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4.70 PROPOSED NEW DOG PARK IN HENLEY WARD - RESULTS OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

TO: Asset Management Committee

FROM: Open Space Planner - John Wilkinson

DATE: 16 October 2023

Brief

As part of its 2023/24 budget, Council endorsed the investigation of a potential new dog park in the Henley Ward, which includes the suburbs of Henley Beach, Henley Beach South and part of Fulham Gardens and West Beach.

Following an internal review of possible sites, a section of Dean Whiteford Reserve, Henley Beach South, was selected as a possible location, subject to the results of community engagement, which was undertaken in August and September 2023.

This report presents the findings of the investigation, including the community engagement outcomes, and to seek Council's direction on the proposal.

Recommendation

- 1. That the report be received and noted.**
- 2. That the results of the community engagement relating to a proposed new dog park in Henley Ward and at Dean Whiteford Reserve in Appendix 4 be noted.**
- 3. That, based on the results of the community engagement, Council does not proceed with the proposal to establish a new dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve.**

Status

This report relates to or impacts upon the following Community Plan Objectives 2016-2027.

Our Liveability - A liveable City of great places

A well-designed urban environment that is adaptive to a diverse and growing City. City assets and infrastructure are developed and enhanced on a strategic and equitable basis in collaboration with local communities and other relevant parties, including industry and government.

Enhance the diversity of open spaces to create innovative, accessible and flexible community spaces.

Our Leadership - A leading & transformational Local Government organisation

Our values, leadership and collaborative approach are bold and courageous and enables us to deliver value for our Community and create a leading liveable City.

The management of our city is progressive, responsive and sustainable to ensure a united and unique place for future generations.

Open and accountable governance.

Relevant Council policies are:

- Asset Management Policy
- Public Consultation Policy
- Open Space Strategy 2025
- Animal Management Plan 2021 - 2025

Relevant statutory provisions are:

- Local Government Act 1999
- Dog and Cat Management Act 1995

Executive Summary

As part of its 2023/24 budget, Council endorsed the investigation of a potential new dog park in the Henley Ward, which includes the suburbs of Henley Beach, Henley Beach South and part of Fulham Gardens and West Beach. Several options were considered as potential locations for a new dog park, however a section of Dean Whiteford Reserve, Henley Beach South, was selected as the most suitable location, subject to the results of community engagement.

The purpose of this report is to present the findings of the community engagement and seek Council's direction on the proposal.

Background

All reserves within the City of Charles Sturt are off lead zones, for dogs which are under effective control, except any reserve which is declared to be an on-lead area. Areas where dogs must be on lead within the Henley Ward include Henley Square, Nancy Fischer Reserve (West Beach) and Tatura Reserve (Fulham Gardens). Effective control means a dog must be under voice control, within sight and near its owner/guardian at all times.

Beach and foreshore areas are also available for dog exercise within the Henley Ward (approximately 5km from West Beach to Grange Road). Dogs must be on lead between 10.00am and 8.00pm during daylight savings. Outside of these times, dogs may be off lead on beach and foreshore areas if they are under effective control.

Regardless of the space, dogs must be on a lead within 5 metres of any playground and must be on lead 100 metres from a sign advising of a Hooded or Red Capped Plover breeding site.

As shown in **Appendix 1**, the City of Charles Sturt currently has 8 dog parks, which is the second highest provision compared to other councils in metropolitan Adelaide. A dog park is defined as: *'A designated public area that's been set aside for dog guardians to legally exercise, play and socialise with their dogs off-leash in a secure environment. The park is fully enclosed or fenced and has amenities that make it clear that dogs are invited, not just permitted'* (Unleashed: A Guide to Successful Dog Parks, Dog and Cat Board SA, 2013).

A list of dog parks is as follows:

- Albert Greenshields, Ridleyton
- Jervois Avenue, West Hindmarsh
- Sam Johnson Reserve Puppy Park, Renown Park
- Semaphore Park Reserve, Semaphore Park
- St Clair Dog Park, St Clair
- Tedder Reserve, Findon
- Woodville Oval Dog Park, Woodville
- Woodville West Reserve, Woodville West

Whilst council has a high provision of dog parks, it is recognised that there are no dog parks in the Henley Ward, with the closest dog park located at Tedder Reserve, Flinders Park, approximately 3km away (as the crow flies). The proposal is also included as specific actions in Council's Open Space Strategy 2025 and Animal Management Plan 2021 - 2025.

Whilst there are mixed views in the community regarding dog parks, they continue to be popular and well used, as is evident with the recent success of the 'Semapaw Dog Park' at Semaphore Park Reserve. The aim of this project is therefore to investigate a possible location and the community's desire for a new dog park in the Henley Ward, to inform further Council decisions.

At the time of preparing this report, a total of 2,479 dogs are registered in the Henley Ward, which is quite high when compared to other wards in the council area. Registration numbers for each suburb are provided below and it is noted that these figures include

total dog registrations in Fulham Gardens, whilst only approximately one third of this suburb is located within the Henley Ward.

- Henley Beach – 927
- Henley Beach South – 425
- West Beach – 407
- Fulham Gardens – 720

The purpose of this report is to present the findings of the investigation, including the community engagement outcomes, and to seek Council's direction on the proposal.

Report

Several reserves in the Henley Ward were considered and assessed for their suitability as a new dog park, as follows:

- Henley & Grange Memorial Oval, Henley Beach
- Menkens Reserve, Henley Beach
- John Mitchell Reserve, Henley Beach
- Sunningdale Reserve, Fulham Gardens
- Dean Whiteford Reserve, Henley Beach South

Each reserve was assessed using the following criteria:

- The reserve is a suitable size for a new dog park (approximately 3,000m² – 4,000m²), and impact on current and potential future uses.
- The reserve is currently used for dog exercise, based on staff observations and anecdotal evidence.
- The creation of a new dog park is suitable from a reserve maintenance, traffic, utilities, and tree impact perspective.
- Proximity to adjacent properties and other land uses.
- The creation of a new dog park aligns with the Community Land Management Plan (CLMP), Council strategy/policy, other uses and/or future projects.

The assessment for each site is included in **Appendix 2** and indicates that whilst there are positive and negative considerations for all sites, a section of Dean Whiteford Reserve, at the western end between Fletcher Road and Kincaid Road was selected as the possible location for a new dog park. This location was selected to streamline the consultation process and avoid confusion by undertaking community engagement on multiple options.

Dean Whiteford Reserve is a 'district' reserve, as identified within Council's Open Space Strategy, with a total area of approximately two hectares. The reserve extends from Lexington Road, along Kincaid Road, Yorktown Crescent and Fletcher Road, to the Henley South Tennis Club located on Burford Road, and includes numerous large and mature trees, as well as juvenile trees that have recently been planted as part of Council's Tree Canopy Improvement Strategy. The irrigation system was replaced in 2020 and a playground is also located at the eastern end of the reserve, which is due for renewal in approximately 5 years.

The reserve is currently used for a variety of recreation activities, including both structured play (at the playground) and unstructured play throughout the reserve, ball games, fitness, walking and dog exercise (under effective control). A future stage of the Grange Lakes Corridor Shared Use Path may traverse through or near to the reserve (still to be determined) and Council's Open Space Strategy also includes a specific action to investigate a dog park at the reserve.

The area for the proposed dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve is approximately 3,200m² and is shown in **Appendix 3**. This section of the reserve was selected based on its size, distance from utilities (such as overhead power and underground gas lines) and distance from the playground at the eastern end of the reserve.

Both Fletcher Road and Kincaid Road are local roads and a formal traffic and parking study has not been completed, as the proposal for a dog park in this location is very

preliminary, with the recent consultation was to gauge community support prior to further investigations and design. A formal traffic and parking study would be in the order of \$5,000.

