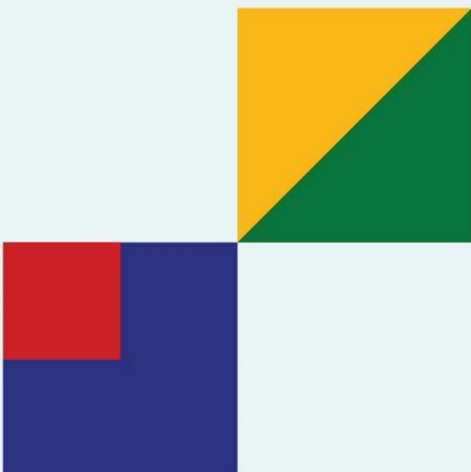


COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY REPORT

Dog Access Arrangements Review
Frank Mitchell Park & Woodville West Reserve,
Woodville West



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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We recently engaged with the community in October 2023 following a request from the local sporting club, FK Beograd Soccer Club (the Club), to amend the dog access arrangements at Frank Mitchell Park in Woodville West. Two alternative options were put to the community for consultation; option one would see amendments made to the existing on and off lead arrangements on Frank Mitchell Reserve and a new fenced area constructed on Woodville West Reserve and option two was 'no change' to the existing arrangements.

Engagement was undertaken in accordance with Part 3 of Council's Public Consultation Policy (discretionary) and the level of engagement was '**consult**'.

The purpose of this engagement was to:

- Inform the community about the request.
- Understand the community's preference for the options being considered, and if a change to the existing arrangements was supported or opposed.
- Understand how the community currently uses the reserve.
- Obtain information to be considered by Council when determining how the investigation will proceed.

The consultation was promoted through consultation packs delivered to the defined consultation catchment area (Figure 1, Pg 6), onsite corflute signage and a Your Say Charles Sturt online engagement page.

Overall, majority of the feedback supported 'No Change' to the current arrangements at the reserve with 61% support.

36% of the remaining feedback supported the proposal for 'change' to the dog access arrangements on Frank Mitchell Reserve and installation of a new, fenced area on Woodville West reserve for dogs to be off lead.

3% of the participants didn't mind what happened.

*This data excludes duplicate submissions from the same household and with the same preferences. Comparative results including the same household submissions are available in Section 5.

Feedback from respondents in support of 'change' to dog access arrangements (Option 1) largely revolved around respect for other users of the space to be able to exercise, train, play and recreate without fear or apprehension of being approached by off lead dogs which could be poorly supervised or not effectively controlled, and which may also exhibit aggressive or bullish behaviours.

Feedback from respondents in support of 'no change' to dog access arrangements (Option 2) shared a very strong sense of local community and pride, centred around this open space in Frank Mitchell Park and Woodville West Reserve and particularly amongst the dog community. There was a resounding sense from respondents that most of the dog community are doing the right thing; cleaning up after their dogs and, at times, even the Club, and that they respect the Club's need to access the pitch dog free for training and matches.

Many of these respondents raised concerns about Club and member's behaviour, including irresponsible littering and waste management particular after games. Others commented on the underusage and waste of the space if Area A was always on lead, even when not in use by the Club. Several alternative solutions were suggested by these respondents, who felt there were better ways to assist in management of the Club's concerns without resorting to dog access changes.

All verbatim and unattributed comments and submissions received are available to view in **Appendix A** (Pg 17).

2. PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

FK Beograd Soccer Club (the Club) currently has a licence for the use of the clubrooms and two soccer pitches on Frank Mitchell Reserve, adjacent to Woodville West Reserve, Woodville West. The terms of the licence arrangement allow for general community use on the green spaces of Frank Mitchell Park, outside of the times the grounds are used for soccer.

Current dog access arrangements enable dogs to be exercised off lead at both Woodville West Reserve and Frank Mitchell Park, however dogs must be on lead when soccer training and matches are in progress. It should be noted that Frank Mitchell Park is fully fenced, making it an attractive location for dog exercise, whilst Woodville West Reserve includes mostly post and rail perimeter fencing.



The Club has previously advised that conflicts are often experienced with dogs off lead during soccer training activities and, despite the installation of signs indicating that dogs must be on lead during organised sport, it has not resolved the situation. Further, the Club has also expressed concern of player welfare and hygiene due to dog faeces being present on the grounds.

Subsequently, the Club requested that we investigate options to better manage the shared space, particularly as it relates to use of the pitch for dog exercise and soccer activity.

At its meeting on 18 September 2023 (Item 4.62), the Asset Management Committee endorsed consultation with the community on two options relating to dog access at Frank Mitchell Park and Woodville West Reserve

The two options under consideration for the purposes of consultation are available in **Table 1** (Pg 4).

TABLE 1: FUTURE DOG ACCESS OPTIONS FOR FRANK MITCHELL PARK

OPTION 1 - CHANGE	OPTION 2 - NO CHANGE
<p>A. Make the main pitch of the licensed area a 'dogs on lead only' area (Area 'A').</p> <p>B. Define the soccer pitch to the west of the main playing field as an 'off lead' dog area outside of soccer use times (Area 'B').</p> <p>C. Create a new, fenced area to the north of the main playing field for off lead dog exercise at any time (Area 'C').</p>	<p>No changes to current dog access arrangements at both Frank Mitchell Park and Woodville West Reserve.</p> <p>All areas remain off lead for dogs except during organised sporting activity. During organised sporting activity, dogs should vacate the playing pitch or must otherwise be on lead at all times while sport is in play.</p>
	

3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

This project is a matter set out in Part 3 of Council's Public Consultation Policy and, accordingly, the public consultation steps for this project were determined by Council on a discretionary basis.

3.1 Engagement Objectives

The objectives of this engagement were to ensure:

- That our community has easy access to the appropriate information.
- That our community is given opportunities to provide feedback.
- 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 community of the decision and reasoning for the decision.

3.2 Engagement scope

Formal community consultation was open for a minimum period of 21 days to allow the community adequate time to provide their feedback. The community engagement promotion, activity and participation (where relevant) is summarised in **Table 2** (Pg 7).

Residents and property owners identified in the consultation catchment area surrounding the two reserves were provided with a consultation pack enclosing an information letter, a fact sheet comparing the two different options being considered, a QR Code to the Your Say Charles Sturt project page, and an optional hardcopy feedback form with a reply-paid envelope. The consultation catchment area is demonstrated in Figure 1.

Signage was displayed onsite to promote the consultation to reserve visitors outside of the locality, and a Your Say Charles Sturt engagement project page was created. While participants were encouraged to complete their feedback online via the Your Say Charles Sturt project page, a hardcopy feedback form was available for download on the project page and a direct contact number available so feedback could also be taken over the phone. Additionally, an onsite information session was available to the community and promoted in the consultation collateral.

The scope of the consultation is to understand the preference of the different reserve users regarding the current and potential, future dog access arrangements on Frank Mitchell Park and the adjacent Woodville West Reserve. While any matters relating to the Club and its management, the clubroom property, the playground, reserve equipment and amenities, and dog management in general are not within the scope of this consultation, feedback received of this nature will be noted by relevant staff (with action as deemed required) and considered by the Council within this consultation report.

All feedback related to the dog access arrangements at Frank Mitchell Park will be considered by the Asset Management Committee prior to a decision about how to proceed regarding the construction of a public toilet facility in the reserve. Other factors that will influence the final decision may include the weight and merit of the initial request, expert advice, other historical, cultural, social, environmental, or economic factors, as well as the discretionary view of the Elected Members. Following a decision of Council on the request to review the access arrangements, residents in the catchment will be notified of the decision/s and outcomes of consultation.

FIGURE 1: CONSULTATION CATCHMENT AREA

All properties highlighted in red are included in the defined consultation catchment area and received a consultation package.



TABLE 2: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Type of activity	Engagement activity	Details	Participants
Consultation promotion	Your Say Charles Sturt email campaign	New project email campaign Sent 11 October 2023 at 11:25am	1,095 recipients with 651 opens and a 6% click through rate.
	Consultation Package	Distributed on 11 October 2023 to the defined consultation catchment area.	Hand delivered to 621 resident & commercial properties. Mailed out to 181 absent property owners via Australia Post.
	Onsite Signage x 6 + 3	Initially 6 signs were installed at key entry points to each reserve, promoting the consultation. Following a request from a community member, additional signs (x3) were installed on 26 October 2023.	
Your Say Charles Sturt Project Page	Your Say Charles Sturt online project page: "Dog Access Review on Frank Mitchell Park & Woodville West Reserve".	Open to everyone Live from 11 October 2023 at 8:25am	At the time of writing this report: 826 visits 684 unique visitors 96 project followers
Onsite community session	Onsite information session to pick up a form, ask any questions, and talk to staff &/or club representative.	Held 5pm, Wednesday, 18 October 2023 at Woodville West Reserve	2 Council Officers present 1 official representative from the FK Beograd Soccer Club Approximately 34-38 attendees
Feedback	Hard copy and online feedback forms	Open Wednesday, 11 October 2023 to 5pm Wednesday, 1 November 2023	219 unique feedback forms accepted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approx 142 online forms vs 77 hardcopy forms - 195 forms from unique households. - 24 forms from participants residing in the same household. - 6 forms not accepted as anonymous or incomplete (eg didn't select a preference), however comments have been included for consideration in the appendices.
	Other submissions	Open Wednesday, 11 October 2023 to 5pm Wednesday, 1 November 2023	3 email submissions 2 phone conversations/submissions 2 email queries

Consultation Pack:



FRANK MITCHELL PARK & WOODVILLE WEST RESERVE DOG ACCESS OPTIONS UNDER INVESTIGATION

OPTION 1

Dog access changes

- **Area A** – Main playing field changed to dogs on lead at all times.
- **Area B** – When in use for organised sport activities, area is on lead only. Outside of these times, dogs are allowed off lead.
- **Area C** – A new, fenced in area for off lead dog exercise at all times.



OPTION 2

No change

- Current dog access arrangements for Frank Mitchell Park and Woodville West Reserve remain unchanged. Dogs are allowed off lead in all areas but **must** be on lead during organised sport activities.



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Onsite Signage:





DOG ACCESS ON FRANK MITCHELL PARK & WOODVILLE WEST RESERVE

We are inviting feedback on a request to alter
 off leash, dog access arrangements on Frank
 Mitchell Park & Woodville West Reserve.

Scan the QR Code to share feedback from Wednesday,
 11 October to Wednesday, 1 November 2023.

Staff will be onsite at Woodville West Reserve (near the
 playground/dog park) at **5pm Wednesday, 18 October**
 to hear from the community.

Share your feedback:



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Your Say Charles Sturt Project Page:

<https://www.yoursaycharlessturt.com.au/dog-access-fmp-wwr>





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Feedback on a request to alter the off-leash dog arrangements on Frank Mitchell Park & Woodville West Reserve, Todville Street, Woodville West, is now closed.

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Consultation is now closed. We are reviewing the submissions and preparing a report to the Asset Management Committee meeting of 20 November 2023. We will let all participants and project followers know when the consultation outcomes and report are available to view.

Closed

Submit Your Dog Access Preference

Complete the form below by 1 November 2023 to share your preference with us. It will only take 1-2 minutes to complete. You can also download a hardcopy form in the document library at the bottom of this page, or call Caitlin on 8408 1132 and we can complete it over the phone.

If you would like to speak to us in person, we will be onsite at Woodville West Reserve on Wednesday, 18 October 2023 at 5pm (until approx. 6pm). Drop in to talk to us about the consultation or ask any questions.

About You

What type of park/reserve user are you? (Required)

You may select any that apply:

- ☐ FK Beograd Soccer Club community (eg member, parent, parent carer)
- ☐ Other local sporting community
- ☐ Dog owner, dog exercise or dog park user
- ☐ Community garden member
- ☐ Recreational visitor (eg for tennis, fun, play, walking)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Your Preference for Dog Access

Which of the optional dog access arrangements do you prefer for Frank Mitchell Park and Woodville West Reserve? (Required)

Do you have any other comments to share about this request or the options being consulted on? (Optional)

Comments made in this section will be included as unattributed, anonymous submissions in the community engagement report and presented back to the Asset Management Committee, where appropriate. Staff responses to submissions will be included in the report and this will be accessible to the public. In some circumstances, we may respond to you directly.

