



Draft Port Lincoln Dog Park Concept Plan Consultation Summary Report

Submission Summary
19 January 2023 – 9 February 2023

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Project Overview

In 2021 City of Port Lincoln initially proposed to include a dog park as part of a concept plan for Nelson Square and presented the concept plan to the community for feedback. Community consultation was conducted from 16 September 2021 to 7 October 2021. After community consultation, although there had been strong support for off-leash park, Council recognised some community concerns about the future use and development of Nelson Square as a whole, and the inclusion of a dog park in this space.

As a result of the public consultation, Council agreed to explore other potential dog park site locations. Puckridge Place / Windsor Avenue was an alternative location identified to have the most qualities for a successful dog park.

\$150,000 has been allocated to the dog park fully funded through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program with the project to be completed by 30 June 2023 in line with funding requirements.

A new concept plan has been developed by City of Port Lincoln and Adelaide based Architecture company, Greenhill Australia who specialise in civil engineering and landscape architecture. The proposed dog park is to be located at 6 Puckridge Place, Port Lincoln, an un-utilised parcel of land which was previously used for Tennis Tournaments.

The design concept features a 1.8 metre mesh security fencing around the perimeter to ensure a safe area for owners to exercise their dog off-leash and socialise with other dogs, two entry/exit points double gated, dog friendly drinking fountains, litter bins, and dog waste disposal stations.

The dogs and owners will get to play with re-purposed stormwater pipes and existing bollards and fallen tree logs that will create fun, natural activities, and obstacles for the dogs. The existing grass and trees will be retained to keep a cool feel to the enclosure and a slightly mounded area will be added for visual interest.

A new undercover area to provide shelter for the dog owners and additional seating is to be included within the park. New trees and plantings will surround the boundaries to suppress road noise and create a natural feeling environment.

As part of the Open Space Strategy 2021-2026, Council is committed to increasing the range of functions available for the community via open spaces such as the providing a dog park.

The community was invited to provide feedback on the draft Port Lincoln Dog Park Concept Plan from Thursday 19 January until 4pm on Thursday 9 February 2023.

Refer to the Draft Port Lincoln Dog Park Concept Plan - Puckridge Place in the Key Documents section on the right of screen.

Hard copies of the Draft Port Lincoln Dog Park Concept Plan were made available at the Council Administration Office and Port Lincoln Library during the consultation period.

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Number of Submissions : 38

Respondent	Subject	Description	Attachments
1	Nelson Square concept plan	The plan looks really good and shows that the local resident's have been heard. The park keeps its valued natural simplicity with much needed upgrades to the sports court, playground, car parking, and providing toilets. Well done! and I look forward to the park being further activated with the improvements. PS: I grew up next to Nelson Square [REDACTED]. I [REDACTED] would love to have the old entry sign if possible.	-
2	Proposed Dog Park	As a frequent complainant (emails and face to face with council animal management officer & mayoral candidate [REDACTED] about the lack of o dog park, I welcome this initiative. Mundy's Mooring dog off leash has long been the subject of complaint. Despite new pictorial signage encouraging expected behaviours of dog owners and their dogs, failure to control dogs and failure to remove fouling and keep off our properties has remained the issue. Whilst welcoming the proposal I sceptically see it failing if....if. ...dog off leash is not amended to be dog on leash at Mundy's Mooring lawned area. We see dogs come from the on leash Parnkalla trail to this area without leads. And this 'freedom and entitlement' continues along the park area. In brief...following continued to-ing and fro-ing with council, we were told face to face that council did not have the	-