Community Engagement

Community engagement was undertaken from 28 August 2023 to 25 September 2023, to capture information from the community regarding dog ownership and feedback regarding the proposal.

The community engagement process included:

- A hard copy letter and feedback form was sent to all residents and property owners within approximately 300 metres of the site.
- Staff contact details, project information and the feedback form were also placed on the Your Say Charles Sturt web page.
- SMS notification to registered dog owners within the Henley Ward.
- Signs at the proposed location.
- Engagement material (eg. posters, flyers or other) available at Henley Library/Community Centre and relevant local businesses where permitted.
- Promotion via relevant Charles Sturt Social Media Platforms including Pets of Charles Sturt Facebook page.

A total of 952 letters were sent and 305 responses were received, which is a response rate of 32%, which is a notably high response.

The engagement provided the opportunity for residents to respond to the following questions:

- a. Do you support the construction of a dog park to service the suburbs and residents in our Henley Ward area?
 - If no, please share why you feel this way.
- b. After considering all of the possible locations in the area for suitability, we have assessed Dean Whiteford Reserve in Henley Beach South (below) as the preferred location for a number of factors. If construction of a dog park is approved, do you support this location?
 - If yes, please share why you support this location?
 - If no, please share why you don't support this location.
- c. Are you currently a dog owner?
- d. Would you visit a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve, if it was approved?
- e. How would you describe the energy level of your dog?
 - High energy or hyperactive, medium energy or low energy.
- f. How does your dog behave in social situations?
- g. If you visit a dog park now, what is your favourite and why?

The detailed consultation results and staff comments are included in **Appendix 4**.

Five (5) emails were received from residents who were not in support of the proposal and Council staff also met with residents who reside in the consultation area, who were also not in support of the proposal.

A summary of the consultation results is as follows:

Overall Responses

- a. Do you support the construction of a dog park to service the suburbs and residents in the Henley Ward?
 - 160 supported the proposal (52% of respondents)
 - 136 did not support the proposal (44% of respondents)
 - 9 didn't mind (4% of respondents)
- b. Do you support the construction of a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve? (Some respondents didn't respond to this question)
 - 137 supported the proposal (80% of respondents)
 - 20 did not support the proposal (12% of respondents)
 - 14 didn't have a preference (8% of respondents)

Responses within the Consultation Area (300m of proposed location)

- a. Do you support the construction of a dog park to service the suburbs and residents in the Henley Ward?
 - 60 supported the proposal (35% of respondents)
 - 106 did not support the proposal (62% of respondents)
 - 5 didn't mind (3% of respondents)
- b. Do you support the construction of a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve? (Some respondents didn't respond to this question)
 - 64 supported the proposal (78% of respondents)
 - 15 did not support the proposal (18% of respondents)
 - 3 didn't have a preference (4% of respondents)

Overall support for a new dog park in the Henley Ward is mixed, with 52% of respondents supporting the proposal and 44% not supporting the proposal. In addition, most respondents (62%) who reside within the consultation area (300 metres) do not support the proposal and raise several concerns relating to traffic, parking, safety, noise and limiting use of the reserve.

In consideration of the findings from the community engagement process, it is recommended that Council not proceed with the creation of a new dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve.

Financial and Resource Implications

The cost of undertaking the investigation of a new dog park in Henley Ward, including the mail out, printing of signs and staff time is approximately \$2,500. Should Council endorse no further work to proceed on this project, no further expenditure is proposed, and the remaining project budget will be returned as savings.

Customer Service and Community Implications

There are no customer service or community implications.

Environmental Implications

Should Council endorse no further work to proceed on this project, there are no environmental implications.

Community Engagement/Consultation (including with community, Council members and staff)

Community engagement has been undertaken on the proposal for a new dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve, and the detailed findings are outlined in **Appendix 4**. Community engagement participants will be informed of Council's decision via email and project updates on Council's Your Say web page.

Risk Management/Legislative Implications

Activities relating to 'dog exercising' are consistent with the land management objectives outlined in the endorsed Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) for Dean Whiteford Reserve. Should Council endorse no further work to proceed on this project, there are no risk management/legislative implications.

Conclusion

Community engagement on a proposed new dog park in the Henley Ward, and more specifically at Dean Whiteford Reserve, received a high response rate (32%) and it is clear from the overall responses that there are mixed views regarding the proposal. In addition, most respondents who reside within 300 metres of the proposed location do not support the proposal and therefore, it is recommended that Council does not proceed with a new dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve at this time.

This report presents the findings of the investigation, including the community engagement outcomes, and to seek Council's direction on the proposal.

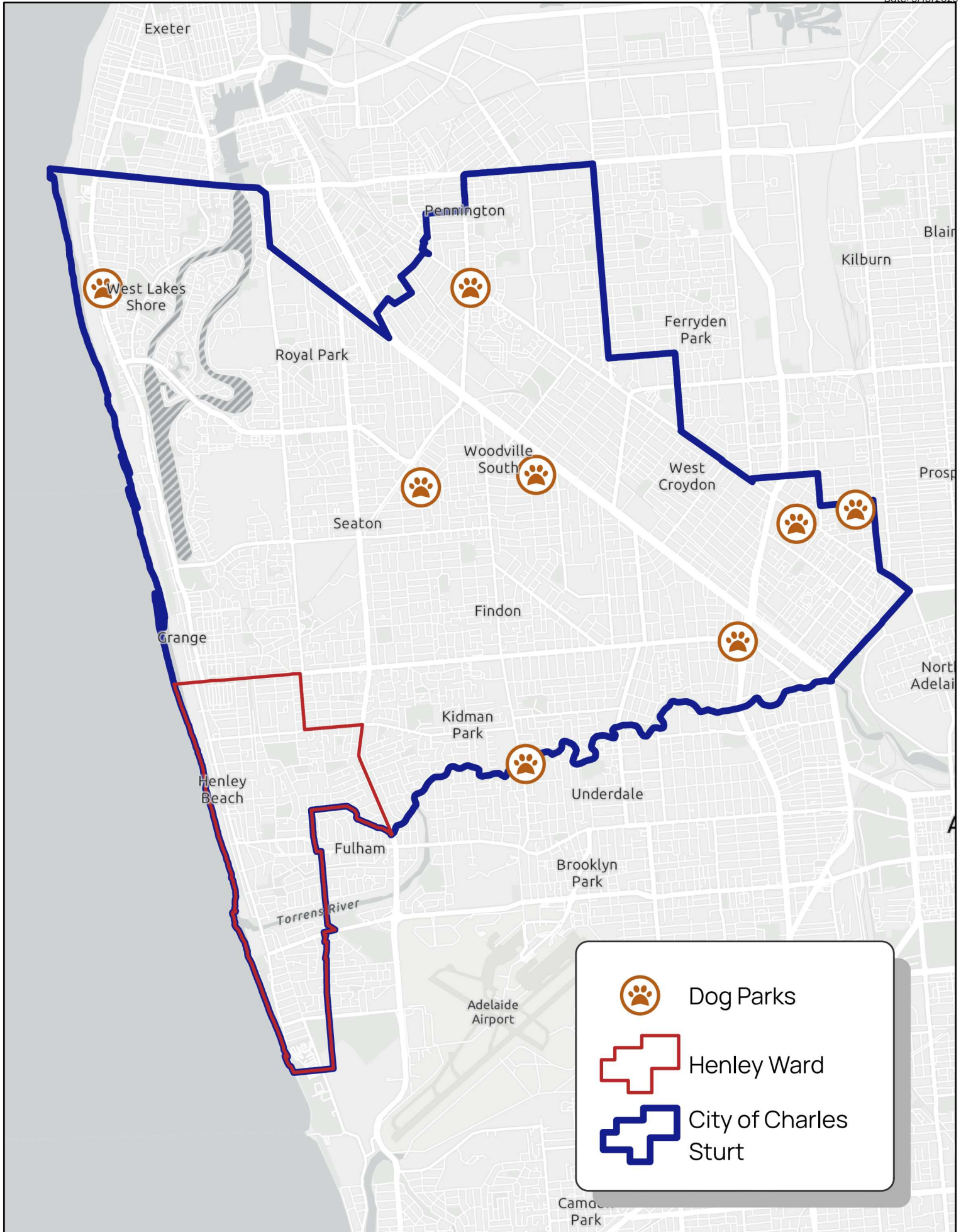
Appendices

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| 1 | Appendix 1 - CCS Dog Parks & Henley Ward boundary |
| 2 | Appendix 2 - New dog park in Henley Ward - Review of sites |
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| 4 | Appendix 4 - Community Engagement Summary Report for Henley Ward Dog Park |

