-leash parks for dogs in East Auckland, and the small enclosed fenced area for dogs to exercise is too small. If there are multiple dogs playing in that pen, that could cause more problems to arise, and potential risks for dogs to be attacked or injured if they do not have enough space to escape. It is better that they can be out and have wider space to play and avoid any tension with other dogs.

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3382	I support the proposed change	Too many irresponsible dog owners that cannot look after them properly - so why have them? These owners think that they too good to pick up their dog droppings after they fouled the pavement. If they are unable to look after their dogs properly then don't have them. I am fed up with irresponsible dog owners having dangerous dogs and allowing them to enter and foul areas where children play.
3398	I support the proposed change	The park is huge. Dont need dogs to have off leash for whole area
3733	I support the proposed change	It is a busy area eith lots of citizen and transport thoroughfare. It makes sense for dogs to be under control in this area
3806	Other (please explain below)	dogs should be under leash in the whole park. There are children, players, cars all over the places. Not suitable for unleashed dogs roaming around.
3911	I do not support the proposed change	We love exercising our dog with a ball near, not next to, the marble play area. That way our kid gets to play where he wants to and we can exercise our dog. There has been ongoing issues with roaming dogs that attack at Lloyd elsmore and I don't feel these rule changes are going to have any impact on the safety of the animals at the village. We need better laws around roaming dogs, not wait for them to be seen attacking before anything can be done. Most people with or without dogs will not hang around a scary looking roaming dog to collect the video evidence needed to charge the owners.
4133	I support the proposed change	An off leash dog has previously jumped at my daughters and I in this park. Scary for a two year old and a parent. Owners don't tend to care and don't demonstrate responsibility
4225	I do not support the proposed change	As explained earlier - I don't feel there is any need to change the laws at Lloyd Elsmore in relation to dog walking. Lived and walked the Park for 25 years, never heard of any "incidents" surrounding or in Howick Historic Village. Would love to know what those incidents were that there is a proposed law change. Seems silly quite frankly. Maybe deal with the homeless in their caravans in the carpark rather than the responsible dog owners.
4269	I do not support the proposed change	Many elderly owners walk their dogs off the lead in the park because the dogs travel faster, covering more ground but are still on a verbal lead. A dog can't know if it is within 10 mtrs of a no go area. I think you should credit the dog owner with enough intelligence to be able to restrain the dog when necessary, after all, there are many situations where we have to do this out of consideration with other owners and other dogs.
4357	I do not support the proposed change	i mentioned this in the other part of the form. I have walked my dog there on evenings when my daughter has hockey never been any issues but we are generally on the field by the hockey stadium which is across the road from howick village. there have never been any issues i can see people and their dogs there are always respectful i dont think any changes are required here unless someone can provide details of events including dogs that would cause a need for this to be changed.
4378	I support the	This is a huge park and the area around the Historical Village & Cafe has a huge

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4458	I do not support the proposed change	The dogs who have attacked are roaming dogs not ones with owners. It is the owners whose dogs attack that need to be prosecuted as they are not keeping them under control and ruining it for the rest of the dog owners.
4539	I support the proposed change	Safer for all.
4697	I support the proposed change	Dogs off leash are a nuisance
4699	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be on leash in the park, it is next to sport fields and play grounds. Too much dog poo is being left and dogs are scaring the birds on the pond
4840	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be on leash in all areas of Lloyd Elsmore Park, not just 10m from the historical village. Again this is just setting up for failure by suggesting they can be off leash if more than 10m from the village
4979	I support the proposed change	Ensure preservation and control around Howick Historical Village
5235	I support the proposed change	Gives freedom to all those wanting to walk the park in safety
5365	I do not support the proposed change	Because it's unnecessary. What "animals" are there at the historical village except occasionally at "live" weekends when anyone with a brain would keep their dog under control. They are already banned from the village.
5418	I support the proposed change	Small dogs are generally no issue. But big dogs always do not stay nearby the owner. They wander off, sometimes scaring older adults and children. I go to gym there and I see big dogs wandering without being on leash. I live in Farm Cove and I say this problem all the time at the Rotary Walkway. I once saw two German shepherds off leash.
5564	I support the proposed change	All dogs should be on a lead near playgrounds / cafes
5628	I do not support the proposed change	It is redundant. There are already rules in place that off leash dogs need to be under effective control. If dogs are climbing over the fence or breaking through the fence to get into the historical village then they are not under control. That's the rule that needs to be enforced not further restricting the amount of space that controlled off leash dogs have to exercise in.
5636	I do not support the proposed change	It's ridiculous, I personally have never seen a dog run from the pohutakawa area of Lloyd Elsmore park into the historic village, but if they were that out of control, and so inclined, 10m isn't going to make a blind bit of difference. All this is doing is making it inconvenient for the dog walking public, the entire area is fenced anyway, so it's not like the dog can just wander in. I am presuming that is the area you're targeting as the rest of the area around the historic village isn't off-leash anyway as it's either bordered by a playing field, roads or the creek. There are also no animals wandering in that part of the historical village as it is the location of the homestead cafe and its carpark. Basically nothing about this proposal makes any sense.
5664	I do not support the proposed change	We pay you annual registration fees. Can you please provide a list of what facilities are available for our dogs for that fee? Please let the dogs live freely and in peace. Stop restricting their access