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		<p>manpower to monitor, educate or prosecute (despite their bylaw signage), and if we didn't want dogs on our property, then put up a fence! We did. Didn't want it, don't want it, but with no council support for our equal rights to share this area, we reluctantly capitulated. Our \$ths spent on the fence ONLY keeps dogs off our property ..the failure to control and dog fouling remains. And so...yes to your Dog Park initiative, but...but...but to change behaviour on Mundy's Mooring, a dog on leash bylaw change is needed to support your proposal. I sadly add that a local dog owner and frequent offender has personally told me he wouldn't be using any dog park as he just walks across the road to use this area...not driving anywhere!! Show us your mettle council...we all deserve consideration. If Nelson Park failed because some complained then I believe a review of the many complaints relating to this area should assist in your decision making. Yes to a dog park. Yes to a change of bylaw to exclude Mundy's Mooring as an off leash area. I appreciate the opportunity to comment. Thank you.</p>	
3	re dog parks	<p>while I am pleased about the proposed dog park at 6 Puckridge Place I feel the only ones that will get the maximum benefit from it are the Vets and the RSPCA as it is nice and close to them - as for the public use only time will tell - I just wish the same consideration had been given at Nelson Square, don't get me wrong I am excited to see the changes as they happen as its been left in a state of disrepair for too long- but the incorporation of an off leash area would have made it so much better, despite some small part of the community not wanting it to go ahead. If not Nelson Square would council consider part of the lawned area near the Bowling Club doesn't have to be huge just an area where we can safely let our dogs have some off leash fun.</p>	-

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4	Dog Park	Congratulations to Council on persevering and coming up with a terrific alternative to the original planned Dog Park. This seems to me a terrific alternative and I do support it.	-
5	Dog park	To whom it may concern, I think the design of the dog park is great, the location not so much. I am sure it is an excellent location for the local businesses in this area e.g. vet clinics, EP Dogs, RSPCA; all who already walk along and use this area. But what about the general public? How many people do you actually think would drive to this end of town and use this facility? I know I definitely wouldn't. I would also like to know the amount of owner occupied households down this end of town with registered dogs, because it would not be a lot. I also understand that finding a location that suits everyone is difficult, but I just think that this isn't it and sadly would hardly be used by dog owners other than by the businesses that surround it. Regards, [REDACTED].	-
6	Dog park feedback	Hi there, Just wanting to add some feedback regarding the proposal for a new dog park in port lincoln. An essential element to consider is separating the space to include an area for small dogs/puppies/older dogs, and the other space for more active interactive dogs. The purpose of this is to reduce reactivity from dogs who are may receive unwanted contact from active dogs, I have witnessed many dog attacks in dog parks because of this. Please also consider having a grassed area that is free from prickles and grass seeds and this will make the park unusable for hairy dogs in summer/ spring due to risk of grass seed injury. Please also include educational signage by entry and exit to	-

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		encourage appropriate etiquette and consideration of other users of the park. Thank you, [REDACTED]	
7	Dog Park	Hi Team at Council I am really pleased that the Council has once again found a suitable site for a dog park. I own two dogs and often travel with them around the State. I am always checking ahead of our arrival in a new town for the dog park. I have always been disappointed with the facilities in Port Lincoln and therefore I can support this site and its implementation as a wonderful new addition for Port Lincoln and its dog owners. This park is way overdue. It will be used by locals and tourists alike.	-
8	Dog Park	This is a fantastic idea to have a safe place to let dogs run off leash. Could I suggest a shallow pond or some water play activities as well? Also will this be a user pays park with an admission fee? Can we go back to the black plastic bags for dog litter - those green ones usually stick together and are hard to open. Will there be car parking close to the gates?	-
9	Port Lincoln Dog Park	I think this is a wonderful idea and will surely use it whenever I am in Port Lincoln. Wish we had one in Coffin Bay.	-
10	Dog park	Excellent idea great place to have it	-

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11	Dog Park	Thank you for building a dog park! If space is available, it would be beneficial to include a smaller fenced off area for small/older/more timid dogs who don't enjoy being bowled over by bigger dogs playing. This is an outstanding and very appreciated feature of the dog park in Mount Barker.	-
12	Dog park	Location fantastic! Great for the boarding kennels too!	-
13	dog park	██████████ so why havent the street been told in writing and will you compensate ██████████ home owners who brought ██████ houses ██████ because of the quiet location , theres no room for cars now as it is , its a stupid location to be honest , will you compensate ██████ when my home is under valved because of noise , ? and what about any smell from loaded waste bins ? , no thanks , no, no ,no	-
14	Dog park	The site proposed by Council is not suitable as a dog park as it has 2 busy roads Verran Terrace and Windsor Ave with heavy trucks and commercial vehicles being used frequently. The traffic noise and heavy trucks could startle dogs as they leave the park with owners and create a danger to both dogs and families the park and on coming traffic. An accident waiting to happen. The site proposed is also too small. What about a portion of Brinkworth park or Nelson Square or the park by the Old Mill . Regards ██████ ██████████	-