APPENDIX 1

DOG PARKS AND HENLEY WARD

Date: 5/10/2023



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APPENDIX 2

New Dog Park in Henley Ward – Site Assessment

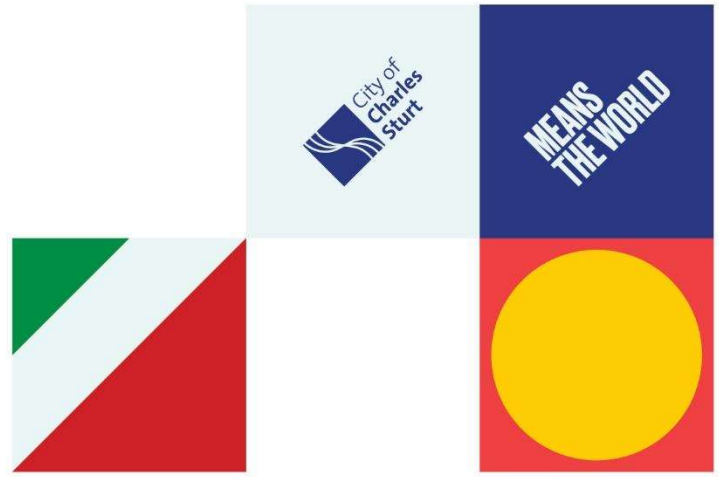
| Reserve/Location | Suitable size and impact on current/future uses. | Currently used for dog exercise? | Maintenance, traffic, utilities, and tree impacts. | Proximity to adjacent properties and land uses. | Aligns with CLMP, Council strategy, other uses and/or future projects. |
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| Henley & Grange Memorial Oval, Henley Beach | Area to the west of club rooms, approximately 3,500m ² | Dog off lead exercise permitted outside of organised sport use. Most dog exercise is on oval. Partial fencing around oval supports dog exercise. | <p>Surrounded by local roads (White and Atkin Streets) and a Collector Road (Cudmore Tce).</p> <p>Off-street car park, however the oval is used extensively throughout the year.</p> <p>The western side of the reserve has extensive tree canopy.</p> | <p>Close to residential properties on White Street (30 metres).</p> <p>Oval is used year-round for various sport activities.</p> | <p>Aligns with CLMP.</p> <p>Close to playground and skate park.</p> <p>Stage 8 of the Grange Lakes Corridor shared use path will be constructed in the area to the west of the club rooms.</p> |
| Menkens Reserve, Henley Beach | Area to east of reserve, approximately 5,000 m ² | <p>Dog off lead exercise permitted at all times.</p> <p>Reserve is used moderately for dog exercise but is limited due to no fencing.</p> | <p>Surrounded by local roads with on-street car parking only.</p> <p>Located between Fulham North Primary School and St Michael's College.</p> <p>The outer areas of the reserve has an extensive tree canopy.</p> | <p>Close to residential properties.</p> <p>Located between Fulham North Primary School and St Michael's College.</p> | <p>Aligns with CLMP.</p> <p>Open Space Strategy includes a direction to increase trees at the reserve.</p> |
| John Mitchell Reserve, Henley Beach | <p>Main area (playing field) is approximately 11,500m²</p> <p>Outer area along Whibley Street is approximately 7,000 m²</p> | <p>Dog off lead exercise permitted outside of licenced use.</p> <p>Main area is fenced, and outer area has no fencing.</p> | <p>The main area is located close to Cudmore Tce (collector road) and has some off-street car parking, however this is extensively used by Henley High School and other licensees.</p> <p>The outer area is surrounded by local roads with on-street car parking only (along Whibley Street).</p> | <p>Close to residential properties.</p> <p>Adjacent to Henley High School and close to Fulham North Primary School.</p> | <p>Aligns with CLMP.</p> <p>Extensive year-round use by licensees as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gundog Club of SA - year-round, 1 night per week. • Henley High School – year-round during school hours. • Various local school events. • Grange Cricket Club – 2 days per week in summer. • West Torrens District Cricket Club – 2 days per week in summer. |

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| | | | The outer areas of the reserve has an extensive tree canopy. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henley Sharks Netball Club – use the adjacent courts. |
| Sunningdale Reserve, Fulham Gardens | Western side of reserve is approximately 9,000 m ² | <p>Dog off lead exercise permitted outside of licenced use.</p> <p>The reserve is mostly unfenced, which limits dog exercise, however anecdotal evidence indicates it is well used for this purpose.</p> | <p>Located on local roads, with no off-street car parking.</p> <p>The outer areas of the reserve has an extensive tree canopy.</p> | <p>The size of the reserve would enable a dog park to be located further away from residential properties (approximately 50 metres, depending on the location).</p> <p>The reserve is currently used for some organised sport training. The Open Space Strategy includes a direction to support increased sports use.</p> | <p>Aligns with CLMP.</p> <p>The reserve includes a playground (to be renewed in 23/24), tennis and basketball courts.</p> <p>The Open Space Strategy includes directions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support increased sports use. • Consider public toilets at the reserve. • Increase tree planting and improved landscaping. |
| Dean Whiteford Reserve, Henley Beach South | <p>Total area approximately 2 hectares.</p> <p>Western end – 3,500 m²</p> <p>Eastern end – 3,000 m²</p> | <p>Dog off lead exercise permitted at all times.</p> <p>The reserve is mostly unfenced, which limits dog exercise, however anecdotal evidence indicates it is well used for this purpose.</p> | <p>Located on local roads, with no off-street car parking. Lexington Road is a local collector road.</p> <p>Located close to Henley Beach Primary School (130 metres) and Henley South Tennis Club (50 metres).</p> <p>The reserve has an extensive tree canopy.</p> | <p>Located close to residential properties (25 metres).</p> <p>The reserve is currently used for play and unstructured recreation.</p> | <p>Aligns with CLMP.</p> <p>The reserve includes a playground at the eastern end (due for renewal in 5 years). A future stage of Grange Lakes Corridor shared use path could traverse through or near the reserve.</p> <p>The Open Space Strategy includes a specific direction to investigate the possibility of a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve. Other directions include improving the play space, upgrading picnic facilities and strengthening the pathway connections.</p> |

APPENDIX 3



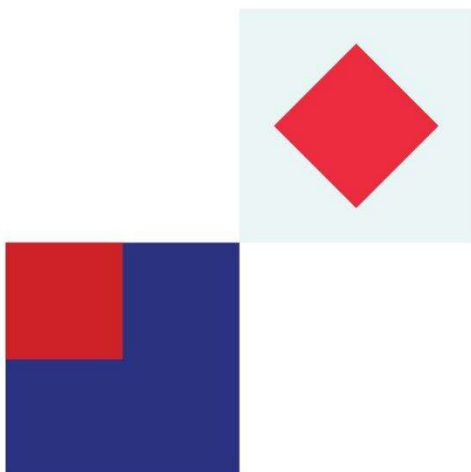
APPENDIX 4



Community Engagement Summary Report

Investigation of a new Dog Park in Henley Ward

October 2023



1. Executive Summary

Community engagement was undertaken from **28 August 2023 to 25 September 2023**, on the proposal for a new dog park in the Henley ward and a potential site at Dean Whiteford Reserve, Henley Beach South.