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5786	Other (please explain below)	I support the proposed change but it should also state that "Dogs allowed under control off a leash at all times other than within 10m of the howick historical village which is 'under control on a leash.
5818	I support the proposed change	there are other spots around the BACK of the village that are safe for the dogs to run free
5820	I support the proposed change	helps keep owners accountable
5832	I do not support the proposed change	We have a well controlled dog who likes to run off leash near us.
5855	I support the proposed change	Support the change but it needs to go wider and also provide better areas than this.
6006	I support the proposed change	Understandable
6051	I support the proposed change	Less disturbing for the public and still gives dog lovers a big area for off leash running thank you
6202	I support the proposed change	First, I am a long-time dog owner. Several of my staff and volunteers are dog owners. There is nothing better than seeing your dog running free, full throttle, into the horizon. It is majestic (and sometimes comical). But as a dog owner, I am aware of the risk associated with an unleashed dog: you can't control the environment into which you take your dog. And I am responsible for a space that involves cars, delivery trucks, bicycles, foot traffic, children, chickens, ducks, and pukekos. While the latter three are contained to the interior of the Village, the former often mix within the public and paying spaces of the Village. My one constant concern is unleashed dogs. To be clear, I am aware that our café is frequented by dog walkers who know a good cup of coffee when they sip it. My goal is not to dissuade or discourage dog owners or walkers from coming into our space, but to encourage them to be vigilant about their charges. The easiest way to do that is by requiring them to leash their dogs nearby and onsite. I am asking for the leash requirements to be applied to the café parking lot and spaces within the picket fence and from the Village fence outward, and then to run around our perimeter. This request is not only for our fowl, but also because unleashed dogs are vulnerable to the cars, delivery trucks, and bikes that constantly enter and exit the Village. The foot and bike paths cross in front of our entry gate, and often unleashed dogs round the corner toward the entrance before their owners appear. I myself have had to stop short several times in order to not hit a dog that has materialized out of nowhere.

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6962	I don't know	Historical village is fenced. Can dogs get in there or can animals get out? If this new rule goes ahead there needs to be clear and adequate signage to inform dog - walkers
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84	Other (please explain below)	There are no animals at Howick Historical Village, why is this an issue? This is the only off leash area in the whole park.
100	Other (please explain below)	Wording needs to be clarified whether dogs are still allowed off leash outside the area within 10m of the Howick Historical Village or not
180	I support the proposed change	Safer for everyone.
239	I do not support the proposed change	High energy dogs need off leash parks to play fetch to exercise and release tension in their stressful modern lives. A well exercised dog is calm and obedient. You can't achieve the level of exercise required on leash for a high energy dog.
389	I do not support the proposed change	Few unruly dogs should not be reason for total ban - lot of dogs are way better behaved off leash than on leash! Also over leashing dogs will result in less socializing and more fear for animals for non dog owners. Rather than blanket "on leash" the law may say "off leash in control"
417	I do not support the proposed change	I advocate for being allowed dogs under control and on leash in more of Auckland's regional parks and within more areas of Auckland's regional parks. Walking and hiking in Auckland's 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 bad dog ownership, not making it impossible for good dogs and owners to enjoy wholesome, healthy activities in our own neighborhoods.
523	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs should be allowed on all public areas under control at all times unless there is a non kauri die back conservation need
926	I support the proposed change	Still allows dogs but better for other animals

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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.
987	I do not support the proposed change	Unenforceable, you could have the owner and dog 15m away then the dog runs 5 meters and is in breach.
1025	Other (please explain below)	Unclear wording are they not allowed farther than 10m of the village? Or is this just being added on to the original off leash rule?
1028	Other (please explain below)	Dogs should be on leash at all times in the entire park
1149	I support the proposed change	Most dogs are friendly and safe but one or two are poorly trained and dangerous. These dogs put everyone at risk.
1206	I support the proposed change	Dogs should be on lead I have been bitten by a dog here that was coming after my dog. The lady had 3 dogs and no control. One of the small dogs kept repeatedly trying to attack my dog. My daughter was there at the time and it was very distressing for us all.
1312	I support the proposed change	For safety
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.
1542	I support the proposed change	However I believe it should be a further distance

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1587	I do not support the proposed change	I believe the current rules are sufficient and shouldn't be made stricter. Many of us already struggle to find spaces where dogs can enjoy off-leash fun. Tightening regulations would only make it more challenging and disappointing. As mentioned, dogs are like our kids. If stricter rules are necessary, then why not regulate children too? For example, keeping babies away from other creatures, restricting them from playgrounds, or even banning screaming and crying in public. It's about fairness and balance for everyone. I believe the current rules are sufficient and shouldn't be made stricter. Many of us already struggle to find spaces where dogs can enjoy off-leash fun. Tightening regulations would only make it more challenging and disappointing. As mentioned, dogs are like our kids. If stricter rules are necessary, then why not regulate children too? For example, keeping babies away from other creatures, restricting them from playgrounds, or even banning screaming and crying in public. It's about fairness and balance for everyone.
1789	I support the proposed change	dogs currently take over the park, toilet everywhere and walkers are not cleaning them up. I have to move to another area when they turn up in huge numbers.
1854	Other (please explain below)	Same for all areas - we should have a section for owners and dogs to be off leash during summer.
1914	I do not support the proposed change	I don't support the reduction of dog access
1977	I do not support the proposed change	There are plenty of walking tracks around here that make it very difficult to put a dog on leash, when they are still well within the track
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.
2176	I support the proposed change	It's a sensible measure that reflects most places
2181	I do not support the proposed change	This would exclude the local Cafe, a favorite spot of dog owners in the area.
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.

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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.
2242	I do not support the proposed change	Where is the history all the domestic dog attacks here? There are very limited places to exercise a dog properly
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.
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.
2511	I support the proposed change	Seems fair & reasonable
2529	I support the proposed change	Dogs being off leash in Lloyd elsmore didn't make sense. They need to be on leash for safety reasons. Support the change.
2604	I do not support the proposed change	Glover park without dogs is a boring empty place
2652	I support the proposed change	That seems reasonable.
2713	I do not support the proposed change	We should be allowed to have access to these places as well
2837	I do not support the proposed change	Complex rule (where is the boundary) for seemingly little purpose, running dogs create a risk for whom exactly? And would this risk not exist elsewhere in the park? An uncontrolled dog won't care for the restriction.
2871	I do not support the proposed change	Too restrictive to responsible dog owners
2879	I do not support the proposed change	I don't think this is necessary. The Howick Historical Village is fully fenced and separate from the rest of Lloyd Elsmore. There are also access roads alongside and nearby where a dog owner would not allow an off leash dog to go anyway. This seems an unnecessary restriction. I walk my dog frequently in Lloyd Elsmore. As it happens it is always on leash, but I can't see how the dogs that are offlead would cause any material harm to people going in and out of the Village, let alone those inside.
3360	I support the proposed change	Much prefer dogs on leash at all times
3462	I do not support the proposed change	What research sits behind this change? Please provide your data.
3633	I support the proposed change	Dogs off leash are dangerous
3778	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules work well
3799	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs do not go into HHV however there are many walking tracks nearby. Why make a rule 10m away? Unnecessary

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3862	I do not support the proposed change	10 m is ok and the historical village shouldn't be a major exercise area for dogs, the park should be
3936	I do not support the proposed change	Current rules are fine, no issues of note
3959	I do not support the proposed change	Sogs in this area are well behaved and all owners are responsible
4013	I do not support the proposed change	Dog should be able to be off leach and under control and allowed in all areas
4132	I do not support the proposed change	Restricting the space dog owners have when there is increasing dog numbers, will only force dogs to interact in these smaller spaces which brings about potential for conflict/incidents.
4191	I do not support the proposed change	Too resrictive
4207	I don't know	As long as there are off leash areas that dog owners have round the clock access to and that these areas are not too limiting, as that in itself can create unnecessary tension between dogs where there isn't enough space for them all to share and use.
4428	I do not support the proposed change	I do not understand this change. The proposal is very confusing but it looks like there will be no off leash area? If this is the case then it is an appalling decision and I definitely oppose it. I have walked dogs in this park for years off leash and have had no problem. I would like to continue to do so.
4436	I support the proposed change	It reduces the risk of conflicts, but will need clear signage.
4489	I do not support the proposed change	I want less restrictions not more
4521	I support the proposed change	This is a unique visitors place and with the high volumes of visitors dogs should be kept on leash
4617	I do not support the proposed change	No problems so leave it alone
4619	I do not support the proposed change	You have to walk near historical village on walking track
4660	I do not support the proposed change	The area is too small. Dogs should be prohibited from the area around the village, or if permitted on-leash, then a much wider radius around the village.
4735	I support the proposed change	seems ok
4764	I do not support the proposed change	there are few options for safe off leash dog exercise areas
4804	Other (please explain below)	Wording should be clearer to indicated that dogs are allowed off leash at all times in areas other than within 10m of Howick Historical Village. I strongly support dogs being allowed off leash in this park, as long as well under control.
4821	I do not support the proposed change	If dogs are under control there is no problem.

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4855	I do not support the proposed change	With the increase in high density housing dogs need space to run around. Limiting this seems counter to the infrastructure needs of the city. With more people being single and not having children dog ownership is on the rise. We need to ensure dogs have places to be free.
4879	I support the proposed change	Personal safety
4888	I support the proposed change	Needs better control
4947	I do not support the proposed change	The village is surrounded by fences.
4981	I do not support the proposed change	They are only allowed on leash within 10m of the village. Very restrictive. Increased likelihood of events. The park is massive and is used well by off lead and on lead dogs.
5023	I support the proposed change	10m is reasonable and people have no reason to keep their dog off-leash the moment you get close to a busy or well-frequented area.
5044	I do not support the proposed change	Limited foot traffic around Howick Historical Village, especially during weekends. Not a balanced act for blanket approach. Consider implementing change subject to hours of the day or week.
5103	I do not support the proposed change	There is no reason for the change, it is an attack on dog owners
5260	I do not support the proposed change	Auckland is already so restrictive to dogs, give us and them a break. Stop with all the restrictions, its madness. Please. Look amd learn from the south island.
5267	I do not support the proposed change	As long as the owner has control of the dog it should be off leash. It's not the dogs fault if they have poor owners therefore their happiness shouldn't be taken away from them. The entire area should be off leash, in the consideration that if it gets closer to howick village on the bases of the owner to leash if necessary
5419	I do not support the proposed change	This is actually the dumbest proposed change so far.
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
5568	I do not support the proposed change	If a dog is on a leash or under control no further restrictions are necessary. Don't punish good dog owners. We have as much rights to use our public spaces as everyone else.
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.
5680	I support the proposed change	Had no idea they were allowed off leash but we did it anyways when no one else was around. Good to know!

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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.
5751	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support the parks that I have selected. We use these all the time. Madills is a community area that was gifted and should not be taken over by a sports club.
5822	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs need to be able to run and sniff. An exercised dog is a happy dog
5864	I do not support the proposed change	there are so many sports fields and children at Lloyd elsmore that off leash dogs are a danger. make it off leash before 8 and after 6.
5918	I do not support the proposed change	Current Rules clear.
5947	I support the proposed change	This leaves plenty of room for off-leash walking and is a reasonable change.
6037	I don't know	I was going to not support the chnage but iif it is to support birds in the village that is fine. Next time please specify what you mean by 'animals' in the sentence above
6050	I do not support the proposed change	What is the rate of incidents happened at the Llpyd Elsmore Park? And what risks are you talking about? Need to be more transparent. There aren't many off-leash park at the East area and the council still want to limit the freedom and exercise of dogs. Would your kids be happy if the parks are limited to 10 people at a time with 30mins playtime each? Why not put some safety barriers around the playgrounds instead which is indeed safer for both kids, parents and dogs. At least kids can't 'run away' too further and dogs cannot access these areas.
6077	Other (please explain below)	So how is anyone or a dog supposed to judge 10m, and what difference is 10m to a dog running at 35kms an hour chasing a non-catchable swallow for example. Seriously? Put a fence up if 10m is so important
6110	I do not support the proposed change	Reducing the places dogs can be exercised off leash is unwarranted.
6268	I do not support the proposed change	I do not support any change. They should be allowed to roam freely under controlled supervision.
6282	I support the proposed change	The tightening of controls is good. However the 10 metre zone would need to be easily identifiable. Enforcement is key. Without enforcement, the rules are meaningless.
6447	I do not support the proposed change	Expand areas and times that dog owners can access with their companions
6464	I do not support the proposed change	Dogs needs to be let off lead somewhere to live a fulfilled life and it is and flat, with a path, great for the elderly and disabled.

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6478	I do not 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.
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 dogs are and what they are doing - do not want children frightened by dogs when out enjoying valuable time with the family
6544	I support the proposed change	If very clearly signposted with multiple signs
6746	I do not support the proposed change	Need to be off leash to get proper exercise for big dogs
6850	I support the proposed change	The number of people who are not able to control their dogs off-leash in this area is high. While I haven't had any problems with aggression as of yet, it is still disconcerting to have dogs running up.
6940	Other (please explain below)	Lloyd Elsmore is a park that is very well used by children, with clubs including the BMX club, playground, pool carpark and other clubs. The whole park should be an on-leash area, other than a specific designated off-leash area. Any designated off-leash area should be at least 100m - 200m away from busy areas, given many dog breeds can run at a speed of up to 8 metres per second.