Your Details

We request your details so that we can keep you up to date on the outcome of this project as a consultation participant. We will only otherwise contact you if we need to clarify your response.

First Name Required

Caitlin

Last Name Required

Tammy

Your email

So that we can let you know when the matter is being considered and advise you of the outcome, following a decision.

Your Street Address Required

Suburb Required

Postcode Required

Preferred contact number

Submit my preference

Consultation is open from Wednesday, 11 October 2023 to 5pm Wednesday, 1 November 2023.

We will be onsite at Woodville West Reserve on 18 October 2023 at 5pm, if you would like to come and talk to us or pick up a feedback form in person.

We have received a request from FK Beograd Soccer Club (the Club) to investigate changes to the current dog access arrangements at Frank Mitchell Park and Woodville West Reserve, located at Todville Street, Woodville West. The Club has a licence for the use of the clubrooms and 2 soccer pitches, which permits dogs to be exercised off-leash at Frank Mitchell Park and Woodville West Reserve except when soccer training and matches (organised sporting activities) are in progress, at which time dogs must be on-leash.

The Club has experienced conflicts with dogs off-leash during soccer training activities and is impacted by dog waste not being properly removed and disposed of by pet owners. For this reason, it has been requested that we investigate options to better manage dog exercise which also supports the Club and player safety.

To inform a future decision on the request to amend the dog access arrangements, we are seeking your feedback on 2 options, as pictured below.

- Option 1:**
- Make the main soccer pitch on Frank Mitchell Park on-leash at all times (Area "A").
 - The soccer pitch to the west of the main pitch to be on-leash during organised sporting activities and off-leash at all other times (Area "B").
 - An area to the north of the main playing field, in Woodville West Reserve to be enclosed for off-leash dog exercise at all times (Area "C").
- Option 2:**
- No changes to existing arrangements at Frank Mitchell Park and Woodville West Reserve. Dogs must be on-leash during organised sporting activities but can continue to be exercised off-leash at all other times.



Aerial map view demonstrating the dog access proposal for the defined areas, under each Option 1 and Option 2.

More information

Further information regarding this request and the options being consulted on can be viewed in the report to Council's Asset Management Committee on 18 September 2023, Item 4.62, page 18-30.

Next Steps & Timeframes

The results of this consultation and a decision report will be presented to Council's Asset Management Committee on 20 November 2023. All consultation participants and Your Say project followers will be provided the report details, when available, and be informed of the outcome once a decision has been endorsed. An update will also be provided on this project page.

If Option 1 is endorsed and fencing is required to be installed in the above locations, funding will need to be considered as part of the 2024/25 budget process provision given this project was not forecast in the current financial year. If funding is allocated, the project works would likely be undertaken in late 2024 however we will provide the community with confirmation of project funding and an update on construction closer to the time.

Document Library

 Asset Management Committee Report - Dog Access Arrangements Review PDF (472 KB)

 Harcopy Feedback Form - Dog Access Arrangements Review PDF (223 KB)

 Fact Sheet on Options - Dog Access Arrangements Review PDF (81 KB)

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The City of Charles Sturt would like to acknowledge the land we occupy today is the traditional lands for the Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the greater Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today.



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5. ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS & KEY THEMES

There was a reasonable degree of local interest in the investigation and consultation on future dog access arrangements to Frank Mitchell Park and Woodville West Reserve. Engagement participation was high, with 219 feedback forms received which provide helpful insights into the experiences of different reserve users in this location. Other written or verbal submissions were made via email or over the phone that, in all cases, were supplementary to a formal feedback form also being lodged. The additional comments received have been included in the commentary reporting.

Important notes to the data:

An additional 2 feedback forms were received but were excluded from the data as they were duplicate submissions from existing participants who had already lodged a feedback form.

An additional 6 feedback forms were received but were not included in the data as they were anonymous (unable to be verified for data integrity) or did not make a preference selection. However if comments were made on the form, they have been included in the consultation commentary for consideration.

Included in the total 219 feedback forms are 24 forms received from individuals who reside in the same property as another participant who also submitted a form, and where the preferred option (and in most, if not all cases, the sentiment) was the same. For the purposes of analysing the results, the data was separated into two sets – results excluding the duplicate household submissions expressing the same preference and results including these duplicate household submissions. In section 5.3 where preferences are discussed, the report will reference the data excluding these duplicate household submissions, so that the results are represented equitably. However graphs will be provided for both sets of data to demonstrate the relatively immaterial impact of the duplicate submissions on the overall results. Similarly to the above, all comments received in duplicate household submissions has been included in the commentary reporting.

5.1 Where did respondents live?

While the survey was open to everyone to participate, 85% of respondents lived in the Woodville suburbs (62.1% - Woodville West, South & North, Woodville Park, & Woodville) and in Seaton (22.9%). The remaining 15% lived within the City of Charles Sturt (11%), in areas near the outskirts of Charles Sturt (3%) or in the northern or eastern suburbs (1%). This is not an unexpected spread, given respondents to the survey included sporting club members that may not be local to the city.

5.2 Who we heard from

We asked participants what type of reserve user they were, to understand the context for their comments and their experiences on the reserve/s. Respondents could select more than one user type as it applied to them. Majority of the respondents to the survey identified as being part of the reserve dog community or dog owners/walkers and/or as being recreational visitors (for fitness, playground, open space, recreation, and informal sporting activity). Refer Figure 2.1 and Figure 2.2, over the page.

FIGURE 2.1: RESERVE USER TYPES – [EXCL.]

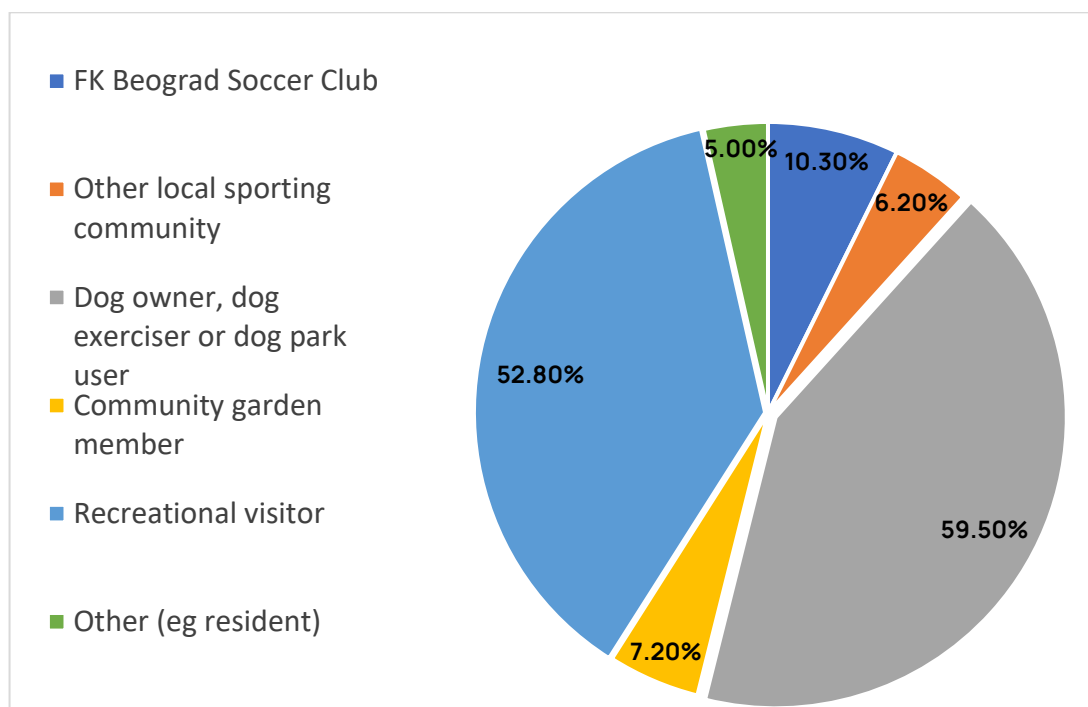
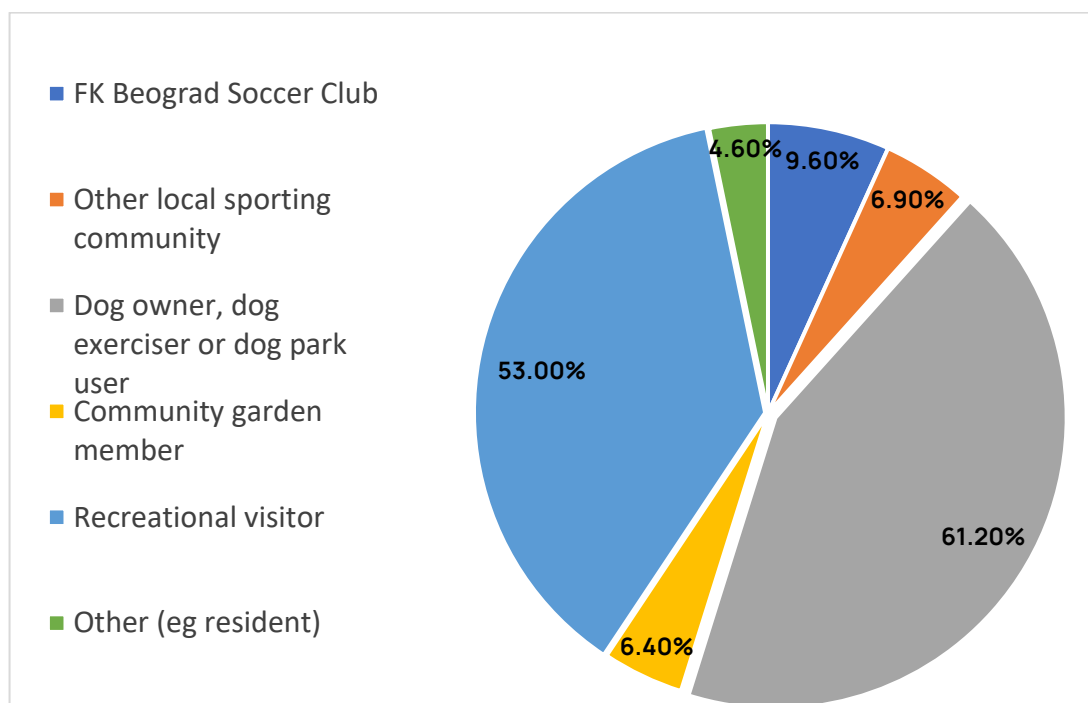


FIGURE 2.2: RESERVE USER TYPES – [INCL.]



5.3 Overall preferred option

The preferred option from respondents to the survey form, for both data sets, was for 'No Change' to the current dog access arrangements at Frank Mitchell Park and Woodville West Reserve. Given that almost 60% of the survey respondents identified as reserve users who were dog owners, part of the dog community, or visitors of the dog park the result is not surprising. However it's also important to note that while 10% of survey respondents identified as being part of the Club, where the initial request for a review of the dog access arrangements was initiated, 36% of respondents indicated a preference to change the dog access at the reserves.

FIGURE 3.1: PREFERRED OPTION OVERALL [EXCL.]