The objectives of the community engagement were to ensure:

- Information is provided to the Charles Sturt community regarding the proposal and why it's being considered.
- Our Charles Sturt community has easy access to the appropriate project information and equal opportunity to share their opinions on the project.
- That the process builds positive relationships between Council and the community, and positions Charles Sturt as an organisation that is providing sound management decisions.
- That information is provided to the Charles Sturt community on any decisions and the reasoning for those decisions.

Engagement was undertaken in accordance with Part 3 of Council's Public Consultation Policy and, accordingly, the public consultation steps for this project have been determined by Council on a discretionary basis. The level of engagement was '**consult**'. The engagement outcomes detailed in this report will inform the Council's decision making by highlighting the community sentiment surrounding the proposal.

An overview of the consultation is as follows:

- 952 hard copy letters and feedback forms were provided to residents and property owners within the consultation area (approximately 300 metres of the proposed location).
 - 796 to residents.
 - 156 to property owners.
- The engagement was published on Council's 'Your Say Charles Sturt' web page.
- Signs were placed at the reserve and other popular locations in the Henley Ward, including a QR code link to the Your Say Charles Sturt web page.

A summary of the feedback received is as follows:

- A total of **305 responses** were received overall (32% response rate).
- **171 responses** were received within the consultation area (300 metres from the proposed location).
- 5 email submissions were received.

Overall feedback regarding the proposal for a dog park in the Henley Ward was mixed, as follows:

- 52% in support.
- 44% not in support.
- 4% didn't mind.

Feedback from the consultation area indicated more respondents did not support the proposal for a dog park in the Henley Ward, as follows:

- 35% in support.
- 62% not in support.
- 3% didn't mind.

2. Project Background

Investigation of a new dog park in the Henley ward was initiated by an Elected Member 2023/24 budget proposal and supported by specific actions in Council's Open Space Strategy and Animal Management Plan. Whilst council has a high provision of dog parks, it is recognised that there are no dog parks in the Henley Ward, and the closest dog park is located at Tedder Reserve, approximately 3km away (as the crow flies).

The provision of dog parks in the City of Charles Sturt is guided by the following documents:

- Strategic Urban Animal Management Plan 2016 – 2020
- Open Space Strategy 2025

Whilst Council recognises that there are different views within the community regarding dog parks, dog parks in the City of Charles Sturt continue to be popular and well used, as is evident with the recent success of the 'Semapaw Dog Park' in Semaphore Park Reserve. It was therefore important as part of this engagement, to consider all views and ensure the design of the potential new dog park considers different dogs, owners, and behaviours.

Council allocated funding in its 2023/24 budget for the investigation of a new dog park, including a review of potential locations, community engagement on a possible location, and, subject to community support and Council approval, development of a concept design and costs to inform a budget bid for construction in 2024/25.

3. Community Engagement Approach

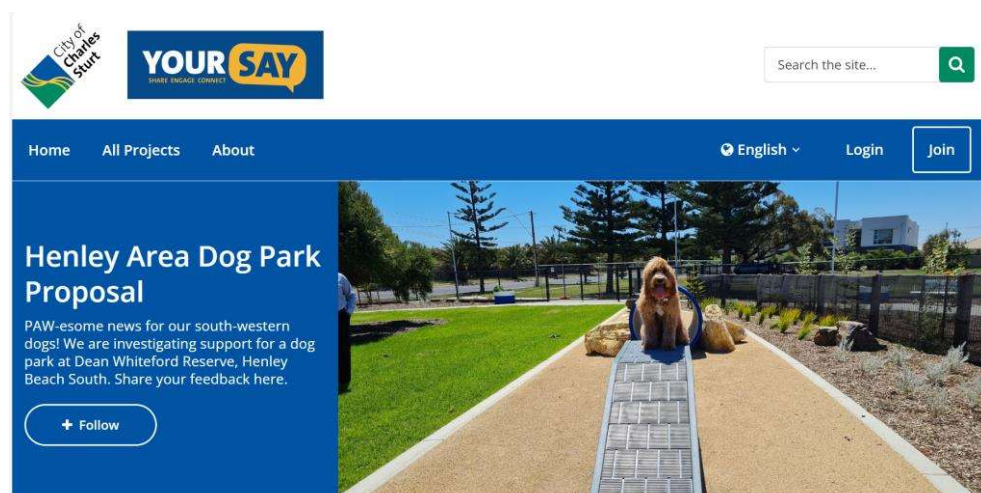
The scope of community engagement for this project is as follows:

- Review possible locations for a new dog park in the Henley Ward.
- Determine if there is community support for a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve, between Fletcher Road and Kincaid Road, Henley Beach South.
- Understand dog ownership and characteristics within the Henley Ward, that, if supported by the community, could inform the design of a new dog park.

4. Engagement Examples

a) Your Say Charles Sturt web page:

<https://yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/henley-area-dog-park-proposal>



If you don't participate in consultation but have an interest in the outcome of this project, follow this project page to receive updates as they occur. Otherwise, you will not be notified until after a decision is made.

Dean Whiteford Reserve: Proposed, preferred location



The green outline demonstrates the boundary of Dean Whiteford Reserve. The blue rectangle demonstrates the area of the reserve being considered for the dog park. It is not representative of the size or boundary. This will be considered in the planning stage.

Document Library



Hardcopy Feedback Form

PDF (1.37 MB)

If you would prefer to print a hardcopy survey form, which you can email or post to us (refer contact details at the bottom of this page), you can download this here.

Off-lead dog parks and reserves in our city:

- Albert Greenshields Dog Park, Greenshields Place, Brompton
- Jervois Street Reserve, West Hindmarsh
- Sam Johnson Reserve Puppy Park, Bollingbroke Avenue, Renown Park
- Semapaw Park, corner of Military Road and Edwin Street, Semaphore Park
- St Clair Dog Park, Torrens Road, Pennington
- St Clair Oval 3 and 4, St Clair Recreation Reserve, Woodville Road, Woodville
- Tedder Reserve Pooch Park, Findon Road, Flinders Park
- Woodville Oval Dog Club, Woodville South
- Woodville West Dog Sensory Garden, Todville Street, Woodville West.

Find out more about responsible dog management, off-lead dog areas and helpful tips on our [Dogs webpage](#).

Investigation of a dog park for the Henley Ward area

With the support of the Henley ward councillors, we are investigating the level of support for a dog park to be constructed in our preferred location at Dean Whiteford Reserve, Henley Beach South to service the suburbs of Henley Beach, Henley Beach South and parts of West Beach and Fulham Gardens. To understand what this proposal might mean for you, and your furry friend if you have one, we need to hear from you!

Consultation is open from 28 August to 25 September 2023.

About the proposal

Investigation of a dog park in the south-western area of our city is specifically mentioned as an action in our Open Space Strategy because there is no dedicated dog park provided in this section of the city.

We have identified Dean Whiteford Reserve along Fletcher, Lexington and Kincaid Roads, in Henley Beach South as the preferred and proposed site for a future dog park for this area. A number of other sites were identified but, after assessment, were considered unsuitable for reasons including not being big enough, not providing the run length required, availability of car parking, current and potential future uses of the site, limitations due to underground or aboveground services, biodiversity reasons, being unsafe etc.