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15	Proposed dog park	I am all for the dog park! My only concern about where it is, is it being maintained. After observing other council area around town I have noticed many get trashed by youth. What is going to stop them or anyone entering during the night and trashing the park? Other than that, we desperately need a decent sized dog park that doesn't include a school oval!	-
16	Proposed dog park,	Too busy roads, the area is not big enough. It should have two fenced yards with a choice of on lead or off leads	-
17	Dog Park	I feel the area is to small and an area with natural bush and large open spaces would be beneficial. The area is close to a very busy road and natural shade limited	-
18	Draft Port Lincoln Dog Park Submission	Dear Port Lincoln City Council, Though I guess monitoring whose dog is likely to be aggressive, will be challenging, I am questioning the plan for including aggressive dogs are allowed. Is this a typing error. I look forward to your response. I note there is a number to ring if a dog becomes aggressive. ■■■	-
19	Submission - Draft Port Lincoln Dog	Hopefully there will be segregated areas for 'small' dogs and 'other'. In Adelaide I witnessed bad interactions between large and small dogs where smaller ones appeared frightened thus aggressive. This was largely prevented at the dog parks such at Aldinga that had separate areas. Thanks	-

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	Park Concept Plan		
20	Submission - Draft Port Lincoln Dog Park Concept Plan	This looks great, location is good being there are 2 vet clinic's close by where they can use this to exercise their dogs if needed and there is a lot businesses around rather than fully residential. If there could be a dog wash/blow dry facility incorporated in there that would be useful.	-
21	Submission - Draft Port Lincoln Dog Park Concept Plan	I support this plan. Please consider that because it is not located 'near (many) houses', not many people and dogs will be able to walk there; almost all will need to drive, with dog in car. Is this consequence acceptable just to find a 'path of of few objections'? Will the real objectives be compromised? I strongly support retention and community use of the existing building. It is very re-usable and has been vacant far too long while community need is unmet. Thank you, ■	-
22	Submission - Draft Port Lincoln Dog Park Concept Plan	Good day I wish only to say regards the dog park i will not support it i don't subscribe to offers parks Locals cannot pick up dog poos on any walking trails. Are all dogs required to be vaccinated to use park Who is responsible for any attacks all be it unplanned there have been numerous complaints on rant and rave re foreshore incidents. I am not against the park but I won't be using it. Regards ■	-

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23	Dog Park Project	Howdy, just had look at the plans for the Dog Park and looks well thought out. Any plans for security cameras and will there be 24/7 access Hopefully the public are responsible and appreciate the area. Well done, we look forward to taking our rescue Greyhound down there and good luck with the project.	-
24	Submission - Draft Dog Park Concept Plan	Hi, we would like to comment that we think the proposed dog park at Windsor Ave/Puckridge Place is an excellent idea and as ratepayers we fully support it, especially with boarding kennels and 2 veterinary businesses nearby that need a safe place to exercise their animals in residence. Could you please consider provision of an included individual dog run for animals that may be timid or have conditions that might need them to be exercised seperately from other boisterous dogs ? Thanks, [REDACTED]	-
25	Port lincoln dog park	Has the council considered placing lights in this plan for the dog park. It gets dark in Port Lincoln very early when it's not day light savings. I also think this would be a big safety feature for people and dogs going to the park. Also 2 or more water fountains would more beneficial for the animals coming to the park. It's also not a very large area and it will be interesting to see how many people and animals you can have interacting in such a limited space. However I'm very pleased that the council is trying to get a dog park here in Port Lincoln. We have a huge population of dogs in this town and in desperate need of safe places to take them.	-