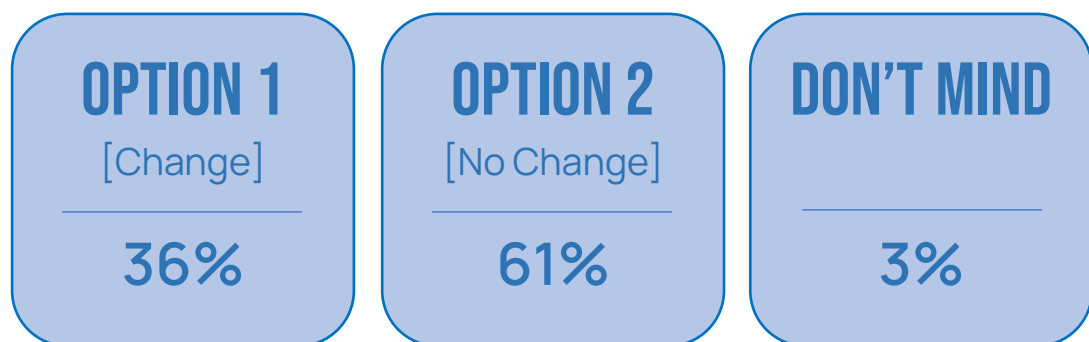
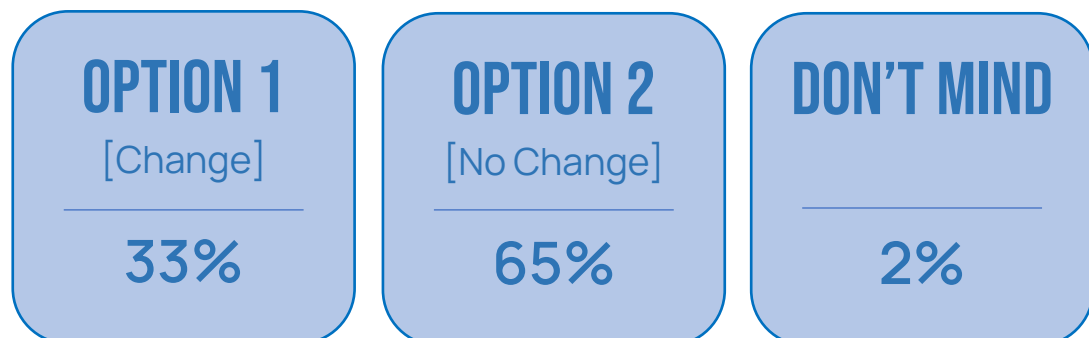


FIGURE 3.2: PREFERRED OPTION OVERALL [INCL.]



5.4 Preferred option by user type

To create an equitable base to consider the different needs and preferences of the different community groups of or around the reserve, it is useful to review the preferred options by reserve user/respondent type (refer **Table 3**, over the page). As mentioned earlier, it is important to note that respondents were able to select more than one user type and so their preference will be represented in each user type they identified with.

While majority of Club users supported a 'change' to the dog access arrangements (84%), majority of the dog community users, community garden members, and other local sporting groups supported 'no change' at 84%, 85% and 61.5% respectively. Recreational users were divided in their preferred option, with the marginal majority of 57% supporting 'no change'. Other users (including local residents) were likewise divided in their preferred option, with 50% of other users supporting a 'change' to the arrangements, while the others either 'didn't mind' or preferred 'no change'.

If Club users and the dog community are removed from the results you can see that, except for community garden members, other visitors or respondents interested in the reserve are not as decisive on the preferred option as the other groups. The possible reasons for this may become clear when reviewing the respondent's commentary in the next section.

TABLE 3.1: RESULTS - PREFERRED OPTION BY USER TYPE [EXCL.]

Reserve User & Respondent Type	# Identifying Respondents <i>*Can be in more than 1 group</i>	Option 1 [Change]	Option 2 [No Change]	Don't Mind
FK Beograd Soccer Club	19	84%	16%	Nil
Dog Community	116	15%	84%	1%
Community Garden Member	13	15%	85%	Nil
Recreational Users	105	40%	57%	3%
Other Local Sporting Group	13	38.5%	61.5%	Nil
Other (Local Resident)	8	50%	37.5%	12.5%
Other	2	50%	Nil	50%

TABLE 3.2: RESULTS - PREFERRED OPTION BY USER TYPE [INCL.]

Reserve User & Respondent Type	# Identifying Respondents <i>*Can be in more than 1 group</i>	Option 1 [Change]	Option 2 [No Change]	Don't Mind
FK Beograd Soccer Club	21	81%	19%	Nil
Dog Community	134	13%	86%	1%
Community Garden Member	14	14%	86%	Nil
Recreational Users	116	36%	61%	3%
Other Local Sporting Group	15	40%	60%	Nil
Other (Local Resident)	8	50%	37.5%	12.5%
Other	2	50%	Nil	50%

5.5 Consultation Commentary

Refer to **Appendix A** for the unattributed, verbatim commentary as it relates to support for Option 1 (Change), Option 2 (No Change) or 'Don't Mind'.

In support of 'change' to dog access

The top 2 reasons for respondents selecting their preferred option as Option 1 ('Change') for the dog access review at Frank Mitchell Park and Woodville West were related to:

1. Dog waste (urine and faeces) on the main pitch/es; and
2. The behaviour of, or personal concern/fear/discomfort around off lead dogs.

Comments related to dog waste were largely about players & children coming into contact with uncollected dog excrement or areas where dogs have urinated. Sentiment was that the space is not a dog park. That it is a shared space for individuals, children & families to exercise and play, and that these users have a right to feel safe without having to worry about contact with dog waste. Several comments were made where players and other users alike have stepped in dog faeces or witnessed owners not picking up after their dogs, and that others shouldn't have to pick up after other people's dogs.

Comments related to off lead dogs included alleged incidents with dogs not being under effective control and a lack of owner responsibility, eg when their dog is running toward, jumping on, chasing, or being aggressive toward other reserve users. Other dog owners and reserve users have mentioned witnessing or experiencing harassment or aggression toward their own or other dogs by ineffectively controlled or aggressive dogs that are off leash on the reserve. This included concerns over a lack of pet supervision or a carefree attitude by other dog owners. Respondents who would use the space for exercise or to play with children mentioned feelings of discomfort, anxiety, fear, or concern for themselves or their children with off lead, and potentially unsupervised dogs being in the same area as them and being able to enter their personal space uninvited.

Other sentiment, though not as prevalent, included:

- Dogs should be on lead on the main pitch, which should be dedicated to dog-free exercise, sport and training without concerns about dog faeces or unwanted dog interactions.
- That it is a shared space, not a dog park.
- That dog owners should use the existing dog park, or have a purpose built, larger dog park where dog owners can go with their dogs (larger than Area C).
- That the dogs are damaging the playing surface, which should be in pristine playing condition.

In support of 'no change' to dog access

The top 3 reasons for respondents selecting a preference toward Option 2 (No Change) for the dog access review at Frank Mitchell Park and Woodville West related to:

1. The spaces in question are community land, that the areas should be accessible to all (eg not one group in the community), that it is a shared space, and that the area is essential to owner and dog health and wellbeing.

2. A perception that most of the dog community and dog owners do the right thing – clean up after their dogs, abide by the usage arrangements/times, and keep the general area clean and tidy; and
3. Complaints about the Club and their behaviour and cleanliness;

An extremely common theme in support for 'no change' was how important the reserves and open space in Woodville West is, and how valued this space is by the community. Many mentioned the increase in urban infill and development, loss of green, open space in this area, and how the entire space (not just the main pitch) should be accessible to everyone. This included a desire by many not to enclose the area of the reserve identified as Area C in the proposed dog access changes (Option 1), and so they selected Option 2. It was felt that this area is essential to local groups, families and children who use this area of Woodville West reserve for ball sports, informal games, and recreation or exercise. Further, there was concern about having an enclosure specifically for dogs to be off lead, in such close proximity to the playground and open areas where children would play and who, in some cases, shared a fear of dogs or of balls going into the fenced dog area. Further, many commented that Area B is not safe for off lead dogs due to open access to the clubroom, rubbish bins and gates that are often left open.

Sentiment around the importance of the space for dogs and their owners to exercise and for dogs to run and play freely which, in turn, results in less disruptive dogs and happier, healthier neighbourhoods for all was a common theme. So too was the importance of socialisation (for humans and dogs) and the meaningful connection and sense of community which has evolved amongst local dog owners.

It was clear that respondents supporting 'no change' resoundingly felt that most dog owners are doing the right thing by picking up after their dogs, even picking up after other's dogs or calling out irresponsible pet owners, and are abiding by the use requirements (eg vacating the pitch when required for training and games).

It was also clear that many of the supporters of 'no change' were discouraged by Club or player actions and behaviours they have allegedly experienced. Some of their complaints include the littering of the playing field after training/games, irresponsible waste management, night noise complaints, aggression/disrespect toward dog owners, antisocial behaviour, setting up tactics long before the pitch is intended to be used, and alcohol related complaints. Some respondents suggested that the Club's claims are exaggerated or that they often clean up the rubbish left behind on the pitch after games. These complaints about the Club suggest feelings of a lack of cooperation and community spirit by the Club, making their tolerance toward this request quite low.

Other sentiment, though not as prevalent, included:

- The wasted opportunity for dog owners to access this valuable open space when it wouldn't be in use for soccer training or matches, in particular in the off-season.
- That some respondents have a fear of dogs and don't want to create another dedicated space for dogs within this reserve.
- That Area C is not big enough or is not suitable as an off-lead space for large dogs.
- That spending more money on 'dog parks' is a waste of money, or that the consultation is a waste of ratepayer funds.
- That the existing dog park ('Sniffari') should have been made bigger, so it was inclusive for larger dogs.

5.6 Respondent suggestions for Council consideration

Many of the respondents supporting 'No Change' to the dog access arrangements also recognised the need for some kind of additional action to support the use of Frank Mitchell Park as a cooperative, shared space. Some suggestions made by the community for Council to investigate include:

- Compliance and enforcement to promote responsible dog ownership eg signage, increased patrols, fines for not picking up after dogs, security cameras etc.
- Dog owner and dog behavioural education. Restrictions on aggressive or bullish dogs eg on lead only.
- Requesting the Club (or Council) to share the Club's pitch usage times (or on lead times) with the community via noticeboard, perimeter signage, community Facebook page, etc. This would mean dog owners wouldn't come to the oval when planned for use by the Club. Also clarity is needed around whether dogs can be off lead on the oval when a few players informally practice on the oval. Club players seem to expect dog owners and their dogs to vacate the site for unofficial Club activity.
- More bins around the pitch/reserve around the pitch's entry/exit points.
- More dog bag dispensers around the pitch's entry/exit points.
- Signage/education about effective dog control and aggressive dogs.
- Consider construction of a dedicated large-dog park eg at the Todville Street lawn area near the railway station, or other location.
- Better communication and consultation by the Club with the local community.
- Restrictions on early morning and late-night times when dogs should not be allowed on the open space due to early morning and late-night dog barking which is disruptive to other local residents.

Other requests not related to the scope of this consultation included:

- Playground renewal/maintenance /upgrade, including new equipment for older children.
- Half court basketball court or informal sporting facilities for Area C.
- Additional BBQ and picnic facilities/rest areas
- More shaded spots/shelters/playground shade

6. NEXT STEPS

The Asset Management Committee will review the outcomes of community engagement on the dog access review at Frank Mitchell Park and Woodville West Reserve, as detailed in this report, and consider the findings when deciding on the matter. Following a decision of Council, all consultation contributors, specific communities of interest, Your Say Charles Sturt project followers, and the broader consultation catchment area will be informed of the decision through direct notification.

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16508	Dogs should be on the lead and dog owners responsible for picking up their dog's waste. Kids should not be stepping in poo while they train soccer.
16498	<p>After being within "B" section when an uncontrolled Carne Corso was walked past (on lead). We immediately left. Lead does not mean the owner is responsible and I feared for my child's safety as the dog would not take his eyes off my young one. The owner was 'pulling' the dog in the direction he wanted him to walk. The area is not safe for children anymore. It is a waste of playground and land that my children could be exercising on (as avid soccer lovers).</p> <p>Please note that I have owned large breeds dogs all my life since 4yo. I have also trained Schutzhund dogs. I am not fearful of dogs but am very aware of uncontrolled/untrained dogs especially around children. Why can't the dog owners use the dog park that was specially made for them?</p>
16494	<p>It would be great to see that dogs are contained to C on or off leads and an environment created there that is safe for pets to be on or off leads.</p> <p>A and B should then be left for football as I do not believe that the mess from pets will be always picked up.</p> <p>I am a resident and pet owner outside of this council and I'm surprised that pets are allowed on an area that humans use as a sporting venue. Area C would be able space for pets.</p> <p>Two weeks ago a number of dogs ran up to some equipment on the field and two dogs went up to my son's drink bottle in which one dog picked up the bottle and slobbered over it.</p>
16488	<p>It will provide clear guidelines for all parties, to utilize the precinct.</p> <p>Mitigates the risk of dog waste and provides specific guidelines for self-governance.</p>
16481	I have been chased by off lead dogs while trying to exercise playing soccer or running restricting me off what I cannot do what I love
16480	I have been chased by off-lead dogs while running on the soccer pitch, my kids have been chased by big dogs while playing soccer, and one dog jumped so hard on me that I slipped over and tore my hamstring. It's not a dog park, it's a soccer pitch. I'm tired of picking up dog poo too. They have a sensory park.
16479	Every time .. and I mean every time we play at the club we have to clean up dog droppings. Also the pitch is being damaged by uncontrolled dogs, this is a semi-profession pitch and the condition is very poor and improvements will not be worthwhile if it constantly damaged
16469	Have witnessed owners of dogs off leash that are not trained and have harassed other dog owners and their dogs so leashing them would be best option.