How do you feel about a local dog park?

The feedback period has now closed.

If you don't like to do things online, call us and we can complete the feedback form with you over the phone or we can mail you a hardcopy feedback form and a reply-paid envelope.
Please contact us on 8408 1306.


Early engagement

This first stage of the Henley ward area dog park investigation is to understand if a dog park in the area is supported, if the proposed location is supported and, if you own a dog, a bit about your dog, its behaviour, and how you keep active together.

Next steps

The other key stages and required decisions related to the project are listed to the left in the project "Timeline". If the community is supportive of the dog park proposal and location, and subject to the decisions made following stage 1 consultation, we will consult further with you in early 2024 (stage 2) on a draft concept plan for the dog park, in the approved (preferred) location.

Example of feedback form:



Henley Area Dog Park Proposal

Feedback Form – OSR&P


The City of Charles Sturt is inviting your initial feedback on a proposed Henley Area Dog Park at our preferred location in Dean Whiteford Reserve, Henley Beach South (refer enclosed location map). Consultation commences Monday 28 August 2023 and closes at 5.00pm Monday 25 September 2023.

We would love to hear from you in **one** of the following ways:

- On-line via Council's website <https://www.yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/> or by scanning the QR code to the right via your smart device camera;

OR

- Complete this feedback form by using the enclosed reply-paid envelope.



Your details

Please provide your details should we need to contact you regarding your feedback*:

Name: _____
Salutation First Name Surname

Street Address: _____

Suburb: _____ **State:** _____ **P/Code:** _____

Email: _____

Phone (Home): _____ **(Mobile):** _____

Please indicate your preferred delivery method to receive future communication about this project:

☐ Email address as listed above ☐ Hard copy to my listed postal address

Your feedback

1. Do you support the construction of a dog park to service the suburbs and residents in our Henley Ward area?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ I don't mind

2. After considering all of the possible locations in the area for suitability, we have assessed Dean Whiteford Reserve in Henley Beach South (below) as the preferred location for a number of factors. If construction of a dog park is approved, do you support this location?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ I don't have a location preference

2a. If yes, please share why you support this location?

2b. If no, please share why you don't support this location?

3. Are you currently a dog owner?

☐ Yes, I am
☐ Not currently, but I may be in the future
☐ No, I'm not

4. Would you visit a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve, if it was approved?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unsure

5. How would you describe the energy level of your dog?

☐ High energy or hyperactive (love to run, retrieve, herd & work)
☐ Medium energy (likes to play, chase, smell and explore)
☐ Low energy (slow & steady, gentle walks or play, easy going)

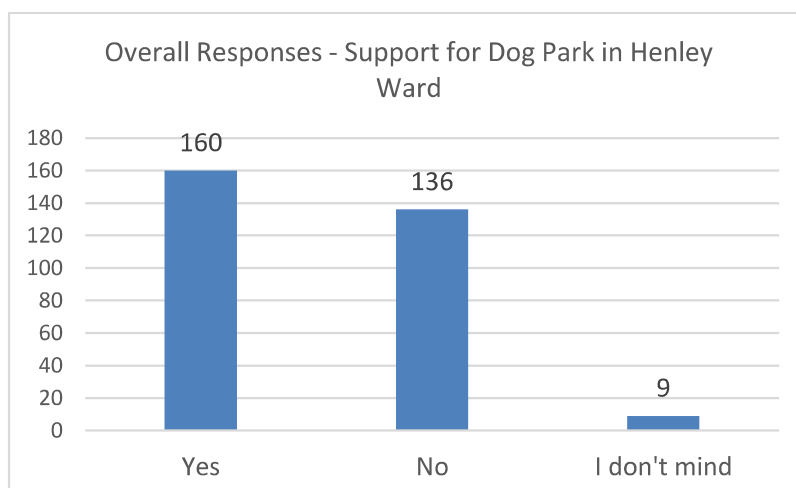
5. Engagement Findings and Key Themes

The engagement findings are separated by the location of each respondent, as it is important to acknowledge the feedback of residents and property owners residing near the proposed location at Dean Whiteford Reserve, as the impact on these properties is likely to be greater.

Overall Responses (N = 305)

a) Do you support the construction of a dog park to service the suburbs and residents in our Henley Ward area?

- 160 supported the proposal (52%)
- 136 did not support the proposal (44%)
- 9 didn't mind (4%)



b) Do you support the construction of a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve? (Some respondents didn't respond to this question)

- 137 supported the proposal (80% of respondents)
- 20 did not support the proposal (12% of respondents)
- 14 didn't have a preference (8% of respondents)

c) Do you own a dog? (Some respondents didn't respond to this question)

- Yes – 223
- Not currently but might in future – 44
- No – 40

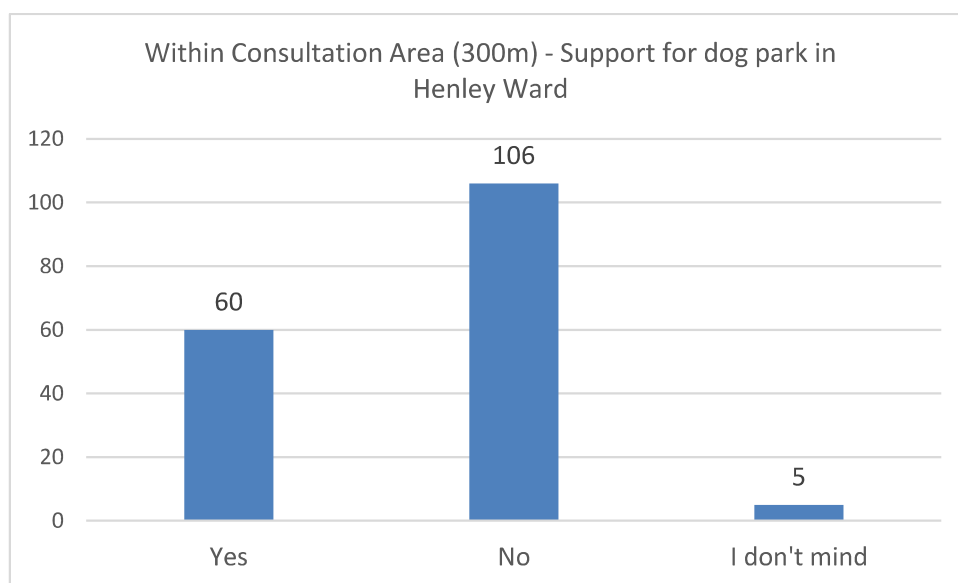
d) Would you visit a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve if one was constructed? (Some respondents didn't respond to this question)

- Yes – 135
- No – 115
- Unsure - 17

Responses within Consultation Area – 300 metres of Proposed Location (N = 171)

a) Do you support the construction of a dog park to service the suburbs and residents in our Henley Ward area?

- 60 supported the proposal (35%)
- 106 did not support the proposal (62%)
- 5 didn't mind (3%)



b) Do you support the construction of a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve? (Some respondents didn't respond to this question)

- 64 supported the proposal (78% of respondents)
- 15 did not support the proposal (18% of respondents)
- 3 didn't have a preference (4% of respondents)

c) Do you own a dog? (Some respondents didn't respond to this question)

- Yes – 114
- Not currently but might in future – 32
- No – 28

d) Would you visit a dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve if one was constructed? (Some respondents didn't respond to this question)

- Yes – 49
- No – 85
- Unsure – 12

A map showing the responses of residents and property owners within the consultation area (300 metres from the proposed site) is provided below.

- **Green** – support the proposal for a dog park in Henley Ward.
- **Red** – do not support the proposal for a dog park in Henley Ward.
- **Orange** – don't mind.



Key Themes

Positive Sentiment

- There currently isn't a dog park in Henley Ward. The proposal will provide a new dog park that is close to home and within easy walking distance.
- The proposed location works well as a community space, by being located close to the tennis club and school.
- Located centrally in Henley Ward and away from main roads.
- The proposed location still retains adequate open space within Dean Whiteford Reserve for other activities.
- The proposed location is already used for dog exercise.

Detailed comments are provided below:

| Proposal for Dog Park in Henley Ward - Feedback for Yes responses | |
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| Response No: | Is there anything specific about why you support Dean Whiteford Reserve as the proposed location that you want to share with us? |
| 1 | Proximity to my home |
| 2 | Convenient location |
| 3 | Close to my home. Easy walking distance. |
| 4 | Convenient location for us |
| 5 | There current isn't one in walking distance from us (on Fletcher) so welcome this project. |
| 6 | This is a large park which is very popular for dogs to run around. To have a dedicated space would be perfect |
| 7 | Living on Fletcher Road and owning a dog (and knowing many of the local dogs), it'd be a fantastic additional community space - adjacent to two other great community spaces - the tennis club and school |
| 8 | Close to home |
| 9 | Central in Henley south and away from main roads |
| 10 | Addition of a smart toilet also |
| 11 | Central to the Henley South area, not a major impact to the overall reserve, given how large this reserve is |
| 12 | Close to beach, river, school, sports facilities. Will stop people from using the school oval after hours as a fenced off area. |
| 13 | Great central location |
| 14 | There is still plenty of green space for people to enjoy |
| 15 | Close to me! |
| 16 | the area doesn't have many safe off lead dog options. People currently use the nearby school grounds on weekends which is problematic for children using the playground on weekends. I'm very supportive of this proposal |
| 17 | It's away from busy roads and close to where I live |
| 18 | None nearby. |
| 19 | Convenience primarily for residents, leave sufficient park space for other uses |
| 20 | it is a large accessible space where dogs and their owners can feel safe |
| 21 | Great location near parks, school. It's an area that's currently not utilized and a great addition. |

| Proposal for Dog Park in Henley Ward - Feedback for Yes responses | |
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| Response No: | Is there anything specific about why you support Dean Whiteford Reserve as the proposed location that you want to share with us? |
| 22 | Close to our house |
| 23 | Proximity to my house |
| 24 | Largely unused space, currently most used by dog owners already from my experience. |
| 25 | Live nearby and already take my dog there |
| 26 | Central location |
| 27 | Not far from our house and allows for the park to still be used for other things as it has plenty of space on that reserve |
| 28 | It's within easy walking distance from where we live. |
| 29 | I have a dog and I would use this dog park every day |
| 30 | It is close to other local community amenities in that area i.e. primary school, tennis club, playground so it makes sense that another community facility is located in the same area |
| 31 | The area appears under utilised apart from people walking their dogs. It is a good distance from the kids playground, and doesn't have a lot of traffic passing. |
| 32 | Close to home, near to tennis and school so ease of access |
| 33 | It will bring life to a great reserve. Few sections are regularly used. |
| 34 | I will be using it a lot |
| 35 | It is in a park close to me where I can walk daily and within easy access. |

Negative Sentiment

- The proposed location is too close to residents and will increase noise (dogs barking, etc).
- A new dog park will create more traffic and additional car parking pressures around the area, with some respondents indicating these pressures already exist.
- The proximity of the dog park to Henley Beach Primary School and Henley South Tennis Club is also a concern regarding additional parking and traffic, particularly at school drop off and pick up times.
- Safety concerns relating to an increased number of dogs near children, due to the proximity of the proposed new dog park to the school.
- Concerns regarding poor dog behaviour within a new dog park.
- Concerns regarding disturbance to local wildlife.
- The proposed location at Dean Whiteford Reserve is currently used for a range of different activities, including community gatherings, games, play and recreation. A new dog park will limit this use to one activity.
- There are other areas in Henley Ward for dog exercise, including the beach, foreshore and off-lead reserves. Council should invest in other facilities, such as a new playground or BBQ.
- The appearance of the proposed new dog park will detract from the (additional fencing, etc).
- Concerns regarding an adverse impact on property values.

Detailed comments are provided below:

| Proposal for Dog Park in Henley Ward - Feedback for No responses | |
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| Response No: | Please share with us why you don't support a dog park within the Henley Ward, to service dogs and dog owners in this area? |
| 1 | I never take my dog to a dog park, they are havens for anti social behaviour, frequented more often than not by dog owners who haven't invested their time to train their dogs correctly or socialise them appropriately. Havens for disease if dogs unvaccinated |
| 2 | Don't want extra transport and car traffic |
| 3 | The beach is very close, undesirables at night, noise, unsightly, attract citizens from other areas, ruin a beautiful park area |
| 4 | Because I don't want 300 dogs in my area. We have a lovely community here and we use the park for parties and neighbourhood games, I don't mind there being a dog park, but not in my area. |
| 5 | Not required in this location |
| 6 | Too many cars for visitors. Too close to a school with lots of kids walking and cycling nearby |
| 7 | We live in an area that has a natural dog park, i.e the BEACH. The months allowed to walk a dog off a leash in Day Lights savings should be changed to just the months of summer... 3 months of the year and NOT 6 months |
| 8 | It's too close to the tennis courts and primary school as it is a busy area to park cars even when families are dropping and picking up children from school and people playing tennis on the weekends. Also I think it's not a good place for the local reside |
| 9 | I don't like the suggested location. There is already not enough parking with the school and tennis. I don't think it is good to have so many dogs near to so many young kids (Henley primary). A lot of the kids don't understand how to approach a dog. |
| 10 | There is no need, there is ample space for dogs to run |
| 11 | Not required |
| 12 | There is no need for a dog park. It will be an eyesore and spending ratepayers money on public infrastructure for dogs when times is absurd. |
| 13 | Residents already have many options for dog walking including beach, linear park and parks. |
| 14 | We already have enough traffic in this area with the school and the tennis courts. We don't need any more. |
| 15 | Don't support proposed placement of dog park. Should be in an area not so close to school and recreation facility used by children. Area already used by local dogs off lead and causing no problems. Would attract more traffic. |
| 16 | The proposed location is too close to the Tennis Club so will cause noise disruption and parking issues. Please see full explanation below |
| 17 | Beach is only 400 meters away from proposed site. Dogs can run freely and beach is patrolled. |
| 18 | Several reasons. Our rates are going up significantly and it is blamed on inflation etc yet your are continuing to do discretionary ie non essential projects like this that must contribute to rate rises. |
| 19 | Not necessary - Close to beach & River Walk Path. Street too narrow to handle extra traffic. |
| 20 | The location of the proposed dog park is unrealistic. Parking is already a huge problem near the school and the tennis courts. The noise of tennis's balls and dogs barking at them would be annoying. The beach is 2 minutes away. Walk the dogs there. Its |
| 21 | Council should commit spending to things that are accessible to the whole community, i.e. community centres or rubbish pick-up. |
| 22 | Too close to school and tennis courts. Lots of kids - Dogs can be unpredictable around kids and too many surrounding streets for a dog park. Beach is 3 street away to walk a dog! |