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26	Dog Park	On behalf of the Ravendale Board, We are in full support of this development. and support moving off the leash dog exercise away from the sporting facilities of Ravendale	-
27	Pt Lincoln Dog Park Concept Plan	Great to see plans for a dog park in Port Lincoln. Proposed location looks fine and consideration of rubbish, noise and traffic for residents along Puckridge Place is essential. Bins best placed on industrial side (Windsor Ave) and with closed lids (reduces smell and insects). Please ensure additional trees/bushes are planted as a barrier to residential homes. Green grassed area with watered upkeep (from nearby grey water access) is best option as dogs love rolling in grass. No sanded area is recommended as sand retains bacteria from droppings and sand can be digested by dogs (unhealthy). Best to lay bark chips for texture, natural logs, pipes as tunnels. Bare dirt will create dust and easily eroded. Plenty of seating and shaded areas as dog parks are great social places for young and old, people as well as dogs. Please upgrade and utilize the existing building, many NFP's would love to share a multipurpose facility. Drinking water fountains for dogs and people. Look forward to seeing the improvements. All the best.	-
28	Submission - Draft Port Lincoln Dog Park Concept Plan	To the CEO and Council, Pleasing to see a dog park finally coming to fruition, however, as mentioned in my comments regarding the mooted Nelson Square proposal, this new site is not overly attractive in location or amenity. Where the first site was nestled amongst remanent vegetation on low traffic back streets, this proposed new location is surrounded by busy roads and lies on the fringes of an industrial area. Nelson Square was also conveniently located close to the Parnkalla Trail and to the 'off leash' area	-

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		<p>currently enjoyed by dog owners seeking access to the beach at Mundy's Mooring. The position was also more in keeping with the new master plan pledge for increasing the 'walkability' of our city and linking key recreation areas in Port Lincoln, where this new location will create a dog park 'island' that will invariably be accessed by users via motor vehicle. As a side note; it is my sincere hope that Mundy's Mooring is to remain an 'off leash' area and not have this status revoked due to the presence of an official dog park. Thank you for your attention. [REDACTED]</p>	
29	Submission - Draft Port Lincoln Dog Park Concept Plan	<p>Good afternoon, I propose that the above park go ahead for the use of dogs. I also propose that the park will need to be monitored etc, and I am happy to volunteer in this capacity. I think the proposal is a great idea and is something that is needed here in Port Lincoln. I have recently moved to Port Lincoln from the City. I volunteered for 2 years at the Woodville Community Obedience Club in Woodville, which was sponsored by the local council. I look forward to being an active committee member or volunteer in a capacity to assist with the moving forward of this project. Have a great day!</p>	-
30	Dog Park	<p>Port Lincoln definitely needs a dog park and I think Puckridge Place is a great location for it. Will all the tennis courts be demolished to make a large area for it? And will there be off street parking - say at the eastern end where some of the courts are currently located?</p>	-

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31	Dog Park	This proposal sounds great, however the roads (especially Proper Bay Road) attracts a lot of hoon behaviour. Maybe some speed restrictions around the area would enhance user safety.	-
32	Future leasing existing Building on Dog Park Project	Hi, I am [REDACTED] interested in further discussions in relation to hiring the the existing building (9) once it has been refurbished.	-
33	Dog Park feedback	Basically it sounds good. Hopefully enough shade will be provided. I am concerned about dangerous dogs being allowed in with small dogs. An improvement would be to have separate spaces as is the case in other dog parks. I do realise small dogs can also be savage.	-
34	Port Lincoln Dog Park	I recognise and support the need for a dog park in Port Lincoln however after viewing the plans for the Puckridge Place location I can see it would be under utilised by the public. Although a great location for both vets and boarding kennels to exercise their guests I for one would not travel into that area on foot. I wouldn't feel safe out there alone even with my dogs. There isn't enough parking and both our dogs would be scared of the traffic noise which is constant on that corner. Also the land size is too small.	-

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		<p>There's a wonderful large space on Highview Drive which is regularly utilised by many dog owners which would be more appropriate. It has plenty of running space, plenty of car parking around the outside and is quiet for the dogs. It only needs to be fenced and supplied with dog poo bags. An added bonus is the playground that is already there. Parents can exercise the dogs while the children play. Perfect!</p>	
35	Submission - Draft Port Lincoln Dog Park Concept Plan	<p>I like the idea of off leash dog Park but want be using this park as it is to small . I have a large whippet that runs fast, there is barely enough length for a discent run, hopefully balls will bounce off fencing and not continue through to busy road. I think I will be sticky to back track at Billy lights or Brinkworth. Would live to see improve fencing at Brinkworth for larger dogs . This park concept is really only catering to small dogs , I have been to several dog parks both in this state and Melbourne none that were this small most twice this size or bigger.</p>	-
36	Submission - Draft Port Lincoln Dog Park Concept Plan	<p>The Chief Executive Officer and [REDACTED] I am writing in response to the proposed Dog Park at Puckeridge Pl. I am totally for this to go ahead the location is good and is underdeveloped. I like that the dog park will be purpose built and will also include a thoughtfully designed garden of greenery which will enhance the area. I'm very keen for this dog park to go ahead as I live in an area which currently has an off lease zone for dogs (Surfleet Place) The off lease zone is not ideal for multiple usage eg young children playing ball games and people who are dog free who may just like to stroll around this area- the purpose built dog park hopefully will provide an area for dogs and their owners to congregate and play ball games or whatever without infringing on other community</p>	-