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16468	<p>I don't think dogs should be allowed in the area A at all. So many times my children and I have stepped in dog poo. Area C has plenty of space for dogs!!</p> <p>I also don't think its fair for Area C to become a 'dog only' area when children want to play on that grassed area while their siblings play on the playground during the games held in Area A.</p> <p>I am supportive of Area B having dogs on and off leads as detailed in the letter.</p>
16459	Dogs must always be on lead, so that all residents can go for walk, fun and can keep all citizens fit!!
16450	<p>Even though we love dogs and we are dog people, we believe that kids & adults playing soccer should enjoy the game and feel safe there, but not trying to avoid dogs poo.</p> <p>Dog owners had their chances, but unfortunately as we see very often, dogs are running around the park without supervision. As a regular jogger, I avoid going to the run around the pitch when there are no soccer club members, exactly due to the dogs with no owners nearby</p>
16445	<p>Yes, what is the point of having build enclosed dog area if all dog owners us other green lawn areas. Quite frankly tired of dog poop everywhere!</p> <p>Do they really need access to all areas? Can people that are allergic to dog have access to area where they can train without do running up to them?</p>
16444	I don't have a dog but note that the park is a great place for dog socialisation. I do see owners on the phone while their dogs are running around on the soccer field so may miss seeing their animals defecate. On lead on the oval is a sensible alternative.
16443	<p>If people did the right thing wouldn't be necessary. Also dog walkers and general public including Beograd people closed the gates to oval after coming in or out, should be addressed maybe a sign "PLEASE CLOSE GATE" as if you come in one and another gate at end of oval is left open and you let dog off leash they can soon go fast out of gate if they see another dog coming THINK THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.</p> <p>Not an oval matter but the amount of people who let their dogs poop on your lawn or road verge and don't pick up and annoy you too! Can't even take their bag if they pick it up with them, just dump anywhere!!</p>
16432	Please keep dogs on leads most time we have small children
16431	Best to pursue Option 1 in the best interest of all users
16430	I will feel safer for my dog as some off leash owners think that their dog is under control when its in your face! My dog has a fear of other dogs, so thank you for making a park safer. After a beach attack at Grange, mine both on leads a boxer jogging with owner attacked my both cavies! Now mine won't walk with anyone but me or is home bound, for a park to have sections is great, I tried around all the dog parks but he's still scared. Last time an Alsatian dog was in our face!

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16428	I have had to erect signage on my verge due to the large numbers of irresponsible dog owners not picking up their dog faeces. I do not believe that the main playing field "A" should be utilised by at all by dog owners. There is plenty of available grassed areas, including a dedicated dog park adjacent the main playing field. Dog owners can utilise areas 'B' and 'C' and the dog park. As a previous dog owner and veterinary nurse of 30 years I believe dog owners need to be made responsible for their dogs. Leave area 'A' for the soccer club and negotiate other areas for dog owners.
16419	Too many dog owners are irresponsible and don't take responsibility for their dog's waste and behaviour. I've witnessed this at all the dog parks in Woodville West, South and St Clair. Option 1 is a good solution. However how are you going to enforce this, if it is implemented?
16417	There is always dog poo left on the field where our kids train & play. It's not acceptable. Some owners don't even move away when the kids are trying to train & dogs have chased our kids & scared them
16411	This is something that should happen. Too many close calls with dogs off lead. Inconsiderate owners not picking up after their dogs happens way too often and it's not fun cleaning it off kids soccer boots or car carpets.
16405	I take my daughter to Frank Mitchell Park regularly to kick a soccer ball around with her friends and every time we have had issue or concerns around big and/or aggressive dogs running around our kids so we end up leaving. In addition to this we always see dog faeces on the ground and have stepped in some a couple of times. Frank Mitchell Park needs to be a safe and friendly park for all users not just dog owners and I too own a dog.
16396	Strict law, because many dog owners are not responsible to look and clean after they dogs
16394	I feel intimidated if I try to walk on the park and dogs are annoying me the same thing happens on the beach with clueless owners
16389	While I understand dogs need space for exercise, it has become a nuisance recently, with so many dogs not only running around scaring small babies in the park, but also the owners not picking up after. there are massive flies and blow flies due to this and makes it hard to enjoy the ground. there are eating and bbq areas where they can't eat in peace due to blow flies. the dog owners really need to keep the dogs on a leash and clean up after. some are so disgusting that they tie the poop and tie them to the fences (I have a picture for proof) small babies and toddlers don't know better and try to touch it. it's just filthy. I love animals and dogs, but this owner behaviour and lack of consideration towards the community is unacceptable. I hope they find a safe space for the dogs to enjoy while keeping kids safe and the grounds clean.. so all can enjoy the open space. Thanks. Probably few cameras and a fine for leaving poo should be there.
16387	People are not cleaning up after their dogs.
16378	Area A & B have external, lockable gates. When sport is being played, perhaps gates should be locked to exclude dogs. No one seems to police the rules. Perhaps a dog control officer(s) should visit the site occasionally and warn people not doing the correct thing (like not picking up dog poo). When matches are on or training - visit from dog control officer may assist the soccer club to manage ignorant/inconsiderate people.
16375	Beograd need to have this arrangement because people don't behave responsibly.

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16370	The reality the few make it bad for the majority. Option 1 is a fair middle ground for both groups. The Soccer Club invests strongly in the maintenance and upgrade of the oval for organised sport. They should be strongly supported. FYI I am a 70-year-old retiree and regularly walk and would like to use Frank Mitchell Park more but unfortunately when I choose to walk there are often dozens of dogs poorly supervised. For me, if I am looking for grass I go to the baseball/lacrosse reserve. Very few dogs there. Thank you.
16361	I have walked past everyday in the morning and the amount of people I see not collecting after their dogs is ridiculous. Close the gate on area "A" and stop the "young people" and their trendsetter dog using it as a toilet. The older people have better perspective how the oval is. Maybe it's because the new housing has no backyards. Put an officer on duty and start fining them. They will probably learn sooner or later.
16360	The main oval is to be used for FK Beograd Soccer. Unfortunately, the oval has in recent times been overwhelmed by the presence of dogs. Most dog owners are responsible. Unfortunately, many are not. Dog faeces being left on the oval, dogs running at you and your children, (which can be intimidating and frightening. The dog park adjacent has little use at the moment. The main soccer oval is NOT a dog park and should not be treated as such. Dogs at the very least should be on a lead under effective control by their owner as all times!
16359	I can say that the request from FK Beograd SC has grounds because I have also seen various incidents between dogs and their owners as well as excrement left that was not properly picked up. It really causes a feeling of fear and insecurity to walk or exercise around.
16357	It's just not good enough when people don't pick up their dog's poo. It's extremely frustrating, especially when there are dog bags in the area. I have a Maltese dog so she is a bit scared of bigger dogs, so I don't often take her off lead when we walk.
16291	I have recently been advised by my doctor that I need to exercise more due to the natural ageing process as I am beginning to show typical age-related medical conditions which will burden the entire community financially. I work very long hours, I am single female, with a mortgage, and I find the park useful to use as a place for my dog and I to walk freely. I was only there last night at 8.00 pm it was dark and I felt safe away from traffic, which has increased due to the over housing which will continue to bring in more cars and families.
16279	Seems that irresponsible dog owners receive all the advantages in the council area. It is terrible that people attending training sessions and sports games have to dodge dog faeces on the grounds. This happens all along the coast as well. I have never seen a council compliance officer patrolling areas and never seen any fines handed out. Yet I often see dog owners pretend they haven't noticed their dog defecating and they walk away.
16274	Been a while since I've been to FMP, but ensuring that disposable dog waste bags are readily available and noticeable to dog owners would be of benefit.
16243	I don't want to be chased by dogs off lead while jogging on the big soccer pitch.
16235	Option one: C - enclose the lawn area on the north of the main playing field at Woodville west reserve to make it safe for dogs to be off lead. Then no dogs allowed on soccer pitch at mitchell park and Woodville west reserve.

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16220	My choice is so that there is somewhere to run where I won't be chased by dogs. Some owners do not control their dogs. They let them roam freely to harass other users of the park while they sit staring at their phones. I won't run on any of the ovals now if there is a dog off the lead, which means sometimes I don't get to run on the grass and I have to modify my workout.
16215	I'm hesitant to use section B as that area is not fully enclosed and directly meets the club rooms without barrier. There should be at least one area that is fully enclosed available. Section C would be fine once fencing installed.
16206	I think that Beograd have been thoughtful and generous with their request. It is important that their main playing pitch be kept pristine for match play and training.
16514	Find another pouch area for dogs. It's not nice that players have to step on their grounds with inconsiderate people not picking up their dog's mess. Or fence off a section. Dogs allowed in that area and pick up mess. Not on grounds. It's disgusting that owners don't collect their dog's poo. Leave the grounds for family activities, sports, and community recreation, and dogs off.
16515	Dogs have strictly dog park which loads of money was spent on. Dogs should not be allowed to freely run around and urinate and poo where our kids play soccer.

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16506	If change - no parking. Club leaves food, bones etc after events. We clean up bandages after games. Events often don't finish till after midnight - crowds and noise still can be heard several streets away.
16504	Option B - definitely no!! Club leaves food, bones etc after events, isn't enclosed. Option C - no parking. There are signs saying, "Dogs on lead when games are on", which we abide to. I'm near Findon Road and I could hear noise and music going on to 2am after their Serbian Festival over the long weekend.
16503	Off Lead Park "C" would be great for weekends when soccer is on. However in off-season when no soccer on Frank Mitchell, it should be off lead.
16502	Community for Everybody
16501	<p>I would like to point out that this public consultation has been based on anecdotal evidence from FK Beograd (the club) who have a vested interest in the outcome (refer Asset Management Committee Agenda 18/9/23 pg21). It is disappointing that this consultation has made it this far without any facts. Especially given that the club's interests in my opinion are only for the club and not the community.</p> <p>Here are two FACTS that support this claim:</p> <p>After ongoing noise complaints with no action, community members had no choice but to take FK Beograd to Consumer Business Affairs on 9Dec21. The outcome of this hearing was a reduction in alcohol service hours. This could have been sorted out at a lower level if the club would listen to the community.</p> <p>30 Sep - 2 Oct 22 - An event at FK Beograd occurred with no regard for the people who live in the suburb. General outrage in the community and lots of noise complaints.</p> <p>I see the attempts to restrict the public use area of dogs as a continuation of anti-community behaviour shown by the club.</p> <p>In regards to the proposed fence in option 1, \$80k could be better spent in the community. The area is surrounded by apartments, with open access areas essential to play and mental health. Kids who use this area would not be able to due to dog movements. The WHS impacts relating to children trying to play in the vicinity of dogs, especially in the lead time for fence installation. Generally, Dogs next to a playground off lead does not sound like a good idea. Also, It would also be an eyesore.</p> <p>That's all for now, I would like to know how hearsay makes change so I too can apply it through the council.</p>

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16500	Issue with poo bags being refilled consistently and also staff / representatives from FK Beograd Soccer Club being aggressive towards dog owners. Also setting up cones and drills at 4:30 when no one is on the pitch until 6pm on occasions. Clarity around pitch use and time would ease the confusion.
16491	1. Community to prompt responsibility of picking up dogs waste if there's any occurred while exercising the dog. Signs might help, as well as sufficient of bag around.
16489	I feel that even if option 1 was selected, someone would always spoil it for everyone by doing the wrong thing. Too many irresponsible dog owners who don't clean up after their dogs are the reason for why this has even become an issue. We have no other choice but to use the soccer oval as its the most secure area for dogs to run freely. There are not enough open grass space around the area as council allowed for too many house to be built when that wasn't what the original plan was.
16487	Neither option is particularly attractive.
16486	The lawned area on Todville Street by the train line would be another area that could be used by dog owners if it was suitably fenced. Dogs need an area to run, and area C in option 1 is not big enough. If that entire area was fenced it may come close. Another option may be to list actual times where there is organised sport. There seems to be a lack of real communication with regards to changes in this area.
16484	My dog walks there every day and that the dogs are never even there when sport is on. Always used for dogs and they can all enjoy a big open space to play with other dogs and for the dog owners to have a chat. Instead of putting all these dogs in the sensory park next door that isn't used much at all.
16483	Don't spend \$\$ on changes that are not necessary.
16472	Waste bags should be placed at entrance to oval. They are not currently at the gate entry points. We bring our own but others don't.
16463	We do not need more fencing to keep ratepayers out. We have enough fencing as is. Look after the majority of rate payers not the minority.
16462	Maybe start fining the people who don't do the right thing. Instead of changing it and ruining for everyone.
16461	Do not confuse dog waste with the dog being off lead.

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16458	We honestly find option 1 to be ridiculously absurd! Area 'C' on option 1 is used 7 days a week by many local families and to take this away for extra dog areas is beyond what any person would consider rational thinking! Is having area A & B not enough? On the map attached I have marked an X an area on the corner of Todville & Elizabeth Street that is never used that can be fenced off for dogs leaving area 'C' alone. Option 1 gives dog owners 4 areas to use including the sensory area and leaves families with nothing! Ever since the sensor park was opened there are a lot more dogs using this area as people drive here to use it and the amount of dog faeces left on the Council strips, footpaths and on ALL oval areas has marginally increased. Why would this change by giving these irresponsible owners more area to command! Please feel free to call me as I have more I could say on this matter.
16457	We were promised by the council when the sensory park was constructed, that we would NOT lose access to exercising our dogs on the main soccer oval. We walk our dogs everyday and have observed that dog waste has greatly improved over the past 12 months (reduced to rarely seeing any). We are tired of the soccer club always getting their way when they want something, but not complying when asked to do anything that affects the community (eg: removing eyesore scaffolding every year!) The club shows no interest in their surrounding community unless there is something that doesn't suit them. They don't live here - we do! The ovals belong to the community - not them.
16455	If area 'C' was fenced off in Option 2 it would give dog owners a safe space to go when there is organised sport on. If area 'A' was on lead at all times it would be a waste of space when sport isn't on - which is a majority of the time. It is a shame that some dog owners have ruined this space for everyone by being selfish and irresponsible. Hopefully, there is a way that this green space can be enjoyed by all in a safe way, especially because there isn't many green space anymore with housing development.
16453	No changes should be made, dog owners need to be held accountable. The recently built dog park should have been made to include larger dogs - it appears rarely used as residents have larger dogs.
16452	Maybe have fines for dog owners that do not pick up dog poos.
16451	The new dog enclosure should have been bigger not just for small dogs. Section 'C' - this area has been used regularly by the soccer players for their Sunday or Saturday games in the morning then they take over (use) the BBQ. Why can't they use the soccer ground marked 'B'. All of a sudden they upgrade the soccer ground and residence in are (which have tripled) since all the new houses and townhouses erected are asked to move on. Its great watching the owners and dogs in the area communicating especially the ones that arrive early in morning but then the soccer club will get their way in this.

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16449	<p>It is really important to us that we have this large soccer pitch to exercise our high energy dog. I would not have adopted him if FK park wasn't there. I have seen dog walkers pick up random dog poos for respect to the soccer players. We pick up rubbish from soccer ALL the time.</p> <p>The community that congregates at the park for their dogs are responsible.</p> <p>We are also members of the soccer club but feel that the space should be available to ALL members of the community.</p>
16446	<p>For those people who choose not to clean up after their dogs, a fine should apply. Unfortunately, a minority of people do the wrong thing, but others should not be punished because of them. I'm not sure how this could be policed, but I'm sure once a few people received fines &/or warnings, people may take heed. Public spaces should be for everyone to share and clean up after themselves. Signage clearly stating that fines will apply and random checks made would possibly help?</p>
16442	<p>It's a good park, used a lot for a community get together.</p>
16440	<p>If there needs to be a larger 'off-lead' at all times space considered, I am not sure why the area to the north of 'C' - Option 1 opposite community garden was not considered. This would need fencing as its not fenced. Area 'c' used by many young people and families for sporting, recreation & junior sport.</p> <p>I can sympathise with the soccer players if dog waste is not collected, but this is mostly done considering the number of dogs that us the parks. Maybe just needs to be checked prior to games. The parks provide great social amenity to the area and are valued by local residents, particularly those with small garden areas due to the decision for social in-filling with higher density housing. In the past the soccer club's padlocked the fields on game days. This created problems when they did not unlock them for a number of days post games.</p> <p>The soccer club players and supporters are not innocent in leaving waste after their use. Some days worse than others. They also have a habit of pouring used fat oil on the gravel at the NW corner outside clubrooms. This creates a hazard for dogs.</p> <p>It is nice to see the soccer club is beginning to encourage the girls & women but these continue to be under represented making the area very male dominated. On match days most dog owners are respectful of the oval use for games & dogs have been observed to be on leash. The Council's creation of the small dog park has been great and is enjoyed by my small dogs and many others. It does not provide adequate space for large numbers and large dogs.</p>

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16439	<p>I believe that 90% of people use the park reasonably (picking up after dog, not using facility when the soccer club are there). Can the soccer club put signs on the gates indicating that they are using the field. That way its clear to dog owners they are not to use the field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More waste bags - More bins - Signage to users to pick up after dogs or they will be fined - Regular inspections from Council members, especially in the afternoons and weekends when the soccer club use the field.
16438	<p>Option 2: This would accommodate current and future growth and needs and alleviate any conflict. Free running for dogs is also accommodated at local beaches at certain times.</p> <p>Option 1: Takes the amenity of area 'c' away from non-dog owners and ruins the garden area. No to fencing off area 'c'.</p>
16433	<p>There is a huge dog community that attend this oval. You will be upsetting a lot of people by changing rules within the park. As a regular visitor (2 times a day) I never have come across an unpicked up poop. I believe this is a false or exaggerated accusation.</p>
16427	<p>We walk to this oval everyday and my dog and I love this part of our day. I have met lots of lovely dog owners and Louis my cavoodle has made lots of friends. This is the closest space to me to take him and allow him off lead. Other ovals close to us have too many prickles. I am a responsible dog owner and always pick up after my dog and respect the oval as a shared space with the soccer club. If option 1 goes through, is there any chance the clubroom outside area can be fenced in? My dog loves "Area B" but also loves getting in where the bins/bbq is.</p>
16426	<p>We pay Council rates, so we all should have access to this oval and outcome fairly would be option 2</p>
16424	<p>As a recent migrant the dog park and community garden have become a very significant part of my life. The dog park is a place of friendship and community. The size of the accessible space affords a whole range of ways of being together, loosely. It is key for socialising my dog to have experienced dog owners. As someone with a chronic condition it is important for me to walk around the park very regularly - smaller sections would not enable this - obviously dog walking is a key part of managing my condition and staying well. There is a strong culture of responsible ownership that has grown up in the park. People pick up after each others dog, I will do this regularly. There are such small areas available in terms of green space in Adelaide and sports gets the lion's share. The culture of this Woodville West Community is really important to those that live near. We have almost nothing to do with the footballers - they are by far the least welcoming part of this parkland - we simply work around them knowing they are never happy with us. I really wish the footballers were actually friendly and behaved like part of the community - maybe offering their facilities or doing something - otherwise why should they be on Council land at all.</p>

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16423	I found of late many dog owners are not cleaning up after their dogs which makes it hard for sporting activities to take place on the oval.
16420	I walk my dog at that park everyday. It is a much loved place for dogs to meet and play and for us to exercise with our dogs. Most of the people that use this park are regulars and are responsible dog owners. We are aware of a couple of the soccer users who might be marking lines are not dog lovers and have often yelled at dogs if they come anywhere near them. It is often just that the dog is chasing their ball. We do usually keep our dogs well away from those people when we are aware of how they feel. It would be a great disappointment for the sharing of this space to cease. I think it has worked well thus far and most people are respectful of all the users.
16409	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the open green spaces are for all residents not just sports teams 2. Dog lead rules have nothing to do with dog faeces. Dog owners that do not have the respect to pick up after their dog, will not start doing so just because the dog is on a lead. 3. This change would be punishing all dog owners and their pets due to the actions of just a few disrespectful people. 4. Requiring dogs to be on the lead during sporting events is OK, but outside of that it is pointless and will not achieve any solution to the supposed problem. 5. The interests of the sports players, a small subset of the local population, should not be placed ahead of the majority. I am not unsympathetic, I have myself trodden on faeces of some kind and it was not pleasant, but the proposal will not solve that issue. Requiring responsible dog owners to use leads 24/7 will not address the dog waste problem because responsible dog owners already watch and clean up after their dogs. Only the irresponsible dog owners would leave their dog waste and they will not start picking up their dog waste just because responsible dog owners have their dog on a lead. <p>The soccer club should instead seek other solutions that more directly address the problems they are complaining about.</p>
16408	All dog owners who regularly use the park always do the right thing and pick up after their dog -I've never seen anyone who doesn't, we're a bit of a community and always let the dogs off lead there and I'm sure everyone else wants to keep it that way too. If one or 2 people have done the wrong thing, please don't let it impact the majority who always clean up after their dogs. I would also suggest maybe some signage stating it is an off lead area (except when sport is on) and that unfriendly dogs are not welcome on the oval even on a lead (unless they are muzzled) because of the likelihood of other dogs running up to them.
16402	No changes necessary. Changes would be poor use of ratepayers funds. I both exercise and occasionally take my dog onto the reserve. If people follow the licensing conditions I see no issues.

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16401	we need to keep our current green areas and develop them for the use of our children. This is new area with lots of small children and current small playground isn't meeting the needs of the community. There is no shade cloth over existing slides and they get to hot even in morning hours. At the times it becomes overcrowded as too many children trying to play. The swings at the existing playground are placed in the middle and don't meet the safety standards. All other playgrounds have swings out of the way. There is already dog park, how many dog parks do we need taking priority over our children. Area is very densely populated with small or non existing back yards and we need to promote health living and bring community together. Parents meet each other when they children play making in for more cohesive neighbourhoods. The land area need more play equipment for various ages and interests. And shaded areas.
16398	It is absolutely <i>100</i> percent unfair to make all dogs put on leashes... we keep the ovals tidy and pick up after our dogs. the soccer club are the ones who leave rubbish everywhere. It is so convenient to have such a nice park for our dogs and putting them on leash is so mean to them! I, as a dog owner pick up any dog droppings I see while at the oval. The 'dogs on leash thing' is stupid and we should just keep the rules as they are... the grass is healthy and we don't damage any equipment even with the dogs here. Our dogs need exercise and this is the only locally convenient oval for the Woodville residents it would be cruel to not give them exercise. The soccer club should put up a schedule for the days and times that dogs can't be at the park... we will respect these days and times and it will make the oval a happier place. Thank you so much for reading this :)

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16390	<p>This is a public community space paid for and maintained by the community allocated funds and through council rates not privately owned therefore should be used to the community's benefit and not exclusively to the soccer club. Who pays the SA water rates and maintenance of this area ???</p> <p>Where is the evidence of such dog poo or dog interruptions during game play? Is there anything documented. Are there independent witnesses? CCTV?</p> <p>No-one is purposely doing this! If this has happened It may have been an odd occasion of someone who wasn't paying close attention to their dog and now a whole community suffers. If this was even the case. Maybe there needs to be increased signage and bag areas located around this oval from what I can see they are scant. Has this even been attempted before reaching this vast consultation.</p> <p>Dogs off lead in this area it is what the area is for outside of formal soccer arrangements. This whole area is for the community, paid for by the community not for an insular club that does care about local residents and only cares about their own self interests and excluding others. Many from the club aren't local and do not care about the nuisances caused through loud music or alcohol related violence. They do nothing to reinforce community ties or try to better themselves in a cohesive manner. I've been in this area 30 years and have seen the escalation.</p> <p>The area in front of the playground is for children/families and play outside of soccer club arrangements. We need enough separate space for dogs and kids for safety reasons. The soccer club will often use this for training anyway- another story. Happy to ruin this pitch and avoid using their allocated area.</p>
16388	<p>Current arrangements should be sufficient.</p> <p>If necessary, Council should patrol to enforce dog owners leaving for organised training as is the current agreement. Making Area 'A' on lead at all times also won't change whether owners pick up waste or not, so not seeing what that achieves.</p>
16379	<p>Love the way the grounds are now. It is a great place for exercise our dogs with others in a controlled environment and is of great benefit to my dog.</p>
16376	<p>We prefer not to have any additional fenced areas around the green space. We see a lot of families and community (without dogs) using this lovely space. it would be a shame to fence further areas.</p>

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16374	The current area is always very busy using the space for kicking balls, playing sport and exercising. The current arrangement generally keeps dogs away from young children playing at the playground. If the Council make this area (area "C") closer to the playground, there will be greater problems for families/children using this space. This would also cause greater difficulties with the current parking in the area. I believe dog owners should be made more accountable for their behaviour in choosing not to pick up after their dog or train it properly. The space should be able to be used by ALL, not just dog owners or those that can afford to pay for access to the community garden. There is also a dog park only 1.2km away at Woodville as well as many others nearby in both Charles Sturt and Port Adelaide councils.
16372	Possibly have inspector there on Friday night and weekends to issue fines, making sure dog owners pick up dog waste.
16364	I take my dog here weekly and have never seen issues. Majority of dog owners respect the existing rules. Nothing should change.
16358	K9's with the desire (& owners) to have a decent (straight line) length to run at speed is great to see. I would not like to see this lost. I do understand soccer club's issues, however majority doing the right thing are going to lose. Please consider "A" as the off lead option and "B" as an on lead. "A" can be fully closed where as "B" has an unclosed entrance at clubroom where K9's could get out. Leaving "C" as is without more fencing is great for kids' recreation and having no fencing is a deterrent (in my opinion) to take a K9.
16351	<p>Currently the Frank Mitchell Park set up has created a warm and welcoming environment for dog owners and non-dog owners alike who live in the area.</p> <p>The current set up (off lead except during organised sport) has allowed people from all over the community to have a safe and enclosed areas to give their dogs the space they need. It gives dog owners the opportunity to socialise their dogs and interact in a spacious environment. Dogs who are exercised in the capacity they have now means they are calmer and more well behaved dogs. Restrictions on this premise as proposed on option 1 will restrict this significantly and can have an impact on dogs and owners negatively.</p> <p>I have also found that when I have flare ups from chronic illness my only saving grace to exercise my dog is at the Frank Mitchell reserve. The space is big enough to exercise my dog and allow me to go for slow walks around the oval knowing my dog has enough space to run and socialise. Option 1 will restrict that immensely.</p> <p>We have found FK Beograd Soccer Club has acted unfairly in trying to claim organised sports time well ahead of when sports to set to start. This includes bringing football equipment out in field well before training preparation and start time. In my interactions with club members I have found them to be antisocial when we have only tried to be polite and respectful of the grounds.</p> <p>I believe option 2 is within the best interest of the whole community as it caters to both needs of soccer club members, and the general public who use this space.</p>

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16347	<p>I think off-leash access to the reserve and football fields are really important to the locals. It is one of the only safe feeling enclosed community spaces in Woodville West.</p> <p>Dog walking is extremely popular and provide a sense of community. Perhaps more compliance from the council or better signage would be a better alternative than removing access.</p> <p>The benefit to the whole, is greater than the slight inconvenience to the club. Especially given the club can equally disrupt locals, so it's nice that they give back.</p>
16346	<p>This park has been invaluable to us dog owners in the area and we would hate to see any change to the current conditions. I understand the frustrations from the soccer clubs point of view however. I do my best to pick up multiple dog poos, even ones that aren't produced by my dog. I feel better communication between the club and community is a better solution. We need to see the schedule, specifically days and times when the club is used for organised training/games so we can work around that. These should be visible on signs, and perhaps a joint Facebook group or something along those lines. Currently it's just a guessing game. I also believe more bins could help the situation, currently there's one inside the grounds when I feel there need to be a couple more given there are 4 entry/exits. Thanks for providing a way to express concerns and comments.</p>
16345	<p>The dogs owners are very aware of keeping the field clean and using the park to exercise the dogs to release stress and keep both (owner and dog) healthy.</p> <p>I would recommend more bins on both sides.</p> <p>We don't see any incident when dogs are playing and we don't use the park when there's a game on.</p>
16298	<p>This is the only large green space for dogs to run around in a safe fenced environment with all the new developments in the area and small backyards. There is no other options for dogs to exercise locally without having to travel.</p> <p>On occasions I have had to pull strapping tape and food left by the soccer club after games from my dogs mouth. I have never witnessed a dog owner not pick up poo or keep their dog in check whilst using the oval with other users whether it is other dog owners, people using it for fitness or unorganised sports.</p>
16296	<p>I do not support Option 1 because</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The largest area (A) is enclosed but would require dogs on lead at all times. 2. Enclosing Area C would sub-divide the open space now available. 3. Enclosing Area C for dogs would prohibit its current use as a residential sporting area and open space. 4. Instead of more fences, a less-costly solution to the soccer club's problems would be for them to erect visible signage stating the rules of use.

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16295	<p>I wholeheartedly disagree with this proposal - our dog uses these spaces in the mornings and evenings for exercise and enrichment opportunities and to socialise with other dogs from the community.</p> <p>This is vital for us as our backyard space is too small for our dog to get good exercise in other ways, as for many other residents in townhouses/apartments in the area.</p> <p>These spaces are used by many people in the community for their dogs, the strong majority of which treat the space with respect (picking up after their dogs, ensuring their dogs are recalled when members of the soccer club begin to set up), and there is a strong sense of community within this group.</p> <p>Often, the enclosed fields have rubbish left behind from members of the soccer club, including sports tape, rubber from shoes etc., which has not been picked up by the soccer club, showing that the soccer community generally has little respect for the shared space with the other users in the community.</p> <p>Option A also does not provide an adequate space for the dogs - Space "b" is not fully enclosed, with no gates leading to the carpark, exposing dogs to potential interactions with vehicles, and includes the space where the club keep their rubbish, with dogs in the community therefore potentially interacting with vermin (mice and rats), leading to potential exposure to diseases and bites/scratches. Space "C" is not enclosed, and therefore exposes dogs to many vehicle interactions, up to 40 km/h.</p> <p>As the proposal suggests fencing would be installed to meet the vehicle interaction risk, this would meet some but not all of these concerns. The spaces are also smaller overall, meaning less space for the dogs to exercise, or congestion in these spaces, as is common in the existing Sniff Space.</p> <p>One proposal should Option "B" be selected would be for the club to post times when they would be using the field, allowing for dog owners to know when they would need to exit the field for the club members, thereby alleviating the interactions between dogs and members.</p> <p>Waste management of dog owners and club members alike should be the responsibility of the individual, but must be then upheld by both the club members and dog owners alike.</p> <p>It appears as a dog owner that the soccer club utilise the field 3-4 times a week (weekdays) for a few hours in the afternoon/evening, and more often on weekends, still leaving a good majority of the entire week that it is not being utilised at all by the club. As such, it does not make sense that the space be restricted to 'dogs on leash at all times' when it is not occupied 100% of the time by the club.</p> <p>I would be happy to be contacted to further discuss the points raised here, as I am very passionate about the space continuing to be used as is, with better waste management from both parties. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.</p>

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16294	<p>I wholeheartedly disagree with the proposal. We use these spaces 3-4 times a week and have never had an issue with the soccer club. We are also very conscious about picking up after our dog, as we carry our own bags on a belt with us.</p> <p>We moved to the Charles Sturt council over two years ago and were so happy about the community spaces so close to our home. If this were to change, we would be extremely disappointed, because this was one of the major highlights of the suburb we bought into.</p> <p>In the proposal it mentions that dog owners do not pick up after their dogs in the space. Unfortunately this does occasionally happen. However, days after big soccer events the space is disgusting. There is used drink-bottles, plastic and food scraps left everywhere. Which sometimes isn't addressed for weeks. This unfortunately brings the mice. My point is, I feel that it is not just the dog community that should do better.</p> <p>I once again would like to say that this proposal of essentially "no dogs at any time" is completely unreasonable.</p>
16293	<p>Prefer no change to existing arrangements. Ensure appropriate signage is placed and communication goes out to all dog owners within the council area.</p> <p>I understand as a coach myself the need to maintain a soccer pitch and the safety of players as, however it's a public shared space. People with dogs should acknowledge when organised training or games are on and use their common sense and avoid the space - As a responsible owner of a dog, I do.</p> <p>The minority doing the wrong thing doesn't constitute a reason to change how the space is used. Sadly this can and does happen everywhere.</p>
16288	My concern with Option 1 is that it is 'conditional on funding' - otherwise it might have been a reasonable compromise.

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16286	<p>I strongly oppose the proposal from FK Beograd Soccer Club.</p> <p>My husband & I decided on getting working dogs because of the close proximity of Frank Mitchell Reserve so we can give our girls a good daily run with the peace of mind that they were safe and confined to a large area.</p> <p>I can honestly say that the majority of the people that regularly use the facilities of the oval 'pick up' after their dogs. You may miss the odd one but we let each other know if the owners are unaware and there are even a few of us that also pick up any dog poop that has been missed and dispose of.</p> <p>True, you get the odd owner that does not clean up after their dogs relieve themselves, but I can guarantee if they do not care when they are off lead, they will not care if the dogs are on lead.</p> <p>There are a few people that rely on the availability of poop bags from the 2 dispensers at either end of the oval which I think is risky in case they have not been replenished. I always offer one if need be.</p> <p>I see more dog poo on verges and footpaths walking to the oval then I do on the oval but I appreciate how annoying and frustrating it must be for the soccer members coming across poo that has not been picked up, but ignorance goes both ways.</p> <p>During the soccer season there is always medical strapping, tape for securing shin pads, empty drink bottles and or lids, cable ties that have snapped or been removed from sponsorship signs and food waste strewn across all ovals.</p> <p>There is also an area close to the club rooms where they dump grease, oil, fat and foodstuffs from their barbecues that the dogs are very good at finding.</p> <p>I hope with all my being that the changes the soccer club are proposing are frugal.</p>
16285	<p>My understanding is that this space is council land, subsidised by rate payers. As such, there is no claim by the Soccer Club to dictate it's use. As a community, it has been noted that the Club creates significant litter, and residual food scraps after their events, promoting rodents. Their events also cause disruption on the street, and noise. I feel their use of this space, is more disruptive in nature than recreational use by local dog owners. As a suggestion, does the Soccer Club also wish to define the length of dog lead also? I would propose that a dog on lead of 100m in length, would satisfy their demands, but mute their argument? Lets not reinvent the wheel. Alternatively, if council would consider the construction of a significant purpose build dog park in the area, by acquiring land (as they have done on Farman Ave) that would be overwhelmingly welcomed. Thank you.</p>
16284	<p>I use this area everyday to exercise my dog, it's the only fully enclosed grassed area near me that I feel safe taking my dog.</p>
16283	<p>It is public land, I believe that priority should exist for resident to use for recreation and off lead dog area. Soccer club can work around the community or buy a private piece of land if they don't want to share.</p>
16281	<p>More bins around the exercise equipment might encourage people to pick up after their dogs?</p>

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16280	There is already a dog park located there for off lead exercise. We do not favour taking away the north lawn area for children's activities and fencing off for dogs. There is sufficient room for them now, make owners more responsible for their dogs' actions.
16277	Whilst understanding the concerns of the club, the oval is for all to use. Responsible owners have their dog trained and pick up after their dog. The minority of irresponsible owners need to face fines for not picking up after their dog.
16276	It is important to have a safe area to have dogs running around freely.
16273	Fine people for not doing the right thing.
16272	The soccer club continues to play loud music at all hours of the night without consequences. They can put up with a few if any random pieces of dog waste. I see 99% if not all dog owners acting responsible when it comes to managing their dogs on the oval. We live in very close dwellings and have little yards. The space is needed for dogs to exercise so they don't become a problem in the homes and disturb the community with their barking. Pets are important to the health and well-being of the community and a distressed dog is no good for anyone.
16270	<p>Why should a whole community lose something because of a select few who probably do not even live in the area?</p> <p>I use the Woodville oval avenue dog park through the week but Sundays this is used for dog training so this is the next best fully enclosed field. I have a dog that I walk for a local lady with Disability every Sunday, he loves to catch and chase ball, he will be here for up to 2 hours every Sunday throwing and catching ball. He doesn't get this time because of owners Disabilities. He is on a lead or we move to a new place when sports are on. The other field we go to is not fully fenced, so it's always a fear of him running off.</p> <p>Please don't ruin things for so many in the community for no reason. Why does it need to be on lead when no one's using the field? What does this achieve?</p> <p>They may not see animals as pets but we as a community do.</p>

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16269	<p>I strongly oppose option 1 for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Club frequently leave litter on the field such as sports tape, water bottles and food litter. - whilst some dog owners do not pick up after their dogs, the majority of dog owners and the regular local Frank Mitchell dog owners all diligently pick up after their dogs. - as rate payers, we should be able to utilise the community fields with our dogs. Exercising our dogs in a safe and secure area increases social interactions with like-minded individuals and reduces the level of barking due to under-stimulated and bored dogs. - the Club run soccer practice and games intermittently during the week, let alone the year, however local dog owners use the community grounds twice daily, 365 days a year. - value for money/investment from the council's perspective, as Option 2 will require further infrastructure and maintenance to secure the training pitch where the club rooms reside, and outside adjacent to the community garden. - the Club do not keep the training pitch outside of the club rooms clean, with dogs having access to food scraps from functions including cooked chicken bones. - the local dog group, who are part of the Frank Mitchell Dog facebook group are considerate of the Club and avoid the pitch during training and or soccer games. - with more and more developments being constructed in the Woodville West Square, it is more likely that new home owners / tenants would own a dog that would use the park, than recruits playing soccer with the Club. - if you had a Charles Sturt Council community engagement officer take a frequency snapshot of dog owner vs soccer player from the Club on any one day, dog owners using the reserve would far exceed the level of soccer users. <p>If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>

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16268	<p>Why is it that you feel you have to reward the bad behaviour of dog owners with giving them more dog parks in the same park and taking resources away from the rest of the community?</p> <p>People are always using the land that option one will take away playing sport like soccer football and cricket. People come down and use it for setting up obstacle course toys and remote control devices plus good old chasey and running around. Adults also use it for day-to-day exercise walking around the soccer pitch or jogging.</p> <p>During daylight saving my children are at the park using that area every day. When it's not daylight saving any day they do not have afterschool activities and weekends they are at the park. Its a great community area my son is always making friends and making arrangements to meet up again to play.</p> <p>Homes no longer come with a backyard to play cricket or football in. We need spaces like this for kids, teens and adults to be able to enjoy.</p> <p>You have already built a dog park you have all the ovals and grass area for the dogs. If you want to spend money and improve the area why not put in some more BBQ and seating and maybe a basket half court.</p> <p>Finally if you want to help the soccer club out a few more waste bins and why not send down some inspectors and when the bad dogs owners don't clean up after their dogs you could fine them. This might also help them learn how to be responsible for the animal not just on the soccer ground but around the rest of the community. The funds raise from the fines could be used to improve the area and maintain it.</p>
16266	<p>To clarify details on dog restrictions the club should have a sign or board which is updated weekly with the times that official training or games are to be held, currently there is no information for the community so it is unknown when dogs shall be on leads or when to avoid the field. the new lead score board could be used to show planned training times or games.</p> <p>players also currently attend the field in small groups of 2 or 3 for practice and not in a formal training with the club while it is full of community members exercising their dogs.</p> <p>This is potentially a source of dispute as they believe the field should be vacated for them to practice even though it not an official training event.</p> <p>If the proposed 'C' zone is fenced off it would remove a significant portion of grass area that children play on due to the high density living and lack of gardens, let alone the zone would not be big enough for high energy dogs to run.</p>

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16265	<p>Me and my brother and cousins and friends all like to kick the ball on the oval. We like to play footy and practice kicking because I want to get my kicks good. In our back yard we have guinea pigs and a trampoline and there is mostly no room to kick so I like to go across the road.</p> <p>Also some people are scared of dogs and dogs chase us if we had to get the ball from in the fence. I like to play at the playground and I would get a bit scared if there were lots of dogs so close to the playground. If they come out without the leash they might run to us and scratch us. That happened to me once.</p>
16264	Punitive arrangements should be made and applied to lax dog owners not those who generally manage good practices.
16262	The club is obnoxious as is. They deserve no further concessions or privileges. Leave it as is and have them strip the Russian propaganda off a council building.
16261	Option 1 seems like an incredible waste of money. Option 2 should be further explored to assist the community and the club with notifications of when practices are being held on the main pitch. Signage could be installed to say when the club has practices so dog owners know not to come, or when to keep their dogs on lead. As well, more bins could be introduced (e.g. at each gate) to assist with the removal and disposal of dog waste.
16258	<p>My family and I use a variety of these ovals all the time and Option 1 would significantly impact the local community and their families. So many children and families use the park "C" area and you would then force people off the soccer oval onto B & C. I am there nearly every second day and the people who use the soccer oval for their dogs are generally very good. I think the soccer club is overreacting and you are considering only the needs of the soccer club and not the needs of your wider community. This change would devastate so many families in the area and I am sure you are aware of how many families now utilise this area. If anything you need to provide more for families at this park. You have a whole area above "C" which is significantly under utilised. Some more sporting equipment of a basketball court would be greatly appreciated. I have a dog and find the current arrangements quite suitable. Maybe just a friendly reminder about picking up after your pet is needed. Another BBQ is also required. I am not sure if you know but every Sunday a group of [REDACTED] men who play soccer arrive at 8.30am and rope off the BBQ area and they sit there all day and drink and eat. On multiple occasions when parents have tried to have Birthday parties they have refused to move and they occupy this whole space.</p>
16257	Council should stop trying to micromanage every aspect of our lives.

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16253	<p>I am incredibly saddened and frankly, rather alarmed at the concerns raised by FK Beograd SC as Council owned land should never be monopolised by one demographic/group. This is incredibly discriminative to the animal loving community. An off lead dog park is crucial to the well being and mental health of community members as it offers a place for dogs to socialise with other dogs in a safe environment, resulting in better dog behaviour whilst at home or walking around the community on leads. Simply walking dogs on a lead is not enough exercise for most dogs. The dog park offers an inclusive community of people who support each other through pet ownership and dog training and behaviours. Importantly, what happens to the community members who have mobility issues and cannot walk their dogs distances but can allow them to exercise freely at the park. Another form of discrimination. Soccer is not an all year round sport and their recent tactics of utilising the park far more than is necessary for out of the blue 'training and selection' purposes is absolutely a form of intimidation and bullying by a group intent on getting their way one way or another.</p> <p>The questionable amounts of local Government and potentially even state and federal government funding provided to this soccer club has led to this attitude of 'we own this place' is unacceptable.</p> <p>Where can community members access all funding provided to this soccer club that includes procurement approvals and funding acquittals please?</p> <p>The option of dogs on leads at all times is frankly, insulting at best and laughable from a club with an ego as big as it's hefty bank balance. I trust the Council will undertake a fair and equitable process in determining a reasonable outcome for this important park.</p> <p>I and so many others are incredibly shocked that this is even a thing at all. There is absolutely nothing wrong with the current arrangements. Well with the exception of the soccer club all of a sudden requiring the use of the park EVERY night when this has never been a thing ever before. How insulting and intimidating.</p>
16252	<p>I might have chosen option 1 but I don't like the idea of the smaller soccer pitch becoming enclosed, it seems like we are catering more for pets than humans! Our children utilise that space to play soccer, run around, have picnics, etc. If that space is enclosed, it will become a dedicated space for dogs and their owners instead of our children, who need the area more.</p>
16251	<p>The dog owners of the area use this oval during times that scheduled practice and games aren't being conducted. To restrict the main oval to on leash only would mean a significant underusage of the field.</p> <p>The oval is used by many dogs every morning and afternoon allowing them to socialise and exercise. With the current set-up when dogs don't get along there are several options to keep all owners and their pets safe.</p>

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16245	It's an awesome space for dog owners in the community who use it all year round. The soccer club only use this space very limited amount the whole year & if this change goes through it'll then just be a waste of space in my eyes. What I've seen is that the people at the soccer club are the ones trashing the area & the dog owners from the community are the ones keeping it clean & tidy.
16244	Soccer club often leaves rubbish on both pitches & is disturbing late into night
16238	<p>If dog owners are letting their dog defecate and not removing it responsibly, any change will not stop this happening. The current arrangement is perfectly acceptable for everybody using the public space. I do not walk my dog there but enjoy that locals join together on the oval to exercise their dogs.</p> <p>As a rate payer I see nothing should be done to change the arrangement for dogs on the ovals. No other dog area should be developed at a cost to local rate payers. Public space is for everyone to access not for a sporting club to dictate what and how it is used. If anything, council need to increase patrol of the surrounding area to catch irresponsible dog owners and that is just that, irresponsible dog owners. Why change the rules for everyone when it is the small minority that cause an issue?</p>
16236	There's no need to spend money on something that's unnecessary, could use that money for playground expansion or some lighting in the car park where cars get broken into all the time.
16234	<p>Don't penalise the responsible dog owners for what the irresponsible ones do.</p> <p>The irresponsible ones will continue to do it anyway.</p> <p>It's council community land for everyone's use, not just the soccer club. It'd be disadvantaging many who use the space for health and wellbeing reasons.</p>
16233	I attend this park with my two dogs to give them a run and also to catch up with the other dog owners in our community. We have a Facebook group dedicated to dog owners that attend the Frank Mitchell Park and we have all become friends through meeting at the park. I have been living in the area for almost a year now and am strongly opposed to this request from the football club. I have been told to get off the pitch very rudely by member of their club even when no training had commenced. I have also noticed the huge amount of litter that is left behind on the weekends and have never noticed any of the club members cleaning up. The proposition to have off lead in Area B is not appropriate as it is not enclosed and the football club has junk lying around down the side of their clubrooms and the sensory garden is not safe for dogs to run around in due to concrete pots and furniture that they can run into and hurt themselves as well as hard concrete paths. From what I have heard from families that knew Frank Mitchell, I don't believe he would be in support of this exclusive to the community arrangement proposed by FK Beograd and I am in shock the council are entertaining this nonsense. I am also concerned that this is open to anyone to make comment as people who don't even use the field let alone live in the country can comment. I am happy to discuss in person so feel free to contact me. Kind regards

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16231	option 1: the off-lead section is not 'dog proof'- not safe for dogs especially during the football season when there is left over food around (including cooked chop and chicken bones). Most people remove their dog poop - compared to Oval Avenue dog park, this area is much better for both people and dogs. Dogs should not be on the oval during organised football games and practice.
16230	We have such a great dog community here, my pup and I look forward to catching up with all our dog and human friends. The main field is a great source of entertainment/exercise for both my pup and I. The safety of my fur baby is the most important thing which is why we visit the main field everyday. I don't feel comfortable letting my dog off lead in a non-enclosed area especially with how some drivers come speeding around the surrounding roads of Mitchell Park.
16229	<p>Personally I think the first option with a new area for off leash that area is too small. It's a quarter of the current size. Throw a ball and it'll go over the fence. Secondly it means there will be another fence build. That means there will be 4 areas fenced off for some sort of purpose. Parks don't look like that!</p> <p>Where is the community feel that we can share open areas together?</p> <p>Fact is that in the area there are more dogs then before. Gardens are smaller or there aren't any. Open spaces are so important for everyone including dogs that need exercise. To be honest I'm disappointed the soccer club has (to my knowledge) never discussed the poo issue with the dog owners that use the field. That would have been a great starting point to find a solution.</p> <p>I'm absolutely disgusted with people not cleaning up after their dog, as much as the soccer players not cleaning up after a game. May be another bin close to the exit near the toilets may help?</p>
16225	the requested change is unnecessary.
16222	<p>Very disappointing to hear of the proposal from the soccer club. 98% of us dog walkers do the right thing and respect the facilities.</p> <p>Unfortunately the soccer club does not show the neighbours the same respect.</p>

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16219	<p>our dog community in this area is fantastic. we clean up after our dogs very well & when soccer is starting, we all shift off of the oval to allow them to train/play games.</p> <p>other dog owners would know that taking a dog for a walk is simply not enough to wear them out and doesn't give them any socialisation with other dogs. my dog actually does a happy dance when she knows she going to that park to see her doggo friends. she would be highly disappointed if she couldn't go anymore.</p> <p>Occasionally we may still hang around to get those last few minutes in while they setup, but no harm done.</p> <p>the soccer players litter everywhere leaving the field absolutely disgraceful to which most of us dog owners clean up....</p> <p>if they are suggesting we cannot go on the oval at all when their sport is only played for 6 months of the year is absolutely ridiculous. that being the case an alternative for soccer season would be to enclose area C to keep everyone happy & exercised. this way no one misses out on their outside exercise.</p>
16218	<p>When there is no sport in the park, I do not understand why dogs are not allowed to run freely if they are not causing anyone any harm. Please do not enforce option 1 as it would upset a lot of dog owners.</p>
16217	<p>Dogs are never in the oval when organised sport is being set up or played so I'm not sure why this is being raised.</p> <p>It's a community and public area so everyone should be able to use it.</p> <p>Maybe the club can put a written schedule on the gates weekly so everyone knows what timings sport is being played as it's different every week so people know exactly when to leave the grounds.</p> <p>Someone from the club usually comes out and yells at everyone to leave very aggressively like we are meant to know their schedule? Everyone usually leaves immediately. I've never heard of any issues and I am there with my dog daily! My partner is also a player at the club.</p> <p>So if the schedule is shared in advance then that might help.</p>

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16216	<p>The Frank Mitchell Park has become a loved area for all dog owners in the West. We have built ourselves a community of dog lovers, and neighbours who are meeting people and interacting.</p> <p>This is not just an ordinary soccer pitch. For some, this is where they introduced their puppy to meet other dogs. It's a spot to meet up and have a chat with local owners. It's the spot to go to after work to de-stress and spend time with your pup, enjoying the gorgeous sunset. As a community, this park is more than just a park, it's our home. Our dogs love being able to run around and enjoy each other's company, and us humans get to socialise and meet other neighbours or people in the area.</p> <p>If you ever wanted to look up in the dictionary the word "community", you would see every dog owner who comes to the Frank Mitchell Park.</p> <p>My biggest concern with our area being moved to the other enclosed section or a smaller section being made is that there won't be enough space for dogs to run around, and potentially overcrowding. I've been in the area for just over 5 years, and in that time the soccer club have not taken care of their own grounds, have unruly and loud parties, and do not clean up after they have used the pitches.</p> <p>The larger pitch where the proposed stay on lead at all times is littered with rubbish from soccer matches, shin pads and tape leftover from players, and sometimes leaving their own equipment behind. Our dogs have a means of picking up previous rubbish and it's a great concern if they start chewing or swallowing anything left over.</p> <p>In the smaller pitch it's the BBQ area that can be concerning - as oil and fat get leftover. Considering this area is meant to be off lead, the dogs will sniff out the rubbish and fat, only to become sick.</p> <p>This park is to be shared by all.</p>
16214	<p>My only comment is that I have seen much more rubbish left by the sporting club than I have by dogs. It is very rare I see unpicked up dog waste.</p>

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16213	<p>I strongly oppose the request from the football club to change the rules for the land.</p> <p>I exercise my dogs here daily and while I admit not everyone clears up after their dogs, the vast majority do the right thing and many of us clear up after others. This problem is similar with all common areas in every neighbourhood and no special changes are made there to appease one particular group.</p> <p>The soccer club only use the pitch at certain times and it is a seasonal sport. The club rarely clean up after themselves so it is ironic they should complain about waste being left on the field. After a weekend of football, the area is littered with rubbish and no one from the club makes any effort to clean up.</p> <p>I personally have spoken with many from the club over the years and most are dog lovers too. The majority of the dog community are happy to leave the area once the club activities start and I rarely see problems.</p> <p>Since moving to the area 3 years ago, we have developed a fantastic community of dog lovers who meet daily. We have a Facebook community group and have become friends, with the proposed rule changes this would be lost.</p> <p>With the continued development of the area, more and more dog owners will need areas to exercise their dogs where it is safe to do so. Unfortunately the sensory garden is only suitable for small dogs so not a viable alternative and the other fields are not enclosed. I hope the council does the right thing and denies this request from the club.</p>
16212	Solar panelled lighting could be installed in the dedicated dog park section, to encourage more users into this area particularly during the winter months when the sun sets early.
16211	<p>It would be a mistake for the oval which is not owned by the soccer club to dictate to locals who are council rate payers regarding access to the oval for their dogs.</p> <p>Whilst I was willing to accept that dogs should stay on lead during organised sport as they do maintain the space, in no way should the access to free roam for dogs be removed when the oval is not used for organised sport.</p> <p>The soccer club is already able to avoid following basic noise control levels which affect us and our children due to its "status", they should not have any further privileges granted to them.</p>
16209	The current ground is one of the best available in the nearby neighbourhoods with complete fenced area for pets to run around freely and the pet owner have complete visibility of the pets within the ground which I do not see in other communities dog play area for example near the Woodville oval.

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16207	<p>This is really disappointing to read. I don't frequent this park but as a dog owner who uses available parks responsibly I am sad to hear owners aren't doing the right thing. I do wonder if there is enough signage and available dog bags?</p> <p>I also wonder how many fines have been issued by council? Can't we try more of an educational approach and arrange officers to attend during sporting events?</p> <p>It would be disappointing to see the greater community (especially the four legged members) be disadvantaged because a few don't do the right thing.</p>
16508	<p>I am writing in regard to a proposal I believe the Beograd soccer club has put to the council in relation to making Frank Mitchell Park an on leash area for dogs only.</p> <p>Whilst I understand the club's desire to make this a soccer only venue the park is of immense value to the community. Not only does it provide dog owners a place to exercise their dogs in a fenced safe area, it also provides the opportunity for those owners to exercise themselves and partake in social conversation regarding the community, I believe this interaction is vital for a safe happy neighbourhood.</p> <p>The dog walkers of the area are gathering a petition which will consist of only the people who use the park to exercise themselves and their dogs, whilst I believe any petition put forward by the soccer club will contain signatures of people from outside of the area that the club will encourage to sign their petition to increase their numbers. Therefore the numbers will be inflated by people who have no interest in the park but simply side with the soccer club as they are in the soccer community not the local community.</p> <p>Green space available to all of the community is vital and is being constantly eroded due to increasing regulation and bureaucratic decisions. The opportunity for people to exercise and be involved with people from their local community is vital in these days of growing mental health and social issues.</p> <p>I thank you for your time in considering the opinions put forward in this email and hope you carefully consider the needs of all the community not just those at the soccer club when making this decision.</p>

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16262	<p>Wanted to discuss a few other items as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The soccer club are monopolising the land. They have events and speakers outside that face away from the club towards houses which, when you have young children, and the music is blasting late into the night and the kids won't sleep, is very frustrating for local residents. • The entrance gate near the "B" section has a padlock on it, and while it's sometimes left unlocked, at other times it's locked and you can't get through. Sometimes when we're walking and we want to shortcut through that area to get home, the gate is padlocked shut and we have to go around. Are they allowed to do this? It should be accessible to the public. And when this is locked to the public, this might influence why people then use the main pitch (section "A"). • Flying of the Russian flags (their boundary flags) as well as the colour of their spectator/stadium seating and the colours on the front of the building. Politically and culturally insensitive. They shouldn't be allowed to do this. • Fireworks occur from time to time. • They have totally claimed the park and take it over with their advertising etc but its everyone's park.

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16211	<p>I am writing to you to express my deepest disappointment regarding the letter sent from our own City of Charles Sturt regarding the feedback for “Dog Access Arrangements Frank Mitchell and Wood West Reserve”.</p> <p>I received the letter from our council as I am a resident and rates payer who resides on Henderson Avenue in Woodville West and my residence looks over “the club”.</p> <p>My husband and I are dutiful dog owners and have always kept our animal registered and raised with behavioural training during his life.</p> <p>The letter in question took my breath away. It was written with such bias and only focused on meeting the needs of “the club” and thought nothing of the residents of this community.</p> <p>This letter was written to serve only the needs of the very same club who leaves strapping tape and member’s litter over “their land” and has no noise restrictions due to their status.</p> <p>We the neighbours of this club, have put up with a lot of noise and disruption, road congestion and littering however we are now also facing losing access to our council owned park due to animal waste issues which are an unfortunate problem everywhere and “player safety”.</p> <p>This is something that should never have been allowed to be sent.</p> <p>As residents we have come together to discuss this and cannot believe this club would try and implement this without any care for its neighbours, this goes to show their ongoing poor character and lack of community mindedness unless it directly benefits them.</p> <p>If this change were to be passed, I would wish we never purchased in this area.</p> <p>I urge you to consider the consequences to the rate payers and residents/animals that this will affect.</p>

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16374	<p>My children were very upset when they heard us talking about the possibility of the soccer pitch (area C) being turned into a dog park. They want to vote for option 2 and wanted to express their opinions on the idea.</p> <p>I want to say please don't put up a dog park. It's annoying when their dogs and we are kicking the ball because my sister's scream and are scared. We are happy with the dogs on the other big soccer oval because it is further away and we feel safe with no dogs chasing us. I also like using the space for kicking the ball and playing soccer with my friends and other kids that come to join in. I like to play on the oval nearly every day and it feels like a community because lots of people come and play there together.</p> <p>From Patrick (age 9)</p> <p>I want to say I love the park because I love the swings and the spinner. I love running on the oval and that dad kicks the ball with me on the oval.</p> <p>I hate dogs I only like puppy dogs that know how to listen. I would be sad if you made it a dog park.</p> <p>From Imogen Ryan (age 5).</p>
16516	<p>I would have supported option 1 if there was no fenced off area in C. There is already a park for small dogs. I would support cameras for all areas so that people who don't pick up after their dogs or don't keep aggressive dogs on their lead can be identified. It may also prevent other problems with people making noise and littering in the evenings.</p>

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16473	I don't use the park because my dog is very small. I am surprised the dogs are allowed on the park at all. The poor players must have to deal with dog urine & faeces because I see it being left on the grass all the time. I'm not sure how you police this but it must not be good to play on.
16460	We are not dog owners but do like dogs and feel the choice should be left with those who have dogs and use the area.
16367	Are "C" should be on lead at all times. I think option 1 & 2 are really bad for young children playing in the playground. The Council needs to make a strong regulation that dogs need to be on lead if the area is not fenced. I see so many dog owners fee their dogs near the playground where babies are playing! It really made me feel unsafe and scared for myself and my young kids. I really hate that, why I feel like this within my own community. It is unfair. Please make one fenced area off lead at all times and on lead for all other areas!! I don't take my children to the park. It deprives me the right to use the park because of dogs.
16278	<p>The problems the club are having are due to irresponsible users not obeying the bylaws and rules surrounding the use of the facilities. How is changing the usage criteria in these areas going to stop these same people from continuing to ignore the rules and being irresponsible? Surely this won't change anything except for those who use these facilities responsibly? I've had multiple run ins with people at these facilities doing the wrong thing, only to be told to mind my own business, so these people are wilfully doing the wrong thing in some cases.</p> <p>As a dog trainer, dog owner, and user of these facilities, I completely understand the club's position on this. The irresponsible use of off lead facilities is rife throughout the council area, including 1) prioritizing the human social aspects of the facilities while giving their dogs free reign in an enclosed area, 2) disregarding the impact their dog's inappropriate social behaviour has on other dogs' experiences, 3) failing to pay attention to their dogs, and 4) not cleaning up after their dogs. As a responsible user of dog friendly facilities, I'm getting increasingly frustrated about the abuse of these spaces. I either have to take my well socialized, well-trained dogs at ungodly hours so we can enjoy the facilities on our own, or I'm constantly having to leave these facilities because of irresponsible users and their unsocialized, aggressive dogs. Early mornings and late afternoons and evenings at the soccer club and Woodville Dog Park are dangerous times due to aggressive and out of control dogs, and inattentive owners who use the park to party as their primary objective. Can we hold these people accountable? It's severely impacting the community of responsible dog owners. We're experiencing an epidemic of behavioural problems in dogs because of welfare issues. And I'm not talking about physical welfare. Dogs needs these spaces to run, sniff, and play. On lead walks are frustrating for many dogs because they don't get an outlet to engage in normal, natural, canine behaviours.</p> <p>May I suggest creating a system like the good citizen test dogs need to pass annually to use certain facilities? Leasing land to private owners so places can be monitored and managed safely. Could the council subsidize memberships to private dog parks or other facilities that people can pay for the privilege of using safer spaces if they wish? Thank you for your considerations.</p>