



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES REPORT

Proposed Fenced Dog Exercise Area

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OVERVIEW

The community was invited to provide feedback from 26 November 2018 to 17 December 2018 on a proposal to determine the overall level of support for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area in one of the City's existing parks. Further, the City sought community preferences on which of 5 identified parks could potentially accommodate a fenced dog exercise area:

- Bramston Park, Burns Beach
- Chichester Park, Woodvale
- Elcar Park, Joondalup
- Emerald Park, Edgewater
- Melene Park, Duncraig

The City collected a total of 1,234 valid responses throughout the 22-day advertised engagement period. Responses that were considered valid include all those which contain sufficient contact details to enable identification and were submitted within the advertised engagement period. Where multiple comment forms (or informal submissions) were received from the same respondent, these were combined into one response. Feedback received included formal responses from the Woodvale Waters Landowners Association and Edgewater Cricket Club Inc (see Appendix 22–23), 218 responses from members of the City's Community Engagement Network, and 481 responses from residents and landowners within 350 metres radii of the proposed parks.

Respondents were asked if, overall, they support or oppose the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area in one of the City's existing parks on a 5-point scale from "strongly oppose" to "strongly support". Over half of respondents indicated that they either "support" (96) or "strongly support" (623) the proposal, and 49 respondents indicated that they are "neutral".

Respondents were also asked to rank the proposed parks from 1 — "most preferred" to 5 — "least preferred". When an average ranking was applied, there was little disparity between the park rankings: Elcar Park (2.7), Emerald Park (2.9), Bramston Park (2.9), and Chichester Park (3.0). Melene Park was marginally less preferred with an average ranking of 3.5. When comparing the overall rankings with the results for local residents and landowners within 350 metres radii of the parks, the majority of these respondents selected either 1 — "most preferred" or 5 — "least preferred" for the park they reside near.

Further, 212 respondents provided suggestions for alternative City of Joondalup parks that they believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area. A total of 75 different City parks were proposed, and respondents outlined a broad range of reasons for their suggestion(s).

Comments on the proposal highlighted that a fenced dog exercise area would be safer for dogs, particularly related to roads and cars, and a number of respondents suggested complementary infrastructure that they would like included in the proposal, with drinking fountains, agility equipment, shading and double-entry gates frequently mentioned. Other respondents expressed concern that a fenced dog exercise area could exacerbate aggressive dog behaviour, and could create traffic and parking issues. A number of respondents also stated dissatisfaction with one of more of the specific parks identified by the City, and expressed concern that the area outside of a fenced dog exercise area would be made on-lead only.

STAKEHOLDERS

A total of 5,936 stakeholders were directly engaged by the City. Stakeholders identified included:

- Local residents and landowners within 350 metres radius of Bramston Park = 685
- Local residents and landowners within 350 metres radius of Chichester Park = 1,020
- Local businesses and landowners within 350 metres radius of Elcar Park = 358
- Local residents and landowners within 350 metres radius of Emerald Park = 527
- Local residents and landowners within 350 metres radius of Melene Park = 715
- Community Engagement Network Members = 2,586
- Residents' and ratepayers' associations = 19
 - Beldon Residents Association Inc.
 - Burns Beach Residents Association Inc
 - Connolly Residents Association
 - Craigie Resident and Community Association
 - Currambine Residents Association Inc
 - Edgewater Community Residents' Association
 - Harbour Rise Home Owners Association
 - Heathridge Residents' Association
 - Hepburn Heights Landowner's Association
 - Iluka Homeowners Association
 - Kingsley and Greenwood Residents Association
 - Kinross Residents Association
 - Marmion, Sorrento, Duncraig Progress and Ratepayers Association
 - Mullaloo Beach Community Group Inc
 - North Shore Country Club and Residents Association
 - Padbury Residents' Association Inc
 - Warwick Residents Group
 - Whitford Community, Ratepayers and Recreation Association Inc
 - Woodvale Waters Landowners Association
- Park user groups and schools with shared-use agreements = 13
 - Edgewater Cricket Club Inc
 - Edgewater Woodvale Junior Football Club
 - Joondalup Kinross Cricket Club (Inc)
 - Kingsley Soccer Club (Inc)
 - Kingsley Woodvale Cricket Club Inc
 - North Woodvale Primary School
 - Sorrento Duncraig Junior Cricket Club Inc
 - Sorrento Duncraig Senior Cricket Club
 - Sorrento–Duncraig Junior Football Club Inc
 - Elcar Park street market
 - Western Australian Christian Football Association Inc
 - Westside Football Club Inc
 - Woodvale Football Club

- Local politicians and members of parliament = 13
 - Mr Mark Folkard MLA, Member for Burns Beach
 - Mr Antonio Krsticevic MLA, Member for Carine
 - Mr Peter Katsambanis MLA, Member for Hillarys
 - Ms Emily Hamilton MLA, Member for Joondalup
 - Mrs Jessica Stojkovski MLA, Member for Kingsley
 - The Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC, Member for North Metropolitan Region
 - The Hon Alison Xamon MLC, Member for North Metropolitan Region
 - The Hon Martin Pritchard MLC, Member for North Metropolitan Region
 - The Hon Michael Mischin MLC, Member for North Metropolitan Region
 - The Hon Peter Collier MLC, Member for North Metropolitan Region
 - The Hon Tjorn Sibma MLC, Member for North Metropolitan Region
 - Dr Anne Aly MP, Member for Cowan
 - Mr Ian Goodenough MP, Member for Moore

Additional stakeholders, including visitors to the parks, dog owners, and interested residents and landowners, were also indirectly engaged by the City via the engagement materials described below.

ENGAGEMENT MATERIALS

Local residents and landowners within 350 radii of the 5 identified parks (Bramston, Chichester, Elcar, Emerald and Melene) were sent information packs through the post containing a cover letter, information brochure and comment form. These stakeholders were invited to submit feedback via the comment form provided or via the online comment form. A reversible pre-paid envelope was also provided.

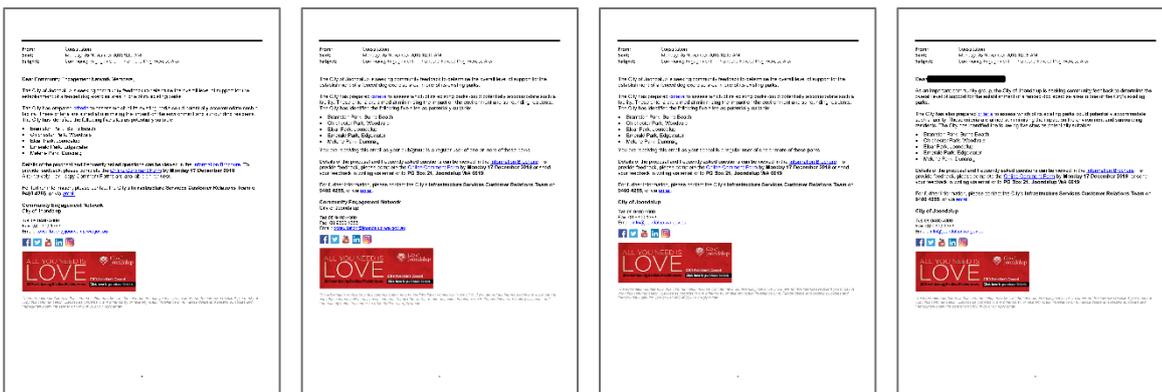
Local politicians and parliamentarians were sent a cover letter and information brochure through the post. These stakeholders were advised of the engagement and directed to the City's website for further information.

Community Engagement Network members, representatives from park user groups, schools with shared-use agreements, and residents' and ratepayers' groups were sent an email. These stakeholders were provided with links to the information brochure and online comment form and were advised that hard-copy comment forms were available on request.

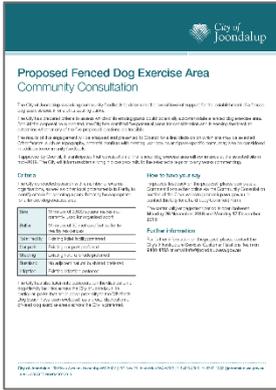
Cover letter to residents and landowners within 350 radii of the parks, and cover letter to politicians and parliamentarians (see Appendix 1–2 for full):



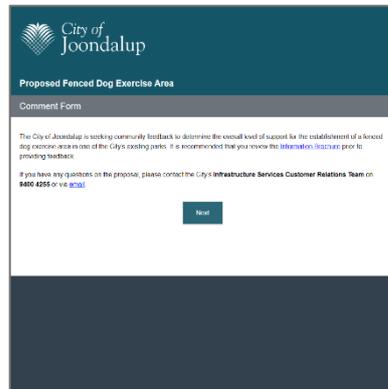
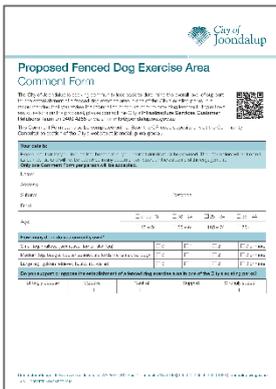
Email to Community Engagement Network members, email to park user groups, email to schools with shared-use agreements, and email to residents' and ratepayers' groups (see Appendix 3–6 for full):



Information brochure (see Appendix 7 for full):



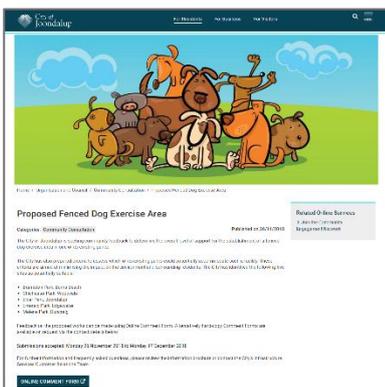
Hard-copy and online and comment forms (see Appendix 8–9 for full):



In addition to directly contacting identified stakeholders via post and email, the City advertised the engagement to other community members via the following means:

- Webpage linked through the Community Consultation section of the City’s website visible 26 November 2018 to 17 December 2018.
- DL-size flyers delivered to letterboxes of all households within the City of Joondalup and distributed at City events.
- Images visible on the e-screens located at the City’s customer service centres, libraries and Craigie Leisure Centre 26 November 2018 to 17 December 2018.
- Article in the *Joondalup Voice* community newspaper insert published 29 November 2018 in print, available online and emailed to subscribers.
- Facebook post published through the City’s Facebook account 26 November 2018.
- Facebook advertisements published 26 November 2018 to 17 December 2018.
- Twitter post published through the City’s Twitter account 26 November 2018.

Community Consultation webpage (see Appendix 10 for full):



Flyer (see Appendix 11 for full):

Proposed Fenced Dog Exercise Area
Have Your Say

Are you interested in the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?

The City of Joondalup is seeking community feedback to determine the overall level of support for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area in one of its existing parks.

The City has also prepared criteria to assess which of its existing parks could accommodate such a facility and the following five sites have been identified as potentially suitable:

- Bramston Park, Burns Beach
- Chichester Park, Woodvale
- Elcar Park, Joondalup
- Emerald Park, Edgewater
- Melanie Park, Duncraig

To complete the online Comment Form or for further information, scan the QR code, visit the City's website at joondalup.wa.gov.au or call 9400 4255.

Submissions accepted: **Monday 26 November 2018 to Monday 17 December 2018.**

City of Joondalup logo and social media icons (Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram) are also present.

e-Display screen (see Appendix 12 for full):

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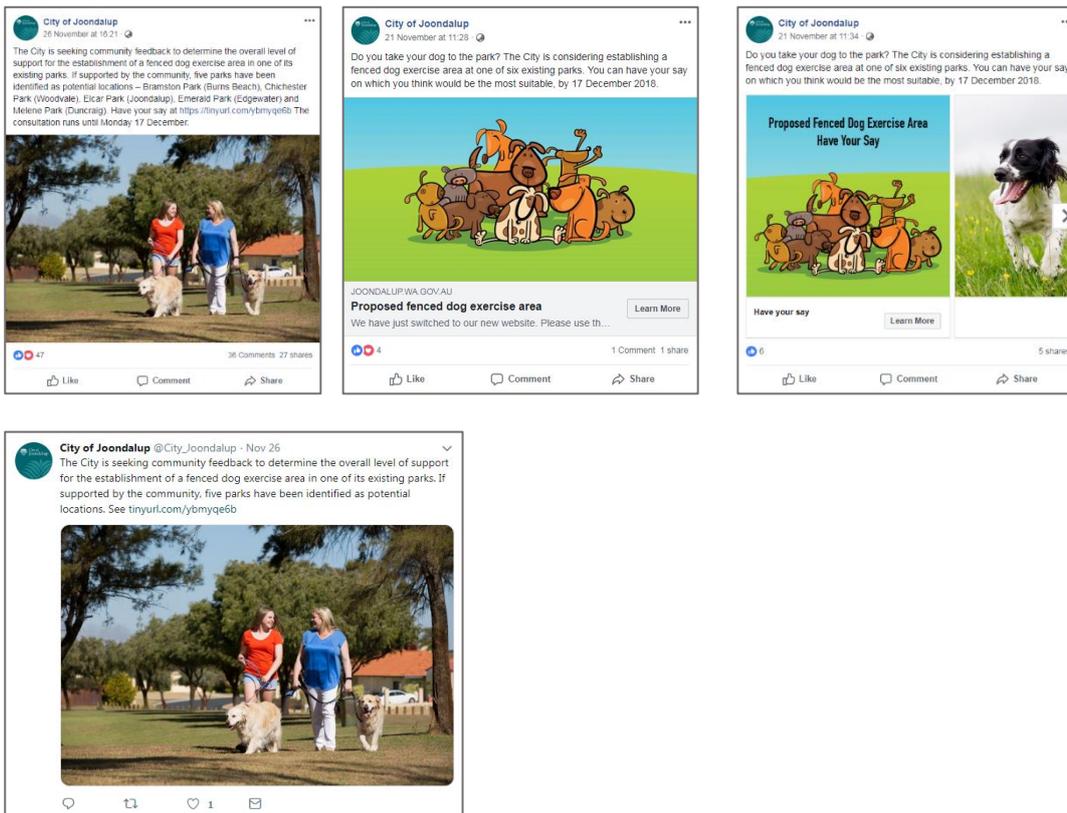
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Article in the print *Joondalup Voice* and online *Joondalup Voice* community newspaper inserts (see Appendix 13–14 for full):

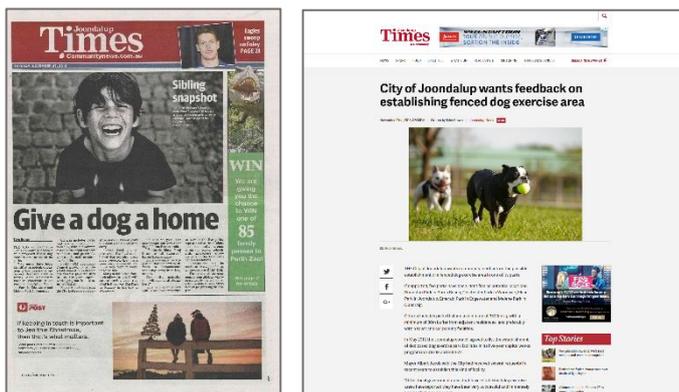
The left image shows a print insert from 'Joondalup Voice' with a 'CREATIVES' logo. The right image shows a screenshot of the online version of the article.

Social media posts from the City’s Twitter and Facebook accounts (see Appendix 15–17 for full):



Further to the City’s communication, an article about the engagement appeared in the community newspaper, *Joondalup Times* on 27 November 2018 (page 1) and online 22 November 2018. The *Joondalup–Wanneroo Times/Weekender* social media accounts also posted about the engagement 23 November 2018 on Facebook and Twitter.

Article from the print *Joondalup Times* and online *Joondalup Times* community newspaper (see Appendix 18–19 for full):



Social media posts from the *Joondalup Times* Twitter and Facebook accounts (see Appendix 20–21 for full):

Joondalup-Wanneroo Times/Weekender
23 November at 09:00

The City of Joondalup wants community feedback on the possible establishment of a fenced dog exercise area in one of its parks. What do you think?



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Five City of Joondalup parks identified for possible fenced dog exercise area

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The @City_Joondalup wants community feedback on the possible establishment of a fenced #dog exercise area in one of its parks #perthnews



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RESPONSE RATE

The City collected a total of 1,234 valid responses throughout the 22-day advertised engagement period. Responses that were considered valid include all those which contain sufficient contact details to enable identification and were submitted within the advertised engagement period. Where multiple comment forms (or informal submissions) were received from the same respondent, these were combined into one response.

The majority of comment forms were completed online (1,012), with 212 respondents completing hard-copy comment forms. A further 10 respondents submitted feedback by way of a letter, email or online website contact form. Of the 3,305 residents and landowners within 350 metres radii of the proposed parks, 481 submitted feedback. Response rates were highest for residents and landowners around Melene Park (19.4%) and Chichester Park (18.5%). The City also received 218 responses from members of the City's Community Engagement Network, a response from the Woodvale Waters Landowners Association and a response from Edgewater Cricket Club Inc. This indicates an overall response rate of 11.8%. A further 587 respondents, who were not engaged directly, also submitted feedback on the proposal. This data is shown in the tables below.

Responses received by type of comment form:	N	%
Online comment forms	1,012	81.9%
Hard-copy Comment Forms	212	17.2%
Other informal submissions (written)	10	0.8%
Total responses	1,234	99.9%

	Forms sent	Forms received	Response rate
Responses received by stakeholder type:	N	N*	%
Local residents and landowners within 350 metres radii of the proposed parks:	3,305	481	14.6%
Bramston Park	685	68	9.9%
Chichester Park	1,020	189	18.5%
Elcar Park	358	5	1.4%
Emerald Park	527	80	15.2%
Melene Park	715	139	19.4%
Community Engagement Network Members	2,586	218	8.4%
Residents' and ratepayers' associations	19	1	5.3%
Beldon Residents Association Inc.	1	0	0.0%
Burns Beach Residents Association Inc	1	0	0.0%
Connolly Residents Association	1	0	0.0%
Craigie Resident and Community Association	1	0	0.0%
Currambine Residents Association Inc	1	0	0.0%
Edgewater Community Residents' Association	1	0	0.0%
Harbour Rise Home Owners Association	1	0	0.0%
Heathridge Residents' Association	1	0	0.0%
Hepburn Heights Landowner's Association	1	0	0.0%
Iluka Homeowners Association	1	0	0.0%
Kingsley and Greenwood Residents Association	1	0	0.0%
Kinross Residents Association	1	0	0.0%
Marmion, Sorrento, Duncraig Progress and Ratepayers Association	1	0	0.0%
Mullaloo Beach Community Group Inc	1	0	0.0%
North Shore Country Club and Residents Association	1	0	0.0%

	Forms sent	Forms received	Response rate
	N	N*	%
Responses received by stakeholder type:			
Padbury Residents' Association Inc	1	0	0.0%
Warwick Residents Group	1	0	0.0%
Whitford Community, Ratepayers and Recreation Association Inc	1	0	0.0%
Woodvale Waters Landowners Association	1	1	100.0%
Park user groups and schools with shared-use agreements	13	1	7.7%
Edgewater Cricket Club Inc	1	1	100.0%
Edgewater Woodvale Junior Football Club	1	0	0.0%
Joondalup Kinross Cricket Club (Inc)	1	0	0.0%
Kingsley Soccer Club (Inc)	1	0	0.0%
Kingsley Woodvale Cricket Club Inc	1	0	0.0%
North Woodvale Primary School	1	0	0.0%
Sorrento Duncraig Junior Cricket Club Inc	1	0	0.0%
Sorrento Duncraig Senior Cricket Club	1	0	0.0%
Sorrento–Duncraig Junior Football Club Inc	1	0	0.0%
Elcar Park street market	1	0	0.0%
Western Australian Christian Football Association Inc	1	0	0.0%
Westside Football Club Inc	1	0	0.0%
Woodvale Football Club	1	0	0.0%
Local politicians and members of parliament	13	0	0.0%
Mr Mark Folkard MLA	1	0	0.0%
Mr Antonio Krsticevic MLA	1	0	0.0%
Mr Peter Katsambanis MLA	1	0	0.0%
Ms Emily Hamilton MLA	1	0	0.0%
Mrs Jessica Stojkovski MLA	1	0	0.0%
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The Hon Martin Pritchard MLC	1	0	0.0%
The Hon Michael Mischin MLC	1	0	0.0%
The Hon Peter Collier MLC	1	0	0.0%
The Hon Tjorn Sibma MLC	1	0	0.0%
Dr Anne Aly MP	1	0	0.0%
Mr Ian Goodenough MP	1	0	0.0%
Other community members (engaged indirectly)	—	586	—
Total response rate	5,936	701	11.8%
Total responses	—	1,234	—

*Numbers may not add up to total, as respondents can represent more than 1 stakeholder type.

Note that the feedback submitted from the Woodvale Waters Landowners Association and Edgewater Cricket Club Inc are provided in full at Appendix 22–23 and are not included in the proceeding analysis. This analysis also does include a multi-signatory letter received during the engagement period which contains 114 individual signatures from 93 households (see Appendix 24). 32 of these signatories also submitted feedback via a comment form (or other informal submission); a note has been made against these respondents indicating this, where appropriate.

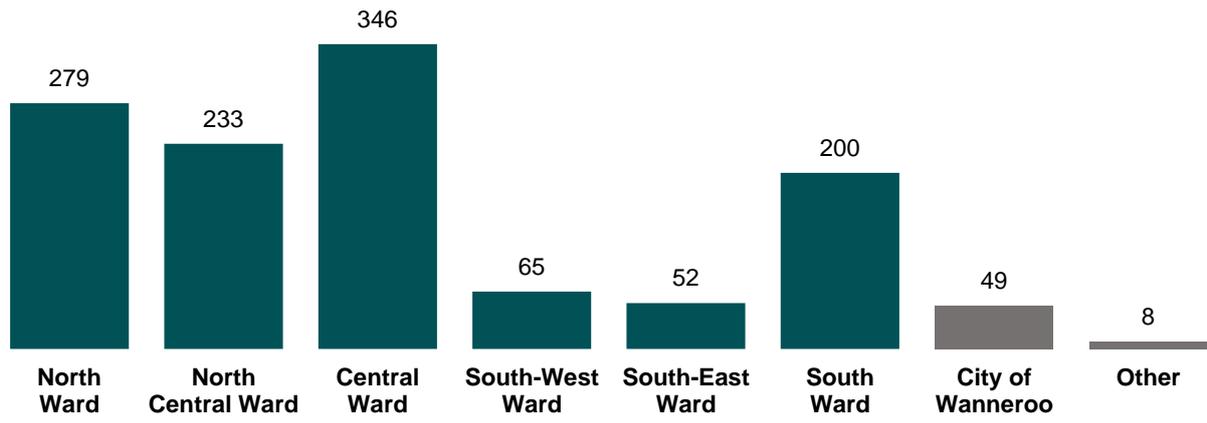
DEMOGRAPHICS

Respondent address

Respondents were asked to provide their contact address and the majority are residents of the City of Joondalup (95.5%). A large number of respondents reside in the Central Ward (346), North Ward (279) or South Ward (200); and most reside in suburbs where the proposed parks are located, particularly Woodvale (280), Duncraig (189) and Edgewater (156). In addition, 57 respondents reside in suburbs outside of the City of Joondalup, with most of these residing in the City of Wanneroo (49). This data is shown in the table and chart below.

Responses received by suburb and ward:	N	%
City of Joondalup	1,177	95.5%
North Ward	279	22.6%
Burns Beach	72	5.8%
Currambine	39	3.2%
Iluka	49	4.0%
Joondalup	65	5.3%
Kinross	54	4.4%
North Central Ward	233	18.9%
Connolly	12	1.0%
Edgewater	156	12.7%
Heathridge	31	2.5%
Mullaloo	16	1.3%
Ocean Reef	18	1.5%
Central Ward	346	28.1%
Beldon	13	1.1%
Craigie	33	2.7%
Kallaroo	20	1.6%
Woodvale	280	22.7%
South-West Ward	65	5.3%
Hillarys	22	1.8%
Padbury	35	2.8%
Sorrento	8	0.6%
South-East Ward	52	4.2%
Greenwood	15	1.2%
Kingsley	37	3.0%
South Ward	200	16.2%
Duncraig	189	15.3%
Marmion	1	0.1%
Warwick	10	0.8%
City of Wanneroo	49	4.0%
Other	8	0.6%
Total responses	1,232	100.0%

Responses received by ward:

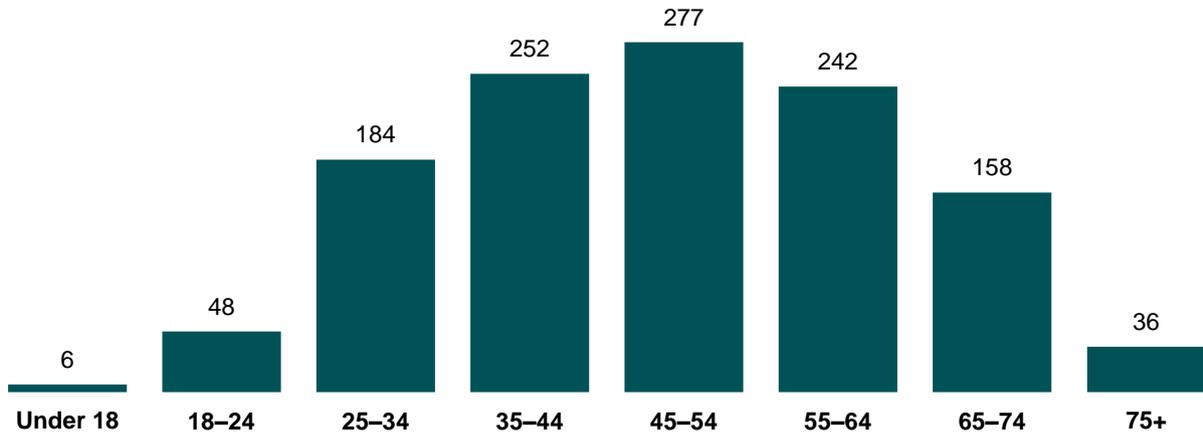


Respondent age

Respondents were asked to provide their age and over 60% are between the ages 35 to 44 years (252), 45 to 54 years (277), and 55 to 64 years (158). Fewer than 20% of respondents are aged under 35 years or aged 65 years and over. This data is shown in the table and chart below.

Responses received by age:	N	%
Under 18 years	6	0.5%
18–24 years	48	3.9%
25–34 years	184	14.9%
35–44 years	252	20.5%
45–54 years	277	22.5%
55–64 years	242	19.6%
65–74 years	158	12.8%
75+ years	36	2.9%
No response	30	2.4%
Total responses	1,232	100.0%

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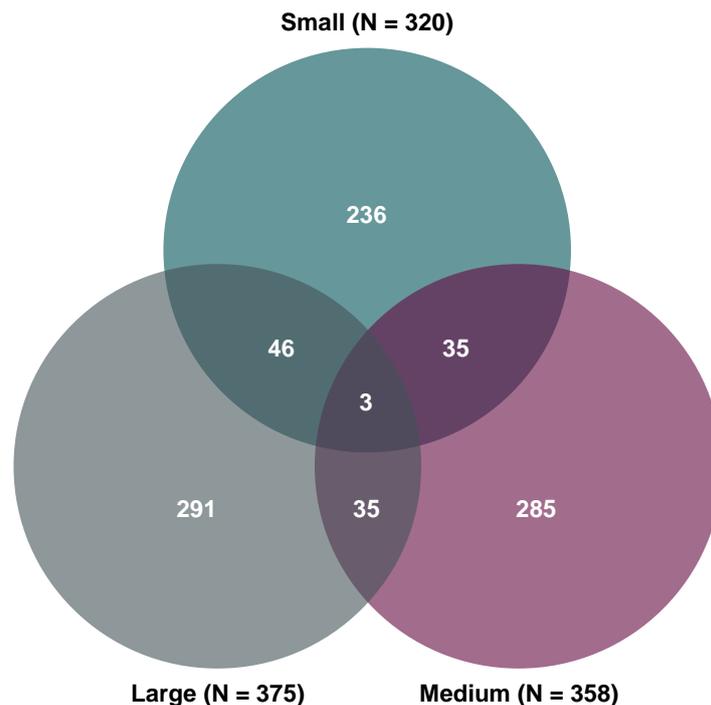


Respondent dog ownership

Respondents were asked to indicate how many small, medium and large dogs they own. Just over three-quarters of respondents (931) indicated that they are dog owners, owning at least 1 dog (of any size). A total of 320 respondents own 1 or more small dogs, 358 respondents own 1 or more medium dogs and 375 respondents own 1 or more large dogs. 275 respondents indicated that they are not dog owners. This data is shown in the table and chart below.

Responses received by dog ownership:	N	%
Small (eg maltese, jack russell terrier, shih tzu)	320	26.0%
0 dogs	888	72.1%
1 dog	242	19.6%
2 dogs	74	6.0%
3 or more dogs	4	0.3%
Medium (eg beagle, cocker spaniel, Staffordshire terrier, bulldog)	358	29.1%
0 dogs	850	69.0%
1 dog	309	25.1%
2 dogs	46	3.7%
3 or more dogs	3	0.2%
Large (golden retriever, husky, rottweiler)	375	30.4%
0 dogs	833	67.6%
1 dog	299	24.3%
2 dogs	71	5.8%
3 or more dogs	5	0.4%
No response	26	2.1%
Total respondents with at least 1 dog (of any size)	931	75.6%
Total respondents with no dogs (of any size)	275	22.3%
Total responses	1,232	100.0%

Responses received by dog ownership (number of respondents owning 1 or more dogs of any size):



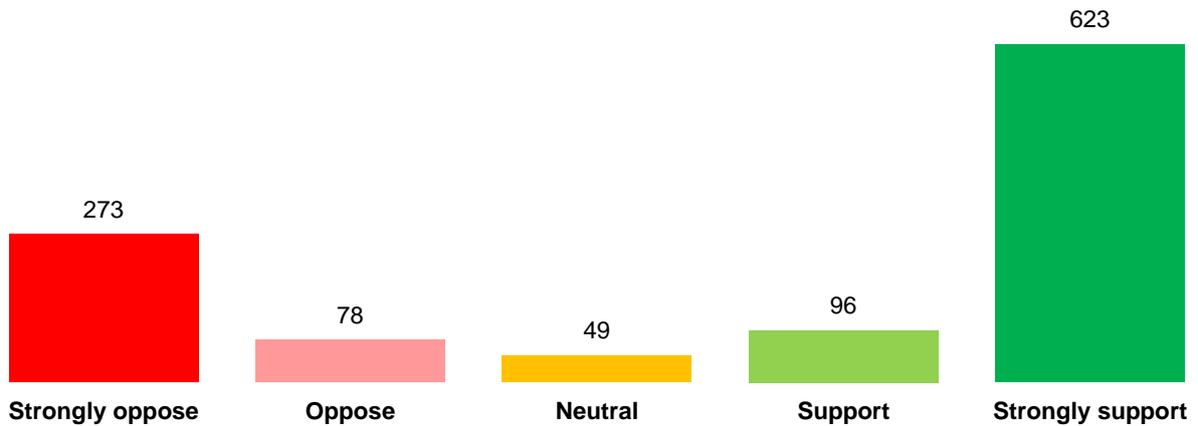
SURVEY FORM QUESTIONS

QUESTION: “Do you support or oppose the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area in one of the City's existing parks?”

Respondents were asked if, overall, they support or oppose the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area in one of the City's existing parks on a 5-point scale from “strongly oppose” to “strongly support”. A total of 1,119 respondents answered this question. Over half of respondents indicated that they either “support” (96) or “strongly support” (623) the proposal, and 49 respondents indicated that they are “neutral”. This data is shown in the tables and charts below.

Do you support or oppose the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area in one of the City's existing parks:	N	%
Strongly oppose	273	22.2%
Oppose	78	6.3%
Neutral	49	4.0%
Support	96	7.8%
Strongly support	623	50.6%
<i>No response</i>	113	9.2%
Total responses	1,232	100.0%

Do you support or oppose the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area in one of the City's existing parks:



QUESTION: “Please rank the five sites identified as potentially suitable from (1) most preferred to (5) least preferred.”

Respondents were advised that the City had identified 5 parks as potentially suitable for a fenced dog exercise area based on a number of criteria:

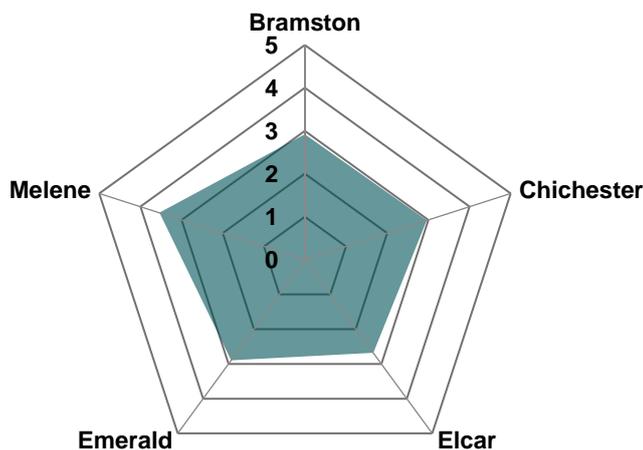
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- Melene Park, Duncraig

Respondents were asked to rank these from 1 — “most preferred” to 5 — “least preferred”.

A total of 1,019 respondents ranked these parks from 1 to 5. In analysing the results, an average ranking for all respondents has been calculated (as well as an average ranking for local residents and landowners within 350 metres radii of each of the parks). Overall, there is little disparity between the average rankings, with 4 parks having approximately the same: Elcar Park (2.7), Emerald Park (2.9), Bramston Park (2.9), and Chichester Park (3.0). Melene Park was marginally less preferred with an average ranking of 3.5.

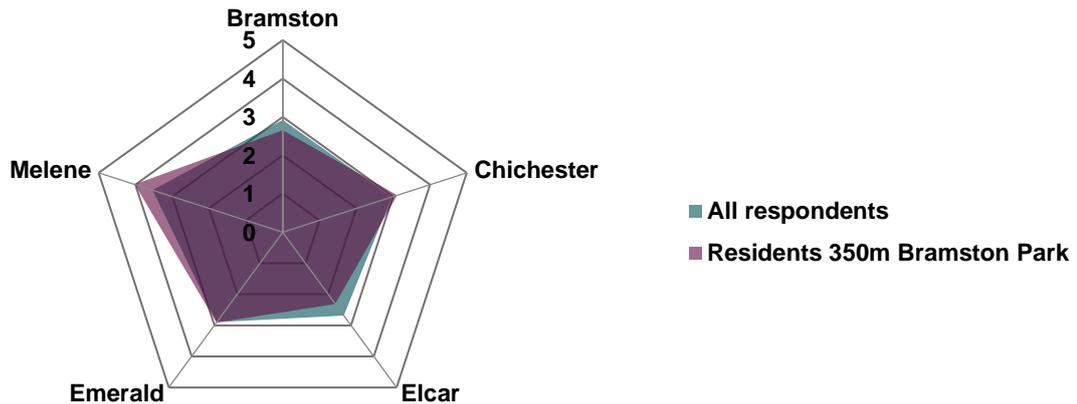
Please rank the five sites identified as potentially suitable from (1) most preferred to (5) least preferred — average rankings:	\bar{x}
All respondents:	
Bramston Park, Burns Beach	2.9
Chichester Park, Woodvale	3.0
Elcar Park, Joondalup	2.7
Emerald Park, Edgewater	2.9
Melene Park, Duncraig	3.5

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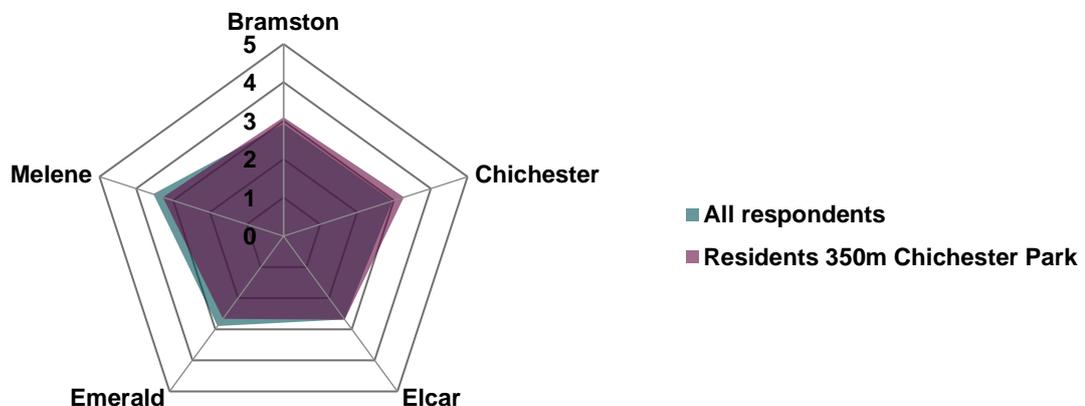
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Local residents and landowners within a 350 metres radius of Bramston Park:		
Bramston Park, Burns Beach		2.7
Chichester Park, Woodvale		3.1
Elcar Park, Joondalup		2.3
Emerald Park, Edgewater		2.9
Melene Park, Duncraig		4.0

Please rank the five sites identified as potentially suitable from (1) most preferred to (5) least preferred — average rankings (all respondents compared to residents/landowners within a 350 metres radius of Bramston Park):



Please rank the five sites identified as potentially suitable from (1) most preferred to (5) least preferred — average rankings:		\bar{x}
Local residents and landowners within a 350 metres radius of Chichester Park:		
Bramston Park, Burns Beach		3.1
Chichester Park, Woodvale		3.3
Elcar Park, Joondalup		2.7
Emerald Park, Edgewater		2.7
Melene Park, Duncraig		3.3

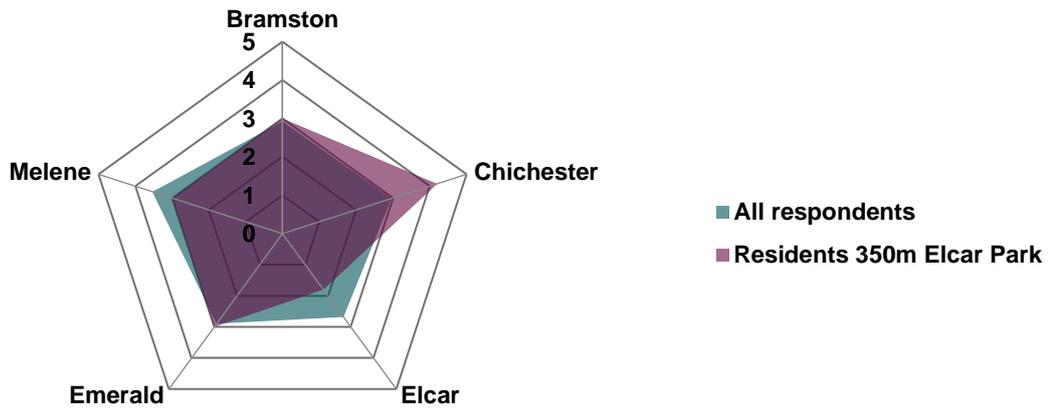
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Please rank the five sites identified as potentially suitable from (1) most preferred to (5) least preferred — average rankings:		\bar{x}^*
Local residents and landowners within a 350 metres radius of Elcar Park:		
Bramston Park, Burns Beach		3.0
Chichester Park, Woodvale		4.2
Elcar Park, Joondalup		1.8
Emerald Park, Edgewater		3.0
Melene Park, Duncraig		3.0

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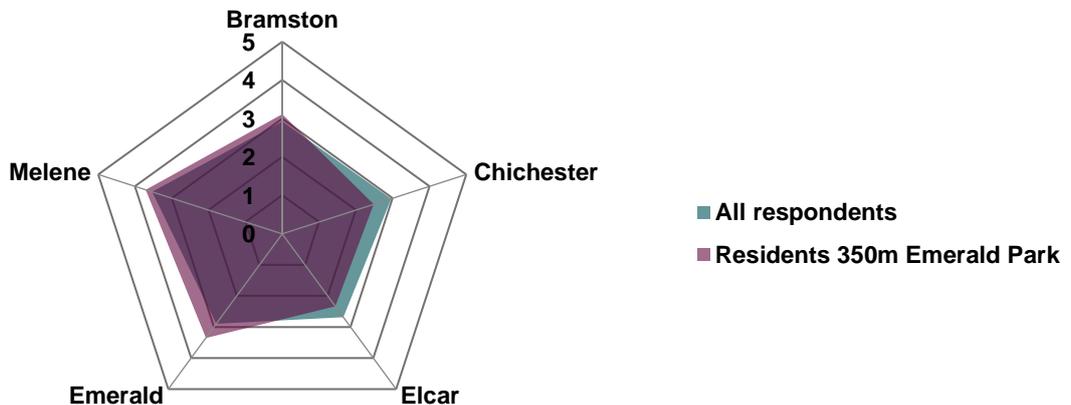
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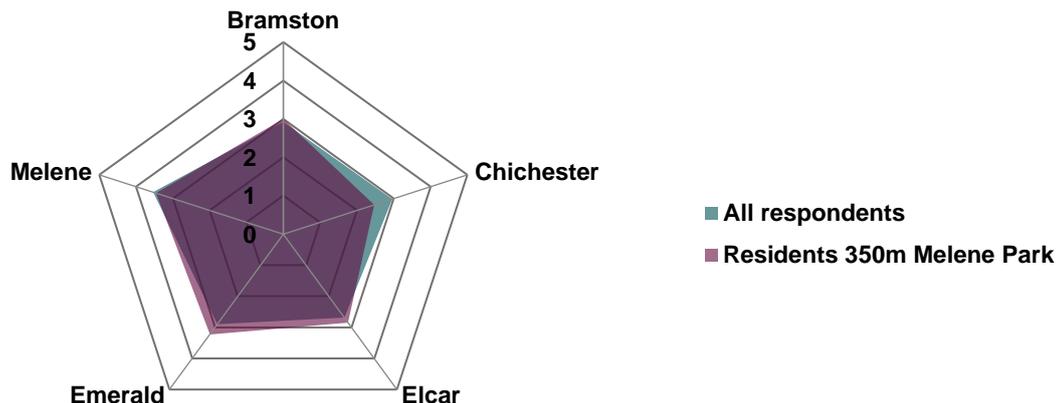
Please rank the five sites identified as potentially suitable from (1) most preferred to (5) least preferred — average rankings:		\bar{x}
Local residents and landowners within a 350 metres radius of Emerald Park:		
Bramston Park, Burns Beach		3.1
Chichester Park, Woodvale		2.5
Elcar Park, Joondalup		2.3
Emerald Park, Edgewater		3.4
Melene Park, Duncraig		3.7

Please rank the five sites identified as potentially suitable from (1) most preferred to (5) least preferred — average rankings (all respondents compared to residents/landowners within a 350 metres radius of Emerald Park):



Please rank the five sites identified as potentially suitable from (1) most preferred to (5) least preferred — average rankings:	\bar{x}
Local residents and landowners within a 350 metres radius of Melene Park:	
Bramston Park, Burns Beach	3.0
Chichester Park, Woodvale	2.5
Elcar Park, Joondalup	2.8
Emerald Park, Edgewater	3.2
Melene Park, Duncraig	3.5

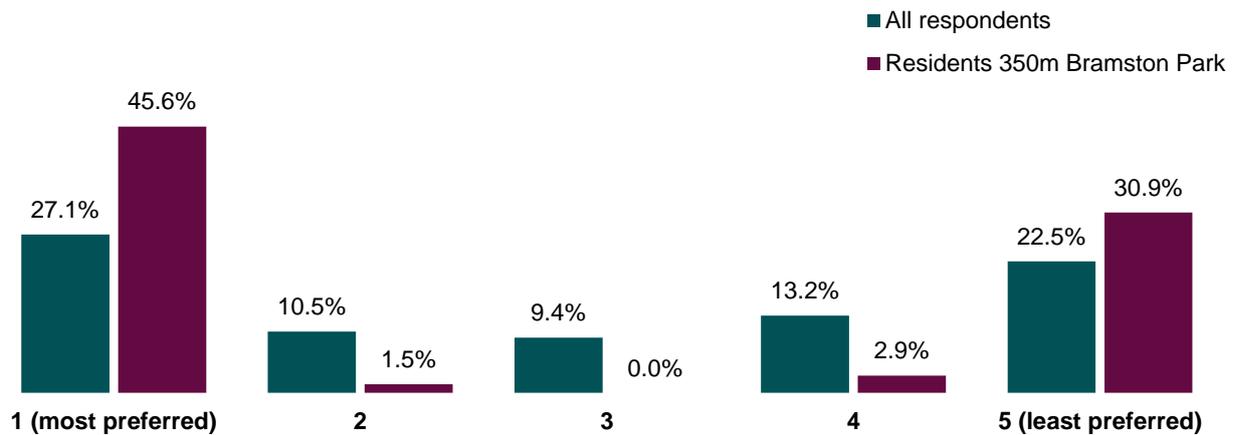
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In addition, the overall rankings for each park individually are shown below (as well as the overall rankings for each park individually for local residents and landowners within 350 metres radii of the relevant parks). When comparing the overall rankings with the results for local residents and landowners within 350 metres radii of the parks, the majority of these respondents selected either 1 — “most preferred” or 5 — “least preferred” for the park they reside near. This data is shown in the table and charts below.

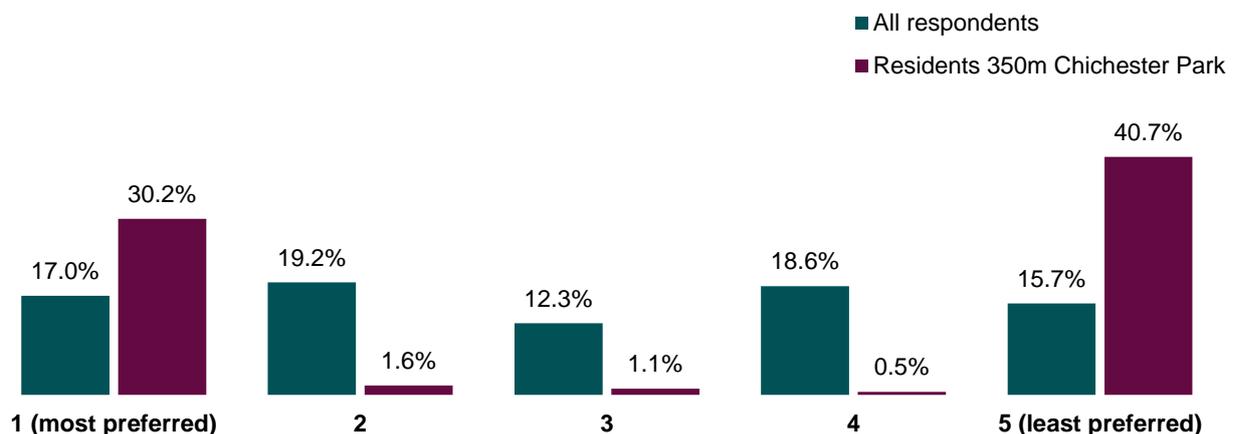
Please rank the five sites identified as potentially suitable from (1) most preferred to (5) least preferred — <u>Bramston Park</u> overall ranking:	N	%
All respondents:		
1 (most preferred)	334	27.1%
2	129	10.5%
3	116	9.4%
4	163	13.2%
5 (least preferred)	277	22.5%
<i>No response</i>	213	17.3%
Total responses	1,232	100.0%
Local residents and landowners within a 350 metres radius of Bramston Park:		
1 (most preferred)	31	45.6%
2	1	1.5%
3	0	0.0%
4	2	2.9%
5 (least preferred)	21	30.9%
<i>No response</i>	13	19.1%
Subtotal responses	68	100.0%

Please rank the five sites identified as potentially suitable from (1) most preferred to (5) least preferred — **Bramston Park** overall ranking (all respondents compared to residents/landowners within a 350 metres radius of Bramston Park):



Please rank the five sites identified as potentially suitable from (1) most preferred to (5) least preferred — Chichester Park overall ranking:		N	%
All respondents:			
1 (most preferred)		209	17.0%
2		237	19.2%
3		151	12.3%
4		229	18.6%
5 (least preferred)		193	15.7%
No response		213	17.3%
Total responses		1,232	100.0%
Local residents and landowners within a 350 metres radius of Chichester Park:			
1 (most preferred)		57	30.2%
2		3	1.6%
3		2	1.1%
4		1	0.5%
5 (least preferred)		77	40.7%
No response		49	25.9%
Subtotal responses		189	100.0%

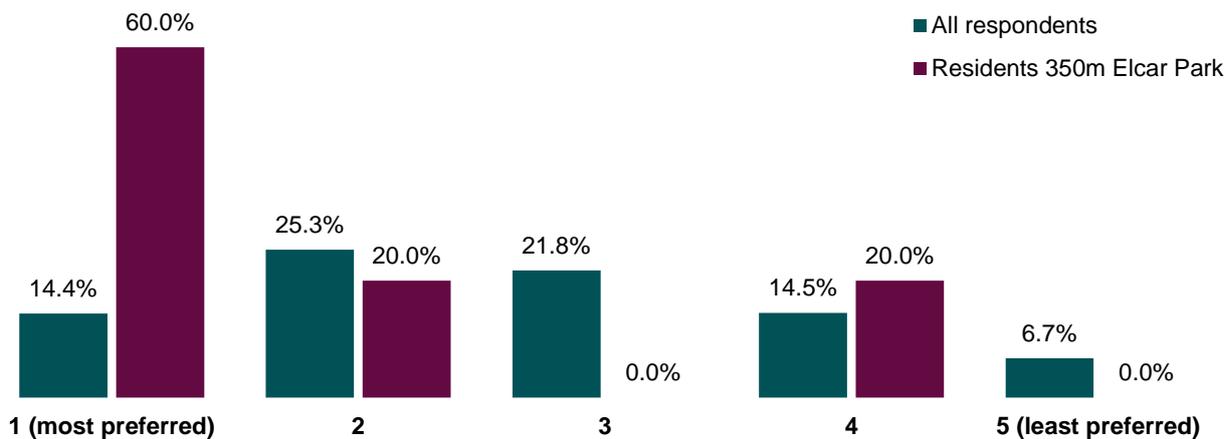
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Please rank the five sites identified as potentially suitable from (1) most preferred to (5) least preferred — Elcar Park overall ranking:	N	%
All respondents:		
1 (most preferred)	177	14.4%
2	312	25.3%
3	268	21.8%
4	179	14.5%
5 (least preferred)	83	6.7%
<i>No response</i>	213	17.3%
Total responses	1,232	100.0%
Local residents and landowners within a 350 metres radius of Elcar Park*:		
1 (most preferred)	3	60.0%
2	1	20.0%
3	0	0.0%
4	1	20.0%
5 (least preferred)	0	0.0%
<i>No response</i>	0	0.0%
Subtotal responses	5	100.0%

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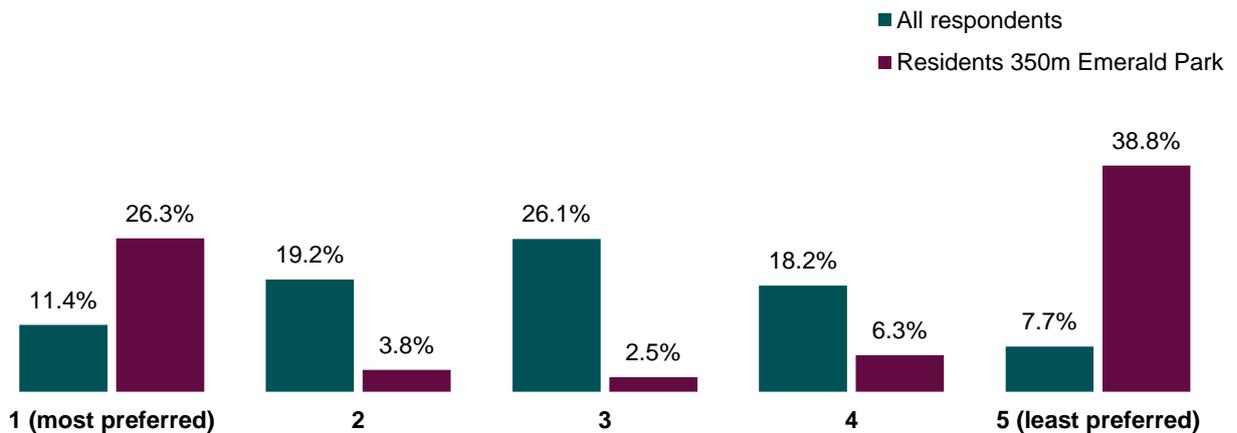
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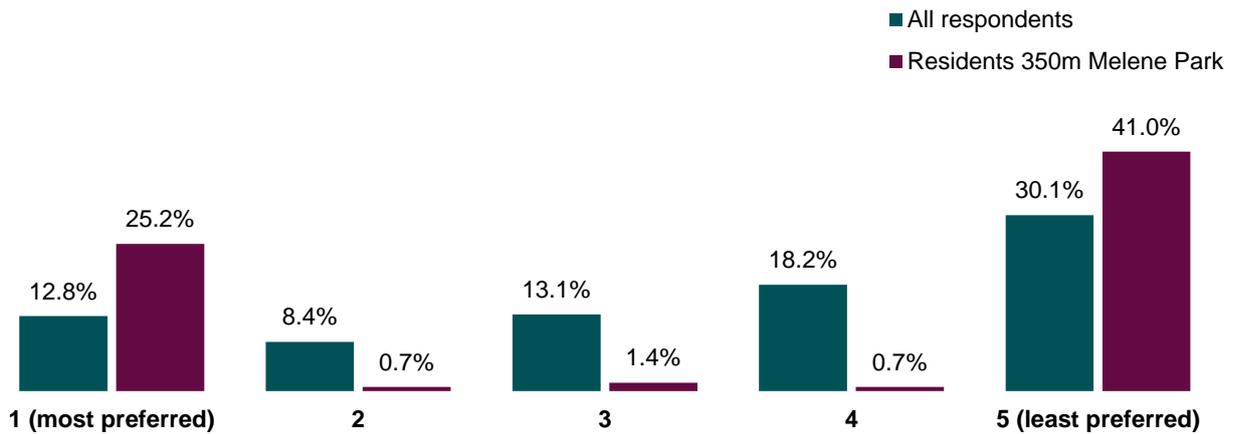
Please rank the five sites identified as potentially suitable from (1) most preferred to (5) least preferred — Emerald Park overall ranking:	N	%
All respondents:		
1 (most preferred)	141	11.4%
2	237	19.2%
3	322	26.1%
4	224	18.2%
5 (least preferred)	95	7.7%
<i>No response</i>	213	17.3%
Total responses	1,232	100.0%
Local residents and landowners within a 350 metres radius of Emerald Park:		
1 (most preferred)	21	26.3%
2	3	3.8%
3	2	2.5%
4	5	6.3%
5 (least preferred)	31	38.8%
<i>No response</i>	18	22.5%
Subtotal responses	80	100.0%

Please rank the five sites identified as potentially suitable from (1) most preferred to (5) least preferred — Emerald Park overall ranking (all respondents compared to residents/landowners within a 350 metres radius of Emerald Park):



Please rank the five sites identified as potentially suitable from (1) most preferred to (5) least preferred — Melene Park overall ranking:	N	%
All respondents		
1 (most preferred)	158	12.8%
2	104	8.4%
3	162	13.1%
4	224	18.2%
5 (least preferred)	371	30.1%
<i>No response</i>	215	17.5%
Total responses	1,232	100.0%
Local residents and landowners within a 350 metres radius of Melene Park:		
1 (most preferred)	35	25.2%
2	1	0.7%
3	2	1.4%
4	1	0.7%
5 (least preferred)	57	41.0%
<i>No response</i>	43	30.9%
Subtotal responses	139	100.0%

Please rank the five sites identified as potentially suitable from (1) most preferred to (5) least preferred — Melene Park overall ranking (all respondents compared to residents/landowners within a 350 metres radius of Melene Park):



QUESTION: “Is there another City of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?”

Respondents were asked if there is another City of Joondalup park that they believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area. A total of 212 respondents answered this question providing 1 or more park name. 75 different City of Joondalup parks were suggested which are listed in the table below, alongside the randomised verbatim comments from respondents explaining why they think that particular park would be suitable.

In general, respondents identified parks based on one or more of the following features:

- Existing dog walking community or existing dog off-lead/on-lead park.
- Existing large open space or suitable wooded/bushland area.
- Presently underutilised.
- Appropriate distance from nearby residences.
- Close to their home, or a significant distance from their home.
- Existing complementary infrastructure (particularly car parks).
- Preference for dogs to be separated from existing sports fields/play equipment.
- Preference for dogs to be kept on-lead in remainder of park.

Note that park suggestions that are located outside of the City of Joondalup have been excluded from the table below, as well as park suggestions that include the 5 parks already identified (ie Bramston, Chichester, Elcar, Emerald and Melene Parks). Where respondents have provided general feedback or outlined their reasoning for a particular park, these comments have been moved to “Please tell us why you think this park would be suitable” or “Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area” as appropriate, so that this feedback is not lost. Regarding the verbatim comments, words that may identify respondents or contain offensive language have been removed and replaced with square brackets, ie [- - -]. Minor alterations have been to spelling/grammar to enhance readability.

Is there another City of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area:		
Name of park:	N	Please tell us why you think this park would be suitable (verbatim):
North Ward	35	—
Burns Beach Foreshore Reserve	1	• <i>This is not a swimming beach and would be an ideal dog beach.</i>
Caledonia Park	2	• <i>Plenty of room and some parking available.</i> • <i>I have lived in a lot of places with fenced dog park and basically the park is small enough for most dogs and has more than one area which could be used for segregation.</i>
Central Park	1	• <i>Lack of dog exercise facilities in Joondalup CBD area.</i>
Christchurch Park	2	• <i>Wouldn't upset so many people as not so close to houses</i> • <i>Loads of dogs go to this park, and not many children. Big enough to fence for a dog park also, and perhaps it would work well to join the park to the walkway behind, so you can visit the park then walk to the pathway also (parallel to the Freeway).</i>
Discovery Park	1	• <i>It is already predominantly used by dog owners, no playground, too small for sports, no other facilities, but the addition of some fencing and water, and some equipment would be very well used.</i>

Is there another City of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area:

Name of park:	N	Please tell us why you think this park would be suitable (verbatim):
Falkland Park	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>It is very large and could easily have a section fenced-off and still allow for activities for others without dogs to happen alongside the fenced off area!!</i> • <i>Easy access and parking available.</i> • <i>A large area with many of dogs visiting but is right next to the main road (Marmion Avenue).</i>
Iluka District Open Space	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lots of dog walkers and mixed-use ovals.</i>
Iluka Foreshore Reserve	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dogs love the beach, and there are too many rocks for swimmers. Let the dogs have it.</i>
Katrine Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Shaded and nice open space.</i>
MacNaughton Park	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>There is currently a large unused area of this park that runs alongside Connolly Drive and there is an existing car park.</i> • <i>Big space, lots of parking, established trees.</i> • <i>Already an off-lead dog park, large area used by many people with dogs.</i> • <i>Large park. Close to vets if any issues.</i> • <i>The park is already utilised by a large number of dogs daily. An enclosed area would provide a safer environment for a wider range of dogs to play together without the dangers of busy roads, and away from other members of the community that utilise the park. With a skate park and playground for the kids already located at the site, MacNaughton Park could be a family-friendly area for all. There are currently very few alternate dog-friendly options for members of the City of Joondalup in the more northern suburbs, with the closest dog parks being Kingsway and North Beach. Having a dog park located as far North as Kinross would allow the park to be enjoyed by those who are unable to travel that far with their dogs each day.</i> • <i>There are lots of dogs that meet between 4 pm and 6 pm nightly, and a fenced area would allow dogs to socialise off the lead.</i> • <i>See many dogs there. Large area.</i> • <i>There are a lot of dog walkers in this area it would be a good meeting place not only for dog but also the residents.</i>
Neil Hawkins Park	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Parking/amenities/rangers</i> • <i>Plenty of land and available parking.</i> • <i>More parking and better suited for a dog area.</i>

Is there another City of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area:

Name of park:	N	Please tell us why you think this park would be suitable (verbatim):
Sir James McCusker Park	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>There is a reward places in the park that could be used.</i> • <i>It has a big space; lots of people currently take their dogs there.</i> • <i>There is a lot of shade. A car park and I don't think it's being used for sport</i> • <i>Good size shaded and grassed area can be provided with minimal impact to non-dog owners use of park. Currently has high utilisation of dog owners who walk their dogs there and parking is available around and inside the park. Suggest a section which is east of the playground and BBQ areas so no impact to current users.</i> • <i>[from "Name of park"] Sir James McCusker as it is often frequented by dog walkers. [from "Please tell us why you think this park would be suitable"] As stated above — park is full of dogs all day and evening.</i> • <i>Different section so everyone can still enjoy.</i>
Thornton Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Because it's large, and besides having a playground, it's not really being used for any other purpose.</i>
Windermere Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lots of dog walkers and mixed-use ovals.</i> • <i>So many dogs off-lead down there.</i>

Is there another City of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area:

Name of park:	N	Please tell us why you think this park would be suitable (verbatim):
North Central Ward	68	—
Admiral Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Heathridge has one of the highest levels of dog ownership of all suburbs in CoJ. We wrote to council three years ago to request this so disappointing one of our parks are not on the list. Admiral is currently used heavily by dog owners and for sport/fitness classes so would be great to be able to stop dogs from interfering with those activities and keep them safe from very busy road (Admiral) nearby.</i> • <i>(1) At the south end of Admiral Park there is space and there is tree cover. (2) Vets in Heathridge, Beldon, Whitfords and Balcatta (24hr 365 days) have indicated a noticeable number of dogs that have been injured and/or died after being hit by vehicles on the two roads surrounding unfenced Admiral Park, ie Admiral Grove and Channel Drive. (3) Reduce these traumatic events experienced by pet owners, witnesses, nearby residents, vet staff and vehicle drivers, and may also involve the time and cost of City Rangers, lawyers and courts. (4) Reduce the amount of dog poo not picked up in the unfenced area where sport (footy in winter and cricket in summer) and the children's playground are situated, see comment. (5) My family and I, and I am sure, many other residents, can easily walk to Admiral Park, centrally located around many homes, and would use the park more often if we knew that when our dogs are leashed in the unfenced area of Admiral Park we would not be confronted by unleashed dogs. Further, we could unleash our dogs in the fenced area without worrying that our dogs may suddenly dart out into Admiral Grove or Channel Drive and risk being run over.</i>
Beaumaris Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Large area</i> • <i>Plenty of space, great paths , access, well kept.</i>
Blackboy Park	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The end of the park near the tennis courts is rarely used by anyone, it's a sloping area with plenty of shady trees.</i> • <i>It is in a quiet area and is often used to exercise dogs. [multiple submissions] There are always so many dogs playing there, it would get a lot of use. It is more than large enough to not detract from the current facilities provided.</i> • <i>There's lots of shade, plenty of space and it's loved by many fur babies. We also have nothing in our area and I know it would be well used.</i> • <i>Has a children's play area and is a small park situated within a community of children and dogs. I don't believe it should be restricted and I do believe that there should be more, not less, and some for small dogs rather than large ones, which can attack small dogs.</i>

Is there another City of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area:

Name of park:	N	Please tell us why you think this park would be suitable (verbatim):
Bonnie Doon Park	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lovely big park, used by a lot of dog owners already.</i> • <i>Not used for sporting activities.</i> • <i>Easy to access, close to a busy main road so you would think any noise from dogs would be lost in general traffic noise and would have less impact on surrounding residents.</i>
Charonia Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Shade, trees, accessible.</i> • <i>Very popular destination for dog owners within Mullaloo.</i>
Edgewater Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Access for Woodvale and Edgewater owners.</i>
Heathridge Park	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>More dog owners would visit the park.</i> • <i>Of the five you have listed, none would service the suburbs of Craigie, Beldon, Heathridge or Connolly.</i> • <i>More distance to dwellings/larger area/suits all other criteria as well.</i>
Larkspur Park	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Larkspur Park is in the community areas where a lot of people have dogs; they would like to find a space for dogs to running around. Also, this park has no sports facilities, so do not worry about disturbing teenagers play soccer if establishing a fenced dog exercise area.</i> • <i>There are a lot of dogs frequenting this park with their owners. The area at the back of Larkspur is flat and not used recreationally, so would make a great area to exercise our dogs.</i> • <i>Always dogs at this park and oval doesn't have sporting facilities there already.</i> • <i>It has space, isn't used for much else, lots of dogs already use it.</i> • <i>I think these parks would be suitable as they are massive and many people around the area have dogs! And they are central to lots of places.</i>
Lexcen Park	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Already used regularly for dog training.</i> • <i>Many people already use these parks for dog related activities.</i> • <i>They are currently well frequented by dog owners, and ease of access.</i> • <i>It has become a well-known dog park for meetups but there is a busy road nearby. Our puppy once ran out of the park onto a busy road which has made us scared to return. They also have dog training here, so fencing would be great for everyone.</i> • <i>Great big open space.</i>

Is there another City of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area:

Name of park:	N	Please tell us why you think this park would be suitable (verbatim):
Littorina Park	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large grassed area underutilised...central to a lot of dog walkers. • The area contains natural bushland and trees which the dogs love to explore. The trees provide shade from the sun for the owners to congregate and meet under. There is a car park attached to the park which means traffic is kept off the road. There is sometimes a coffee van in the car park which is great for social interaction for dog owners. • This park already has some boundary fencing, but not all the way along. There is already a large dog community there daily. • It's out of the way, parking available, natural shade, that area with bike jumps is not utilised as much as it could be. This park would provide many residents with a secure place to run their dog.
Lysander Park	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For [- -] years I have been asking for this now I am [- -] I can no longer walk my girls and I don't drive so I cannot get to your suggested areas. I beg you to put one in Lysander — there are a lot of dogs that use it already, but they have to be on a lead. Please. • Many dogs already use it, it's central and has a playground nearby. • I think these parks would be suitable as they are massive and many people around the area have dogs! And they are central to lots of places. • The park is largely unused. • Its primary use is dog walking (so no conflicting sporting activities) to the point where people drive from other suburbs already to use it. The scattered trees provide shade and most importantly, an interesting environment for dogs to play and explore. • Trees, big enough for small and big dog sections, no residences on borders of park. • Many people already use these parks for dog related activities. • Plenty of room, great shade and parking options, very underutilised except for dog walkers, protects dogs from main road.

Is there another City of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area:

Name of park:	N	Please tell us why you think this park would be suitable (verbatim):
Mirror Park	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>It's nearly impossible to sit next to the playground/skatepark without having dogs roam around you, jump on your picnic rug, try to get your food, etc. There are many responsible dog owners walking and playing with their dogs away from other people and whose dogs respond to being called back or are on a leash around people, but there are also lots of irresponsible dog owners who don't care what their dogs are up to, who let them run onto the playground, don't pick up after them, and get annoyed if asked to please keep their dogs away from children/ blankets/food. The park is large enough to have dedicated kids play areas where dogs should be on a leash and also areas where dogs can run and play freely without being a worry for people who aren't comfortable with strangers' dogs constantly coming close.</i> • <i>It has a large space and older residents, such as [- - -], need a park in Ocean Reef.</i> • <i>Very popular, not just for local dog owners, skateboards station brings many parents with dogs, famous coffee van brings dog owners, recently they changed the car park and park has no distance to the main busy road.</i> • <i>This park has much more open space and is central to lots of Joondalup suburbs.</i> • <i>They are currently well frequented by dog owners, and ease of access.</i> • <i>There's always lots of dogs visiting the park.</i>
Prince Regent Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The locals want it.</i> • <i>Many people already use these parks for dog related activities.</i>

Is there another City of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area:

Name of park:	N	Please tell us why you think this park would be suitable (verbatim):
Quarry Park	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>At the moment this area is pretty much nothing. There are no playgrounds or sports equipment. It's natural and spacious and I've always thought it would be a brilliant spot for a closed-in dog park. A few members of the Edgewater Facebook group feel the same.</i> • <i>Large area currently under development consideration, can be integrated into the proposed public area/s without compromising existing parks and reserves.</i> • <i>More usable space</i> • <i>[from "Name of park"] The Quarry near the big limestone cliffs. Large area that only needs minimal fencing because of the cliff faces. [from "Please tell us why you think this park would be suitable"] Used currently by dog owners and if dog park was by the large cliffs it would maintain the beauty of the park.</i> • <i>Lots of trees, lots of dogs already use this park.</i> • <i>The area is large enough, far away from residential areas, and is not being currently used for any purpose. Also, easy to make a car park for people to visit.</i> • <i>No clearing of mature trees required.</i> • <i>Large area which is currently not utilised.</i> • <i>Children don't play sport there.</i> • <i>Land is currently not being used for anything. Central and easily accessible.</i> • <i>It's a large grassed area not being used for sport or social area. Has 2 sides already "fenced". High walls can utilise some space for car parking.</i> • <i>Ample area (17 hectares undeveloped) to include fenced dog park.</i>
Santiago Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Large area with good boundary distances, natural, with plenty of parking already there.</i>
Trig Point Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Most users of this park are owners of dogs. Big green area. Just need fencing to stop dogs running to Marmion Avenue.</i>
Wolinski Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Under-utilised in current form.</i>
Yellagonga Regional Park (Edgewater)	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Large areas available.</i> • <i>A lot of space away from lake available.</i>
Central Ward	39	—
Adelaide Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A larger parkland, essentially used as a green strip only, as it competes with Warrantlyte oval. Currently unsuitable for off-lead exercise, due to proximity to busy roads with limited fences. It has a 30m buffer from houses and established greenery. Would bring new life to an otherwise un-activated space.</i>
Beldon Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lots of dogs running around off-leash jumping on kids during soccer practice.</i>

Is there another City of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area:

Name of park:	N	Please tell us why you think this park would be suitable (verbatim):
Bridgewater Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The park is of a good size, (It does have lots of sporting groups though), shade, toilets, plenty of parking and a deli next to the park. This park is utilised by a lot of dog owners every night. Because it's a bus route, we would all appreciate a fence, even if the Council may consider just fencing the Bridgewater Drive side of the park?
Craigie Bushland	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was always used by dog walkers, until the Council fenced it and restricted dog exercising. • This fenced-in area is the perfect dog exercise area. It contains paths that allow for a variety of routes and also has an endless amount of natural bushland for dogs to explore, smell and investigate. It was used for countless years almost entirely by dog walkers (I walked my dogs there for over [- -] years) before it was closed-off to the dog walking public.
Dampier Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing car park and trees. Two of the three road boundaries are well away from houses. This park is underutilised. There's no organised sport at this park. I think the north east area of the park would be the part of the park to consider. • Has parking, park largely unused, trees provide shade, local café across the road would get business, retirement village also across the road, residents with dogs would also benefit.
Gascoyne Park	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The park is not being used for any sporting events and is often empty, save for local dogs. • Shade, vegetation dominated by introduced species, ample parking, not used for sport, so less competition for parking. Large park. • Park is not used to its full potential...lots of dogs let off the leash here. • Plenty of space!! :) • Because it is currently a thoroughfare park where there is a large area with shade and bushes to explore. Currently the Chichester Park at Woodvale has a huge following of dog owners who walk their dogs off leash. I go to Chichester minimum 1 x per [- -] with my [- -] who needs ample space to exercise. All the dog owners, despite one or two, are extremely responsible with training here and also with picking up dog poo. I don't think I have ever seen a soccer or footy game disrupted. By changing location to Gascoyne Park we would allow these groups to continue to exercise large breed dogs on a large area, and people who would prefer a fenced areas could use the very adjacent Gascoyne Park. I believe forcing an on-lead policy outside of an exercise area at Chichester would be a large detriment to Woodvale.

Is there another City of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area:

Name of park:	N	Please tell us why you think this park would be suitable (verbatim):
Gradient Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Not a high use park by non-dog owners/users.</i> • <i>Is never used by children or dogs due to proximity to Marmion.</i>
Kallaroo Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This park already has a section away from the road, enclosed by bush, which is primarily used by dog walkers. This park is easily accessible from the busy road of Marmion Avenue and would not impact any other aspect of its surroundings.</i>
Otago Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>So it can service all the residents of Craigie and it is a very popular dog park already.</i> • <i>There is a stormwater drainage basin on the western side which could be easily fenced due to the design. To enclose it would require less fencing materials, as more than 50% is already fenced and retained. Lots of people with dogs use this park on a regular basis, including a dog training club.</i>
Sandalford Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Shade, space, away from houses.</i>
Timberlane Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Large open space, large amount of dog presence.</i> • <i>The area near the tennis courts is a quieter location.</i>
Trappers Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Has enough space and shade and won't affect any other groups. People can choose to go there if this is what they want.</i> • <i>1. It's in Woodvale and not used very much 2. A lot of space.</i>
Warrandyte Park	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>There is already a dog walking group at this park.</i> • <i>I am sure that there could be space made in the back corner of this park near the water treatment side, well away from houses, and would be a perfect spot.</i> • <i>Massive space, can section-off an area without affect the rest as a whole.</i> • <i>Lots of space.</i> • <i>Because of the large area.</i> • <i>Great space</i> • <i>Very large park, with a great deal of dog walkers, more suited for us, as a lot closer.</i> • <i>Lots of dogs go here already, but to have a fence-off area would make it safer for other users.</i> • <i>Used by large groups of dog walkers already.</i> • <i>Because this is a very large park which backs onto bushland making it safer for dogs, as less traffic.</i> • <i>Large area that is popular with dog walkers.</i>
Whitfords West Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Large area that is popular with dog walkers.</i>
Yellagonga Regional Park (Woodvale)	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ample space for a section to be quarantined for fenced dog area. Ample parking adjacent to Ocean Reef Road, and easy access via a major route. Least impact on local roads and residences.</i> • <i>It is away from housing, it is already an on-lead area, very large area not utilised much.</i>

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Name of park:	N	Please tell us why you think this park would be suitable (verbatim):
South-West Ward	21	—
Broadbeach Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A large number of dogs already gather in these parks each day.
Flinders Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A large number of dogs already gather in these parks each day.
Forrest Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a number of dogs that attend this park daily I think it would be highly beneficial to the area.
Hillarys Foreshore Reserve	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large grassed areas — plenty of parking — away from suburbs.
Hillarys Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because it is big enough, and all of the dogs exercise there already. • Already a great dog park, but a fenced dog section for the dogs, eg small or nervous, would be ideal.
MacDonald Park	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy access, wide open space, family events, great convenience for parents as they can exercise the dog while kids play sports. • Meets all the criteria you have listed and is currently all off-limits to dogs. A fenced area would benefit many. Good access close to Marmion Avenue. • Parking is adequate, it's close to Marmion, and there are very few good dog facilities in Padbury. Quite often we find most parks have sports in progress at all the main Padbury parks and a fenced-off section would be a perfect resolution to this issue.
Maquire Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of dog's owner do not leash their dog in the park. It is unsafe for the children to play in the park.
Mawson Park	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central, lots of open space, parking available. • Lovely park great location. • Large areas under tree canopy.
Newcombe Park	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very popular for dogs, not used for any other purpose. • Very popular for dogs, not used for any other purpose • Currently extensively used by dog walkers.
Seacrest Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are more parking bays, there are no houses adjacent to the park, and it has ample toilet facilities.
Simpson Park	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a community park, not used for sport. It would separate the dogs from the children's playground. • It is a nice park and a lot of people exercise their dogs there. Also, there are no official sports played on this park. • Closer to home. • Good location, easily accessible, not used for any sporting events, already allows dogs.

Is there another City of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area:

Name of park:	N	Please tell us why you think this park would be suitable (verbatim):
South-East Ward	20	—
Barridale Park	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a large number of dogs off-lead and a number of kids chased by dogs constantly. • Very popular with dog walkers. • Lots of dogs get walked here and there is a playground that the dogs often wander through and BBQs that the dogs can annoy people trying to eat.
Chelsea Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is under-utilised at the moment and is a large space.
Illawong Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has lots of parking each side of the park — and it would be easy to fence and contain.
Kanangra Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large park, not much there now. Little dog infrastructure at edges of CoJ.
Kingsley Park	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of space outside of sports oval with trees and path already there. • We have such a great community of dogs and their owners. Would be a lovely way to allow the dogs to safely interact with one another. • There is an area that is already partly fenced and could easily be made into a dog park without losing any sporting area. • Stop the dog [- -] where the kids play at school. • Many people use this park to walk their dogs. There is an area in south east corner near Creaney Drive that is on slope and not currently used.
Legana Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very large wooded area away from sports and kids facility.
Moolanda Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many dogs use this park off-leash and, as it's quite close to a busy road, I feel it'd be safer if they were in a fenced off area. • Lots of people walking their dogs off-leash around kids' playground which sometimes scare young kids. My kids don't go there anymore because they are older now, but when they were younger, I needed to be on guard to see dogs didn't jump the sand pit to the kids. It will be great to see an enclosure with some obstacle course for dogs.
Penistone Park	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are always heaps of dogs there, would be good not to have to worry about them running onto the road. Would be perfect behind the tennis courts in the 'dip'. • It's not on a main road, so if a dog does escape, hopefully the owners can retrieve it before it get to a main road. The park has lots of other activities happening there so families can exercise their dogs and the kids can play their sports. Shade is also available. • It has a large area and a multiuser park. This would enhance the facilities

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Name of park:	N	Please tell us why you think this park would be suitable (verbatim):
Sheoak Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easily accessible from main road. Not used by sporting clubs. Rarely frequented by residents. • Lots of dogs in the area, the park isn't well maintained (grass is dead) so perfect for a dog park.
Shepherds Bush Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently underutilised, it's more like a stormwater run-off area?
South Ward	27	—
Ellersdale Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great location with a lot of dog activity already.
Glengarry Park	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We definitely need one in Duncraig, so if Melene is not going to go ahead then Glengarry should. • Many sporting events are held here but it is also a dog park — it makes it difficult in sporting situations for dogs to be running around. • It is large, contains a kid's playground and has many dogs exercising there, alongside cricket and footy. • Both are bigger, better suited. Both Parks have 2 car parks for easy access. Toilets, shade etc. • People let their dogs into the playground and poo on the sports oval. • This has more community facilities. • The southern end does not have residents and there is plenty of shade.
Granadilla Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This park is hugely popular with dogs and kids. As the playground has recently been upgraded, more families are visiting, and it would be fabulous to have an enclosed dog space. I drive/ walk past this park every day and there is always lots of dogs there. It would also maybe help reduce the amount of dog poo that is left behind and spread all over the park so the kids run through it when they are playing.
Marri Park	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Already has great infrastructure for those who can't walk their dogs, such as parking. The fact that it has popular sporting areas would reduce the droppings on the playing fields and allow spectators to feel more confident to bring their pets. • Both are bigger, better suited. Both Parks have 2 car parks for easy access. Toilets, shade etc. • It fulfils all of the criteria on the information sheet. • Central, plenty of parking, not as residential. • Bottom end, past playground is hardly used — would be suitable for small dog enclosure. • Less residential area, central. • Huge area at the bottom of the park not currently used for anything. • Much larger park area. • It is a really nice park for dogs to run around in.
Noal Gannon Park	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of shaded area and people walk their dogs off the lead here...and they run into and go to the toilet in the kids play park.

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Name of park:	N	Please tell us why you think this park would be suitable (verbatim):
Percy Doyle Reserve	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large expanse of underutilised land along library. • It's large and easily accessible. • Already has great infrastructure for those who can't walk their dogs, such as parking. The fact that it has popular sporting areas would reduce the droppings on the playing fields and allow spectators to feel more confident to bring their pets.
Salata Park	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would be less obvious and be less visually offensive. • No attached sports ground. • This park has some play equipment, but it is not used to any great extent. • Not used for much else. • Natural bush landscape — no sporting events.
Parks outside of City of Joondalup	17	—
No response	1,020	—
Total responses	1,232	—

QUESTION: “Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?”

Respondents were asked if they had any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area. A total of 847 respondents provided feedback. A significant number of comments (238) were supportive of the proposal in general, and some noted that a fenced dog exercise area would be safer for dogs, particularly related to roads and cars (56). A number of respondents (79) suggested alternative parks and locations, and 57 respondents suggested complementary infrastructure that they would like included in the proposal — drinking fountains, agility equipment, shading and double-entry gates were frequently mentioned.

A number of respondents (207) expressed dissatisfaction with one of more of the specific parks identified by the City. Some respondents stated that dogs should be able to roam free off-lead (129), that a fenced dog exercise area could exacerbate aggressive dog behaviour (77), and increase traffic and parking issues (60). 79 respondents expressed the view that they had rarely or never seen any issues with dogs off-lead in parks, and that the dogs in their local parks were well-trained. These comments have been broadly grouped and quantified in the table below. Verbatim comments have been randomised and are provided at Appendix 25.

Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area (summary):	N*	%
Support proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area (in general)	238	19.3%
Oppose proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area (in general)	58	4.7%
Will help dogs and owners to socialise and exercise	39	3.2%
Will prevent dogs and owners from socialising/destroy local park community	50	4.1%
Will prevent owners from being able to exercise (with their dog)	41	3.3%
Will help to contain poor dog behaviour/keep dogs away from people/keep dogs on-lead	46	3.7%
Will exacerbate aggressive dog behaviour/dog attacks	77	6.3%
Request greater/better policing of poor dog/owner behaviour	31	2.5%
Will generate significant noise/mess/rubbish/dog excrement	51	4.1%
Will help to stop dogs from entering playgrounds/frightening children	35	2.8%
Will interfere with existing sporting/playground activities	31	2.5%
Will be safer for dogs (particularly relating to roads, cars)	56	4.5%
Will have increased traffic/parking issues	60	4.9%
Will be too small/congested/busy in fenced area	48	3.9%
Will destroy the existing trees/bushland/turf/landscaping of the park	17	1.4%
Will destroy the beauty/amenity of the park	22	1.8%
Will be a waste of money/too costly/would prefer money spent on other things	52	4.2%
Will not be managed/enforced appropriately	27	2.2%
Believe dog owners are mostly responsible/have never had issues with poor dog behaviour	79	6.4%
Believe dog owners are mostly irresponsible/have had issues with poor dog behaviour	58	4.7%
Believe dogs should be able to roam free/use entire park off-lead	129	10.5%
Request the City consider more than 1 park/different locations/larger area	79	6.4%
Request the City consider separate sections for small and large dogs	83	6.7%
Request the City include other/complementary infrastructure (particularly fountains, agility equipment, shading, double-entry gates)	57	4.6%

Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area (summary):	N*	%
Believe one or more of the identified parks is suitable for a fenced dog exercise area	68	5.5%
Believe one or more of the identified parks is unsuitable for a fenced dog exercise area	207	16.8%
Other (miscellaneous) comments	195	15.8%
<i>No response</i>	385	31.3%
Total comments	847	68.8%
Total responses	1,232	100.0%

*Numbers may not add up to total, as respondents may have addressed more than one subject.

APPENDIX 1 — Cover letter to residents and landowners living within 350 metres radius of the parks



Date: 26 November 2018 | Your Ref:
Enquiries: Infrastructure Services | Our Ref: 107577
Customer Relations Team
Ph. 9400 4255

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John Citizen
Address Line 1
Address Line 2

Dear Mr Citizen

PROPOSED FENCED DOG EXERCISE AREA

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- Bramston Park, Burns Beach
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- Melene Park, Duncraig

You are receiving this letter as you own, or reside in a home, located near to one of these parks.

To provide feedback on the proposal, please complete the enclosed Comment Form and return it using the reversible reply-paid envelope provided. Alternatively, the Comment Form can be completed online by scanning the QR code, or via the City's website: www.joondalup.wa.gov.au/community-consultation. Feedback must be received by **Monday 17 December 2018**.

For further information and frequently asked questions, please review the enclosed information brochure or contact the City's **Infrastructure Services Customer Relations Team** on **9400 4255**, or email info@joondalup.wa.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nico Claassen", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

NICO CLAASSEN
Director Infrastructure Services

APPENDIX 2 — Cover letter to politicians and parliamentarians



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Yours sincerely

GARRY HUNT
Chief Executive Officer

APPENDIX 3 — Email to Community Engagement Network Members

From: Consultation
Sent: Monday, 26 November 2018 9:12 AM
Subject: Community Engagement — Proposed Dog Exercise Area

Dear Community Engagement Network Members,

The City of Joondalup is seeking community feedback to determine the overall level of support for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area in one of its existing parks.

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Community Engagement Network
City of Joondalup

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Email: consultation@joondalup.wa.gov.au



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APPENDIX 4 — Email to park user groups

From: Consultation
Sent: Monday, 26 November 2018 10:10 AM
Subject: Community Engagement — Proposed Fenced Dog Exercise Area

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You are receiving this email as your club/group is a regular user of one or more of these parks.

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APPENDIX 5 — Email to schools with shared-use agreements

From: Consultation
Sent: Monday, 26 November 2018 10:13 AM
Subject: Community Engagement — Proposed Fenced Dog Exercise Area

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APPENDIX 6 — Email to residents' and ratepayers' associations

From: Consultation
Sent: Monday, 26 November 2018 10:25 AM
Subject: Community Engagement — Proposed Fenced Dog Exercise Area

Dear [REDACTED]

As an important community group, the City of Joondalup is seeking community feedback to determine the overall level of support for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area in one of the City's existing parks.

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APPENDIX 7 — Information brochure (page 1)



Proposed Fenced Dog Exercise Area Community Consultation

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The City has prepared criteria to assess which of its existing parks could potentially accommodate a fenced dog exercise area. Should the proposal be supported, the City has identified five potential parks for consideration and is seeking feedback to determine whether any of the five proposed locations are feasible.

The results of this engagement will be analysed and presented to Council for a final decision on which site may be selected. Other factors, such as topography, potential conflicts with existing user groups and park-specific costs, may also be considered in addition to community feedback.

If approved by Council, it is anticipated that construction of the fenced dog exercise area will commence at the selected site in mid-2019. The City will inform residents living in close proximity to the selected site prior to any works commencing.

Criteria

The City conducted research with a number of external organisations, as well as other local governments in Perth, to identify criteria for selecting a park that may be appropriate for a fenced dog exercise area.

Size	Minimum of 3,500 square metres not currently used for organised sport
Buffer	Minimum of 30 metres offset buffer to nearby residences
Toilet facility	Existing toilet facility preferred
Car park	Existing car park preferred
Shading	Existing natural shade preferred
Bushland	No adjacent natural bushland preferred
Irrigation	Existing irrigation preferred

The City has also taken into consideration the distribution of dog-friendly facilities across the City of Joondalup. In particular, parks that are in close proximity to the Whitfords Dog Beach have been excluded, as a broad distribution of off-lead dog exercise areas across the City is preferred.

How to have your say

To provide feedback on the proposal, please complete a Comment Form either online via the Community Consultation section of the City's website joondalup.wa.gov.au or contact the City for a hard-copy Comment Form.

The community engagement period is open between **Monday 26 November 2018** and **Monday 17 December 2018**.

Further information

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Which parks are being considered?

Bramston Park, Burns Beach



Bramston Park is located between Bramston Vista, Mattingleys Approach and Burns Beach Road in Burns Beach.

Criteria

Size	4,000 square metres available
Buffer	At least 40 metres to nearby residences
Toilet facility	On-site
Car park	95 bays on-site
Shading	No natural shading
Bushland	No adjacent natural bushland
Irrigation	Existing irrigation

Chichester Park, Woodvale



Chichester Park is located between Chichester Drive, Landor Gardens, Standish Way, Henty Loop and Trappers Drive in Woodvale.

Criteria

Size	7,400 square metres available
Buffer	At least 50 metres to nearby residences
Toilet facility	On-site
Car park	62 bays on-site
Shading	Good natural shading
Bushland	Contains small natural bushland area
Irrigation	Existing irrigation

Elcar Park, Joondalup



Elcar Park is located between Elcar Lane, Winton Road and Ascari Lane in Joondalup.

Criteria

Size	10,000 square metres available
Buffer	No nearby residences
Toilet facility	None
Car park	6 bays on-site
Shading	Some natural shading
Bushland	No adjacent natural bushland
Irrigation	Existing irrigation

Emerald Park, Edgewater



Emerald Park is located between Emerald Way, Wedgewood Drive, Joondalup Drive and Harvest Loop in Edgewater.

Criteria

Size	3,500 square metres available
Buffer	At least 35 metres to nearby residences
Toilet facility	On-site
Car park	80 bays on-site
Shading	Good natural shading
Bushland	No adjacent natural bushland
Irrigation	No existing irrigation

Melene Park, Duncraig



Melene Park is located between Melene Road, Ludwig Place, Glengarry Drive and Hannah Court in Duncraig.

Criteria

Size	3,500 square metres available
Buffer	At least 30 metres to nearby residences
Toilet facility	On-site
Car park	30 bays on-site
Shading	Good natural shading
Bushland	No adjacent natural bushland
Irrigation	Existing irrigation

Frequently Asked Questions

If supported, would the City consider any other parks?

The City has identified five potential parks as being the most suitable for a fenced dog exercise area based on several criteria. If community members wish to nominate a different park for consideration, this can be done by way of the Comment Form.

If approved, how would this project be funded?

Funding has been allocated in the 2018/19 Capital Works Budget to progress the installation of a fenced dog exercise area in one of the City's parks.

Does the City intend to remove any trees or vegetation as part of the proposal?

The City does not intend to remove any trees or vegetation as part of the proposal. However, the design would be finalised once the preferred park is identified and existing trees and vegetation would be assessed to identify any potential structural or safety hazards at that time.

Would I still be able to use the selected park for sporting and recreation activities?

Yes. As public open space, the area would continue to be accessible to the local community. Organised sporting activities could still continue in booked spaces, and informal recreation activities could be undertaken around the perimeter of the park, and in any space that is not booked.

During the construction phase, the designated area of the park where the facility is being constructed would be fenced-off until construction is completed. The remainder of the park would remain available for use throughout the construction period.

Would I still be able to walk my dog off-lead outside of the fenced dog exercise area?

No, the selected park would become an on-lead park, with a fenced off-lead dog exercise area. You would still be able to walk your dog outside of the exercise area, provided it is leashed.

How would the City deal with the additional waste a dog exercise area may generate?

Additional bins and disposal bags would be provided at the entry/exit points of the fenced dog exercise area. The City of Joondalup would be responsible for managing and maintaining the facility on an ongoing basis, and dog owners would be expected to pick up after their animals. Signage outlining the rules and etiquette of the park would be placed at the entrance of the fenced dog exercise area. The City would monitor and respond to any concerns or maintenance issues that may arise.

How would the City deal with potential conflict between off-lead dogs in a fenced dog exercise area?

Signage outlining the rules and etiquette of the park would be placed at the entrance, including the phone number for City of Joondalup Rangers. It is the responsibility of dog owners to maintain control over their dogs and prevent aggressive behaviour towards other dogs or people.

How would the City deal with potential noise issues a dog exercise area could generate?

The City has proposed the five parks identified based on criteria that includes a minimum of 30 metres buffer from adjacent residences. Further, usage of the facility would be limited to daylight hours only.

How would the City deal with the additional parking requirements a dog exercise area could generate?

The City has proposed the five parks identified based on criteria that includes existing car parking. It is not anticipated that additional parking would be required.

Who is being engaged on this project?

The City has directly contacted the following stakeholders for feedback:

- Local residents/ratepayers within 350 metres radii of the proposed parks;
- Community Engagement Network Members;
- Existing user groups of the proposed parks;
- Schools with shared-use agreements covering the proposed parks; and
- Resident/ratepayers' associations.

In addition, all information is available on the City's website. Anyone interested in the proposal is encouraged to provide feedback.

What happens next?

After the close of the engagement period, the City will consider all submissions received and prepare a report for Council on the outcomes of engagement. The outcomes will also be made available via the Community Consultation section of the City's website joondalup.wa.gov.au

If you would like to be informed via email when the outcomes of the engagement are presented to Council, please tick the relevant box on the Comment Form and ensure you provide your email address.

APPENDIX 8 — Comment form (hard-copy) (page 1)



Proposed Fenced Dog Exercise Area Comment Form

The City of Joondalup is seeking community feedback to determine the overall level of support for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area in one of the City's existing parks. It is recommended that you review the information brochure prior to providing feedback. If you have any questions on the proposal, please contact the City's **Infrastructure Services Customer Relations Team** on **9400 4255** or via email **info@joondalup.wa.gov.au**



This Comment Form can also be completed online. Scan the QR code opposite or visit the Community Consultation section of the City's website at **joondalup.wa.gov.au**

Your details:				
Please note that for your feedback to be validated, your contact details must be provided. This information will be treated as confidential and will not be published in any document or report on the outcome of the engagement. Only one Comment Form per person will be accepted.				
Name:				
Address:				
Suburb:			Postcode:	
Email:				
Age:				
<input type="checkbox"/> under 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 18 – 24 <input type="checkbox"/> 25 – 34 <input type="checkbox"/> 35 – 44				
<input type="checkbox"/> 45 – 54 <input type="checkbox"/> 55 – 64 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 – 74 <input type="checkbox"/> 75+				
How many dogs do you currently own?				
Small (eg. maltese, jack russell terrier, shih tzu)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 or more
Medium (eg. beagle, cocker spaniel, staffordshire terrier, bulldog)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 or more
Large (eg. golden retriever, husky, rottweiler)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 or more
Do you support or oppose the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area in one of the City's existing parks?				
Strongly oppose <input type="checkbox"/>	Oppose <input type="checkbox"/>	Neutral <input type="checkbox"/>	Support <input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly support <input type="checkbox"/>

The City has prepared criteria to assess which of its existing parks could potentially accommodate a fenced dog exercise area. These criteria are described in detail in the information brochure and are aimed at minimising the impact of such a facility on the environment and surrounding residents.

The City has identified the following five sites as potentially suitable and would like to know which site is most preferred.

Please rank these from 1 — most preferred to 5 — least preferred.

- Bramston Park, Burns Beach
- Chichester Park, Woodvale
- Elcar Park, Joondalup
- Emerald Park, Edgewater
- Melene Park, Duncraig

Is there another City of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?

Name of park:	Suburb:
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Please tell us why you think this park would be suitable:

Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?

Request to be informed:

Community engagement assists Council in deliberating and then making decisions on certain matters. The analysis from this engagement will be provided to Council to assist them in their decision-making role first at a Briefing Session and then at a Council meeting. Deputations can be made at Briefing Sessions by appointment, and questions and public statements can be presented at Council meetings.

I would like to be informed via email when this engagement will be presented at a Briefing Session and Council meeting. (Please ensure your email address is provided in the 'Your details' section.)

Community Engagement Network:

The Community Engagement Network is a network of community members interested in being consulted and engaged on an ongoing basis about future strategic initiatives in the City of Joondalup. Contact details are kept strictly confidential and members can opt-out at any time. If you are interested in joining the City of Joondalup Community Engagement Network, subscribe on the City's website at joondalup.wa.gov.au or tick the box below.

I would like to join the City of Joondalup Community Engagement Network (Please ensure your email address is provided in the 'Your details' section.)

Thank you for your feedback.

Submissions accepted: **Monday 26 November 2018 to Monday 17 December 2018.**

APPENDIX 9 — Comment form (online) (page 1)



Proposed Fenced Dog Exercise Area

Comment Form

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Proposed Fenced Dog Exercise Area

Comment Form

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*** Your details:**

Name:

Address:

Suburb:

Postcode:

Your age:

How many dogs do you currently own?

	0	1	2	3 or more
Small (eg. maltese, jack russell terrier, shih tzu)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Medium (eg. beagle, cocker spaniel, staffordshire terrier, bulldog)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Proposed Fenced Dog Exercise Area

Comment Form

Do you support or oppose the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area in one of the City's existing parks?

Strongly oppose	Oppose	Neutral	Support	Strongly support
<input type="radio"/>				

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The City has identified the following five sites as potentially suitable and would like to know which site is most preferred.

Please rank the following from 1 — most preferred to 5 — least preferred:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Bramston Park, Burns Beach				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chichester Park, Woodvale				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elcar Park, Joondalup				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emerald Park, Edgewater				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Melene Park, Duncraig				

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Is there another City of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?

Name of park:

Suburb:

Please tell us why you think this park would be suitable:

Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?

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Email address:

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I would like to join the City of Joondalup Community Engagement Network

Email address (if not already entered above):

Thank you for your feedback.

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APPENDIX 10 — Community Consultation webpage

For Residents For Business For Visitors Q MENU

Home / Organisation and Council / Community Consultation / Proposed Fenced Dog Exercise Area

Proposed Fenced Dog Exercise Area

Categories: [Community Consultation](#)

Published on 26/11/2018

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[Join the Community Engagement Network](#)

The City of Joondalup is seeking community feedback to determine the overall level of support for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area in one of its existing parks.

The City has also prepared criteria to assess which of its existing parks could potentially accommodate such a facility. These criteria are aimed at minimising the impact on the environment and surrounding residents. The City has identified the following five sites as potentially suitable:

- Bramston Park, Burns Beach
- Chichester Park, Woodvale
- Elcar Park, Joondalup
- Emerald Park, Edgewater
- Melene Park, Duncraig

Feedback on the proposed works can be made using Online Comment Form. Alternatively, hard-copy Comment Forms are available on request via the contact details below.

Submissions accepted: Monday 26 November 2018 to Monday 17 December 2018

For further information and frequently asked questions, please review the information brochure or contact the City's Infrastructure Services Customer Relations Team.

[ONLINE COMMENT FORM](#)

Documents and Downloads

[Information Brochure \(pdf 205 KB\)](#)

Infrastructure Services Customer Relations
9400 4255
info@joondalup.wa.gov.au

Bramston Park [More info >](#)

Chichester Park [More info >](#)

Elcar Park [More info >](#)

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Proposed Fenced Dog Exercise Area

Have Your Say

Are you interested in the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?

The City of Joondalup is seeking community feedback to determine the overall level of support for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area in one of its existing parks.

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APPENDIX 13 — Joondalup Voice article (print) (*Joondalup Times*, 29 November 2018, p 13)



Mayor's Column — Hon. Albert Jacob JP



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Christmas street light displays

Variable Message Board (VMBs) displays and the installation of temporary parking signage along the eastern side of Fairway Circle are two measures being taken by the City to help counteract traffic-related concerns associated with the community-led Christmas lights display at Prairie Dunes Place, Connolly.

VMBs will advise a temporary speed limit of 40 kilometres per hour and remind drivers to be mindful of pedestrians, to obey all parking rules, particularly in

relation to private property, and to be respectful and courteous to other attendees.

Patrols will also be conducted at various times during December.

VMBs will also be displayed near Samson Court, Duncraig – another street that traditionally holds a popular display.

Anyone with concerns relating to street light displays should contact City Rangers. Officers are available on **1300 655 860**, 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

Return of City's Twilight Markets

The City's popular Twilight Markets series returns to Central Walk, Joondalup this Friday night.

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Consideration of toilet at Shepherds Bush Park

The City will engage the local community to determine the level of support for the installation of a toilet facility at Shepherds Bush Park, Kingsley.

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APPENDIX 14 — Joondalup Voice article (online)



Joondalup Voice Online

Joondalup Voice Online 29 November 2018

Call: 9400 4705

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APPENDIX 15 — Facebook post

 **City of Joondalup**
26 November at 16:21 · 🌐

The City is seeking community feedback to determine the overall level of support for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area in one of its existing parks. If supported by the community, five parks have been identified as potential locations – Bramston Park (Burns Beach), Chichester Park (Woodvale), Elcar Park (Joondalup), Emerald Park (Edgewater) and Melene Park (Duncraig). Have your say at <https://tinyurl.com/ybmyqe6b> The consultation runs until Monday 17 December.



  47 36 Comments 27 shares

 Like  Comment  Share

APPENDIX 16 — Facebook advertisements

 **City of Joondalup**
21 November at 11:28 · 🌐

Do you take your dog to the park? The City is considering establishing a fenced dog exercise area at one of six existing parks. You can have your say on which you think would be the most suitable, by 17 December 2018.



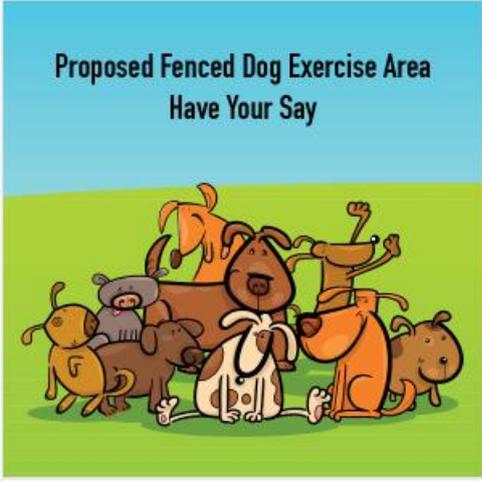
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Proposed fenced dog exercise area [Learn More](#)
We have just switched to our new website. Please use th...

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👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share

 **City of Joondalup**
21 November at 11:34 · 🌐

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**Proposed Fenced Dog Exercise Area
Have Your Say**

Have your say [Learn More](#)



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APPENDIX 17 — Twitter post

 **City of Joondalup** @City_Joondalup · Nov 26

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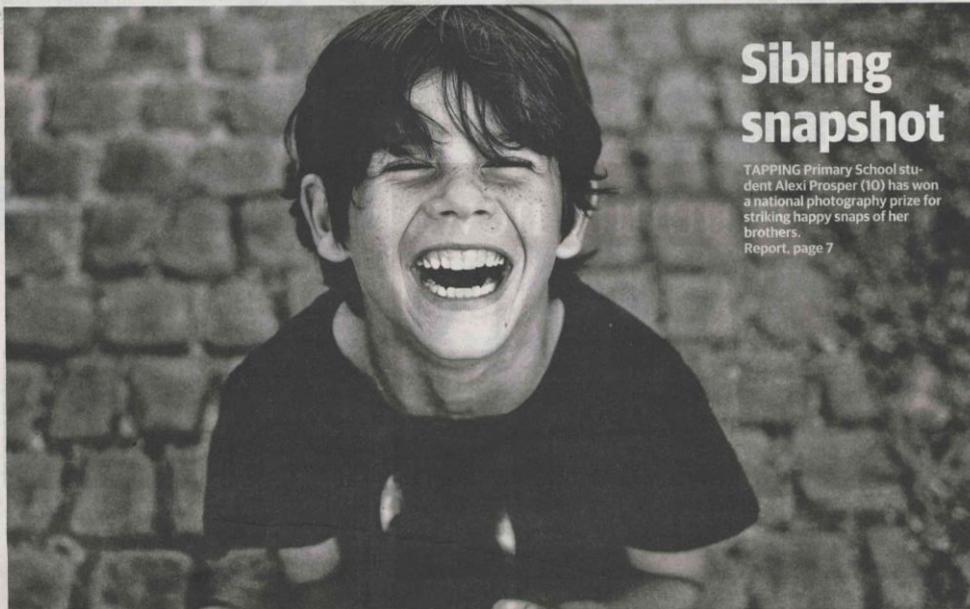
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APPENDIX 18 — Community newspaper article (print)
 (Joondalup Times, 27 November 2018, p 1)



Eagles
 swoop
 on Foley
 PAGE 21

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018



**Sibling
 snapshot**

TAPPING Primary School student Alexi Prosper (10) has won a national photography prize for striking happy snaps of her brothers.
 Report, page 7



WIN

We are giving you the chance to WIN one of **85** family passes to Perth Zoo!

See page 2 for details

Give a dog a home

Tyler Brown

THE City of Joondalup wants community feedback on a proposed fenced dog exercise area at one of its parks.

Five parks have been identified as potential locations if the proposal is approved: Bramston Park in Burns Beach, Chichester Park in Woodvale, Elcar Park in Joondalup, Emerald Park in Edgewater and Melene Park in Duncraig.

Criteria includes parks that are a minimum of 3500sq m, with a minimum of 30m buffer from adjacent residences, and preferably with a toilet and car parking facilities.

In May 2017, Joondalup Council agreed to list the establishment of dedicated dog exercise park facilities in its five-year capital works program from 2018-19 and 2021-22.

Mayor Albert Jacob said the City had received sever-

al requests in recent years to establish this kind of facility.

"Other local government areas that have established dog exercise areas have reported they have been very successful and immensely popular facilities," he said.

Many of the *Times'* Facebook followers agreed, with several saying they travelled to Kingsway Dog Park in Madeley in the City of Wanneroo.

"It will be good. Get more people out with their dogs," Jason Bennett said.

"Fantastic idea. Need these in all suburbs," Karen Greaves added.

Some also made the suggestion that the park be divided to accommodate small dogs away from larger ones.

Community consultation will run until December 17.

This will include consulting with residents with-

in 350m of the five parks, representatives from clubs and community groups using the parks, schools with shared-use agreements and the local residents associations.

Submissions can be made at www.joondalup.wa.gov.au or call 9400 4255.

The results of the community consultation will be presented to the council at a future date to seek direction on progressing the project.



If keeping in touch is important to Jen this Christmas, then that's what matters.

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APPENDIX 19 — Community newspaper article (online) (Joondalup Times, 22 November 2018)

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City of Joondalup wants feedback on establishing fenced dog exercise area

November 22nd, 2018, 02:30PM | Written by Tyler Brown | Joondalup Times **NEWS**

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THE City of Joondalup wants community feedback on the possible establishment of a fenced dog exercise area in one of its parks.

If supported, five parks have been identified as potential locations: Bramston Park in Burns Beach, Chichester Park in Woodvale, Elcar Park in Joondalup, Emerald Park in Edgewater and Melene Park in Duncraig.

Criteria includes parks that are a minimum of 3500m sq, with a minimum of 30m buffer from adjacent residences, and preferably with a toilet and car parking facilities.

In May 2017, the Joondalup council agreed to list the establishment of dedicated dog exercise park facilities in its five-year capital works program in 2018-19 and 2021-22.

Mayor Albert Jacob said the City had received several requests in recent years to establish this kind of facility.

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“Other local government areas that have established dog exercise areas have reported they have been very successful and immensely popular facilities,” he said.



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“Dog exercise areas have also provided an opportunity for community interaction and improved social contact that has health and mental benefits to individuals, whilst dogs are able to be socialise in a more controlled and safe environment.

“I encourage all members of the community, whether they own a dog or not, to have their say so the council can make an informed decision on the best location for the City’s first dog exercise area.”

Community consultation will run from November 26 to December 17.

This will include directly consulting with residents within a 350m of the five parks, representatives from clubs and community groups currently using the parks, schools with shared-use agreements and the local residents associations.

Submissions can be made at www.joondalup.wa.gov.au.

The results of the community consultation will be presented to the council at a future date to seek direction on progressing the project.

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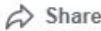
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APPENDIX 21 — Twitter post (Joondalup–Wanneroo Times/ Weekender)

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APPENDIX 22 — Submission from Woodvale Waters Landowners Association

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 6 December 2018 2:57 PM
To: Consultation
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: The Fenced Dog Exercise Area.

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Thank you this opportunity to provide you with some feedback on the subject. Here is our response.

Woodvale Waters Landowners Association wish to nominate Chichester Park as our preferred location from those submitted by you.

However, for your consideration,

As an alternative site we ask you to consider The Palm Park, in Woodvale.

There is a large open field, that a fenced off area will not interfere with any sporting clubs as there are none using the park.

However there may be problems at Chichester Park fitting the fenced area in with footy/cricket/soccer and the primary school.

Already there are a number of responsible owners, with their dogs, using Palm Park.

It is located close to your suggested Chichester Park.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
WWLOA Committee member.

APPENDIX 23 — Submission from Edgewater Cricket Club Inc

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 26 November 2018 11:36 AM
To: info@joondalup.wa.gov.au
Subject: Re: Community Engagement — Proposed Fenced Dog Exercise Area
Attachments: image004.png

Hi there,

Edgewater Cricket Club would be in great support of it! There's a lot of times cricket games are interrupted due to a dog running on to the field during a game, or owners not cleaning up after their dogs resulting in dog poo on the cricket field, so a dog park would help combat this nicely.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

APPENDIX 24 — Multi-signatory letter (114 individual signatures from 93 households) (page 1)

City of Joondalup Record: DOCUMENT REGISTRATION
INW REF: INW18/20927
CONTAINER: 107577
DATE RECEIVED: 18-12-2018
RESPONSIBILITY: Infrastructure Services Inwards Mail
ACTION: ASSIGNED - No Written response. Must record action

Infrastructure Services Customer Relations Team

We are writing to you to express our concerns in regard to the proposed dog exercise enclosures currently under consideration within the City of Joondalup. We do not see the need for these enclosures at all, but are particularly concerned with the possibility that one could be built at the Chichester Park reserve in Woodvale. This reserve is enjoyed by a large community of dog owners both local and from surrounding suburbs because they have the ability to walk their dog off lead should they wish to, in what is an expansive area of well-maintained park land. In our 25 years as dog owners we have used this park extensively, and are unaware of any major issues that have arisen from the presence of dogs on the reserve.

Our main concern is the potential loss of the off lead status of the park. The large amount of space available allows owners to exercise their dogs without interfering with other park users, including walkers, other dogs and the many sports that utilize the park. The large number of responsible dog owners that use this area recognise the need to use the park with respect of other users and have done so for many years.

The concept of an enclosed area is one that we have major concerns with. We have not and never will put our dog into an enclosure with a large number of other dogs. No matter how well socialised the dogs are, there is always potential for issues with dogs that are in a concentrated area. These concerns are based on the many anecdotal stories we hear about the enclosure that exists at the Kingsway sporting complex. The dog fights, injuries and even a dog death, as well as the arguments and fights between owners, would certainly counter any perceived benefits. Hopefully the Council has done it's due diligence to investigate how similar areas are working.

We are still unclear as to why the area is being proposed and would certainly like some information as to why the areas are being proposed. If issues have been raised with Council, then I assume that these are well documented and will look forward to hearing the rational. In anticipation of this information, I do not see that a dog enclosure will solve any of these perceived problems. There are always going to be irresponsible dog owners, fortunately there are very few in number our area. The construction of a dog enclosure at what I assume is a relatively large expense, will not solve the problem of irresponsible owners or problem dogs.

The proposed dog area at the Chichester Park, as shown on the information package, will I believe, interfere with the disc golf course. This course has only been in place for a relatively short period and I assume would require realigning to go around the enclosure, again an unnecessary expense. This course has been a positive addition to the amenities of the park and has operated in harmony with all other users of the park including the dog community.

We are also concerned that the process by which the community has been informed of the proposal has been somewhat limited. Only sending an information package to homes in close proximity to the park has meant that many Woodvale residents are unaware of the proposal. People that come to the park from other suburbs have no way of knowing how this will affect them, as no sign has been erected indicating the proposed change to the park. The information that has been gained by residents who have made phone enquiries has also been contradictory. Some have been told that the off-lead status of the park could remain, whilst others have been told it will become on-lead park, irrespective of an enclosure being built.



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All of the people we have spoken to, and have signed the attached petition, have indicated that they do not see the need for the enclosure and do not want it. Most importantly they wish to retain the off-lead status of the park.

We hope that you will take into account our concerns and the concerns of others when making decisions on this important issue.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

APPENDIX 25 — Verbatim responses

QUESTION: “Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?”

Note: Words that may identify respondents or contain offensive language have been removed and replaced with square brackets, ie [- - -]. Where multiple Comment Forms were received from the same respondent, these were combined into one response and identified by [multiple submissions]. Minor alterations have been to spelling/grammar to enhance readability.

Verbatim responses — Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area? (N = 847)
<i>I think it's a fabulous idea and hopefully will also foster a good community spirit as well as keeping dogs contained.</i>
<i>Great idea!</i>
<i>Firstly, I'm not familiar with the parks mentioned above, except for Chichester, so have randomly numbered them. However, we have been walking our [- - -] at Chichester Oval for the last [- - -] years. It's a wonderful spot for them to exercise: safe, generally away from vehicles; seems to mostly attract smallish 'nice' dogs; lots of trees for shade; not a nuisance to nearby neighbours; and they can have a good long run. Lots of neighbours have become friends through meeting at Chichester, and in all the years of walking I've not seen a nasty dog attack. Two weeks ago, a gentleman informed me there had been another dog attack at the enclosed area in Kingsway! Confined exercise areas attract both large and small dogs and generally the big dogs dominate the small ones. At least with Chichester, if we see large dogs there's plenty of room to go the other way. Not the case with confined areas. Every person I've spoken to at Chichester does not want a fenced dog exercise area at this oval so why spend taxpayers' money on something residents don't want?</i>
<i>As a resident in [- - -], I am hoping that I may be able to enjoy the use of Chichester Park again with the introduction of a fenced dog exercise area. Currently, dogs interrupt my peaceful access, I do not want to interreact with dogs and it is unavoidable currently. I would also hope to avoid stepping in dog poo, if dog owners were required to keep the dogs under greater control they may be compelled to be more responsible in collecting the waste. I am hopeful.</i>
<i>I think it is a great idea. We did have a dog [- - -] who was quite timid. She hated dogs coming up behind her. I was attacked by a dog years ago and I hate feeling fear when a dog approaches off-lead.</i>
<i>Great idea — looking forward to it.</i>
<i>We walk our [- - -] off-leash at Melene Park, Duncraig [- - -]. The park attracts a lot of dogs and their owners, and the atmosphere is relaxed and friendly. As all the regulars get to know each other and the dogs know each other, there is a real community feel at the park. Most of the dogs spend the majority of their time off-leash on the oval romping around together whilst many of the owners walk laps around the oval. I am opposed to the idea of a fenced dog exercise area, because it would mean that the dogs would no longer be able to play together off-leash on the oval and would be confined to a relatively small area whilst the owners would lose the ability to get exercise by walking laps.</i>
<i>It's a welcome addition. My children have been jumped on, licked scratched and scared by dogs when they're in the park. People let their dogs go into the children's play areas in Woodvale parks all the time. They wee and poo in the sand, plus my children want to enjoy the equipment without fear of being approached by dogs and their unwanted attentions. Dog owners are, for the majority, selfish and do not consider that people do not want their smelly dogs around their children or self. Please please please consider putting up signs in all COJ playgrounds saying dogs prohibited from playgrounds. At least this would give me some authority to ask them to remove their dogs.</i>

Verbatim responses — Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area? (N = 847)

If it removes the freedom to have dogs off the lead then it's a real shame that the Council think that this is acceptable. I travel [- - -] to walk [- - -] here as it loves socialising with other people and dogs. Owners are more than capable of watching and looking after their dog interactions. It's fantastic that the facility is available and would be such a missed activity. If I wanted to go to an enclosed dog park, then I would. My dog hates dog parks as it struggles to get rid of the bully dogs.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

I agree with fenced dog areas. I also believe that, nearby children's play areas, dogs should remain on-leads. Having more fenced dog areas will reduce the need for dogs off-leads near children.

Yes — this is a great idea and we should have had this facility a long time ago. Ellenbrook already has 2 very good fenced dog areas and they are well utilised.

All parks where dogs can be exercised alongside playgrounds for young children should have some kind of fence separating the playground from the dogs.

Re Chichester Park. We believe this would disturb tree collage as it would be in the only area of the park with semi-natural bush land. Existing park facilities encourage people to get good quality exercise themselves whilst walking their dog. No toilet facilities — they are too far away and always locked. No car bays in the immediate vicinity and the ones that are on the other side of the park are used by other users of the park. People will be parking on the verge and side street. Proposed area is very close to the only playground in the park that is used by young children and infants.

I am in proposal of this based on the diagrams supplied 10181 November 18, if diagram changes, I would like to review before acceptance. Thank you.

Dogs can currently be exercised off-lead in most of our parks. By putting a fenced dog area in a park, it would exclude current park users from exercising off-lead outside the fenced area. Why would someone go to a special purpose dog park? If they had a "dangerous" type dog that wasn't sociable in the hundreds of other parks in the City? Fenced dog parks I've seen elsewhere are for dog exercise in areas where there are few parks available. I suspect that the City may want to ban dogs off-lead in more parks and that this proposal is a pilot scheme to see how it goes. The benefit I can see is for an owner of a big breed to exercise his animal with less risk of it attacking a smaller dog or a human. It may draw big dog owners from other suburbs. It could also be used by dog trainers.

Having a free exercise area is a great initiative — Joondalup is behind a lot of other suburbs on this. One of the main things to understand is that the grass needs to be a decent quality in these parks and not sparse and rough just because it's for dogs. Clover burrs are a real nuisance already on many of our parks and can cause pain to dogs that get them caught in their feet. My [- - -] had to have vet treatment to remove part of a burr from his paw from the park on Dampier Avenue — Mullaloo Drive. The bill was in excess of \$500.00 So please take this into consideration when planning. I am very keen to have an off-lead area but would not use it if it were not of a reasonable standard.

My concern is the training some dog owners need about etiquette!

It will restrict movement. It is not an evidence-based decision. All people have a right to use public parks and enjoy the environment. It will have the potential to create unforeseen problems and contribute to unnecessary hardship and additional expenses.

Walk dog around this park morning and evening, off-lead, throwing ball. Car park often full evenings [illegible] and weekends with sport groups. Most dog owners currently exercise themselves by walking laps around park with dogs. Park already popular with dog owners and children: like to watch my young children play while exercising dog. Couldn't do this from enclosed area. This goes against existing community spirit!

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Elcar Park represents a solid proposal for a dog park for the following reasons as once fenced-off: 1. Little residential pass-by traffic on weekends when most dog owners would take their dogs out. 2. No residential homes nearby for noise problems. 3. Physically shielded from Joondalup Drive by business premises for possible escapee dogs. 4. No natural bushland to be removed to enable fenced area to exist. 5. Flat open parkland. 6. Proximity to a vet (opposite park on Winton) in case of emergencies/dog fights.

I regularly walk my dog at Melene Park and enjoy the dogs being allowed of lead. Please don't change this area to needing a lead. A lot of locals use this area for their kids to have fun and the dogs off-lead are not an issue. The space that is set aside to exercise [- - -] in the fenced area is not big enough to let [- - -] have a good run.

I agree with fenced dog exercise, we have Trappers Drive [- - -] but cannot go for a walk all the time because dogs run behind you.

Woodvale dog walkers prefer to have the open space to walk the dogs free between the two ovals instead of trying to fence small and large dogs in a small area, I have been [- - -] at this park for over [- - -] years without any problems.

Given the distance between Quinns Dog Beach and Whitfords Dog Beach, an area centrally between is most ideal — such as Burns, Joondalup or Edgewater. Even better, or as well, would be another dog beach along the largely unused rocky areas between Burns and Mullaloo.

While we don't necessarily mind whether a fenced area is installed, the consequence of creating the adjacent park as on-lead is very concerning. We have been walking our [- - -] at Emerald Park [- - -] for [- - -] years. They are well trained. This is a valuable social experience for us, as much as it is necessary exercise for my dogs. Please, not Emerald Park!

Don't do it!

Almost every suburb could use one.

*I do not believe dog owners should be limited to certain areas. I believe all ratepayers should have unlimited access to use the parks. Just as families have unlimited access.
[also signed multi-signatory letter]*

I think a fenced dog exercise area at Branston Park would be well used by not only Burns Beach residents, but residents from Joondalup and Currambine. Already families from these suburbs frequent Branston Park and there is a great sense of community and good dog ownership already happening in this park.

Long overdue

Great idea, gives parks multi-purpose.

I don't want to see one in Burns Beach. It is close to the children's sports area. There is a lot of activity in the community centre there. I don't think there is enough parking. We already have a lot of people moving through the suburb going to the beach and playing in our parks. I've seen others in other suburbs and there was a lot of noise and mess. Not everyone is a responsible dog owner.

I strongly disagree with the need for an enclosed dog park at [- - -] Chichester Park where I [- - -] as the area put forward is totally unsuited for throwing a ball or being able to control a dog. If accepted, it would make the rest of the park an on-lead-only area which would inhibit owners and dogs from being able to properly exercise. A great number of owners meet at this park and are distressed that the ability to throw a ball or Frisbee for the dogs to chase will be taken away, leaving a very small enclosed area filled with bindii and burrs, black boys and trees all close to a children's play area. I find this a madness suggestion that I totally oppose.

It is a great idea.

It is a waste of time and money. People will do what they want anyway. There are already laws about dogs off-leads, which are not enforced. Area in Duncraig is too small, there are plenty of beaches to run your dog off the lead. Fencing will be an eyesore.

Brilliant idea. All councils should be considering this. Dogs love to socialise and play. It's hard when you have to keep them on a lead when children are about or near children's play equipment. Although many owners don't. Consider a small dog area and big. As the one up at Eglington is not suitable as it's mixed sized.

Verbatim responses — Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area? (N = 847)

I think it's a great idea for the community — thank you. I would prefer Burns Beach area.

I think it would be a great idea to have a fenced in area for dogs in our local parks. I have had dogs jump up on my pram with my baby inside whilst I was walking at [- - -] as well as dogs chasing and terrorising my older child playing on the playground.

[from “Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?”] I would prefer no restricted area for walking dogs, previously my dogs — I have had [- - -] over the years — have been for real walks off the lead in the bush. I realise as it gets more and more built up, this is not a possibility, but dogs do like to roam free following the scents. A shame to do this. Beach area is good, at least they can run free there.

[from “Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area] I am strongly opposed to following the American theme of having an enclosed area for walking your dog. The reasons are as follows: 1. A dog park should not be used to teach your dog how to behave with other dogs. This should have already been done before you take your dog to a dog park. 2. Does not make for responsible dog handling. Some owners are on their mobile phone while walking their dog(s) and have no idea what their dog(s) is/are doing. In a restricted area they may decide this will give them more freedom to talk on their phone and less concentration on their dog(s). People focus on socialising with others and pay no attention to their dog. 3. Dogs come in all shapes, sizes and personalities, just like people. You can have dominant, aggressive or fearful dogs all in the same enclosed area. Some dogs do not like this. Dominant dogs may become aggressive thinking they are being challenged. Fearful dogs may become aggressive fearing they are in danger. It is not a good idea to have small dogs in the restricted area running free with larger dogs. More often than not it is the small dog which comes up to the larger dog yapping and biting at the ankles. Most times the large dog ignores this attack, or the owner comes and rescues the smaller dog by picking it up (not the correct way to deal with this situation, but it is what happens). This behaviour by the smaller dog can incite an attack. 4. Even in a dedicated area, an attack can occur whether by the larger dog or the smaller dog inciting the incident. Dogs like humans, on occasions, take a dislike to certain dogs and provoke attacks. Also, depends on whether some of the dogs being exercised are rescue dogs or not. A rescue dog can have been very badly treated, thus, is more skittish or aggressive. Again, most rescue dogs have lovely personalities but there is the odd one which has been badly treated; therefore, very wary. Good idea to muzzle these dogs. 5. Having young children and family together, like making it a social occasion, is not ideal. Attention is taken away from looking after your dog. You're concerned with the family. Should an incident occur, then people, including children, dogs could get bitten. A dog who doesn't want to fight (most dogs don't, just want to escape) is restricted in his ability to get away. Some scared dogs run back to their owners with the aggressive dog following. Not what you want. I have seen people armed with sticks or even pepper spray just in case this happens. I have been [- - -] and this wasn't in an enclosed area. The dog wasn't at fault, it was running away as fast as it could from an aggressive situation. 6. Dog walkers also use many of the reserves. They come with up to 10 dogs of all sizes from the Chihuahua to the Bernese Mountain dog. There is usually [- - -] who has to watch [- - -]. In a restricted area (if they would use them) would be very hard as not much room for the dogs to spread out. 7. If you want to socialise your dog, then take them to training school, don't bring them to an enclosed dog park to learn how to interact with other dogs. 8. Maybe bring in some equipment to stimulate the dogs. Jumping up on to a small platform, up steps across a plank and down again, under a rope etc. Something to keep their mind and attention active. Good obedience training too. 9. People need to be able to read their dogs' cues and pay attention to what is happening in the park before they enter; whether all dogs look happy etc. Be able to read their body language. 10. Keep an eye on your dog at all times and not socialise. 11. People may 'correct your dog' with physical force?!!! Could get bitten by your dog and a fight escalates? I could go on. I am not a trainer or an expert but have been around dogs since [- - -]. Had [- - -] breeds so I do know a little about their behaviour and how to treat your dog and others in most situations.

Verbatim responses — Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area? (N = 847)

I think it is a wonderful idea! An area where dogs can run off-lead without getting onto a road is good for the safety of the dogs, particularly puppies who are in training. It is good for dogs who do not like other dogs because the off-lead dogs can be kept away from them.

Bramston Park, Burns Beach is not a suitable location for a fenced dog exercise area. This park is highly used by children on the weekend and by a soccer club.

Fenced-off exercise areas are a great initiative.

Regarding Melene Park, this park is used by many dogs and it concerns me that the dogs are toileting where people, including children, are playing organised sports.

I take it you are having your Xmas Lunch? I have been trying to call for the last 2 hours and all I get is the after-hours message. My name is [- - -] and I am trying to find the link regarding the proposed changes to fencing off Chichester Park for dogs and it becoming a leashed area. Please note and I would like this email confirmed that my voice has been heard and in time for the cut-off of the 17th December, I oppose any changes being made to the existing conditions we have now; keep it an off-leash park! My address is [- - -]. Please respond to this email ASAP. Regards [- - -].

[multiple submissions] I take it you are having your Xmas Lunch? I have been trying to call for the last 2 hours and all I get the after-hours message. My name is [- - -] and I am trying to find the link regarding the proposed changes to fencing off Chichester Park for dogs and it becoming a leashed area. Please note and I would like this email confirmed that my voice has been heard and in time for the cut off of the 17th December, I oppose any changes being made to the existing conditions we have now. My address is [- - -]. Please respond to this email ASAP. Regards [- - -]

Excellent idea if included in this is a control on dogs being allowed to run free on the adjoining parkland. At present dog owners use the park and not all clean up after their dogs, also it is a concern when children are playing in the park and dogs are free to roam.

In Edgewater there is only one place where a dog can run, and that is Emerald Park. I do not believe that the proposed area is large enough for a dog and his friends to run and play.

Good idea, good for the pets and the owners. I would like to be informed which park is going to be used.

I think that it would be very beneficial to dog owners and the community as a whole. Fenced dog parks are the way of the future and unfortunately the CoJ is not leading the way. I realise that you are restricted by budgeting; however, all new parks should have a fenced dog park and many existing parks should be in future budgets.

Consider it too dangerous for small dogs to be fenced in with large and aggressive dogs. What is the reason for fencing in dogs?

Due to irresponsible owners not cleaning up after their dogs, we need to fence-off an area for dogs. Melene Park is terrible for this and also some of the dogs are a danger to the public.

I oppose a dog exercise area in Chichester Park: a. Because it would increase traffic congestion in Trappers Drive; b. Not a desirable thing close to a primary school; c. Would reduce the sports area of the park.

There should be two areas: one for small dogs and one for large dogs.

I'm not a dog owner, but I am a park user. I can see the joy dog walking brings the other residents. A cage would be an eyesore and people will not use it. Please don't do it.

Bad idea. Dog aggression. More dog attacks. Ugly park environment.

Can we have two: one for small dogs and one for large dogs.

Potentially allows dogs that aren't good socially, to cause trouble. Also, irresponsible owners are more inclined to use it.

Would love to see a fenced dog exercise area (small dog and large dog areas separate) at Chichester Park Woodvale. It's a lovely big open space with plenty of room. So many dogs already visit there every day.

Verbatim responses — Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area? (N = 847)

[from “Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?”] *Nowhere*
[from “Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?”] *Waste of time and expense.*

There are too many owners and dogs for the very small proposed site to work. A dog needs to run — the fenced area would not accommodate that in Woodvale. More signs in the park about picking up poop would help.

I think it's great as there is a real shortage of fenced dog parks around this area.

I strongly oppose a fenced dog park at Chichester Park for the following reasons: 1. I consider this as my exercise time too and currently [- - -] whilst throwing a ball for them to run after. This results in me [- - -] and they have [- - -] by running back and forth chasing the ball. I would not be able to do this to the same benefit for them and myself if we were restricted to a fenced-off area. I like socialising at the park, but primarily see it as my exercise time too, rather than standing around and chatting for half an hour whilst the dogs play among themselves. 2. The parks are large enough that if you see a walker with a dog that you know does not get on with your dog there is enough space to avoid them and head in alternative directions. 3. The proposed area is going to have many dogs in there at peak exercise times and, although my dogs are [- - -], I would anticipate a bit of anxiety for small dogs/elderly dogs and their owners with larger dogs running around within a confined space. 4. I have used Chichester Park for [- - -] years now, walking my various dogs and have encountered many dogs and owners. I can't see the benefit of fencing-off a small area. An untrained or aggressive dog will remain that even if the owners take it to a fenced in area. In fact, I see this as more of an opportunity for confrontation between owners and dogs within a restricted area, hence unnecessary workload for the Rangers. As I've said before, if I see a dog I don't like, or that doesn't get on with my dog for whatever reason (and it does sometimes happen), I take appropriate action and have adequate space to move to another area of the park, therefore, avoiding confrontation. 5. The park has a great friendly vibe and a good reputation as a great place to let your dogs safely run around, and for this reason people come from different suburbs to exercise their dogs here. The dog walkers have become a community of people from different backgrounds, ages, nationalities, etc, who (as a majority) respect other park users, such as the sports clubs, primary school and frisbee players. There is good communication between the dog walking community and on the occasional times that there has been an issue it is more often resolved through communication between the dog walkers. Having said that, in my [- - -] years of using Chichester Park almost daily, I have seen only a couple of negative issues. 6. From what I am seeing on social media discussion about this, the majority of people are happy with the way it is. However, as a Council, it is important to listen to the community and make a decision based on what the majority of ratepayers want. Please don't waste money for no reason, use that money to spend in other areas, such as reducing spray painting and vandalism, providing better play parks for children and weeding between the pavers on the pavements, just to name a few. 6. Chichester Park works great as it is, I strongly oppose a fenced dog exercise area and hope my voice is heard.

I think it is a very much needed facility.

Establishing a fenced dog area will: — increase traffic: reduce car spaces for other park users — increase noise! We already are plagued with traffic and dog barking noise! — take away space for walking — more dog excrements left lying.

Dogs have played freely in the parks for many years. By establishing a fence, this takes away the ability to use any other part of the park.

Yes, For a fraction of the money...dare I say spent on parks for football and cricket? Make a new dog park, rectangular, fenced separately for large and small breeds, near the railway line maybe near H.B.F. arena. I don't know the numbers, but there are a lot of dog owners paying fees, and we all know the benefits of having dogs. The existing proposal is a good move, but why follow other councils. This is a chance to lead with a good solution and take some pressure off some parks. PS. I also know some people who have had dogs injured and killed (roads).

Fantastic idea!! We need recycled dog poo bags too, like Stirling.

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I think it is an excellent idea to have more areas available, and to have a fenced dog exercise area, as long as specific rules are in place like "no toys allowed" and "no small children allowed".

This is not a good idea. People take their dogs to the park to exercise by giving them a good run and to throw them the ball. What you are proposing is that all those people and their dogs are only allowed to do that in one small retained area. I see many elderly people regularly exercising their dogs at Chichester Park, which is not only great for the dogs but also the owners. I'm not sure why this idea has been floated, but it doesn't seem very well thought out. The proposed area at Chichester Park is small and restricting, especially when considering the number of people who are spread out at the 2 Chichester Parks at any one time. People don't exercise their dogs at your proposed area because it's woody. People use that area as a thoroughfare to the grass ovals which is where they walk their dogs. The fact that is woody also means that there are swooping magpie issues in spring, and potentially snakes in summer. I don't know what the rationale is for this, but if it's to limit liability for the Shire due to unleashed dogs exercising, I think restricting unleashed dogs and their owners into a small area will result in a far bigger problem.

Definitely should be more — I currently travel to dog enclosures in City of Stirling and City of Wanneroo.

I strongly support the establishment of many fenced dog exercise parks in the City of Joondalup. We could probably use one in everyone suburb.

It must have two sections, one for big dogs and one for small dogs, the same as the one at Kingsway.

Please ensure there are two separate areas for large and small dogs, a water fountain for people and dogs, and also enough car parking, as it's essential to ensure people can travel easily to it. Please also add some agility equipment (see Ellenbrook's dog park for examples of good equipment). Also, benches for people to sit on. Please also make sure signs are installed to ensure people clean up dogs' waste as, if there are no visible signs, people tend not to take any action. Emerald Park is the most ideal choice, as there is a large oval adjacent to the area where many people already visit with their dogs, also toilets and car parking are great there.

I think it is a great idea to help build the community, as dog owners often talk to one another. Woodvale has many dog lovers but no fenced and safe parks for our dogs. I think it's a wonderful way for people to get to know each other and our dogs to be safe and healthy.

My dog is timid. If put in an enclosed area, he is neither small nor large and would be very intimidated if he could not escape other dogs. Then to not be allowed off the leash in the rest of the park means no proper exercise.

I am opposed to establishing a fenced dog training area in Emerald Park. The park is currently the only off-leash park in the vicinity. Numerous residents from Edgewater and surrounding areas use it for their dogs to socialise, and the dogs enjoy using the entire park. In addition, the park is used for sport (cricket, AFL) and the dog socialising happens by taking sporting events into consideration. The current informal arrangement between the close-knit community members and sporting clubs works well. By fencing-off a dedicated area in such a small park, this community spirit will be lost. Our [---] is [---] and [---], and exposing him to unleashed community dogs, while he is on his leash, in a friendly environment helped with his training. I would be disappointed if our community lose this benefit.

The ability to allow off-leash walking is preferable for manageable pets.

I would hate to see any changes made to Chichester Park because it is fantastic to be able to have a place where dogs can socialise with other dogs without being on a lead and I have had nothing but positive experiences there. The majority of people do the right thing and are responsible dog owners. I think it would be good to have a balance and have an exercise area for people who would prefer to be in a controlled space, but I definitely believe that Chichester Park should be left as it is

We are planning on having a dog when our children are a little older and the fenced dog exercise area is a great idea!

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This refers to Chichester Park. Although I don't have a dog at the moment, I have previously walked dogs at that park. I feel that a fenced area will spoil the character and ambience of the park. By this, I mean natural beauty. To be honest, a caged area would look frightfully awful. In over [- -] years, I have not experienced any problems that would justify cost and loss of existing ambience in the park. I frequently enjoy the disc golf course at the same park. I would not like to see a fenced of area spoiling the existing disc golf course.

How will this affect the area allocated for the school in Burns Beach?

The Southern areas of Joondalup Shire already have easy access to the dog beach and the North Beach and City of Wanneroo enclosed dog parks. There is nothing for dog owners in the Northern Joondalup area.

If possible, it would be great to have separate areas for smaller versus larger dogs.

Over the past [- -] years, my dogs have enjoyed the Whitfords Dog Beach and Flinders/ Broadbeach Park. They are now [- -]. In [- -] I will be fostering older dogs unlikely to be adopted. Statistics show that there are 20 dogs for every 100 people (RSPCA statistics). Dogs have proven to be beneficial to a person's mental and physical health. Many suburbs in the City of Joondalup do not have the dog exercise areas that we enjoy in Whitfords. Fenced dog exercise areas would provide a safe area for dogs to interact and exercise and for social interaction between dog owners. I would like to eventually see fenced dog exercises in all of the five nominated parks in the future.

Dogs need areas to run free with grass and room not fenced-off areas.

I don't support this in general terms as: (1) the rest of the park will become on-lead; (2) it will put too much pressure on one park in one suburb — a network of fenced areas north to south would spread the load and make more sense; (3) people should use their own backyards if they want a fenced area; (4) the City has provided no details on the height of the fence — I don't want any more barriers in the park. I have only ranked Chichester Park as I have never been to the other parks. I would hope that if this goes ahead, that parking is closely monitored in Chichester Park and fines issued to people parking across footpaths. Also, trees would not be able to be removed as they are Tuarts and are likely to be part of the TEC under the EPBC Act (Federal legislation). The other Parks may also have Tuarts.

Noise and pollution.

Like to be able to let my dog exercise away from traffic.

Great idea, please make more.

Emerald Park has already a big dog lover community. I [- -] at the moment, but I enjoy watching the dogs play while my [- -] play tennis.

I would not frequent any proposed park. I have owned a dog and always walked in Yellagonga National Park.

We have been a resident in our present home for [- -] years and have owned a dog for [- -] of those years. Chichester Park has played a great part in forming friendships through our dogs, and community bonds. Our dogs have never had any issues by not being on a lead there, all the dogs socially interact well and have a great area to exercise. I fail to see any environmental benefits fencing the park would have, but everyone in Woodvale (people and their dogs) benefit greatly health-wise by being able to exercise around the beautiful area we now enjoy. If this was to be restricted, we would feel penalised by being a dog owner unable to enjoy the lifestyle we have at present. Please come and experience the unique community that use and enjoy Chichester Park; it's a joy to see everyone being together. I would be immensely sad to lose this beautiful part of [- -] and it would have great detrimental impact on many lives.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

Excellent idea. Would be great if you could include some agility equipment too.

Some rules to be placed upon entry as guidelines: Owners to ensure their dog in the fenced area is in fact friendly. If their dog is engaging in unfriendly behaviour, to immediately remove and restrain their dog. Owners to clean up after their dog. No toys to be thrown in the fenced area. For it to be socialising space for the dogs.

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Chichester Park is a multi-use park and is one of the home grounds for the Kingsley-Woodvale Cricket Club. Any fenced-off area would impinge on the park and, while it might be sufficient in size for small dogs, if it were to be for all sizes of dogs, then the area of footprint would be too large for the park.

Great idea, at Aveley they have a fantastic dog adventure park. I've been there a few times, but it's a long way from home for me.

Not really, to me it's a great idea.

While I do not own a dog right now, I have had very little time without one over the last [- -] years. I would like to see the "off-leash" status of any park used for sport to be removed, as I generally find that dog owners are unable or unwilling to clean up after their dog. There are always exceptions. Perhaps a fenced area would make it more difficult to avoid clean-up duty?

I believe it would cause issues with dogs of various sizes/natures being confined within a certain area. At the moment you can actively avoid a larger or temperamental dog if you wish. Living within walking distance to the Chichester Park and enjoying the freedom of having our dog off-lead is something that we enjoy. We do not want the choice of doing that taken away from us. As ratepayers, we believe the money could be better spent elsewhere within the City.

Definitely need more around.

More bins for waste along footpaths would be good for waste.

A good idea, they are very popular overseas in many countries.

Must not be near residential houses. Dogs are exercised morning, noon and night, and many dogs in an enclosed area bark continuously. Noise complaints will keep the City busy if you get the location wrong.

I strongly oppose the addition of more infrastructure at Chichester Park. In recent years we've had floodlights installed and the disc golf course. Please let local residents enjoy the area without adding more unnecessary "stuff".

I believe this would prevent our dog exercising properly as he needs to run long distances off-lead in big open spaces.

They attract dogs and owners that are anti-social and who either can't control their dogs, or the dogs are aggressive. This, coupled with the increased traffic on Melene Road, not to mention noise, is not acceptable. Melene Park is a lovely dog friendly park already.

Chichester Park is an amazing community park with lots going on for families, including disc golf etc. People who currently take their dogs to Chichester respect park rules (from what I see) and are happy with a leash free park. We don't need an enclosed area. I personally would also hate to have my [- -] flooded with cars as we have lots of kids here and it's currently a relatively quiet street. I think the money would be better spent on other things in Woodvale and Chichester Park even. No dog enclosure please!!! It will be detrimental to our [- -] street and beautiful open spaces.

Fully support the proposal. You may have visited the fenced dog park at Whiteman Park and noted how they have a small portion that caters for the small dogs. We visit the Whiteman Park fenced dog park [- -] to the delight of our [- -] dogs. Shade trees are essential.

Be nice to have one in Joondalup instead of having to go to Stirling or Wanneroo all the time. Although I do. [illegible] a dog frequently; look after friends' animals, and although they love to run, I do not like to let someone's pet off-lead in unsecured area. Thanks.

It sounds like a great idea but my young dog that I was still training was attacked by a big dog that the owner obviously could not control. Only socialised dogs should be allowed. There should be more parks where you can walk your dog without a lead!

I do not support the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area on Bramston Park. The playing fields are already utilised frequently by organised sports and other persons (including dog walkers) so the car park is quite often at capacity. Furthermore, I believe that there could be additional detrimental impacts on the amenity of the area, i.e. noise (dogs barking, yelping etc) and additional dog excrement as not all owners are responsible enough to clean up after their dogs. Go to Burns Beach and you will see persons walking their dogs on the beach even though it is prohibited and you will also see dog excrement on the beach.

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I don't see the need for fenced dog area. Worried that non-dog owners will then push for limiting dog use of other parks. Fenced area would be detrimental to other users of selected park.

Excellent idea. I have ranked mainly on availability of natural shade and proximity to larger POS.

Parking may be an issue though.

It's great to have parks where well-behaved dogs can run free — if the parks are to be fenced I would no longer use them. In my experience it is the less controlled dogs that are taken to fenced dog parks, making it not an enjoyable experience for those dogs and owners that have invested time in training (e.g. Kingsway Dog Park, quite a few negative incidences of aggressive behaviour from both dogs and owners...I would never go there again).

There is no need to have a fenced dog area In Woodvale. The dogs and owners are happy with the way things are currently. If the fenced area goes ahead the we will all be penalised and not able to let our dogs off-lead to run around huge open spaces as we currently do. Part of the attraction of living in this suburb. Waste of money in my opinion.

Some concerns over waste and noise issues. No objection to exercise area provided they are used properly and responsibly. Would like to see a reduction in dogs off-leads in all areas including James McCusker Park and Gascoigne Park. More patrols by Shire ranger staff would help reduce this and the problem of bagged waste thrown into bushland along the beach walk trail.

If you must put a dog park in, put it in an area that isn't located adjacent to any residential properties. Your Melene Park site is the closest site to homes out of all of the suggestions. It is also located at the opposite end of the park as the car park. It's located among some huge native trees, with sizeable branches (that do come down in winter), which are also home to a very active and protective magpie population ([- -] have been swooped numerous times). As a [- -] resident, and one that's lived in the area for over [- -] years, I do not want to experience the increased traffic, additional noise, and road safety danger that this park will bring.

Support if it is in addition/conjunction of every other park that dogs can go to. I think parking would be an issue as dog owners would have to drive to the park. I would like to see more dog friendly parks. I do not believe they should be fenced. Lots of dog owners as well as families of [- -] on Burns Beach Road. I would like to see a larger dog beach and more parking at Hillarys Dog Beach (up to the north towards Hillarys). The dog beach is my preferred option to a fenced dog park.

Go for it!

The park [- -] (Melene) often has multiple large dogs running around without a leash, which can be quite frightening for anyone, especially school children walking through the park. Having that fenced would feel safer, although I am concerned about having seen a couple of pit bulls around without muzzles — will this park increase the number that roam the neighbourhood?

Elcar Park is the most suitable for the fenced dog area as the park is bounded by several roads and the park is otherwise potentially unsafe for dogs to be off-lead. I cannot comment on the specifics of the parks in Duncraig, Burns Beach or Edgewater as I am not a regular at either of those three parks. Chichester Park in Woodvale would not benefit from a fenced dog area as the community of dogs that attend Chichester Park is an amazing collection of friendly, social dogs that enjoy the entire park while off-lead and sharing with other park users. It would be a shame to change the dynamics of this park with an off-lead area and the remainder being on-lead. A bit of background on myself, in the past, I was a [- -] and [- -] at the [- -], I also served as a committee member for [- -] years at the [- -]. I have a very good understanding of dog behaviour and am happy to discuss the above comments and/or proposal with the City.

I regularly walk through Melene Park and would not like to have to go around a fenced area. For example, this morning I walked from [- -] to [- -], if the fenced area was there, I would have had to go around it. A park is meant to be a pleasant place where you can enjoy open space with access through shady trees which, if this fence was in place, would not be possible in this part of the park.

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We travel to North Beach, Averley and Kingsway to the dog parks. We can't wait to get local dog parks. Love to see small dog area up to 15 kgs and big dogs over 25 kgs for safety of the smaller dogs. This is the big negative at North Beach and Kingsway.

Heathridge Residents Association surveyed residents 4 years ago and found that a large number supported and wanted a fenced dog park in Heathridge.

Waste of money.

Residents have stated the supply of "waste" bags have not been replenished at times. I have a [- - -] and witnessed one resident guiding her dog to defaecate in my garden last week!!! Had to deal with an unpleasant mother who obviously did not care and had her primary school child (identified by [- - -]) witnessing her poor and bad behaviour. Bramston Park Burns Beach will soon be serviced further by the presence of a primary school. To increase the volume of dog use and careless owners also increases the risk to health likely to affect young children even further.

Why even consider this? Dog walking and exercise is more than a run in a fenced area. My dog (and other dogs) are socialised and exercised hard, running after balls etc and we need open space. I really dislike this constant erosion of freedoms that Joondalup Council keep imposing. Dog walkers and children's sports are the only users of most facilities. If it wasn't for that, the park areas would be deserted. Please, can't Joondalup Council just let people have the little bit of pleasure we have with our dogs? My dogs are fit and healthy and I want this to continue as there is more to exercising a dog than a small fenced area and trotting on a lead. Let us please just enjoy our dogs and don't take away another of our freedoms. This is Australia for heaven's sake.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

Have a small dog and a big dog area to ensure safety of all dogs.

I would like one in every suburb to encourage more dog owners to get out and exercise their dogs (instead of just throwing a ball across neighbouring houses in my street). I once wrote to the City about the amount of dog litter littering the footpaths in Woodvale and Edgewater and nothing has changed. I run [- - -] and on any given day, I could show you 'fresh' dog litter and litter put into a yellow bag and tossed to the side of the footpath. And don't get me started on dogs on-leads. Hardly 10% of dogs I see every day are on a lead!!!

My rescue dog was attacked and has now become reactive (still working on this with him). For people who rescue dogs, can I propose a fenced area strictly for these reactive dogs within the Joondalup Shire? People would travel if they had this facility...a one dog use at a time, giving the dog freedom to run off-lead where owners can relax (on a first come first in basis). They would be able to work on their training for recall and reactive behaviour etc knowing that there isn't going to be problems with other dogs, it would also be good for the owners to interact with other owners sharing information advice etc.

We only lost [- - -] recently after [- - -] years, and we would have loved a fenced area to exercise our [- - -]. We used to take them to Whiteman's Park off-lead area and they loved it. There will be another benefit in that you could allow dog clubs to book and use the area. My family and myself strongly support what is proposed, and it will benefit all responsible dog owners wherever it is located.

A fenced in dog walking area shouldn't only be provided under the conditions on the rest of park becoming prohibited for off-leash walking of dogs as is planned with Emerald Park. I do not support the creation of fenced-off dog walking areas if existing off-leash parks have that status removed.

I believe Bramston Park is the least suitable; the area available is too small, located in a dip and has no natural shading. It is also much too close to a busy road. Chichester Park or Elcar are much more suitable due to size the area available and natural shading.

At Melene Park most dogs walk off the leash and behave very nicely. There are a big number of locals that meet up socially in the park and most of them prefer to walk around with their dogs, [- - -]. My dog wouldn't like to get in a fenced area. As he is a bit against running around unless I walk with him.

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Please provide more of them throughout the Joondalup Shire area. Due to a lack of dedicated areas, the current areas become overcrowded (dog beach for example) and then increase the risk of agitation in dogs. Many smaller dogs and puppies are not able to enjoy the benefits.

A fenced dog area should not negatively impact the ratepayers of your Council. I believe it does when you're proposing a park that's located close to residences. I live [- -] your proposed site at Melene Park, and I strongly oppose this location. I do not want this beloved park to be the meeting point for dog owners from all over Perth — the increased traffic and parking (the car park is located on the opposite side of the fenced area you've marked, as well as the toilets) will make our relatively quiet and safe street a hazard to kids travelling to and from the many schools in the area. Furthermore, fenced dog parks usually attract dog owners who have a dog they can't control. I think you'll discover that responsible dog owners will continue to use Melene Park the way they always have, and they'll avoid the lottery of taking their pet into what ostensibly becomes a fighting cage. I do not oppose a fenced dog area as such, but please locate it in an area that doesn't negatively impact the residents. The Joondalup site is the only one that ticks this box, and is also a much larger space.

Would be well utilised at Melene.

A fenced-off dog exercise area would be amazing.

The proposed fenced-off dog area for Emerald Park is a wood chip area with no watering/reticulation in place. This is totally unsuitable as dogs need grass to run on! The park should be left as an off-lead park to be enjoyed by local dogs and their owners as it has been.

I think it is a fantastic idea, as I am presently going to the one in Kingsway and I live in Currambine. It is a great idea for the dogs to run free and be able to socialise with other dogs. I am all for it.

I have no objection to the proposal per se. However, I am concerned that the existence of such parks will herald a new era of increased restrictions on exercising your dog elsewhere in the community.

Excellent idea, allows us walkers in parks to walk unmolested whilst providing dogs a space of their own.

[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?"] all of them. All parks that are currently used for dog exercise areas would benefit from a dedicated fenced area.

[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?"] Not having pets, I don't feel qualified to do more than voice my opinion. I believe that all 5 parks ought to have dog exercise areas. Most parks seem to be used for this purpose and most dog owners use parks responsibly. I'm not sure that having only one dedicated fenced dog exercise area in the CoJ will be sufficient.

This is good because that way many people do not have to travel very far to go to the dog park. I also believe this will help attract more people in getting a house in the City of Joondalup! Please pass the proposal and many people would be really grateful.

Ridiculous waste of our money, I have [- -] am/pm [- -] for [- -] years in Chichester Park, in all that time I have witnessed only 3 incidents involving dogs, in each case the dogs were rescue dogs and the matter was dealt with by the Ranger. Talking with other dog walkers, we are totally opposed to the idea and can see no reason for it. We are a good/responsible community of dog walkers who also socialise outside of the park. I would ask of you — why you wish to waste our money even considering this idea? The money would be better spent installing CCTV to catch graffiti mongrels and the drug dealers who use the car park to sell their goods to the school kids. Yes, I [- -]. Another issue I have is why did the Shire plant new trees in the park that were promptly ripped out by the water pipeline currently being installed; do you people not talk to each other? Total incompetence by all concerned, absolutely pathetic waste of my money.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

Why should responsible dog owners be punished by actions of a few? Too many dogs exercised at Chichester Park to keep enclosed in small exercise area. Good luck getting the oldies to comply!!

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Potentially allows dogs that aren't good socially to cause trouble. Also, irresponsible owners are more inclined to use it

Why is only one park being considered, especially given the vast distances between each proposed area? All residents should be able to walk to an exercise area, as opposed to drive, or at least drive short distance — consider more than one site.

As a resident of [- - -], my dog and I enjoy [- - -] at Chichester Park. My dog is able to socialise with other dogs and I with the other owners. The fact that the park is large means we can still walk off-lead when others are using the park for sports or other reasons. Enclosing an area forces the dogs to be in close proximity to each other unnecessarily. It also limits the ability for me to walk with my dog whilst she is off-lead. I think creating an enclosed area is a waste of money and will result in many people no longer attending the park. It is also likely to cause more issues between dogs if they are forced into close proximity of each other. Dogs need space where they can “dog”, ie run freely and socialise; please don't limit this beautiful park.

As a [- - -], I feel it would be beneficial to have designated zones for different size dogs. For example, small to medium dogs in one fenced area and medium to large dogs in another fenced area. This has been implemented by the City of Wanneroo at Kingsway Park in Madeley. It could assist in a reduced threat or intimidation posed to both humans and dogs using the facilities.

Chichester Park is used by many owners and their dogs at the moment...some people travelling from surrounding suburbs. It is reasonably shaded in summer.

I am a [- - -] with a [- - -] type dog, between my dog and the [- - -] likeminded friends, my whole life revolves around Melene Park. If we were to be curtailed by the introduction of a "fenced exercise area" both my own health and that of our [- - -] dogs would be detrimentally affected, I circulate [- - -] around the park every [- - -], and spend another [- - -] minutes socialising in the [- - -], I guesstimate my dog covers approximately [- - -] kilometres per day. She loves to run, this would be impossible in a fenced compound. There is no water available in your proposed area, and the ever present danger of falling branches; a large bough fell only last week adjacent to the car park. Residents of Melene Road would be subject to increased traffic parking on the verge opposite their homes. People aren't going to use the existing car park and walk right across the oval to reach the fenced area. I could go on for hours, please register me as a definite no to Melene Park

Great idea!

Great idea, there should be one in every suburb.

The Bramston Park area is too small and located in a dip and for that reason should not be considered. However, the Chichester Park, Woodvale appears to be much more suitable — this would be my preferred park.

Bramston Park is in a ditch, sports always happening. Would be great if we could have a dog beach north of Burns Beach.

*[from “Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?”] No park should have a fenced area.
[from “Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?”] No parks should have a fenced area. All dogs off a lead should be controlled and controllable. Any waste left behind by the dog should be fined. Increased presence at parks initially would be a deterrent. I strongly disagree with this proposal.*

High fences, large and small dog areas, water facility, 2 gate entry.

Make the fenced area very large so dogs can run lots.

I feel owners could walk their dogs on a leash, take them to the dog beach, etc, without the need for fenced areas at parks. Larger number of dogs in confined, fenced areas will be problematic behaviourally.

I feel Branston Park will be well used by dog owners not just living in Burns Beach but surrounding suburbs. There is already a large group of dog owners that frequent this park and it has a nice community feel to it when the owners meet up.

No objections. When I had a dog, they were [- - -] in Chichester Park.

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I used to live [- - -] fenced dog park in Mount Lawley. It brought nothing but extra traffic, extra noise, irresponsible dog owners (they used fenced areas because the dogs are usually uncontrollable and run off), and I saw more dogs attacking other dogs than I'd care to see again. I bought in [- - -], and specifically [- - -], because it's a nice, quiet, peaceful street. The park is frequented already by dozens of different dog owners, who are all responsible and control their animals. I am strongly against a fenced dog park area in Melene Park, and in any other area.

Re The fenced dog areas

This is a really good initiative. Having visited a few all over the Perth area, they are great for the dogs and the owners. There is a very social vibe with the owners chatting comparing etc. A great initiative!

[- - -]

Would be good to divide exercise area into 2 sections for large and small dogs.

Hi — I and my wife do not have dogs but my [- - -] and their [- - -] do and we are regularly doggie day care and like to walk the dogs when looking after them. One of the dogs is always on a lead and we regularly see other dogs on nearby parks not being led. However, we have taken the dogs to a park in Kingsway which is fenced, and the [- - -] just loves it being able to run and exercise freely. Never seems to be any problems so could see it working closer to home would be a huge benefit.

There is no need to build a dog friendly facility at Emerald Park Edgewater because I [- - -]. All the dogs are well behaved, and owners now clean up after their pet/s. I am happy to see these dogs interact with people. Put them all in an enclosure, there will be fights.

Make sure there is sufficient dog poo bins to ensure no floating pungent odour for others using the park area. Make sure the bins are emptied frequently.

I support it wholeheartedly. I currently travel [- - -] to a fenced dog park in Kingsway and [- - -] to one in Eglinton. Both parks are extremely popular, as some dogs aren't suited to being let off the lead in an unfenced environment. I think there should more than one fully fenced dog park in the City of Joondalup.

This is a great idea, as we have been using the one in North Beach.

Great to be able to let them off the leash and have a run!

3,500 sqm is not enough area and secondly repetitive walking around a square.

Strongly opposed to having an enclosed area at Chichester. Chichester is widely used by a community of responsible dog owners who enjoy exercising their dogs off the lead. Building an enclosed dog exercise would disadvantage those local dog owners and [- - -] would be forced to go to a park in another area.

The situation at Chichester Park at the moment is a friendly and leafy environment. I have [- - -] and lived in the area [- - -] years. Never has there been a problem. There are lots of dog walkers and dogs that frequent there, and I have never had an issue. There are too many dogs to have a designated area and dogs don't need to be on a leash. Why change?

About time the Council considered an enclosed park.

If these parks are successful, bin bags and taps provided would be essential.

I think it's a wonderful idea...Living in Burns Beach there is a lack of fenced dog exercise areas/dog beaches close by. All are at least 15–20 minutes drive away. That is why I have given first preference to those parks in the Joondalup/Burns Beach area as its most centrally located between all the other dog exercise areas...I am not a strong supporter for the Duncraig park as its closer to the one in North Beach. I would also support a section of Burns Beach being a dog beach as it's not a great swimming beach and again many people take their dogs there (even though they shouldn't at the moment) but likely due to the fact that there are no close dog exercise areas nearby. Thank you for considering this, I think it's a great idea!!

We definitely need one in the Joondalup area.

I only support this proposal at Chichester Park on the basis that the children's playground is moved to an alternative location and upgraded. The combination of the playground in such proximity to the dog area won't work.

[multiple submissions] Ridiculous idea that would spoil a park.

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I am not a dog owner. My support for this proposal for Emerald Park is because dogs off the leash — however amicable — frequently frighten my granddaughters aged [- - -] and [- - -]. Yes as overleaf. Exuberant dogs off the lead frighten small children — such as my granddaughters.

Not required at Bramston Park.

Melene Park is full of good will community members with dog owners. We all [- - -] and chat as we walk our dogs around freely. We [- - -] just because we wanted to be a part of this. There are so many dogs that love this place. If we fence it off this will cause aggression and the dogs will try to find their order in the pack. I believe it will cause a bog problem when currently the system at Melene is amazing and works so well.

Melene Park is already very well supported by locals with dogs who exercise them currently "off-lead". They will not support a fenced area because they are currently very happy with the situation as is! The park is very well supported now as a multi-purpose venue, and a fenced dog exercise area is not going to enhance this.

Love fenced dog parks, not enough around these areas. Would visit frequently.

There should be two areas: one for small dogs and one for large dogs.

A very good idea for a fenced-off dog area so that dogs could be exercised properly.

We all prefer to walk the dog off-lead with yellow bags for clean up.

We do not want fenced-off dog parks...what's wrong with you people trying to regulate everything!

This is 100% needed, thank you.

The more, the better, as more people own dogs.

Why only one? The parks you listed are very widespread.

Hi, I received an information brochure about the proposed fenced dog exercise area. I am very happy this is being proposed as I often drive to the dog park in North Beach and having one closer to home would be amazing. I would love for it to be developed in Emerald Park in Edgewater. Thanks for the opportunity to have my say. Warm regards, [- - -]

I think this would be a great idea.

Dogs should be able to roam free and get their exercise and explore and have balls thrown for them and not be confined to a small space like every other animal in the world. Every other animal is confined let at least the dogs be free.

For the life of me I can't understand how Melene Park is being considered when I look at some of the alternative options. At Melene the area would be so close to houses and a busy road and, with the car park being right on the other side of the park, don't think for one minute people aren't going to park on the verge, causing all sorts of potential arguments with residents. There is no water available on that side; how are dogs, that are big and need to run, expected to get their exercise? Our park is frequented by a lot of elderly owners whose only exercise is walking their dogs, who, by the way, need to forage, sniff, run and play with other dogs. The whole concept I don't understand, but if you are going to install one, looking at the other proposed sites there seems to be bigger parks with less housing and more parking on offer. Another thing is Carine Open Space is putting one of these areas in so, although it's a different council, it is so close to us. I can't see why people who want to use this kind of area couldn't just go down the road, seems a bit silly having 2 so close together.

Not Melene dog park. Almost everyone walks their dogs around the oval. It's a great dog community the way it is. No need for change.

It is a really good idea

I would like to see that there are more rangers disciplining or fining owners of dogs who take them to no-dog parks or who let them off-leash in leash only areas.

Strongly disagree to a fenced in area, just enforce 'on the spot' fining for people who don't clean up after their dogs.

I am sick and tired of dog poop all over the park and dogs stopping football and cricket games.

Absolutely love the idea.

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This is a great idea which we have seen in operation at the roadside service area in Peel area. We ourselves and our family have had dogs in the past and found a number of people in parks would have been happier if dogs were exercised within a fenced area.

Not a good idea. I have used the one at Kingsway and found it too small. My dog is shy and doesn't like being faced with high energy dogs. Forces dogs into one area and increases the risk of conflict. Some dog owners do not take responsibility for their dogs and it's too late to do anything when someone else's dog is injured or killed. Currently at Chichester, people are free to walk the length of the park, choose areas of sun or shade, choose to move well away from dogs that may be aggressive, freely chat with other owners and let dogs run and play with other friendly dogs. Keeping them on a lead — you may as well just walk the footpaths in your suburb. [multiple submissions] Please do not do this at Chichester Park. Many people walk their dogs freely in this park and socialise together, especially around [- -]. Putting a fenced dog exercise area forces all dogs into the one area and mixes shy dogs with boisterous dogs and aggressive dogs. Currently I am free to move around the park and choose the areas my dog goes to away from dogs that will annoy him. Dogs chasing balls can run freely in the park, but this will be more difficult in a fenced area. I attended the Kingsway dog enclosed area not long after it opened. It had little shade, small area and lots of sandy areas which will become worse with time — lots of dogs running in the area. Chichester works beautifully as it is. If you put in a fenced area I will be forced to go to another park and have less contact with people I have come to know on the [- -]. I believe a fenced dog area sounds good to protect dogs from running out of the park onto the road, but not such an enclosed area. It would be much better if you chose a smaller park and fenced it all around so that people and dogs move around freely in a large area, but dog owners have the comfort of knowing their loved pet is safe from roads. People who want to use the fenced dog area can choose to go to that specific park.

Honestly we don't need it... The dog owners in this area are very responsible with their animals. Most clean up and are very respectful to other owners and general public users...

Need these in all suburbs.

*Why is this necessary? The areas proposed seem too small.
[also signed multi-signatory letter]*

It's a start, but I believe we should have more than one park in the CoJ with a fenced dog exercise area. It would be good to have sectioned areas for small and big dogs. I think the location of Elcar Park in Joondalup would be very inconvenient for dog owners. This area is wasted as a park. Clear it and sell the land for retail spaces. Or another suggestion is to make it a secure paid car park (like Edgewater), so the many people that park on Elcar Road to catch the train stop jamming up the road parking.

It would be brilliant for my small dog as I am not a large dog lover and would find it safer for my dog and me to be fenced-off with similar sized dogs. No excuse for dog owners to let their dogs off-lead in parks where leads are required.

I live near [- -]. My concerns include, that dog owners will still walk their dogs on the oval without leads — policing that will be tough. I would be devastated if any of those beautiful trees in the proposed area are knocked down or destroyed.

Parking is a major issue (school times/weekend sports) No public toilets/amenities. Inconsiderate dog owners not cleaning up/dog control/dog attacks. Due to economic times, surely ratepayers money could be spent on other amenities (sport facilities/pathways/ramps/bins).

As long as dog owners are responsible when taking their dog to the park, as in, don't take their dog if it's aggressive. Our poor dog was attacked in [- -] along the [- -] near the [- -] by a dog who was off the lead.

It's a great idea! We also need increased Ranger patrols. I walk through Melene Park [- -] — dodging dog poo and having dogs jumping on me — I've never met a dog owner with "voice control" of their dog. Legislation needs to change!!!

Please have seating for owners.

From my experience, I believe the enclosure will increase the incidences of dog-on-dog attacks.

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Fantastic initiative. Lots of people take their dogs on-leads along the beach path but would love to be able to allow them to run free without nuisance or hazard to residents, so the addition to a park at Burns Beach would be wonderful.

This is a well-prepared approach. If there is sufficient demand, can the proposed sites be enlarged?

People need freedom to exercise their dogs anywhere in a park. One of the main reasons people go there is their freedom of movement. Confining dogs like this reduces exercise and can cause dog fights. We have had a dog here in [- - -] for [- - -] years (now deceased). One of the best things in this area is the freedom to walk and exercise in the park. I am commenting mainly on Emerald Park so cannot give a 1 to 5 number on the others.

I strongly oppose the proposal of no dogs off-lead in the park that is getting the fenced area, That is why I think Elcar Park would be the wise choice if the park was to go through.

I support the proposal but the areas being considered are much too small and need to be several times larger. A better (or complementary) option is another dog beach with a suitable location being just to the north of the Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club. This beach is seldom utilised by the public and is ideally located with access from the coastal pathway and parking available at the nearby Ocean Reef Boat Harbour.

We are living in [- - -] since the last [- - -] years and enjoy walking our dog in Chichester Park, Woodvale, and making new friends and seeing familiar faces. Please leave this park as it is, as it is well visited, and dogs need to have freedom to walk and sniff and run — we have never seen any dog fights etc there.

Harsher penalties for owners that don't pick up poo could lessen the need for separate dog areas, especially if your dog goes to the toilet on a school or sports oval. Disgusting.

My home is [- - -] Chichester Park. Although I am fully aware of the current use by dog owners, I have no problem with their animals being exercised there as they are at present. I see no need for ratepayers' resources being expended in this manner. If a park is selected for such a fenced area, how does this influence those currently using other parks? What is considered to be the benefit afforded by this curious idea? Chichester Park already has a significant parking problem on weekends when soccer events are staged, and with the proposals with respect to improvement to the club room facilities, parking is surely going to become an even greater concern. I already feel unsafe in driving out of [- - -] onto [- - -], due to all the four-wheel drives on the verges blocking vision in both directions. Returning to the issue of fenced dog exercise areas, I have to reiterate that I feel that this is a pointless exercise and would be a ridiculous waste of the resources of the City of Joondalup and its ratepayers.

I do not believe there is need to fence an area for dog exercise. 3,500 square metres is insufficient to exercise a medium sized active dog. 7,000 square metres would be more appropriate.

It would allow people to let their dogs off the lead in a set area, instead of allowing the dogs to run free and uncontrolled in parks which is the current norm.

Split it into 2 areas for big and small dogs like at Kingsway in Wanneroo.

This would be a fantastic local attraction for the many responsible dog owners living in the area. Most people love Joondalup's leafy suburbs and big back yards, a place for dogs to socialise off-lead would be a welcome addition.

I walk my [- - -] dog with [- - -] children who enjoy running around the park with them. I would not like putting my children in a fenced area with other dogs.

A great idea to separate dogs from the small children trying to use the park.

Dogs require exercising daily so residents will look for closest open space or they will walk dogs on a leash around the areas close by. Enclosed/fenced areas will cost a lot and achieve little.

I do not want a fenced-off dog exercise area at Melene Park.

Concerns regarding additional traffic, parking, noise. Without any doubt cars will park along Wedgewood Drive for Emerald Park. There are many cars parked there during footy season churning up the strip, so I cannot see any difference re- a dog park. Bottom line: people will not walk from parking area when they can park alongside — that's what people do in Perth.

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Interesting — if it keeps unleashed dogs at bay this is a great idea.

As Chichester Park is used not only by dog walkers, but by kids and sports teams, a fence is going to impact the amount of space available to use. It would be awful if sporting teams were forced to find a new area out of suburb to play in. It will also force dog owners to keep their pets on the leash, which is a shame because Chichester Park is one of the largest and safest in Woodvale. It will also mean that anyone entering/exiting the fenced area will be forced to through limited openings, which again could cause issues in the future. If your dog is not the friendliest, then you don't want to be limited to walking in an enclosed space or forced to find elsewhere to walk.

If there is a fenced dog exercise area, where dogs can be off the lead? Are dogs allowed off the lead in the other park/oval areas near the fenced area? Will this be addressed at meetings and rules/etiquette established?

I am opposed to fenced dog exercise areas due to the lack of consideration of the dog owners who use this park. There are some very aggressive dogs and irresponsible dog owners who frequent this park. They do not keep their dogs on the leash or clean up after their dogs. I do not want to be confined to a fenced area with these dog owners. It is also a waste of ratepayers money!!

I currently travel to the fenced park in North Beach. With this as a baseline I believe the park needs to be large and in such a place as to have minimal impact on residents and the general neighbourhood amenity. Even given the guidelines used here, I feel that a park within a neighbourhood would unduly affect the residents and lead to negative comments and resentment to users. For this reason, I have suggested the area in Elcar Park as it is the largest and has no nearby residents. These criteria far outweigh it having minimal parking and no toilet facilities. Perhaps the possibility of a shared parking arrangement with local businesses could be explored as a solution to this issue. The impact of dogs on the grass and shrubbery of the park needs to be of major consideration. The park in North Beach was recently closed to give the grass a chance to grow back and quite a large area was re-laid. One of the criteria for these parks is the availability of natural bushland. The ongoing impact of dogs on a confined area of natural bushland would be significant to the native flora. Also, animals living in the bushland would be significantly affected, such as small reptiles and birds — dogs do love to go exploring and chase unsuspecting lizards. Assuming no additional irrigation would be installed within the bush area, the opportunity for plant regeneration is low and the area may turn into a dust bowl with just trees and larger shrubs surviving. As a Burns Beach resident, I would love for the park to be within walking distance for me; however, the area of Bramston Park which has been indicated contains a large bowl which is a water run-off area. Due to the quality of the soil in this area, the bowl becomes swampy and develops a sticky slime when wet, thus limiting the amount of usable area during the wet months. Unless the bowl was filled (at a reasonable cost to the City) I do not believe this park is suitable from a pet owner perspective. Thanks for giving residents the opportunity to contribute to this initiative and I will gladly be taking [- - -] to whichever park is made available.

Melene Park is too small. The dogs would be too crowded, and it would cause trouble. We like to exercise our dogs — not confine them. The proposed area is too far from the playground, so that, if I have my [- - -], it is difficult.

It is a great idea for those who have dogs and cannot find a park to let dogs run around and make friends.

Safe place for dogs to be able to roam free.

It is a great idea that benefits both dog owners as well as no-dog owners. It hopefully makes the parks safer, as well as reducing the amount of dog poo (hopefully) that me and my children have to dodge daily.

As a non-dog owner, I will make a brief comment. By definition, a dog exercise area creates an "exclusive" area, and, in principal, I should be objecting, but I have seen how popular the City of Stirling dog park at Charles Riley Reserve has been and therefore I support the concept, if the area fenced does not inhibit non-dog people from enjoying the balance area of that reserve.

We do not have a dog.

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All residents of Woodvale should have been advised of this proposal. Many people love to meet with their dogs walking free off-leash at Chichester Park! There are no toilet facilities, and parking is too far away! People will be parking all over verges because of this!

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

Support a fenced area but do not want it mandatory to be used. Small dogs should be separated. Owners using the fenced areas should still have to keep control of their animal. More parks as off-leash.

Hi, I'm worried about the fenced dog area in Chichester Park, Woodvale. According to the information brochure, there is a playground, a basketball hoop, a tiny BMX track and three golf disc tee pads around the fenced area. Not quite sure about how the fence will be set up, but I believe the fence area will, at least separate these sporting facilities, if any of these are not being fenced in the area. We are a [- - -] family with [- - -], when the old one is playing basketball, the little one always plays on the other side in the playground or tiny BMX. Without the fenced area, we can easily keep an eye on both kids. Apart from this, it looks like the disc golf tee pads 4, 8 and 10 will be fenced in the area. This is not good news for disc golf players.

Dog [- - -] years, now deceased. I walked my dog off-lead for years in our park. My question is why fenced area? Expense for fencing — car parking — bins, it would change the natural look of the park — what is the problem? Yes, have signs re- rangers and telephone numbers for owners that do not control their dogs. What if people do not want to go into the fenced area? And people may want to walk their dog off-lead in the park as usual!

Yes — introduction of fenced dog exercise areas will inevitably lead to a reduction in dog friendly areas. Who initiated this proposal to the City and why?

I strongly oppose a fenced area being built in Chichester. The car park is already overcrowded on the football, soccer and cricket weekends. Now we need parking for Frisbee which is very popular too. We don't have the room for another activity popping up at Chichester. Many dog groups meet every night and walk around the oval. The dogs interact and run freely. This would put a stop to all of this. The park is the best thing about Woodvale. Many non-locals drive to visit it because it is so big and safe for dogs to meet and play, away from the road. There is always poo bags there and people do their bit to clean up after their dogs. In my opinion, this would be a waste of government money as it would make the park less of an attraction to Woodvale. Also, many birds nest in those trees and magpie attacks are common. Non-locals would not be aware is this.

This is an excellent initiative and we are looking forward to seeing this initiative being executed.

Dear Sir, Madam, Team,

Delighted at the City's forward thinking about providing fenced dog exercised areas. My home [- - -] Melene Park, the [- - -] being the [- - -]. I have requested that I put a barrier across the driveway, however my neighbour has refused, and this is a [- - -]??? I requested this as frequently (almost daily) large dogs, i.e. retrievers, Labradors, come into my garden knock over plant pots and dig up garden beds. These dogs are off the leash and not under the owner's commands. On occasions, these dogs enter my home if the front door is open. One male person verbally abuses me with profanities, I do have witnesses to his behaviour, he enters my garden and driveway and yells at me, he then puts a lead on the dog. So, a fenced area away from my home would be most welcome. Yours faithfully, [- - -]

There should be two areas: one for small dogs and one for large dogs.

In many parks, owners walk their dogs unleashed as we did when our dog was alive. There seemed to be very little problem with conflict between dogs, and those dogs who were inclined to be aggressive or timid were usually kept on-leash. We occasionally care for our daughter's dog and always keep him on-leash in case he runs away, but I doubt we would go to the trouble to take him to a fenced park. He normally goes to the dog beach for a run in summer. I am not sure of the need for this kind of facility.

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Why is there a need for fencing? Have there been attacks, harassment, complaints? We live near parks so we can walk with our dogs, exercise for us both, talk to friends. Some live alone and this is their time out with friends. Some don't even have dogs but love to join in and take pleasure in short times with dogs without the need to own one. This would not be possible with fencing. Some parks share with sporting events and the area is greatly cut down for us and our dogs quite often but is better than fenced areas. Surely the money would be better spent on more essential items. Please explain...

Plenty of places in southern part of Joondalup near to Dog Beach and North Beach and City of Wanneroo off-leash area. Northern area needs this and another dog beach too!

[multiple submissions] *The areas of Woodvale and Duncraig and even Edgewater are already close to other areas for exercise such as in North Beach or Kingsway or the Dog Beach. There is nowhere in the northern Joondalup area to take your dogs and allow them to be off-lead without non-dog people complaining. It needs more than 1 area. Bramston Park has the area in the dip/alongside Burns Beach Road which, if fenced, would be ideal. Also has tree cover.*

[multiple submissions] *There are areas close to Duncraig and Woodvale for off-lead exercising. The dog beach is close, and City of Wanneroo fenced dog park and the North Beach one. There is nothing in the northern Joondalup area. We need more than 1 fenced park in the northern suburbs. There are plenty of people with dogs and we all pay rates and SARS.*

If you do go ahead with them, please police properly and keep tidy — the ones I have seen in other Shires have been awful.

The proposed site for Melene Park is close to the new cricket nets and cricket balls would have the potential to injure dogs and their owners. You have to be careful when walking near these nets when they are being used. The parking area is on the opposite side to the proposed site, so people are going to park either in Ludwig Place or Melene Road. The proposed site is also close to existing homes. Dogs of all sizes would be in the enclosure which would have the potential for dogs not to get along and some serious injuries could occur.

Please please please provide a minimum of 5 foot fencing, preferably 6 foot — large dogs will jump straight over 4 foot fencing making it useless for people with larger dogs. We currently have to take our dogs all the way to Whiteman Park or Ellenbrook because the parks at North Beach and Kingsley have inadequate fencing.

It would be a shame to restrict the current parks to such a small area, that park is used by so many dogs, all off-lead, whom love a great run around, to restrict it to only 3,500 square metres to run around in. One of the other parks with a larger off-lead area would be better, if one is needed at all? Is it necessary to spend money on it??

Yes, forcing dogs to be in an enclosed area (small area) will cause fear and anxiety to dogs that could be chased in the area and unable to escape. Dogs should have the freedom to run free in large open spaces.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

Please make sure appropriately large; segregated small and large section works well at Whiteman for nervous small dog owners. Ramps, objects to jump over, a few poles to run between would be so so amazing, there is no facilities like this apart from Whiteman Park really

This is a great idea!

I think this is a fantastic idea, especially having one further north than existing facilities. Our dog loves to have a run around but as she is only a puppy can get distracted by other ongoing activities. Having a fenced in area provides peace of mind for us as dog owners, and also avoids any potential confrontations with non dog owners.

I am concerned about the overloading of an existing recreational facility. For example, Bramston Park has very limited parking and when there are sporting events, people park on the verge on Burns Beach Road, which is a busy road, and people pulling off the verge is dangerous. This is why I have placed it last. Melene is used as a cricket training ground and currently the dogs are a bit of a nuisance there as owners let them off the leads and they run at the children. The owners are also tardy about picking up dog poop. I think dog owners could benefit from such an exercise area, but Council needs to look at the manner in which these parks are currently being utilised.

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A fenced area would be great to have as it will allow my dog to exercise off-leash safely. Currently I keep him on-leash when exercising.

My opposition to the proposed fenced area is specific to Chichester Park (CP) as that is the only site, of the five, that I regularly use. For context, I do not currently own a dog but am planning on getting one in the next 12 months. This does not change my reasoning which is as follows:

1. The site proposed is in the middle of the most aesthetic portion of the park and right next to the children's play area. This wooded area is the best part of the park for walking as it is well shaded and rather picturesque. Putting up a large fenced area would ruin the open woodland feel of the park. 2. As someone who has a [- - -] I am concerned that having a fenced in area will result in more boisterous dog interactions with each other in an enclosed area, disturbing the relative quiet and potentially scaring the younger children using the play equipment nearby. 3. My observation is that dog owners in Chichester Park sometimes (but not often) have them off-leash but they are always obedient and never aggressive. In fact, they rarely seem to interact with other dogs, being more interested in exploring the surrounds. This good behaviour means that I am happy to let [- - -] interact, under supervision, with almost all dogs in CP and have never had a negative experience. 4. There are other parks nearby where people regularly have their dogs off-leash, namely Gascoyne Park and Yellagonga Regional Park. The behaviour in Gascoyne is the same as CP and I suspect that the good dog behaviour observed is because those people in Woodvale/surrounds with very 'active' dogs seem to use Yellagonga park with its ample space. 5. Lastly, I think it would be a waste of money. I would rather see the money go towards shade sails for the playgrounds in CP or Gascoyne, or rejuvenation of the basketball court in CP, or any number of other projects in CP or elsewhere. To summarise, I think the status quo is working very well in regards to dog facilities in the area, and I think the addition of a fenced in dog area would be a detriment to one of the best parks in the City of Joondalup.

Excellent idea, my dogs love to socialise so this will be good company.

As a [- - -] with [- - -], I think it is a good idea. It means that dogs who live further from the beach, or cannot be taken to the beach, can be socialised in a contained space. Having a contained space means that more dogs have the opportunity to experience the park off-lead, with the freedom to run around without the concern of them bothering other people or dogs who aren't friendly, or running off. I did notice the information brochure didn't mention lighting or water facilities, both of which are important.

Good idea as there are not many in the area.

I have found that people with big dogs use the facility and my [- - -] has already been attacked. There should be an exercise area for small breeds and no big dogs. Because big dogs should be in a separate area.

I don't oppose dog parks generally but feel they are not best placed in the middle of a suburb. Many people will travel for enclosed dog parks, i.e. Whiteman Park, for this facility. Generally, dog walkers are responsible, friendly people who care greatly for their pets. There are many friendship groups and community spirit amongst these likeminded people and I feel an enclosed area detracts from this ethos. I live within [- - -] of Chichester Park. The park is highly populated at weekend for sport which is fantastic and there is never a problem with sharing facilities. There is mutual respect. I feel to add extra traffic to an already busy road and subject nearby neighbours to more noise from traffic and dogs is not in the neighbourhood's best interest. Also, to put dogs in an enclosed area I feel, would possibly increase dog attacks. I would suggest you look at data relating to this. I strongly oppose this move in populated suburbs and would be very disappointed if it happens in this suburb.

Great idea, should be similar to the one at Trigg.

Just that it is a brilliant idea.

Necessary, as too many dogs off-leads not under control of owners and children around. People allow dogs to be off-lead in playgrounds at parks in Woodvale continually.

I think it would be great for Emerald, easily accessible and would make use of land that isn't utilised well.

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[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?"] No, but see below. If parks border main roads — 70 kpm — it would be good to have a fence to stop dogs running onto roads to protect both dogs and road users but I don't support fenced dog areas.

[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?" — multiple submissions] None but see below. If a park borders a main road (70 kpm) then fencing access to the road would improve safety for dogs and road users, but I still do not support a fenced-in dog exercise area.

[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?"]

I strongly oppose the establishment of fenced dog exercise areas in general and specifically at Melene Park, Duncraig. If the City of Joondalup is forced to build one, I would only support this at Elcar Park, Joondalup which is the biggest area at 10,000 square metres. Elcar Park is located in a light industrial area and would not impede on residential enjoyment of local park facilities. The following objections are based on my professional knowledge from my degree in [- - -] and [- - -] years of dog owning and walking various [- - -] in the Duncraig, Carine, Greenwood and Hillarys (Dog Beach) locations: 1. Dog owners with aggressive and badly trained dogs use fenced areas to exercise their dogs off-lead, and as an excuse for not training their dogs properly. This results in an increase of aggressive and badly trained dogs using such a facility, and in the community generally. A fenced dog area would lead to an influx of 'problem' dogs from other suburbs putting our local dogs at risk. 2. At Melene Park [- - -] a very active, community based, multi-aged group of dog walkers including elderly and frail people who would be put at risk of being knocked over in a fenced area. In an open space, you have choice to exercise your dog off-lead, but you can still stay away from larger dogs. 3. Elderly people, who often have small dogs, are very nervous about them being attacked by bigger dogs (and rightly so). Fenced areas increase the likelihood of dog attacks, and no amount of rules or etiquette will change that, or help an animal and/or owner deal with long term trauma and physical injuries from such an attack. 4. Similarly, as a [- - -] I would not want my [- - -] corralled with a pack of dogs in a fenced area. At the very least, they can get knocked over very easily. At Melene Park, we regularly have families (parents, kids and dogs) all playing ball games together in various parts of the park and not bothering anyone else. It is a delightful part of growing up and social interaction for all and a pleasure to see this in our community park. These games would not be possible in a fenced area. 5. Dogs need stimulation; they get bored in the same area. This will lead to more aggressive behaviour between animals, and for some dogs, this will translate into territorial aggression. Dogs need to be able to sniff and explore off-lead for their own mental and physical health. They cannot get this stimulation from the same fenced area. 6. If dogs do not have their own 'game space' dogs will steal other dogs' balls and toys. The proposed areas at Melene Park, Emerald Park and Bramston Park are all too small for this. Stealing balls is a way to spread viruses and bacteria through saliva exchange. Our community members do not need additional vet bills due to sick dogs. 7. Seasonal viruses and bacteria, such as Kennel Cough, would spread quickly through a fenced area with more dogs in closer proximity. (There was an outbreak of Kennel Cough at Melene Reserve last winter). Extra vet costs are always an issue for low income families and pensioners etc., and for those people who have 2 or 3 dogs. 8. The cricket nets border the proposed Melene Park area and are used for local social and team cricket club training at multiple times during the week throughout the year. When the nets are in use it is not safe to be in the proposed fenced area of Melene Park due to flying balls. You need to stay out of this area. 9. The same area at Melene Park, under our beautiful trees, is also prime 'magpie swooping' area during magpie breeding seasons. 10. The area of Melene Park proposed is rough grass compared to the oval surface and slopes variously across the width of the park, as the park flows down the hill from Melene Road to Glengarry Drive. The topography is likely to encourage injuries including rolled ankles. 11. I have a [- - -]: [- - -] and [- - -]. One, [- - -], was born [- - -] and she has [- - -]. She has a [- - -] movement [- - -]. She is difficult to walk on a lead as she doesn't have a 'walking pace'. I regularly walk my dogs off-leash because of [- - -] disability (and because my dogs are well-trained and very friendly).

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17. Melene Park allows multiple access to bus routes and schools and multiple people criss-cross the park all day. A fenced area across the top of the park would be a nuisance to many local pedestrians. 18. I noticed last year and again recently now that cricket has resumed, that some cricketers turn up for cricket practice at Melene Park and let their dogs wander (and some tie them to trees). They don't walk with their dogs and don't clean up dog poops. They leave a lot of rubbish around the cricket nets, plastic bottles all over the park, and on weekends the bin near the toilet block is overflowing with food and drink rubbish from the games, which then blows across the park. (They could, but don't use other bins). The parents chew up the verges near the cricket nets with big 4WDs because they can't be bothered to use the car park. They make a mess and we (the locals) are always picking up rubbish and dog poops from this lot. (We do not get this behaviour from the footy team training and games over winter). I would be grateful if the cricket team concerned could be made aware of their mess and that the Rangers could keep an eye on this problem for us. 19. Finally, and in confidence [- -].

[multiple submissions] I strongly oppose the establishment of fenced dog exercise areas in general, and specifically at Melene Park, Duncraig. I propose that funds would be better purposed planting new native trees in parks around the City of Joondalup, promoting sustainability for our native wildlife and reducing carbon emissions. Melene Park has almost no new or young trees and I would urge the City of Joondalup to undertake a substantial planting program at Melene Park. If the City of Joondalup is forced to build a fenced dog area, I would only support this at Elcar Park, Joondalup which is the biggest area at 10,000 square metres. Elcar Park is located in a light industrial area and would not impede on residential enjoyment of local park facilities, including aesthetics of the park environment. The following objections are based on my professional knowledge from my degree in [- -] and [- -] years of dog owning and walking various [- -] in the Duncraig, Carine, Greenwood and Hillarys (Dog Beach) locations:

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Everyone asks questions about her [- - -] and I believe she is doing a great job at de-stigmatising [- - -] and disabilities by interacting with kids and families at the park. This would not be possible in a restricted area. 13. Mums, dads and kids using the play equipment and general park space also bring their dogs, who play with the kids, chase balls etc and generally sniff around and chew sticks whilst kids are on the play equipment. This family time would also be completed altered if dogs cannot be off-leads at the park and joining in with the kids' games.

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I'm a [- -] and walk [- -] dogs [- -]. They all need the freedom to have a jolly good run which would not be possible in a confined exercise area. The Kingsway facilities are too small, so this would not be a good example to follow. Chichester Park has a large number of dogs that attend and is big enough for us to at times avoid the odd boisterous puppy or grouchy old timer; again, this would not be possible if we're all herded into the one area. However, I would have no objection to an enclosed area for those dogs that can't be let off-lead because they run away, as long as we can still let dogs off-lead in the other areas of the park. We have a great relationship with the various sports groups that co-exist with the doggy population; please don't [- -] things up!

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

I've made my decision on size area of park rather than location if only 1 park is to be used for the purpose of an enclosed exercise area for dogs.

It would be great to have an area for static agility for dogs to enhance dog training and exercise. Community dog trainers could pay a fee to use the area and locals could utilise it free of charge any time.

Some of the proposed areas lack adequate parking. Many require residents to drive to the area, which is not environmentally friendly. At the lake, perhaps the end near Joondalup Drive, people may walk.

That it has small dog and large dog areas.

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I have seen places with other fenced dog areas and they are dreadful. The dogs are all barking at each other. Older dogs are very unhappy so are smaller dogs when placed with much larger dogs. At the moment Chichester Park is a very happy friendly area where small children play, and people walk their dogs. There are plenty of areas to avoid larger dogs if you wish to do so. Why change something that is working perfectly well and that everyone seems happy with. Leave the status quo please. I would never use the fenced dog area. My dog is quite anxious, so we always avoid puppies and large dogs. This would not be possible under your proposal. Every resident I have spoken to is against the proposal.

[also multi-signatory letter]

I would usually be all for an exercise area for dogs to exercise in; however, I am very opposed to the way that the Council has proposed to do it for the following reasons: — Dogs (and their families) are already overly restricted to where they can exercise. There are not enough areas where they can freely do so. Especially considering many dogs are well trained. — The area is far too small for larger dogs who need plenty of exercise to run around in. — The area is on rough mulch and not soft grass.

I am against the Melene Reserve park. The proposed area is too close to residences and too far away from the existing car park. A lot of people using the park for current activities do not use the car park and park on the verges surrounding the park.

Can you make it a big area rather than a small area as the ones I have seen in other areas around Perth are all rather small. Also, can you put in some nice simple agility fun stuff for a dog to do.

My [- - -] looks forward to his run at Chichester Park [- - -]. I am a responsible dog owner and stay with him on all areas of the park, as do most of the other dog owners. This is such a beautiful park for dogs to have a good run. In an enclosed area the dogs will be unable to do this, and some dogs prefer their own space. If this open space is taken away, I think you will be causing dogs to become extremely frustrated. Thank you.

All parks/public open spaces in the City that border major/busy roads should have a fence along that border for child safety reasons, as well dogs.

Woodvale is not a good area for the proposed site as the oval is used by the local school as their sports area/sports day. Owners don't always keep their dogs under control and I worry that no local people will use the area. People don't always pick up their dog's mess...

I am ecstatic over this proposal. For the last two years I have had to travel to North Beach to use CoS dog park. This will be a welcome addition to our community giving our dogs somewhere controlled to play and owners the ability to socialise and get to know their neighbours.

I am strongly opposed to the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area at Chichester Park. The park is already used appropriately by a large number of dog owners with a large social gathering. This proposed fenced area would significantly reduce the sociability of the current park. The park is home to an established community of dog walkers who walk their dogs off-leash. Experience of other fenced areas is that it tends to invite more antisocial or poorly trained dogs into the area. My dog has been attacked when using the fenced area at Kingsway.

We regularly exercise our dog in Chichester Park. We've always had a good experience, dogs are sociable, and owners are mostly responsible with picking up. I've not seen any issues with dogs fighting or getting in the way of sports. An enclosure is unnecessary and would not be big enough for all the dogs to exercise properly. In fact, it would probably lead to issues between dogs.

Must have 2 areas, one for large and one for small, as little dogs are too easily hurt by big ones. The newer suburbs like Butler are bursting with dogs needing somewhere to run off-lead. Please give us a facility up this way, as it encourages community friendships and our blocks are very small, so our dogs need parks they can be safe in.

I support a fenced area at Chichester Park. I take my [- - -] to the new playground there, and last time, an off-lead dog was roaming the playground and getting too close to my children.

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As a long-term Woodvale resident ([- - -] years). I have walked dogs around the beautiful parks in the area that are all off-lead for the last [- - -] years. The Chichester Park is the jewel in the crown for dog walkers in the area. People buy in this area because of the schools and the public open space which is used by many people from surrounding suburbs. The natural beauty of that park is loved by all who use it. Please don't destroy the tranquillity of this suburb by putting in a dog park that will attract hundreds of dogs from outside the area and destroy the ambience of Woodvale with untrained dogs that will leave a trail of noise, dog faecal matter and numerous dog attacks. Combine this with the traffic and parking issues which are currently at breaking point with the amount of sport played during the winter months and you will have the residents of the area becoming very agitated and consequently their anger will be targeted at the City of Joondalup.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

I would like to see the Shire Ranger at the rest of the parks policing the excessive number of dogs off-leashes with a bit of regularity. Perhaps a sign stating 'Not a leash free park — use new fenced areas only'!! Children would not stand a chance, I get sick of being growled at, some are more aggressive. Note: no existing irrigation in the nominated are of Emerald Park.

Look after my son's dog at times.

A fenced area is likely to increase dog traffic and people to the area. Cleanliness and smell and higher amounts of dog faeces in the area are the concerns. Probably increase flies around the park. The smell of urine at the dog beach is one of the reasons we don't frequent the dog beach. The homes around Melene Park are close to the park and no doubt the smell of urine will overshadow life by the park.

[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?"] *Not Required.*

[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?"] *Beaches within Joondalup have dog exercise areas. The parks should remain as they are, if you must spend ratepayers' money, do so in the park in the industrial area, or better maintain the weeds in alleyways, on verges and in public places.*

It's a good idea. There are many dog owners in CoJ and our needs and those of our pets must be considered.

It's a very good idea. Too many dogs roaming around children's play areas in parks. Also, difficult to have a casual walk through a park without people throwing balls for dogs etc.

I use fenced dog parks in other shires. It's great for dogs and people, promotes socialisation for both and great community spirit.

The propose area at Chichester is way too small for the large number of dogs that get exercised in that park. Please go to another park.

Consideration must be given to parking. Although Chichester has good parking at times during the week, out of school pick up/drop off times, the parking is a substantial problem on weekends. During times of parking pressure, particularly weekends, cars park on the western side of Trappers blocking the view of drivers turning onto Trappers, they park on footpaths, verges and it is unsafe for pedestrians as well as motoring public.

Please make an area for the small dogs to run in.

If a fenced area is created, will the dogs be allowed off-lead in other sections of the same park?

Keep fenced dog exercise areas away from residences — barking dogs are really annoying.

Would love to see an enclosed dog area in Edgewater.

I think Elcar Park, Joondalup would be an ideal park: central, large and ideally situated with no nearby residents. Within an enclosed area, the larger if possible the better to allow dogs to move away from each other if they wish, especially if they are old. I don't understand why it needs to become a lead-on park only after a fenced dog enclosure is developed; we should be giving people choice, especially if the fenced area is away from the parking area, they will walk their dog off the lead to get to the park. Larger open space parks, like Chichester, give dogs a good run and allows them to move away from other dogs, which reduces tensions between owners and dogs. The flow of disc golf would be disrupted.

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I currently go across to City of Wanneroo — Kingsway Dog Exercise area, and am happy that Joondalup is finally providing something hopefully similar to this facility. I'm not interested to drive all the way to Duncraig, to have a dog park in City of Joondalup. Neither am I prepared to take my [- -] off the lead at Whitfords Dog Beach, due to reports of poor behaviour by some owners, who don't keep their dogs under control. Emerald Park has plenty of infrastructure in place — the parking, toilets, but most important are the Mature Shade trees. It always looks inviting — a bit of irrigation (if really necessary), would have to be the simplest modifications required. Patrons to the Dog Park stay around an hour — this is a long time to wait in the sun and will hugely impact the use of a planned park. The park needs seats of some sort and existing good shade to ensure success. If it doesn't have the right mix to start with, patrons won't use it, and the whole hope and anticipation, cost etc. will be wasted...Please get it right City of Joondalup. Of course, I'd like it closer to where I live, but Burns Beach has no shade (all the trees to the south), awkward access and a small car park, situated a long distance from the proposed exercise area. Elcar Park in Joondalup has businesses all around and parking is often chock-a-block. The place has no ambience for patrons, no toilets (which is an important criteria) and minimal shade. I also looked at Chichester Park Woodvale — it has extensive works going on by the Water Board currently, but there is no parking close, or other infrastructure and would be costly to set up. It did look like there would be mature trees for shade, which is a great start, but that's about all. I wish you good luck with this all and look forward to using this park when it's ready...

Think it's a great idea.

The more the better.

I think the fencing of a designated area is a good idea but bear in mind that some people will bring their dogs (under control) to watch amateur sporting events. So, designated areas are good, but not excluded specifically from other area of the recreational area.

Please have two separate areas, one for small dogs and the other for medium/large dogs. Most of the time little dogs do not like big dogs, even if the big dog has a good temperament and is well trained. Fences should be 1.5–1.8 m high.

Who is going to be checking on who is using the fenced in area?? You say the ranger but are they going to be there all day? No! We live [- -] Emerald Park, most owners unleash the dogs on the footpath or open their vehicle doors in the car park and let them run free all over the park and some don't even pick up after the dogs. This oval is used for sport and its unfair for them having to watch out for dog droppings on the ground. This park should be dogs must be on a lead at all times. A fenced in area in Emerald Park will be a waste of time and money.

A fenced-in park with a separate area for small dogs is ideal. A drinking tap would be preferable as well. The fenced dog area at Kingsway is a great example.

The dog park in North Beach is a good example of a well-designed park — water, sand, grass, seating, parking, shade. Melene Park is well used by dog lovers buy lacks the fencing to take puppies.

[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?"] It's good to have an area designed for pets to enjoy and run free, without us as owners thinking they may run out to any car or danger. It is an amazing idea!!

[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?"] Maybe create a play area for dogs.

I think each suburb should have a fenced dog park

Brilliant, hopefully will decrease "dog poo" in the general park area.

Clearly the agenda is to restrict dogs off-lead to these small areas and this 'consultation' is piecemeal.

Selected area should be large enough to incorporate separate fenced areas for both large and small dogs. Should have large sand pit area. Should have water fountain for drinking purposes.

A very good idea.

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If the park closest to me (Melene Park) was chosen it would kill the whole ambiance of the park. Currently a lot of residents meet at this park as they walk their dogs and it provides a reason to get outside and do some exercise; it's not only the dogs but also the people that achieve exercise.

Fantastic idea! The dog beach is overcrowded, and I cannot let my dogs off there anyway because they want to chase rabbits in the sand dunes.

Fantastic idea but also adding a dog beach between Whitfords and Quinns would be great. A section of Burns Beach (not an ideal swimming beach) seems a suitable option. Many thanks.

The exercise area should not encompass the entire park, and there should be adequate parking. [multiple submissions] I'd like to register my opposition to a dog park to be located at Melene Park, Duncraig. As a [- -] resident, and one for many years, we enjoy the area's relative peace and quiet. Your proposal puts the park only 30 metres away from residences — [- -]. Your other proposed locations have a much greater distance to residential properties — your Joondalup option doesn't have any residences around it! Perfect!

A fenced dog park brings with it noise, both in the form of dogs, owners, and traffic.

As the car park at Melene Park is located at the opposite end of the park you're proposing to put the fenced area, this will only encourage dog-owners to park on the grassed verge next to the proposed fenced area, which is [- -], and [- -]. I have a [- -], as do [- -], and I know of plenty of [- -] on the street. Having additional traffic on the road will only pose more of a risk to these [- -], and that is not something I can support.

The toilet facilities at Melene Park are also located on the opposite side of the park where you're proposing the fenced area.

I own [- -] dogs, and enjoy Melene Park with them, as do dozens of responsible dog owners. New facilities were also recently installed to the park to service dog owners, including a new human/pooch watering station and new benches. Fairly firm proof that the park is already widely used by responsible dog owners.

I encourage the Council to look at the remaining sites and choose one that has minimal impact on residents, both from a noise and traffic perspective. Joondalup looks to be the best fit from this perspective. Either that or equip more existing parks with dog friendly facilities (like you've already done with Melene Park). It's also worth reading some of the horror stories of people who have visited fenced dog parks, from their dogs picking up fleas to the areas becoming a meeting point for irresponsible dog owners who can't control their dogs. Again, that is not something I want my or my [- -] to be exposed to.

Duncraig is already very well serviced with parks where people regularly take their dogs, including Salata Park, Marri Road Reserve, Castlefern Park and Noel Gannon Park. And Carine Open Space is just down the road. If you insist on creating a fenced dog park area, please look at a location that is in need of it, rather than one that will negatively impact your constituents and ruin a perfectly great, family friendly park.

Regards

[- -]

Yes. 1 There should be at least two fenced-off areas — one for medium to larger dogs and/or potentially aggressive breed of dogs, and one for smaller dogs. Despite their training, larger dogs can attack small dogs and two or more medium to large dogs can act in a pack and become aggressive. That is why many residents won't take their smaller dog to the dog beaches and fear off-leash activities in general dog parks. 2 There needs to be shaded areas to provide respite from the sun and hot weather and provide interested areas for the dogs and owners to explore. 3 Seating should also be included as rest areas so residents with mobility problems can also use the facilities. 4 With the size of the City of Joondalup, more than one fenced-off park should be made available to avoid congestion and enable residents to walk or have less need to use a vehicle to get to the facility. This would support those who have mobility issues or want to minimise emissions from vehicles.

I think it is a good idea to allow dogs to run freely without risk of injury.

I think it's a wonderful idea.

We don't need it, we have all lived and been happy with the situation we have in Woodvale.

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*[from “Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?”] I don't support any site
[from “Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?”]
I think having proposed fenced areas is unnecessary and a waste of money.*

Rank parks — does not matter.

I think it's a much-needed facility in the area. The obvious choice to me would be Elcar Park in Joondalup as it has no residences nearby, has the largest area available and is in a central location for the residents of Joondalup City.

I'm very surprised; however, pleased that fenced dog exercise areas are now being considered in City of Joondalup. In the past I have received a number of negative responses from the City when enquiring about the possibility of such a park.

If we have a fenced area for dogs does that mean dogs at other parks and public place would have to be restrained on a lead?

I think any proposed enclosed dog park needs to have at least 6-foot-high secure fencing, double entry and exit gates and separate areas for small and large dogs. Dog agility type equipment would also be great and perhaps even different surfaced areas (eg grass, sand, gravel, pathways, limestone etc) so that dogs also get exposure to different surfaces. Plenty of shade, access to water and free running space is probably most desirable. Seating or benches for humans would be ideal.

Don't understand why dogs need to be on a leash in a fenced area? The whole point of a dog friendly park is so they can run free safely. Places are getting few and far between where we can do let them do this.

Don't stop at just one park. It doesn't seem that the cost to create the parks should be high so there should be no reason not to create more, if not all five.

I really like the park in Aveley that has 2 separate areas. One for smaller and larger dogs.

I am concerned a specified fenced dog area would then limit the number of dog friendly parks local to us and would cause congested areas with too many dogs that would be overwhelming and not practical to exercise your dog regularly. This is what has unfortunately happened to our small number of dog beaches. If the fenced area would not affect the current dog friendly parks, then I do not oppose it. Thanks.

To use the existing parking area and toilets — it is the other side of Melene Park. It is more convenient and useful that the dog exercise area be located at Glengarry Road end — if at all.

We have enough problems on the coastal path with dog muck — not a day goes by without dodging the dog eggs along a 5 km walk. More measures to ensure irresponsible owners pick up the muck the dog has left!

This would be such a great idea if it went ahead. I am currently travelling between Ellenbrook fenced dog park and Eglinton fenced dog park and it is such a drive so would be amazing if we could get one closer to home. My [- - -] dogs love being socialised around other dogs in a safe space and this would be very beneficial for them and myself.

I feel there should be a separate fenced are for small dogs, so they don't feel threatened by some of the larger breeds.

Strongly support the idea.

The community around Bramston Park gather daily with their dogs and I have never heard of any issues with our dogs being able to roam freely on the oval. People generally do well at cleaning up any dog litter also. Not only this, but the suggested area for Bramston Park is like a hollow in the ground, which is also the furthest away from the Burns Beach homes.

The establishment of a fenced dog area shouldn't then eliminate the ability to exercise your dog off-lead under control in the same park. It would just be nice for owners, especially with young dogs to be able to utilise an enclosed area.

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While unsure about the other proposed areas, I don't feel that there is a need for a fenced area at Bramston Park. The proposed area is too small to allow adequate exercise for the number of dogs that currently use the park and in a sloping depression that would make it difficult for elderly dog owners to navigate. I live [- -] the park and often mind my son's dog and enjoy exercising it on the large open space. From my observations the pet owners co-exist well with the various sporting activities in the park so there is no need for a separate fenced area, especially if it would mean dogs have to be on a lead in the rest of the park.

Fantastic idea

Yes, we definitely need a fenced park in CoJ. Even though we have the dog beach, it is often too windy and cold at the beach in winter etc and, on good days, the beach is always very crowded. Also, there is usually shade at the park. I really hope it goes ahead.

Do not agree with this enclosure at Chichester Park. Can't speak for other parks as I don't use them. We love being able to let our dog run free and have never had any problems with other dogs in the [- -] years we've been using Chichester Park. Our dog isn't social with other dogs and just likes to just run around by herself, which she wouldn't be able to do in an enclosure.

I am in favour of an enclosed dog park unless it means that dogs must be on a leash in the rest of the park.

It's another waste of money. Lower rates if you need something to occupy your time.

My reasons for not having a dog enclosure in Bramston Park. Parking will be an issue, especially when clashing with sporting events. There will be a huge problem at pick up times when the school opens. We all know that people do not pick up dog faeces and this is going to be a problem when on the doorstep of our community hall, sporting fields and school. Besides being unpleasant it will be a health issue. One only has to go to a dog beach to see all the dog faeces lying around. When the school opens, it would be nice to have this area available for parents to sit in the shade when there are sporting and other events on. I would like to rather see this space be used for cricket nets for our children.

To have separate areas for large and small dogs

Wonderful idea — suggest that once established it would be a good idea to prohibit dogs off-lead in other areas. However, perhaps we would need more fenced areas before we could feasibly enforce that — e.g. I would have some difficulty accessing any of the suggested parks as none are actually near my residence and both [- -] and I have [- -] problems.

I think it's a great idea, dog owners can still exercise their dogs off-lead and others can use the park without fear of being chased/bitten by dogs that are not under control.

I do not believe any of the above parks are suitable for a dog walking area. It would reduce the current areas for exercise in quiet times when we can exercise our dogs without encumbering sports and causing friction in the community. Large dogs need space to run. I would love to see Joondalup Council respecting that responsible dog owners would appreciate a large area for dogs to run. Even 2 areas for small and large dogs. "The Quarry" in Edgewater (Joondalup Drive) is an ideal spot to create a dog exercise area. It has been left for a number of years, (people have walked their dogs there for years). It is a haven for wildlife, and owners respect that, while being grateful that they and their dogs can exercise without interfering with the general public.

Melene Park is used for cricket and football throughout the year, with a fenced dog park you won't have enough room for kids to play sport. A brand-new cricket pitch has just been put in at Melene, this will not be used if you have a dog park fenced area.

The proposed site at Emerald Park is not suitable for a fenced dog area. It is also too close to residential property resulting in increased noise and animal waste that will severely impact on the suburb.

The reason we are against a proposed fenced area for Chichester Park Woodvale is that, at this stage, we can run our dog with all other owners who use the park far and controlled the whole length of park. If a fenced area is put in, then we believe we would have to put our dog back on-lead outside fenced area. We have to walk the whole area; the park is surrounded by roads; houses on the other side.

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Melene Park has long been used as a lead-free park for dogs and the users have continued to manage the area well. Putting the dog exercise area on this park not only affects the dogs but, if you watch the exercise of the dogs, the owners are also walking with the dogs. This is all ages of people, including [- - -] using a [- - -]. On the Glengarry side there is already a parking lot which would not be used by dog walkers using a caged area on the other side of the park. The same applies to the use of the toilets. The cricket nets are used by a range of ages, and the proposed area would restrict their activities as well. If we have to have an exercise like some other councils, and I see no reason why we have to copy, Salata Park or the Glengarry side are preferred.

Fenced dog areas should be in every suburb. I lived in [- - -] for many years and they were very common. The problem I have is that dogs off the leash are constantly jumping up on myself and, in particular my [- - -]. They [- - -] and [- - -], so you can understand why I don't like it. Especially when it happens in playgrounds, which should also be fenced! Give dog owners a fenced place for their dogs to run around off the leash and crap all over the place, but come down hard on those caught doing the wrong thing outside those areas. I am completely over dogs in our suburbs. It's not the dogs' fault but nearly always the owners. Would love to hear some feedback. Thanks [- - -]

The concept is good. We would use the facility as long as there were 2 areas, ie one for large dogs and one for the small dogs.

I strongly object to the proposal to build a dog park at Emerald Park in Edgewater. The proposed area is [- - -] from my home and would mean additional noise in evenings and weekend mornings. While there is a lot of parking, there is no street parking near the proposed dog park. Currently, during sporting events, parking is inadequate and there are already issues with illegal parking, people parking on verges, footpaths, etc. If there were additional dog walkers, it would add to the problem. The parking may also impact the local out of school hours care and playgroup who use the club house. The proposed space also has lots of trees and grass trees (around twenty) making it difficult to throw a ball in the area. Visibility is also not great — it would be hard to supervise my kids and dogs without clear lines of sight — especially if the park was busy. The significant amount of shade would make it difficult to grow adequate grass. The City has recently spent significant money making that area a waterwise zone — to then go back and irrigate and lay grass would be an unnecessary expense when there are other parks that are already irrigated. I also object to the remainder of Emerald Park becoming an on-lead park. My dog has visited the park [- - -] since [- - -] a puppy ([- - -] years ago) — [- - -], as well as my entire family, have established habits. [- - -], my [- - -] spends [- - -] walking on the oval with other dog walkers. We look forward to continuing this as we [- - -] — and eventually [- - -]. There is an existing culture of middle-aged and senior dog walkers who walk every day, with ten to twenty "regular" dogs walking most days. These people have built friendships, and support systems. Especially the single seniors — who rely on their dog walking friends for assistance when they are ill or injured. Some of these dog walkers have very active dogs, who would not cope in a small enclosed dog park — they need to run and chase balls. Some of the existing dog walkers do not drive and would have no way of getting to an off-lead park in another suburb — the seniors, in particular, would be disadvantaged by this — as the seniors who do drive are on tight budgets and can't afford petrol to go to an off-lead park in a different suburb. The proposed area is quite small — the proposed area in Elcar Park, for example, is three times the size. A new dog park should be big enough for humans to have a good walk as well. The small size of the proposed dog park at Emerald would mean that my family's daily exercise would decrease — this will have an impact on the health of myself, my [- - -] and my [- - -] (as well as the health of the other regular dog walkers.) If the City goes ahead to build a dog park, I think Elcar Park would be the best choice. There are no nearby residents who would be affected, it's a much greater size, and there is significant street parking in the area.

I have no objection to a dog exercise area being established at Melene Park (park nearest to me) or any of the other parks.

Please also provide a sand pit, drinking tap, and agility equipment.

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The existing arrangements must stay and these fenced areas an additional feature only. This proposed fenced area is for those that don't have effective control over their pets but need them to feel safe, so don't penalise all dog owners.

Exercising our dog is exercise for us — this won't happen in a fenced-off area. Chichester Park is not suitable as you already have Frisbee golf in this area — which is so popular and cost a lot of money to build. The lawn area is not watered, as it used to be, and has deteriorated and will become a black sand pit and nobody will want to use it. Therefore — a waste of money to build. People come from other suburbs to walk their dogs at Chichester, because as it is now is fantastic. Thank you.

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I'd worry about the water choppers landing if I had my dog at the park, it's such a shame for all those at [- -] and that area is a playground, bush style — please keep it as it is, maybe consider upgrading the toilet when the club rooms are developed.

This is much needed and long due and would be a great initiative to bring together the neighbourhood and give a sense of community and also encourage outdoor exercise. Also, very important for our pet's safety. Thank you for considering.

I am not happy that if we had a fenced dog area at our local park I would not be given the choice to walk my dog off the lead at the park and it would only have to be in the fenced area. Some other dogs can be quite vicious.

I can't see any reason to have dog exercise areas as people already take their dogs down off the leads anyway. Save yours and our money and spend it on something worthwhile.

Have not ranked parks as I am not familiar with the other parks except "Melene Park". I don't think Melene Park is suitable for the area indicated because there are many large trees on the site, they often drop large branches and the area is a high wind prone area when the sea breeze funnels up Melene Road. Also, no water available for dogs.

So pleased that this is being considered for our local park. I have lived in the area for [- -] years and walk the park every day along with many other older Duncraig residents. I have my small elderly dog with me and always feel very nervous with all the dogs roaming unleashed. It would be so comforting to know I can enjoy my walk feeling safe and confident!

I think it is a fantastic idea, safe for dogs and kids who use these parks. Melene Park has the space, central to the suburb and currently has a lot of dog usage.

It would be a fantastic addition to our local area to have a safe environment for our dogs to exercise. We currently travel to Whiteman Dog Park which is excellent but too far away for regular visits, so I really hope this goes ahead!

I live [- -] to Chichester Park and for the last [- -] have been walking our [- -] at the park [- -] and [- -] for approximately [- -] each time, we get to speak to many of the other dog walkers. The park seems to function in its current status with all size dogs, many of them are from surrounding suburbs which suggests they are happy with the way the park works. As the park is large, taking into account the school oval and the adjoining bush walkway, this gives plenty of space for walkers with dogs that do not wish to be with other dogs, and for larger dogs to have a run. I have noticed that dog walkers take remedial action when the ovals are being used for sport activities. My greatest concern is that should we end up with the exercise area that the existing park will be an on-lead park, I would hope that it could remain an off-lead park.

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My dog is a [- -] and likes to run around a lot. I do not want to be restricted to an area we have to do this. She is very social, and some other dogs aren't. Being able to roam the whole oval allows people like me to keep my dog away from those dogs who aren't so social, but she can play with those that are. All being able to be off-leash during this time. My dog loves being off the leash and free to sniff under trees and around the park. An enclosed area (like the one in Trigg) becomes limited and you often have other dogs in your face, which isn't ideal with little children and food.

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Brilliant and much needed initiative. Thank you for considering the wishes and needs of the community members who consider our fur friends to be very important parts of our families! I believe that dog parks bring the community together through a love of animals and allow otherwise isolated members of our community an opportunity to connect in a relaxed environment, free of pressure. I know that having a dog park located in the North of the City of Joondalup would be highly utilised and well received.

Long overdue. As long as there is water supply.

Would be nice to have a little bush area included as Emerald Park.

Very much needed; will stop people letting dogs off-lead when they're not supposed to.

I see no need for a fenced area in Woodvale. I have lived in Woodvale for [- - -] years, have owned [- - -] dogs (exercised [- - -]) and would have to say Woodvale residents are the most respectful, responsible and caring dog owners. I have never had an issue with dogs in this area.

Wonderful proposal. Dogs at Kingsway get on really well and as my back is not great my dog gets a far better run there.

Does this now mean dogs can't be walked anywhere else in the Park once fenced areas are established?

We don't want this for Chichester Park. It will attract too many people from other areas and cause noise, parking traffic and litter problems, plus the dog poo. It will spoil the look of the park and the ambience and peace of the local area. We as ratepayers don't want it.

I wish more effort was put into making sure people kept their dogs on-lead around Joondalup streets and parks. I have a dog that is anxious meeting other dogs and can, as a result, be unpredictable. We keep [- - -] secure on-lead always and would never use this kind of park. I find that walking our dog can be quite a trial when other dog owners are not as responsible as we are and allow their dogs to be off-lead and approach us. I have heard of so many dog attacks and have indeed had near misses myself (ranger involved). Recently a friend of mine was walking her dog on-lead in Yanchep and a dog came out of nowhere who was not on a lead and attacked my friends dog causing severe injuries. I honestly think that this kind of park will result in more incidents like these. Prior to the dog we have now we had [- - -] who were happy, friendly and social, we went to the dog beach just once with them and one of my dogs was grabbed around the throat by another dog. Thankfully no serious injuries but frightening enough to never use it again.

*[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?"] No reason other than being closer to us.
[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?"] We're not in the City of Joondalup district. However, we use the small dog park at Kingsway about [- - -] a week, and it's fantastic. Having got our [- - -] dog, it gives us a place to take him and feel safe.*

You should still be able to walk your dog off-lead outside of the enclosed area if you choose. Stopping people from doing that means that those that like to jog around the park with their dog or take their dog to the park while their children play will no longer be able to do so.

I think it's fantastic that you're looking at putting in more dog exercise areas! This is close, and we would certainly use it.

Such a fabulous idea for safe dog exercise.

They are fabulous for the community, a great way to connect with other dog-owners in a safe secure environment. I currently visit dog enclosures located in the City of Stirling and City of Wanneroo. It would be great to have one located in the Council where I pay my fees!

I think this is very needed — as a dog owner living so far North of the river, it is a long drive to find a suitably enclosed area that is not a considerable drive away from home.

To include a small and large dog area at the park.

It's bad enough with dogs barking already.

I think it is a great idea. People will be more accountable for their dogs if they are on a lead in the surrounding park.

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Two separate areas — small dogs and large dogs. At least 6 ft fencing, water points and double entry gates.

I don't have a particular view about fenced areas, or locations (including the 1 near me), but do have a concern that dogs will not be able to exercise off-leash outside those areas. Most dogs are exercised by throwing balls/longs etc — this would not be practical in a fenced area the size you are proposing and would then not be possible in the rest of the park (as current). The other issue you may not have considered is the health and fitness of people who take their dogs to the park: as a former dog walker, I got most of my daily activity from playing with the dog whilst walking around the park throwing the ball or stick.

This is an awesome idea. Suggest you consider areas for small and big dogs which can be separated to ensure enjoyment for all without dogs intimidating the smaller ones.

I think it's a great idea. As a parent of a [- - -] who enjoys going to the park but is scared of dogs, having a fenced in area for people to exercise their dogs would make my [- - -] time at the park more enjoyable. I have friends and family who have to drive half an hour to their closest fenced-in dog area and having a local one would mean their dogs would be able to socialise and play in a safe environment.

I strongly support this idea. I would love to see more dog exercise areas in our City.

Although I don't have a dog at the moment, I may well get one in the future and would love to have Bramston Park nearby available as an exercise facility.

As a resident of [- - -] I feel that the proposed area will impact the cricket nets which are utilised on a daily basis. The car park is on the opposite side of the park and it is inevitable that people will park on the grassed area close to the proposed fenced area. The concentration of the dogs will likely cause more noise and due to the closeness of the area to [- - -] we are not supportive of this proposal in Melene Park.

Great idea. May it work well and allow more of these areas to be established.

I think it would be a great idea to have a fenced park. While there are plenty of parks you can exercise your dogs, having a fenced area would give extra peace of mind that dogs are secure and can't get out. Also gives the chance to meet more people and other dogs as they would concentrate on that area and not spread out through all other parks as much.

It would be better to fence a grassed area that is larger.

Many people don't control their dogs properly in public spaces, so I think the fenced area is a good idea.

Not necessary to waste money on fenced in areas. Dogs like to run free in the off-lead parks. Why take away their enjoyment/highlight of the day? Seldom see any issues with bad dog behaviour. Fenced area in area in Kingsway is too small and dogs are cramped in.

*[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?"] Any park that isn't close to residences.
[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?"] Specific concerns with Chichester Park as proposed site. 1. Wouldn't like to see the existing natural bushland disturbed by the development of a dedicated exercise area 2. Restrictions on our family's current enjoyment and usage of the park. Family including [- - -] like to play at the park with the dog. Unsure of whether we will be able to take our [- - -] into this fenced area and even if we are, we are then concerned about increased safety risk to them (i.e. [- - -] getting bitten, injured). 3. Diminished enjoyment of the park for dogs — our dog currently enjoys exploring the natural bushland and the expanse of the park off-lead and won't be able to do this should this fenced exercise area go ahead. 4. Safety of our dog and other (mild mannered) dogs. Putting a variety of breeds in a relatively confined area would result inevitably result in more territorial behaviour from dominant dogs and would result in increased dog attacks. 5. Parking on our street — we live [- - -] from Chichester Park and, due to the sporting activities at the park, we have people regularly parking [- - -] and [- - -]. We don't want the parking situation further exacerbated by people travelling in from other suburbs to use the dog exercise area.*

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Melene Park is not suitable. Not required, opposed to fencing especially along/near Melene Road. Leave this park alone, leave "as is". Why! Don't undertake — there are plenty of dog exercise areas; don't fence!

Too many dogs and people to not allow them run free...

Separate a section for small dogs.

It would be great to have two separate areas, one for small dogs and one for large dogs. Dogs should always be on a lead outside the fenced area for everyone's safety.

A great idea, would obviously prefer closer to where I live. There are a lot of very small parks in Burns Beach that are not really suitable for a dog exercise area and Bramston Park, however, is close to a busy road so would be ideal if it were fenced.

It will lessen the chances of dogs running free elsewhere and give my dogs a safe place to run.

I am in favour of a fenced dog exercise area provided this does not mean that dogs are prevented from being exercised off-lead outside of the fenced area in the same park. In the case of my local park, Emerald Park, I cannot see that there is sufficient room outside of the sports oval for a fenced area that would give enough space to give the range of movement currently provided by a fully open park.

A good idea if in the right park. As a Burns Beach resident, I do not believe Bramston Park is appropriate as the area is alongside a sporting area very well utilised by various groups/clubs and local residents, and on the doorstep of the proposed primary school. I have found that many dog owners are very irresponsible with regard to picking up after their pets and this closed off area would become a worse minefield than sadly is already evident in the sporting area. I would prefer to see this area being populated with more shade trees which could extend along the boundary between the sporting field and the school — providing shade for supporters at events and a general area where folk could enjoy the added shaded areas.

If established, exercise outside the fenced area in close proximity should be banned and enforced.

Agree, dogs need to be socialised, and, in certain circumstances, a fenced area is a good idea (ie near a main road or children's' playground); however, it must not take the place of supervision and training of dogs, as I feel people may become too reliant on the fenced area and just let the dogs do what they want without any intervention, for example if a dog is aggressive. Also, cost to build and cost to maintain (clean) — waste removal, landscaping, etc needs to be given full consideration.

Please provide suitable drinking taps for the dogs.

A dog exercise area in Woodvale is required, due to the large number of people who do not do the right thing at Yellagonga.

We believe it is unfair to create a fenced dog park and therefore make the surrounding park area a lead-on only zone. Dogs should be able to run and play in large open and expanded areas, not small fenced areas. We do not own a dog, but we very much enjoy seeing them run around uninhibited in the park [- - -] house. It should be at the owner's discretion to use a lead or not based on the temperament of the dog.

It's not needed.

I think this a brilliant idea as the only ones in the area are North Beach and Kingsley. Given the number of parks in the area used for sports every weekend, it would be nice if we can safely let our dogs off-lead for some run around exercise whilst still maintaining control.

The larger parks should be considered first, and no trees should be removed to accommodate the exercise area. Will there be any time restrictions? Some dogs get noisy when they are being exercised and for the parks near houses, the residents need to be considered.

Not sure why it is necessary and on what basis the decision has been made to trial and establish the fenced dog exercise area or how the criteria as arrived at.

Wouldn't mind having a fenced area as long as other dogs in the park did not have to be on a lead.

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Having [- - -] and used Chichester Park on [- - -] basis for [- - -] years, I would strongly oppose the building of a fenced exercise area at the park. The main reason is that it is not needed. The park is used by a large number of dog owners who enjoy the ability to have the dogs off-lead without any serious problems. Any perceived problems may arise from the few irresponsible owners that will always exist. Having a fenced area will not suddenly make them responsible owners. I would not use the fenced area as the thought of confining a potentially large number of dogs in the space is not good sense. Having spoken to a number of owners who have tried using the Kingsway facility, they will never go back to it as the result of the pack mentality that developed among the dogs. This may be due to the nature of the dogs and the owners who simply put the dog in the area and let them go, but it is still a potential problem at other sites. If the area was put in place then I suggest that the regular users of this park would begrudgingly put their dog on-lead, something that we would do, and not use the area. If there are problems with dogs off-lead at Chichester Park, what are they? and should large sums of money be used to solve perceived problems potentially with no outcome and a potential white elephant. This is a park that is used by a large community of responsible dog owners both local and from further afield because it is off-lead and believe it should remain so.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

I do not want the facility in Melene Reserve as it will be [- - -] to our house, the extra volume of people and dogs, the extra vehicles and verge parking as the parking bays are located on the opposite side of the reserve. I think the location is too open and should be in an area with surrounding growth so as to be slightly concealed. I feel it will spoil the look and feel of Melene Reserve.

This is not a dog problem but an owner issue. The owners need to be educated. Dogs should not be confined as it could cause aggression issues. There may also be health issues — dog faeces, ticks, fleas etc all in in a confined area.

All this will do is reduce the available park space at Chichester in Woodvale. Leave the park as dog friendly.

Don't think dog parks really work anywhere.

Having a fenced area will enable dogs to have a free run as long as they are no threat to other dogs. I am not a dog owner but have had dogs in the past and they do enjoy a free run.

It is not clear why such a facility is being considered. Has such a facility been requested by a significant percentage of ratepayers, or is it merely a thought bubble for ways to spend Council funds? If this proposal is in response to ratepayer requests, then It would be useful to know where those ratepayers live as this would have relevant bearing on where the facility would be most likely to get used. Have similar facilities been established in other Local Government municipalities (I am unaware of any). [- - -] the Carine Reserve in the City of Stirling and they allow dogs off-leads subject to them being under control at all times; however, policing is non-existent. Off-leash dog training classes are conducted regularly at Carine Reserve. Despite the City of Stirling providing adequate poop bags, there are still a proportion of dog owners that don't do the right thing. Hard to police.

I use Chichester Park at a minimum [- - -] to walk my [- - -] off-lead. [- - -] are working dogs and as such their walks need to be stimulating and exhausting to properly exercise them. For our dog we like to kick a football for him which would be restricted heavily in an enclosed area. Given I attend the park [- - -] I feel I am in a paramount position to comment that the majority of park users that do not play sport, are dog owners who walk their dogs off-lead. I have never seen a dog disrupt a sport game at the park and have observed many people ask other park users to pick up dog poo if they have observed a less frequent user being irresponsible with poo. All the frequent users are very responsible with training and poo collecting. I feel that it would be a detriment to the lifestyle I chose moving to this suburb to have to take my dog to other areas. I feel that Gascoyne Park would be an alternative as placing this exercise park here would not disrupt current users of the park and would also allow people who have not trained their dogs properly off-lead to use an enclosed area at Gascoyne.

A fenced Dog exercise area is long overdue in the northern suburbs especially.

Verbatim responses — Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area? (N = 847)

Always wary of large dogs having such a small dog. Witnessed my old cat being killed by a wandering dog on my property.

Great idea, needs to be done.

Just need to be separation between little and larger dogs.

I would like to see two areas, one for small dogs and the other for larger dogs, given that small dogs are often frightened by their bigger friends.

[multiple submissions] *Hi*

I would like to express my objection to a dog exercise being built in Edgewater's Emerald Park. Your survey didn't easily identify the proposed location and since completing it I have become aware of two very concerning issues.

1. The proposed area at Emerald Park is a heavily treed area. These trees would provide shade but would also prevent dogs safely going for a run. So rather than build it there and remove the trees a better location is required. Somewhere where no trees will need to be removed for the safety of the animals. Trees are vital to our suburb's amenity and should never be removed when there are alternative options such as other proposed sites.

2. I understand once the park is built that the remainder of the park would not be able to be used by dogs off-lead. Currently this is an area used daily by many well behaved social dogs. In truth we don't need a dog park in Edgewater. Generally, dog parks are used by people who don't have strong control of their animals. The dogs currently using the park are kept on-lead if needed or off-lead if their owners are confident of good control. It is a very pleasant social atmosphere for both owners and dogs alike. Confinement to a small structure will not be good for either the dogs or the community.

Please make sure that any future dog park within the city does not require trees to be felled and remove current privileges of use in those parks.

Regards

[- - -]

Edgewater resident and dog owner.

We reside nearest to Chichester Park we own a [- - -] and take him running across both the ovals there and through the trees that connect both the ovals; we actually run with him [- - -] for several kms each time. There is no way he will get enough exercise in an enclosure. He runs off-lead across the park with [- - -], supervised of course. He chases his ball so we all get exercise.

I think it's a great idea. Good socialisation for dogs, it keeps them safe, good to be able to have them off-lead in suitable areas, so they do not bother other park goers who may not want to be around dogs.

Great idea

I think it is a waste of money. Just nominate certain parks where people can exercise their dogs off-leads.

The sooner the better. It's been a long time coming. Can't wait.

Emerald Park Edgewater does not need a fenced dog exercise area. The paths and park itself are ideal. I walk my dogs [- - -] at Emerald Park Edgewater and no one I have spoken to there or my neighbours want a fenced dog exercise area.

I believe the initiatives are a great idea, and another way of bringing likeminded members of the community together.

Great idea. Really do not mind where it is.

I do not agree that establishment of a fenced area should mean I can't exercise my dog Off-lead outside this area if I choose. The beauty of Emerald Park is the dogs have a large area to run. The proposed area of Emerald Park is tiny and not large enough to exercise your dog 3,500 m² is not sufficient area to run your dog — especially not a big dog!

Why not — it's a good idea.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

I haven't yet visited any but would love somewhere to let our dog run free and be sure she'd return to us. We currently only walk her on-lead as she's not reliable enough to have off-lead in open areas.

Verbatim responses — Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area? (N = 847)

Present system of dogs on-leash is fine. Heaps of dogs, cars, etc in one spot is not a good option

We have been to the Wanneroo dog park and our dog really enjoys running around with other dogs and it's a safe place for dogs and their owners to go.

The proposed space in Emerald Park Edgewater is too small. Residents would lose the only off-lead park in Edgewater. The noise level would be very high for surrounding residents.

Chichester is used by most dogs off a leash. It is large and is a great exercise area. Allowing the dogs to run free and chase balls. My [- - -] runs great distances chasing the balls. If your dog is not social, then you have the freedom to not be confined in a much smaller area.

I would have supported an enclosed dog park but not at the cost of the park being a lead-on only park. Dogs need space to run and play, and an enclosed area only suits those with puppies and runners. You disadvantage every other dog owner. I have been to the enclosed dog park at Landsdale and found that owners were more complacent so did not adequately watch their dogs and therefore did not pick up after their animals. There was also more aggression as dog could not escape/get away from an attack. In regard to Chichester (my local) and the proposed location, I fail to see how it can go here when we have disc golf in the same area — I for one don't want to get hit in the head and neither do my dogs. Also, parking is a major issue here in the winter time with soccer users already parking illegally — do we want to add to the issue? The area proposed also becomes extremely muddy and wet in the winter time, so not an ideal location at all. I've been walking my dog here for the past [- - -] years and would be extremely annoyed and frustrated to have another "thing" in Chichester Park. With organised sport, both soccer and cricket, plus the disc golf, coupled with the amount of time the Council are mowing/spraying/testing it's getting harder to even get out in the park now.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

Parking will be an issue, especially when clashing with sporting events at Bramston Park. There will be a huge traffic problem at pick up times when the school opens. We all know that people do not pick up dog faeces and this is going to be a problem when on the doorstep of our community hall, sporting fields and school. This is evident on the walkways to the dog beaches which are littered with dog faeces. Besides being unpleasant, the dog faeces will be a health issue. Bringing dogs into an area frequented by children also raises safety concerns as not all dog owners are responsible. When the school opens it would be nice to have this area available for parents to sit in the shade when there are sporting and other events on. I would like to rather see this space being used for cricket nets for our children — especially when the school opens.

I often see dog owners walk down our street with their dogs off-lead and also on Chichester Park. On many occasions these irresponsible owners allow their dogs to do their business anywhere without then cleaning up after.

Dogs are not a problem in our park (Melene). Most dogs and their humans are friendly enough. However fenced enclosures may protect us from unwanted attention or even attack.

This is a great proposal and long overdue in CoJ. I walk my dog mostly on-lead in Chichester Park but am very wary of other dogs, particularly large dogs, who have charged off from their owners who are often at least 100 metres away and clearly not in control of their animal. It is very confrontational when you don't know that animal. Dogs need exercise to run around — enclosed exercise areas are essential.

I would hate to have the City restrict me to fenced dog exercise areas. One of my dogs is a bit fearful of other dogs and open spaces are ideal for her.

No, but please also consider another dog beach in the Northern Suburbs, disused beaches such as Burns Beach seem ridiculous to be dog prohibited.

Needs to be away from residences. This should not be imposed on landowners who reside close to park areas.

Verbatim responses — Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area? (N = 847)

I've seen fenced areas in action in Queensland in particular and they seem to work well. Certainly, in terms of puppies and young dogs, the owners can have peace of mind regarding their safety and not worry about them coming into contact with vehicles while off-lead. I'm wondering if the Council may ever consider partitioning off some areas so that small dogs can play without big dogs? I'm certainly not trying to be discriminatory here, but most of the small dogs we walk with have been attacked at least once by a large dog. It would provide owners with nervous small dogs a welcome safe exercise alternative. Is this something you would perhaps consider? It would be greatly appreciated if it were possible to implement.

I think due to the proposed future school next to Bramston Park in Burns Beach this would not be a good place to establish a fenced dog exercise area. Also, in that proposed area of Bramston Park, the land is very dipped and wouldn't be ideal for dogs to run around in properly, much of the space would be wasted due to the steep slopes. I feel dog owners would not use that area in that location at all and would still use the level park. I think Elcar Park in Joondalup would not be a good location either due to the lack of parking and the fact that it's located in the middle of a business area. I don't feel it would be used much at all in this area. If a fenced dog area is deemed necessary then I think Chichester Park in Woodvale would be a better option due to the shady trees, level ground and larger area of land available without the fencing being visible from outer roads or park areas.

[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?"] People's back yards
[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?"]
We need more parks where dogs are not allowed at this should be enforced. My [- - -] is highly allergic to dogs and petrified. We frequently visit parks where there are supposed to be no dogs. Neil Hawkins, Mullaloo Beach Park and Hillarys Beach Park, but quite often there are dogs there.

We have been using the Emerald Park for more than [- - -] years. It has a lovely open feel to it and my dogs just love running around the edge and peeing on the trees. We haven't had a negative experience there and hope to be able to continue enjoying the whole park, without having to have our dogs on the lead.

Thank you for considering this! Please would it be possible to separate big and small dogs such as Kingsway fenced dog exercise area?

Fully support the idea provided there is access to shade and water/taps for the dogs :)

It's a great idea. [- - -], who is scared of strange dogs approaching us loves watching the dogs play within the fenced area at North Beach Oval from a safe spot outside the fence and have a play on the playground next to it without dogs constantly running onto the playground and coming close. The dogs seem to have lots of fun although that fenced in area looks quite small. I believe a bigger area would be better so dogs can play together but also have space to retreat if it's getting too much.

It would be fantastic to have at Emerald Park! With the amount of cricket that is played there, it would be good to reduce the amount of disruption dogs occur during these games.

I would welcome a fenced area for dogs to be off-leash if it would mean less off-leash dogs on the oval near me.

It's a good idea to keep dogs safe in an area they can play away from roads and also from disrupting families on the park.

Please consider ensuring that there are water fountains for both dogs and humans as well as considering the installation of agility equipment, if/when finances permit, as in other shires (e.g. Aveley Park, Ellenbrook).

I would love to have an area in Woodvale as I am currently driving to Kingsway. It would be so much more convenient if it was in Woodvale.

It is the few that spoil it for the many! To those who don't clean up and restrain their dogs from being a nuisance. What's wrong with walking their dogs and cleaning up their dog's mess?

Great idea!!

Would be excellent.

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It will be great if the park could be paired with a kids' playground. We find it difficult to find somewhere suitable where we can take both our child and our dog.

[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?"] I would suggest that Elcar Park is the most suitable site primarily as it is located away from residences.

[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?"] Specific concerns with Chichester Park as proposed site. 1. The impact on the natural bushland is a concern, as it is a rare feature amongst parks and the exercise area could be detrimental to the existing flora and fauna. 2. Safety issues for our children — our [- -] enjoy going to the park to play with our dog etc. If we wish to play with the dog it means we have to enter into a confined area with other dogs where the children are at increased risk of being knocked over, injured etc. 3. Safety issue for our dog. We are concerned that may see a rise in dominance/territorial behaviour in dogs due to the confined area. It also impedes our dog enjoyment of the park as she loves exploring the expanse of the park. 4. We live [- -] to Chichester Park and it is currently heavily utilised by sporting groups. With training occurring on week nights as well as weekend usage. Additionally, disc golf was introduced to this park in the last year or so. We currently experience people regularly parking [- -] (and [- -]) and we don't want to see this parking issue further exacerbated as people drive in from surrounding areas to utilise the dog fenced area.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

It would be lovely to have somewhere safe to socialise and exercise dogs in the area.

Do not do Chichester Park as it is not required. Would be a shame to see it happen.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

Separate area for small dogs.

[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?"] Alkimos — A growing community that is only set to grow bigger. Nearest one was Kingsway up until Amberton opened but this is a small enclosed area with no equipment.

[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?"] Ellenbrook has excellent off-lead exercise area suitable for small and large dogs. Can be used to model from this. Must have access to water, shade and seating areas.

Don't agree with it for any park.

Please leave our dog walking areas alone, we do not need a fenced-off area. It's ridiculous, get rid of the stupid saucer throwing people who have no respect for the park leaving beer bottles lying around and not respecting that it is a park!! Fence them in instead away from Chichester Park!! Perhaps you could spend some of our money on upgrading our street lights which are so poor it's not funny. We could get solar lights as the streets are not safe!! It is also dangerous to have small and medium dogs mixed with large dogs!! There are enough attacks as it is!! Our pet dogs need their own space without being fenced in!!

Fantastic idea — not only is the safety of my children from "off the lead" dog attacks an important aspect, we are tired of having to tolerate dog faeces when we play football.

I am concerned that once a park gets a fenced dog exercise area, the rest of the park then becomes an on-lead park. While some need to have their dogs fenced in, there are plenty of dogs who need lots of space to run around and won't get this in the smaller fenced areas. The one in Eclar Park seems ideal as the park doesn't have a local residential community and doesn't seem to be used that much. Most people would need to drive to it already and so if they want an off-leash park, then they could drive elsewhere.

The more fenced areas for dogs the better.

I would support a fenced dog area but only if people walking their dogs along Melene Road kept their dogs on a leash and picked up their dog's faeces. Currently 25% do neither and the rangers don't enforce the rules!

About time :)

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I liked Bramston Park in Burns Beach as it had the best mix of open space for dogs to run and a few surrounding trees. We have had dogs and looked after dogs and so many times there are dogs who like an open space to run with a few surrounding trees in which to mark their territory.

[no comment — signed multi-signatory letter]

I currently use Chichester Park to exercise our dog off-lead as do the vast majority of locals. The proposal to make all other areas of Chichester Park on-lead only would disadvantage the majority of users, as in the proposed area, it would be impossible to sensibly throw a ball for the dogs to retrieve — too many trees/poor grass that is covered in bindii/burrs. It would also disadvantage most dogs and be impossible for youngsters and older people to supervise their dogs. In other council fenced dog areas they are only used by people with very small dogs to walk and wander, not real exercise, whereby Chichester Park has this facility of wide open space that is enjoyed by dog owners who observe the sporting use by not using it whilst sport is in play and generally do a very good job of picking up after their dogs as they are concerned that sport and school children currently use the Park. I strongly oppose Chichester Park being changed to a fenced exercise area. To make the current ovals into an on-lead only area would disadvantage the current and future owners and dogs who use these areas for both exercise and socialising for themselves and their dogs.

About time :)

I just do not think it is necessary, I have had dogs for [- -] of the [- -] years I have lived in the Shire and have never seen a problem. I have seen similar parks in Canada and they create more problems than they fix as too many dogs congregate in too small an area. People would not want to travel kilometres to walk their dog off-leash. The current system works well as people walk their dogs close to home which in effect spreads the dogs out. In an era when walking and staying out of your car is encouraged, the Shire is trying to encourage car use to walk your dog. I feel if created this park will give the Shire Rangers the opportunity to roam around and fine residents for not utilising the facility even though it could be miles away. Young people with no driver's licence will lose their ability to walk their dogs off-leash. There are a lot more important things to spend money on, ie lighting in Gascoyne Park or toilets at the BMX track in Kingsley. Stop looking for reasons to ping residents, you are supposed to be looking after our interests.

It makes it easier for dog owners to train a young dog in a secure place, until the dog is used to the public and other dogs.

I am in favour of all dog parks! I would like to also suggest some fenced in dog parks with lots of area just to throw a ball and run and please some floodlights, can't tell you how amazing it would be for people who work full time to be able to take their dogs for a run at the park somewhere with lighting. Even if you had to pay like \$2 an hour to turn the flood lights on, it would be fantastic to have somewhere large enough to run dogs with a ball. I also live in [- -] in Wanneroo and we would love some Council supplied doggy bags at James Spiers Park Please. Thank you.

The vast majority of dog walkers at Chichester Park are responsible (myself included) and I would hate to see my little dog cooped up in a fenced-off area at his local park. Those in favour can use a park that has an established fenced-off area or is an 'on-lead' park already. Why spend City \$ fixing something that isn't broken?

It is silly, better put more benches and drinking fountains — all Woodvale.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

I enjoy taking my dogs to an open park where they can happily run and chase their tennis balls as my dogs have lots of energy and enjoy the free run as well as socialising with other dogs at the park. It's also a good social gathering for myself and other dog owners present. I feel that dogs on-leads tend to be more protective of their owners and can therefore become more aggressive towards other dogs. I have personally had no problems with my dogs socialising with dogs of various sizes, breeds and ages at Chichester Park. Majority of the dogs that socialise at Chichester have being coming since puppies, therefore there is strong sense of community amongst us owners. It would be heartbreaking if Chichester became like the Kingsway fenced dog park, where many are too scared to take their dogs.

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I don't see the difference between this proposal and a normal dog exercise park, because most people let their dogs off-leashes anyway. My only objection is for Bramston Park, as [- - -] plays soccer there and constantly during games the balls are over-kicked and go down the hill to the proposed fenced dog area. This means people would need to jump the fence to get the balls (which needs to be done quickly as the game is waiting) and this could be dangerous. Not just the jumping over the fence but also with the unleashed dogs in there. Also, the parking overflow on Sunday's during the soccer season is really bad, so this would only increase this problem.

[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?"] Build a new park for an enclosed area — do not ruin an existing one.

[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?"] Creating a fenced area, shoving well behaved dogs in an area, making their lives worse as well as their owners, is a truly horrid idea. Dogs need to run free, far and wide. All these rules and regulations are making people's lives miserable. It's a total nightmare. Stop over policing people. If need be, create a new Park, do not disrupt and destroy things which are currently working. Our area seemed to be perfect, but with the City interference (in building, fenced dog parks etc) it's becoming hell. Just stop. Sincerely, a home owner.

[multiple submissions] Please do not ruin what we have. We purposely bought our house in Woodvale, because of the large off-lead dog area. It's a [- - -] necessary routine, for us and our dog to run free not enclosed in an area. If the Council cares about what residents think — build a new park (away from Chichester) if they wanted an enclosed fenced area, but do not ruin Chichester.

I live [- - -] to Chichester Park in Woodvale. In the early mornings and early evenings there can be up to 30–40 dogs in the park and to place them in one small area would be quite disastrous and is not needed. The great majority, in fact, almost all owners, act highly responsibly and their dogs are all very sociable. At Christmas each year, a BBQ is brought to the park and up to 50–60 owners and dogs congregate to socialise. All the dogs exist in perfect harmony and have rarely ever seen any problems in Chichester Park. The largest concern is that if the exercise area is established and the rest of park made "lead only" this will create a great deal of ill feeling towards the City as the community currently manages its own behaviour at the park and does not need control within a small area. Any rule like that would, of course, need to be policed and I can almost guarantee that the majority of owners will continue to exercise their dogs off-lead in the park, thus making the exercise area a waste of time and money. Please consider a community information and discussion session at Chichester Park so that the City can see and hear for itself how the community is self-regulating and already acting responsibly with its dogs. Please feel free to call me on [- - -] if you wish to discuss further.

I live in Beldon and need one closer to Beldon.

We do not need one, as one in Kingsway area, plus large one at Ellenbrook, plus beaches.

I am opposed to the proposed fenced area in Melene Park: 1. Dogs herded together in a smaller area could become aggressive with each other. 2. Owners can't exercise with the dogs as it's too small an area for owners to have a good walk with their dogs. 3. Grass etc. will suffer with the increased dog and human traffic. 4. Some bushes/trees will be uprooted to support the fenced area. Do not support that either. 5. Dogs with ailments can pass them on to other dogs more easily e.g. kennel cough. 6. Enjoy walking perimeter of Melene Park with our [- - -] dog. Less stressful for her.

It is fantastic to have one — I have to travel to Madeley to use one currently — It is so good to be able to let my dog off their lead in a safe environment — please get one.

Having a fenced dog area would cause problems with lots of dogs in a confined area, in addition there would be additional noise. Rangers would not be able to attend in a timely manner if a situation arose. This would have a negative impact on the current warm community feeling that we currently have in Melene Park where there are no problems with dogs in this park.

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We have been driving to Kingsway dog park which we can't do as often as we would like to because of distance, time and our dog stressing in the car. I love the community connection in the park, there are lots of Joondalup residents in Kingsway Park because of lack of local dog park choices.

I am concerned that the information provided doesn't indicate how big the fenced dog exercise areas would be. It's important that they are big enough and, in my experience they are always too small. Generally, they need to be about twice the size that councils tend to think they should be. Do you intend to have separate areas for small dogs? Will there be a limit on how many dogs can be brought into the area by one person? Will there be restrictions on the areas being used by intact dogs? I do believe that in-season bitches should not be allowed to use these areas. I would suggest that the entry/exit points are the double gates like the ones at Craigie Bushland. The signs about dog etiquette need to include a clear explanation of canine stress signals, preferably with pictures. Why will there be a daytime only restriction? Many people walk their dogs at the end of the day, when they return home from work and this restriction means they will be unable to use the park for several months of the year. How do you propose to police this restriction? I think there should be restrictions on bringing small children/pushchairs into the dog exercise area. I would like to see a minimum age requirement for people in control of any dogs using the area. Please don't include any seats or anything that encourages people to hang around and chat with one another rather than keeping watch on their dogs. Most fenced dog exercise areas that I have seen have fixed agility equipment set up in them. However, if there are plenty of trees, natural bush, fallen logs and suchlike for dogs to sniff, explore and navigate, agility equipment is not necessary. Natural environments enable dogs to engage in sniffing, digging, rolling and other natural behaviours that are enriching for dogs. These types of activities should be an important part of daily exercise for all dogs as they provide mental stimulation which can be as satisfying as 20 minutes of constant ball chasing.

Ability to have two sections to allow a dog to train separate from another group if the dog is frightened easily or not well socialised yet.

Excellent idea and long overdue. You only need to look at the success of the dog areas at Kingsway in Wanneroo. They have shown the need for a dedicated area for small dogs as well as the area open to all.

More the better

Include agility items in the fenced park.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

An extra beach space between Hillarys and Mindarie, especially for little dogs is greatly needed please.

Definitely not a good idea, it will be full of poop as people do not pick their dog poop up (I do). Dogs fight.

Chichester Park already has many structures built in the reserve with the disc golf and more development would detract from the reserve. I don't believe a fenced dog exercise area is a useful spending of ratepayers funds. Would like to see more shading of children's play areas, re-vegetation of native flora etc for Joondalup reserves and park lands

Why do we need a fenced area, this appears to be control gone mad, we won't be able to walk on the grass soon.

Living [- - -] Emerald Reserve and using the reserve to walk our dog I feel I have a pretty good understanding of the level of community understanding and accepted responsibility by dog owners and users of the Reserve. I personally haven't heard of any complaints from the community, sporting bodies or nearby residents regarding dog behaviour, and the Park is kept in excellent condition — dog owners picking up after their dogs. Emerald Reserve is a beautiful park and I would be disappointed to see a specific, reduced area erected for dog exercise as most of us take the opportunity to enjoy a walk around the oval, along the paths and through the trees with our animals.

I like Woodvale to be unchanged. It works fine the way it is.

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I have been working with people and their dogs professionally for [- - -] years. There are very few dogs who do well in an enclosed area with other, unknown dogs while owners stand around and chat. I have found that as soon as there is a fence around a park, owners do not bother training a come-when-called behaviour. In my opinion, fenced dog parks are for human convenience and dogs would much rather walk in a natural area with plenty to sniff with their friends.

Some known issues with fenced dog exercise areas are largely behavioural: 1. Too many dogs in a small confined space creates aggression 2. Loss of enjoyment of the park environment 3. May have negative impact on the relationship between the owner and dog. Defensive Aggression: Dogs are social animals, but they—like us—tend to like familiar faces. Just as we do not routinely meet and chat with everyone we meet on the street, dogs do not need to meet with all other dogs. It often takes some time for one dog to feel comfortable with another; and they need that time to decide how they should react. As we know, time is not always available in a dog park situation. Thus, even friendly dogs that feel uncomfortable can give people the impression that they are “aggressive,” especially when they meet a dog for the first time. If an overly exuberant Labrador Retriever, for instance, approaches a herding mix, the latter dog may snarl or air bite to make the Labrador retreat. After that, as far as the herding dog is concerned, they can meet nicely. However, people are likely to label the herding dog “aggressive,” and punish her (or at least ostracise the owner!). This is a bad learning experience all around. The Labrador hasn’t learned to inhibit his greeting style which he would have if he hadn’t been interrupted by overreacting humans—and the herding dog has learned that a) normal warnings don’t work; and b) her owner won’t back her up. Learned Disobedience: When owners are not careful, dog park play quickly teaches a dog that the owner has no control over him. I’m sure we’ve all seen an owner following her dog, calling vainly as the animal stays just out of range, looks at her from afar, or just totally ignores her. And this is after the dog has learned to bark hysterically in the car all the way to the dog park, followed by pulling the owner through the parking lot, and then bolting away from her as soon as the leash is off. Owner Helplessness: Dogs learn that their owners cannot keep them safe from harm when owners stand by and allow other dogs to play overly roughly, and to body slam and roll them over. When discussing this point, it’s important to understand that the dog’s perception of safety matters even more than the human’s. This can be difficult for owners, who may dismiss their dog’s obvious fear as unwarranted, since they “know” the other dog(s) mean no harm. A dog that is chased or bullied by another dog is not only learning to avoid other dogs, he is also learning that his owner is completely ineffective. The Chihuahua in the photo above may very well be thinking he’s destined to be a meal, but his owner doesn’t seem concerned. This can have a serious impact on the human-dog relationship. Problematic Play Styles: Dog play styles can be radically different, and sometimes they are not compatible with each other’s. This can cause misunderstandings, or even fights, and it can also exacerbate certain play styles. Dogs that tend to be very physical in play often overwhelm other dogs. No one is inhibiting their play style. In fact, owners often laugh at concerns with “don’t worry, he’s only playing.” Playing he may be, but he is also learning, and what he’s learning is not necessarily what we want to be teaching. When bully type dogs play with similar dogs, the only unwanted outcome is that they don’t learn how to be polite with other dogs. If they bully weaker dogs—which often happens—they learn that they can overpower other dogs, and they tend to repeat the behaviour. The weaker dogs learn that cut-off or appeasement signals do not work, and they learn to be afraid of other dogs, sometimes all other dogs, sometimes just dogs that look like the bullies. Resource Guarding: Resource guarding can become very problematic in a park, where resources are often few and far between. Some dogs will guard their own toys, some will try to take items from other dogs. Some keep the items, others just want to taunt the dog who “owns” the toy. Squabbles over resources, including humans sitting at a picnic table or on a bench, can easily erupt into nasty fights. Frustration Aggression: Interestingly enough, leash frustration—a canine temper tantrum—is sometimes an offshoot of dog park experiences. There are a couple of reasons for this. Leash frustration often begins when a dog is so excited at the prospect of playing that he pulls his owner all the way to the park, lunging and barking—sometimes for blocks. His agitated owner pulls back and yells at the dog, thus increasing the arousal. By the time the dog gets to the park, he’s all fired up for something very physical—like a fight.

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[continues] Leash frustration also occurs because dogs that frequent parks mistakenly believe that they can meet any other dog they see. Once again, when thwarted, they tend to pull on the leash, and the owner yanks back. As the frustration builds, the dog appears to be aggressive, thus causing other owners to pull their dogs back in fear. Eventually, leash frustration can lead to real aggression. Often, owners of these dogs will be very confused because their dogs are so good off-leash, and holy terrors on-leash. Facilitated Aggression: Many dogs are very attached to their owners and will hang around near them. Often these dogs are worried about, or afraid of, other dogs, and will growl or display their teeth when they're approached. The owners unwittingly "facilitate" this behaviour by remaining next to their dog, who then counts on them to help if a fight ensues. If this behaviour is repeated often enough—if they feel threatened by a variety of dogs—they may default to that behaviour. Another form of facilitated aggression occurs when two or more dogs in a family visit the dog park. The two may well gang up on a third dog, possibly frightening him or her—or worse. Age: While many dogs enjoy playing with others throughout their life, a substantial number do not, once they have reached social maturity. These dogs will slowly lose interest in other dogs and may signal them to go away. Some dogs become very reluctant to go into dog parks, which—as we have noted—can be out of control. Others will snarl or snap to indicate their displeasure. Arousal: Dogs playing in parks sometimes are unable to calm down, and some can get into a state of sustained arousal that gets them into trouble. A dog that has been involved in an incident in which the excitement level is very high, might inappropriately and uncharacteristically start other incidents, often with un-wanted outcomes. Trauma: Finally, a traumatic experience can make an impact on a young dog that cannot be fully understood nor erased. A puppy or adolescent who is attacked may well show aggressive behaviours that begin after that incident. Sometimes a young dog can be traumatised by what the owners think are minor events. I liken that kind of trauma to that suffered by a child who is traumatised, perhaps by getting stuck in an elevator. After the first experience, all elevators are bad—even though she knows intellectually that all elevators are not bad. Pity the poor puppy, who doesn't have the reasoning to know that what occurred once does not always happen again. The Power of Knowledge: Owners, of course, play an important role in dog parks, and often don't accept the responsibility they should. Many don't pay attention to their dog, and many have no idea what constitutes proper behaviour, or what a dog may be signalling to another dog. Some defend their dogs when the animal exhibits poor or inappropriate behaviour. Some overreact to a normal interaction, in which one dog discourages the attention of another. Occasionally, some owners use parks as babysitters, even leaving their dogs unattended while they shop. And most owners have far less control over their dogs than they believe! Educating owners is a tough job. Many believe firmly that they are socialising their dogs in the proper way, and don't like suggestions that they limit dog park time or monitor their dog and others. Teaching them what good play looks like is a first step and empowering them to actually interrupt poor interactions is a necessary second step. Often, people don't want to offend other dog owners, so they allow poor behaviour to continue.

The fenced areas proposed are far too small to be useful and would limit the use of the park.

We believe this is a great idea as the block sites don't allow dogs anywhere enough exercise area. For example, we have a [- - -] next door at no. [- - -] which "very rarely!" is taken out for exercise. It must be so bored as it barks at anything and everything that moves past our properties, in particular the postman twice every day.

Melene Park — we have a dog, which is kept on a lead. Dog owners who frequent Melene Park are very inconsiderate and let dogs run up to babies and toddlers in the playground and our dog has been attacked by the pack on many occasions. We no longer walk our dog anywhere near Melene. A fenced area would be fantastic for owners who wish to let their dogs off the leash!!

Great idea; keep dog away from roads.

I do not want the fenced area to be in Chichester Park. As a [- - -], this park is perfect for my dogs and I to share a good long walk and play fetch. Dog owners do not exercise the dogs in the fenced areas, they just stand about, a bored dog is often a problem dog.

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Concerns about having a smaller area for off-leash dogs at Melene Park. We visit [- - -] with our dog and up to [- - -] to [- - -] other people and their dogs and walk laps of the oval. A confined area will lead to possible conflict between dogs as they don't have the whole oval to run around on and will be in close proximity. The grass will quickly get churned up and become sandy and at present there are prickles in the selected area. At the moment the dogs all get on and all owners are responsible and pick up waste and control their dogs. Yes, there have been a few incidents with people not controlling their dogs but they are the minority. Us owners will lose out on exercise by not walking the laps with our dogs. This is a popular park for dog owners to let their dogs off-leash and there is quite a community of people using it. My experience shows that the dog owners and sporting clubs are coexisting in harmony.

[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?"] None

[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?"] This is just an attraction of barking, noisy dogs, an added noise level which is certainly not required in our neighbourhood. Not to mention the unacceptable smell, because far too many dog owners don't clean up their dog mess in the streets. So why would they clear up in the park area? The dog beaches stink enough, so please keep the parks clean. If people want to exercise their dogs, then they can take them to Whitfords Beach.

It's a great idea. Currently travel to City of Wanneroo to use their fenced dog exercise area.

I think this is a brilliant idea and there should be more dog established parks to promote a healthy lifestyle.

I do not think the fenced dog exercise area should be a place where children actively play and train for sport, ie not Bramston Park Burns Beach as it is the home of Westside Soccer.

As I consider myself to be a responsible dog owner I have objections to the dog exercise area. We have already made way for disc golf. I have been walking my dog on Chichester Park for the last [- - -] years as have many other dog owners, I find that once again we are having to make way for others. Currently this park operates on a great level with many long-term residents enjoying walking their dog with the freedom to be off-leash. There is a great community feel about the park and I have never seen any disputes of any kind with either other dog owners or sports people or just those who enjoy the park itself.

I have seen these exercise areas in other locations and are well utilised. Emerald Park in Edgewater has a larger number of dogs unleashed in the park which I find a bit intimidating and unsettling for families with young children. I think this idea will encourage families to use the park more often.

Establishing these areas is a waste of time and money. People will ignore these as they will continue to walk their dogs around the parks as is the custom now. Most will continue to let dogs go unleashed to roam free. Why would they use a designated area as I am sure Council won't be constantly patrolling and fining. Forget it!!!

Please visit Kingsway exercise park or ask Wanneroo rangers; the place is a nightmare. Chichester Park is a pleasure to visit with my [- - -] — never any problems, so why would you change it?

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

I have been asking for ages for one, I love to let the dog play, but he runs off which is very stressing, he needs to exercise and can't get enough on a lead. Would love it to happen.

The removal of off-leash parks when a small dog park fenced-off area is in place is not acceptable. I have a [- - -] that requires large open spaces to exercise and, having lived in other Cities with fenced-off exercise areas, I can say they are not adequate.

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I live [- -] Melene Park in Duncraig and have done so for [- -] years. The park was established approximately 35 years ago and [- -] we have owned dogs and walk them regularly on Melene Park [- -]. To my knowledge there has never been any serious incidents that would lead to the requirement to create a separate dog enclosure here. Conversely, I believe if all dogs were contained within a relatively small area that it would lead to many more fights between dogs. In a large park they can distance themselves from dogs they don't like, in an enclosed area they have no escape. I also believe the wooded areas to be included in the proposed park area are inappropriate as it would lead to an accumulation of dog droppings mainly under the many large grass trees that currently exist as it is extremely difficult to physically crawl under these to pick up after a dog. I would not like to see these grass trees removed. Additionally, the proposed area is adjacent to cricket practice nets which are frequently used. I believe cricket balls from the nets would often be hit into the dog exercise area and potentially cause significant injury to dogs and their owners. