

Carine Dog Park Consultation

Summary of feedback received at the drop-in session on 23rd November and via email directly to the City

Request/Feedback	City of Stirling Response
Can a new kerb be installed off the edge of the car park to improve access to the verge?	<p>The sandy area and drop behind the kerb will be replaced with a concrete crossover that will make for smoother entry into the informal parking. A flush kerb was discussed with our engineering department, however they recommended against this as it would allow for entry at speed into the informal fenced dog parking area.</p> <p>This has been reflected in the updated landscape design.</p>
Safe access is needed for both people with disability and able-bodied people.	<p>Two access options into the dog park will be provided. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a universally accessible footpath that will link the formal car park to the dog park; and • a staircase with handrails that will link the informal verge parking to the dog park. <p>The City will also convert two parking bays in the southern end of the formal car park to one disabled bay. This has been reflected in the updated landscape design.</p>
Not enough seating is provided in the small enclosure.	<p>Additional seating, including communal seating throughout the small enclosure will be provided.</p> <p>This has been reflected in the updated landscape design.</p>
Can you provide a shelter from protection from the elements?	<p>Consistent with other dog parks that have substantial natural shade from mature trees, the City does not support the inclusion of shelters in the Carine fenced dog park.</p> <p>The City has only provided shelters at the fenced dog parks in Inglewood, Dianella and Charles Riley where there is an absence of natural shade.</p>
The new sandpit will be in full sun. Can it be relocated to the shade, or can you add shade sails?	<p>The sand pit has been relocated towards the mature trees which will capture some morning shade, and more substantial afternoon shade in summer.</p> <p>This has been reflected in the updated landscape design.</p>
Lighting is not adequate; please explore space lighting or solar lighting for access and safety.	<p>The City will be installing lighting to the fenced dog park at Princess Wallington reserve in Balga next year. Before considering further rollout of lighting, the City will review the lessons learnt from any issues associated with extended use of the fenced dog parks.</p>

<p>Is it possible to have a path on the perimeter for ease of walking?</p>	<p>The natural gradient on which the perimeter fences are located is too steep for compliance with mobility access codes. As such, it is not feasible to install a perimeter path.</p>
<p>Can no drinking and no smoking signs be installed in the dog park?</p>	<p>Drinking is not permitted in any public space and as such signage specifically for the dog park is not supported. Whilst smoking is banned within 10m of any children’s playground, this is not the case for parks in general, including the dog park.</p>
<p>The new entrances are too close together which could result in fights between dogs. Can they be shifted further apart?</p>	<p>The fenced dog park should only be used by sociable dogs, and all dogs should be under effective control of their owner – regardless of whether they are on lead. Despite this, we have rearranged the entrance for the small enclosure to provide more immediate access for users entering via the universal access path.</p> <p>This has been reflected in the updated landscape design.</p>
<p>How will the areas where the lawn has died and given way to bare soil be managed</p>	<p>Turf wear within all fenced dog parks is considerable due to the concentrated activity of the dogs. Even with high levels of maintenance, there are some high-wear areas where turf is unable to be maintained, such as near the entrances, sand pits and around the agility equipment.</p> <p>Some of these high-wear areas will be replaced with mulch which will be harder for the dogs to dig into (reducing the prevalence of holes) and will not wash away in the rain to the same extent as bare sand.</p> <p>The fenced dog park at Kingsway Reserve in Madeley uses a combination of grass and mulch in the high-wear areas. Another fenced dog park, at Greenslope Drive in Bushmead (pictured below) is constructed entirely in with mulch as the ground cover. Dogs comfortably play in the mulched areas in both sites.</p> <p>A variety of surfaces will be provided at Carine so individual dogs will be able to walk and play in their surface of preference.</p> 

<p>Can the smaller area have more agility equipment?</p>	<p>Due to space restrictions, additional agility equipment is included only in the larger fenced space. The smaller fenced areas will have the other forms of enrichment including seating, drink fountain and sand pit.</p>
<p>What's the timeline?</p>	<p>The City will now prepare the construction documentation and schedule construction for the first half of 2024 to implement the access and mobility improvements as soon as possible. Updates will be provided before works start on site. The City will endeavour to minimise disruption to dog park users although the park will close to the public during some periods.</p>