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		<p>members who while may be dog lovers feel intimidated by groups of dogs running around a walk way etc . Council I know is well aware of the ongoing issues of dogs and their owners who use Surfleet disrespecting the area not picking up after their dogs and not maintaining control of their dogs. It would simply take a few people to face a few of the mentioned fines for this and word of mouth would do the rest. The Nelson square development would be a fantastic improvement for that area as will the new playground on Tasman Tce. Thank you for your consideration on the matters I have mentioned in this email.</p>	
37	Submission - Draft Port Lincoln Dog Park Concept Plan	<p>Hi guys Congratulations on the great plans for a dog park. One query I have is have you considered a separate fenced area for small/timid dogs? In my travels, I've found many dog parks have these and they are great for timid dogs in particular. I hope this will be considered. Thanks.</p>	-
38	Submission - Draft Port Lincoln Dog Park Concept Plan	<p>Hi, The actual concept is okay. The location, I have a problem with if one is looking to the future. What if the Port Lincoln Netball Association wishes to expand with stadiums for netball & other indoor sports? Netball is a growing sport and may wish to have a winter season too? The whole Ravendale Sports Complex in my opinion needs this land to be reserved for future use and expansion. Dog Parks can be basically developed in natural settings with little expense (other things such as pipes, platforms, ramps, grassy knoll would not be needed – use nature). Council already owns parks that in my opinion are under utilised by the public and could have such dog parks developed in them with little</p>	-

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		<p>expense and more exciting for dogs to explore and run around in. Two that readily come to mind are Puckridge and Pioneer Parks. There is also the undeveloped land south of Happy Valley Cemetery where access to public toilets is already available. Most of this mentioned park land allows the dog park to be established away from residential buildings and can be screened off easily. The dog park could be left in a natural state and certainly be more interesting for the dogs and owners. There are parking opportunities within or near the parks too. Ongoing maintenance would be easier too. They could be developed so they are not so visual to the general public – which like the chosen site – I am sure Council will receive public complaints (noise, sight of the site if maintenance drops off etc.) from many with such a visual site. I know my approach is as much out of sight as possible because my experience tells me there will be frivolous and genuine complaints for such a site. Keep it all simple and keep costs down by being smart in selecting the best location. Remember – dogs love to play freely and the more interesting the area the better they play & exercise. I personally think the natural environment sites I have suggested are much better than the open site included in this consultation near the Ravendale Complex. Again I consider as a minimum the dog park should be of /or have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One or more hectare of space for dogs to run and play. 2. Have at least a 2 metre fencing around the park. 3. Double gate system to keep dogs safe as they go in and out of the park (on leash to off-leash) – plus you don't want unleashed dogs escaping out through the gates as another enters. 4. The dogs should as much as possible be separated into large and small dog areas. 5. I am not sure if water should be made available or not on site. Surely owners of the dogs could manage this. 6. The rules need to include owners not to bring toys as I have seen ripped toys 	

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		<p>making such parks very messy & another job for council staff. 7. With the sites I have recommended shade is in abundance – not too sure about the chosen site. 8. Seating could be simple to install or would it be needed in the sites I have mentioned? 9.</p> <p>Public toilets will be requested if not up front soon after – so it would be smart to have such catered not only for the users of the dog park but also other park users near by. Hope my comments are helpful. I give these having been employed in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for 30 years, being a ratepayer of the CPL since 2010. But hey – I don't own a dog but have dealt with plenty of nuisance ones in my time in LG. Best of luck – it is not easy getting the public to agree on what you intend. I trust the best decision for the City will be eventually made by Council & staff. Thank you for inviting me to comment.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p>	