| Proposal for Dog Park in Henley Ward - Feedback for No responses | |
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| Response No: | Please share with us why you don't support a dog park within the Henley Ward, to service dogs and dog owners in this area? |
| 23 | Put it at Henley Memorial Oval complex where no close residents are affected. |
| 24 | This is a completely unsuitable and seemingly poorly researched location for a dog park. Proximity to adjacent houses will cause significant disruption to residents as I'll associates increase in traffic load on the adjacent roads. |
| 25 | Please refer below. We strongly OPPOSE THE PROPOSED LOCATION and this does not meet any guidelines for a dog park and presents many risk factors to the community. |
| 26 | I have problem with the location. Lots of kids playing in the area. My kids have been attacked by dogs in that area. There will be no policing of the dog park, it will be up to owners. I am really opposed to it. Non stop barking and rubbish. |
| 27 | I live opposite a lovely open space and do not want to look directly at a fenced off area, nor have extra traffic/people and parking issues. My dogs would also not respond well (barking) to having dogs constantly across the road. |
| 28 | My concern relates to increased traffic down Fletcher Rd |
| 29 | Car parked safety issue for school kids, 1 year ago new irrigation in park, needs to be put on a main rd |
| 30 | 1. Why spoil the beauty of this open space tree'd reserve? 2. An adverse effect on property values facing the reserve. 3. A dog park will create bigger car problems on what is already a very busy Fletcher Road with school activities. |
| 31 | A lot more traffic |
| 32 | The predicted increase in traffic on Fletcher Rd will affect the safety of the community, such as the cyclists and school children who walk or cycle to Henley Primary School daily. Dog parks are also inherently dangerous for dogs & dog owners. |
| 33 | It will increase traffic flow down Fletcher Road which has already increased significantly in recent months. |
| 34 | Increased traffic flow on Fletcher Road, already congested every day during school hours |
| 35 | There are existing extensive areas in Henley Beach South where dogs can be walked. The proposed location of the park is in a quiet area next to a primary school. This is not a safe and practical place to undertake this project. |
| 36 | Spend the DOG Money on Childrens Play Ground equipment or PICNIC shelters for BBQs |
| 37 | I feel the Henley South pocket is best kept as natural as possible. I am a dog owner and I have endless options to walk my dog within the area. I also feel the roadside parking to be inadequate during school drop off and pickup. |
| 38 | We have an abundance of beach, lawn and pathed areas dogs are able to go either on lead or off lead at set times. A specific dog park site brings added complexities and challenges for the area and its residents. |
| 39 | I don't support this project because I care about the safety of our kids going to Henley beach primary school and the tennis club. Furthermore I don't want this green space to be destroy and replaced by concrete benches and structures. |
| 40 | The area is already congested enough due to increasing subdivisions resulting in increased density. We have lovely walking tracks and the beach - that is enough. |
| 41 | More traffic in this area |
| 42 | There will be a huge increase in traffic as most people will drive to the park. The area can not sustain that much parking space for the school, tennis courts, private parking for homes and a dog park. |
| 43 | Like the park as it is - trees etc - increase in traffic |

| Proposal for Dog Park in Henley Ward - Feedback for No responses | |
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| Response No: | Please share with us why you don't support a dog park within the Henley Ward, to service dogs and dog owners in this area? |
| 44 | Its simply not needed and would spoil the area, lots of cars already with pick up and drop of at School and when the Tennis is on. |
| 45 | The dog and dog owners and children in this area already use this portion of land for dog walking and play. We also have beach area to walk dogs and it seems unnecessary to build a dog park. Traffic and parking is another concern. |
| 46 | We do not want a man made structure where there is a lovely natural park We do not want more traffic. We do not want misbehaving dogs in our area |
| 47 | I would choose a location on the river where homes are not affected by extra traffic barking dogs etc. I had been thinking this particular area would be great for some lower story planting to attract more birds |
| 48 | Does not add any benefit to the area. The area, including linear park trail and the beach is plenty enough for dogs and owners to walk |
| 49 | Its not needed in that area. It is far to busy with the School and the tennis courts. The local residents find it hard enough to get a park for their own or visitors cars |
| 50 | Area too small, close to school & tennis courts which already gets crowded with parents for drop off & pick up |
| 51 | I have been speaking to a vet who advises dog owners never to take their dogs to a dog park because of injuries from fights.. |
| 52 | No dog park is worth ruining the beautiful quiet space you are proposing to build it on. This is too close to residents and the noise, extra traffic and parking issues this will create will badly effect the local community. |
| 53 | Because I work shift work and sleep during days when dogs will be playing and barking across from my house |
| 54 | This is a peaceful multipurpose zone. Don't want ugliness of construction, dog fights and noise early morning, increased traffic, negative impact on house prices. Potential hangout spot at night with antisocial behaviour. There are plenty of green spaces. |
| 55 | We, the undersigned residents of the residential housing on the reserve, wish to express our strong objection to the proposed construction of a dog park in the heart of our community. See further correspondence. |
| 56 | I will be writing a detailed letter & will send via email. |
| 57 | There is enough open space already for dogs to be exercised |
| 58 | Beach, Torrens River all within short walk (used by family with dogs now, why spoil it). Also small narrow streets, extra traffic, bike lane and school too close for safety concerns. Money spent on more urgent projects. |
| 59 | Noise, safety and property access issues. |
| 60 | I don't believe it is necessary - we have a wonderful space and parklands for everyone to enjoy and don't require a fenced off area designated for dogs. |
| 61 | I don't support the current proposed location due to the impact on local residents. |
| 62 | There are plenty of places within the Henley Ward for dog owners to exercise their dogs. I have never felt the need to go to a dog park and not have I ever had the conversation for the need for one to any of the community |
| 63 | We have a property on the park, directly opposite the proposed dog park area (Kincaid Road). The dog park will replace valued recreational space which can be used by kids, families, walkers etc. The space will be lost to everybody but dogs and their owner |

| Proposal for Dog Park in Henley Ward - Feedback for No responses | |
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| Response No: | Please share with us why you don't support a dog park within the Henley Ward, to service dogs and dog owners in this area? |
| 64 | We already have a major parking issue in the proposed location |
| 65 | No need for a dog park - we have a beach, River Torrens, plenty of ovals to take dogs. |
| 66 | Need to service the children first then worry about the dogs |
| 67 | This reserve is surrounded by housing and is one of the few open spaces where families with small kids picnic, kick a football around etc. Also the beach is 400 metres away which is perfect for dog socialisation. |
| 68 | Unnecessary use and expense, have much better, for dogs, the beach close by, and many other OPEN spaces, traffic would definitely increase and a fenced off area would degrade the aesthetics of the area, AND too close to school |
| 69 | Because we would prefer a green park as opposed to a dusty area which always happens with dog parks and to consistently having dogs barking especially where tennis balls are being hit would be very noisy. Most dog parks are not in such a residential area |
| 70 | This proposed dog park is absurd to be places in such a residential area where so many school children walk by every morning and afternoon and with junior tennis played on the courts |
| 71 | Dog fights |
| 72 | Dog parks aren't good for dogs and fights and to many cars and extra people to our area |
| 73 | I live on Lexington Rd, the park is already used by dog owners that exercise their dogs and it's a beautiful park . Lexington Rd is already a busy thoroughfare for the school and tennis club , the increase in traffic and taking of already limited parking. |
| 74 | It would ruin the green space around the area. We have enough places for dogs to run. |
| 75 | We don't need it. There are plenty off green spaces and beaches to walk dogs |
| 76 | Potential for dog attack on children due to proximity to school and tennis club. Currently no policing of dog related issues, no muzzling of large dog breeds, no enforcement and non compliance of on lead areas of beaches and green areas, increased traffic |
| 77 | It will be an eyesore and open spaces are better than fenced off areas |
| 78 | It is already used by dogs and dog owners and is successfully used by the community- we do no need extra wire fencing and tunnels for the use of dogs only. It will remove peaceful birds from the area, as well as create potential parking issues |
| 79 | The residents of Henley Beach South are close to the beach, which makes a wonderful off lead area for our dogs. Refer also my comments in the last box below, which I couldn't fit in this box. |
| 80 | The proposed area is very close to Henley Beach Primary School, there is little parking along the streets and parking is already an issue. if travelling along Burford Street is only allows for one car due to parked cars, this problem with only increase. |
| 81 | Increased traffic, litter, barking, smell etc |
| 82 | Traffic already swells during warm weather and this will increase to more traffic |
| 83 | We can exercise our dogs off leash at the nearby beach - there is no need for a new dog park |
| 84 | Traffic, Danger to children from dogs. If dog owners kept their gos on a lead there would be no need for dog parks. My grandchildren have been seriously harassed by dogs on 3 separate occasions and the dog owner say "he won't bite"Oh he's never bitt |
| 85 | The infrastructure significantly detracts from the aesthetics of the area and will cause reduction in value to housing |
| 86 | too dangerous. Too close to school where there are a lot of children and too many cars already when school drop off and pick up |

| Proposal for Dog Park in Henley Ward - Feedback for No responses | |
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| Response No: | Please share with us why you don't support a dog park within the Henley Ward, to service dogs and dog owners in this area? |
| 87 | It is too close to the school and tennis club. There is already minimal parking in the area during the week and weekends. It would create even more parking issues. Also there are many children in the area and school who may be scared of dogs |
| 88 | There aren't any areas large enough for a dog park. We have the beach at Henley. |
| 89 | The beach is a big enough space for dogs to enjoy. There is already brought traffic in Henley and insufficient parking. This is a residential suburb not a circus. |
| 90 | Dog owners should pay for their own facilities, not provided by the Council |
| 91 | Would result in increased vehicle traffic in the area and loss of park land. Perfectly suitable beach nearby that is available for dog walking and exercise. |
| 92 | I don't believe dog parks are an essential part of our Henley community. There are dog parks within a short driving distance should dog owners want to use these facilities for their dogs. |
| 93 | The prophesies site already attracts a large number of vehicles with local school and tennis club. Residents have invested a large sums of money to purchase in this sort after area not have properties devalued by destroying the park with a dog park. |
| 94 | Dog parks are not hygienic and in my experience become dust bowls. They require car parking and not aesthetically pleasing. They require upkeep where money could be spent on better initiatives in the area. |
| 97 | Vehicle and foot traffic would increase greatly. I do not believe dog park users are always the right people to encourage coming to my area. |
| 98 | Increase motorist where there is already from - Primary school and recreational facilities. Too close to residential homes. Beach is only a short distance away dog walkers can access the beach. Increased dogs where there is high traffic of children. |
| 99 | It's awfully close to the Henley Beach Primary School and there will be a lot more traffic coming and going from that area, we also have a beach right down the road that we can let dogs off the lead |
| 100 | No Parking, quiet residential area, disturb already, established wildlife and green space. |
| 101 | Proposed park is close to Tennis Club and Primary School so parking is limited. Walking with dog on reserve is preferred so do not want dog park. |
| 102 | A lot of people walk their dogs in the park now and I'm happy with that. |

Email Submissions

5 email submissions were received during the consultation period, with all submissions opposing the proposal. The content of these submissions reflected the negative sentiment listed above, including:

- Increasing traffic and car parking pressures, particularly as there are more subdivisions occurring in the area.
- There are other areas nearby for dog exercise, including the beach and off-lead reserves.
- Concerns with the cost and resources that has been spent on this investigation.
- Concerns with the cost of a new dog park, and a belief that these funds should be spent on other improvements such as improved irrigation, more bins, tree planting and fauna boxes for birds.
- Concerns that dog parks create irresponsible dog guardianship.
- Disturbance to local wildlife.
- Increased noise pollution.
- Safety risks to children due to the proximity of Henley Beach Primary School, from both dogs and increased traffic in the area.
- Reduction of useable green space for the community.

Council Staff Comments – Summary

| Comments supporting the proposal. | |
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| Comment | Council Staff comment |
| There currently isn't a dog park in Henley Ward. The proposal will provide a new dog park that is close to home and within easy walking distance. | <p>This community engagement responds to the direction of the Open Space Strategy to investigate a new dog park at Dean Whiteford Reserve.</p> <p>The proposed location is approximately 3km from the nearest dog park at Tedder Reserve, Flinders Park.</p> |
| The proposed location works well as a community space, by being located close to the tennis club and school. | Noted. |
| Located centrally in Henley Ward and away from main roads. | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Several comments relating to car parking availability and increased traffic were received.</p> <p>Both Fletcher Road and Kincaid Road are local roads, and a formal traffic and parking study has not been completed, as the proposal for a dog park in this location is very preliminary, with the recent consultation was to gauge community support prior to further investigations and design. A formal traffic and parking study would be in the order of \$5,000.</p> |
| The proposed location still retains adequate open space within Dean Whiteford Reserve for other activities. | The total area of Dean Whiteford Reserve is approximately 2 hectares, and the area of the proposed dog park is approximately 3,200m ² . |
| The proposed location is already used for dog exercise. | Noted. |

| Comments <u>not</u> supporting the proposal. | |
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| Comment | Council Staff comment |
| The proposed location is too close to residents and will increase noise (dogs barking, etc). | The proposed dog park would be approximately 25 metres from adjacent properties on Fletcher Road and Kincaid Road. |
| A new dog park will create more traffic and additional car parking pressures around the area, with some respondents indicating these pressures already exist. | Both Fletcher Road and Kincaid Road are local roads, and a formal traffic and parking study has not been completed, as the proposal for a dog park in this location is very preliminary, with the recent consultation was to gauge community support prior to further investigations and design. A formal traffic and parking study would be in the order of \$5,000. |
| The proximity of the dog park to Henley Beach Primary School and Henley South Tennis Club is also a concern regarding additional parking and traffic, particularly at school drop off and pick up times. | Noted. |

| Comments <u>not</u> supporting the proposal. | |
|--|--|
| Comment | Council Staff comment |
| Safety concerns relating to an increased number of dogs near children, due to the proximity of the proposed new dog park to the school. | The proposed dog park would be approximately 130 metres from the primary school. An increased presence of children and dogs may increase the likelihood of an incident occurring. It is noted that Semapaw Dog Park is located close to West Lakes Shore Primary School and concerns have not been raised at this location. Dog guardians must ensure their dog is on lead, and that their dog is under effective control. |
| Concerns regarding poor dog behaviour within a new dog park. | There are differing views regarding the suitability of dog parks and their impact on dog behaviour, however they continue to be popular and well used throughout the City of Charles Sturt. |
| Concerns regarding disturbance to local wildlife. | An increased presence of dogs and dog guardians may cause an increased disturbance to local wildlife. |
| The proposed location at Dean Whiteford Reserve is currently used for a range of different activities, including community gatherings, games, play and recreation. A new dog park will limit this use to one activity. | Whilst the total area of Dean Whiteford Reserve is approximately 2 hectares, the proposal will limit the use of the proposed area to a dog park and restrict other activities to occur. |
| There are other areas in Henley Ward for dog exercise, including the beach, foreshore and off-lead reserves. Council should invest in other facilities, such as a new playground or BBQ. | The irrigation system at Dean Whiteford Reserve was renewed in 2020. Trees have also been planted in the last 2 years as part of Council's Tree Canopy Improvement Strategy. The playground is due for renewal in approximately 5 years. Facilities such as a BBQ, shelter and other features are consistent with a district reserve and could be considered as part of a future budget. |
| The appearance of the proposed new dog park will detract from the (additional fencing, etc). | A new dog park will require infrastructure such as fencing, paths and other features, that may be considered 'visual clutter'. |
| Concerns regarding an adverse impact on property values. | It is unknown if a new dog park will have an adverse impact on property values. |