

Ōmokoroa Dog exercise area location

Decision Story - 2024

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on dog exercise areas in Ōmokoroa.

Western Bay of Plenty District Council has decided not to establish a dog exercise area at Links View Drive Reserve or Precious Family Reserve.

Recent consultation

Community engagement was held on the preferred location for Ōmokoroa's proposed dog exercise area from February to March 2024.

892 pieces of feedback were received

This feedback consisted of the following:

- **321** responses with support for Links View Drive Reserve
- **324** responses with support for Precious Family Reserve
- **171** responses telling us they were against building a dog exercise area anywhere in Ōmokoroa

Decision

In order to support the longstanding aspirations of many in the community who want a dog exercise area in Ōmokoroa, while also considering the strong views for both locations, we signalled an intent to build a dog exercise area within the future Active Reserve at the corner of Prole Road and Ōmokoroa Road and to consider other options that may also arise. Links View Drive Reserve and Precious Family Reserve were removed as potential locations. Planning for the proposed Active Reserve is estimated to commence within the next 10 years.



Background

The decision to develop a dog exercise area in Ōmokoroa was an outcome of our Dog Control Policy and Bylaw review in 2016 and also our Long Term Plan 2021-31 process. We committed to build a dog exercise area in each of our District's four main centres, being Te Puke, Ōmokoroa, Katikati, and Waihi Beach. Further consultation on the potential Ōmokoroa site was also undertaken in 2023. Dog exercise areas have been completed in Te Puke (at Lawrence Oliver Park) and under construction in Katikati (at Donegal Reserve) following earlier community consultation processes for those locations.

Next steps

Within the next ten years, planning for the Future Active Reserve for Ōmokoroa will be undertaken. At this time consideration of the inclusion of a dog exercise area or of other potential sites will be undertaken and community input sought.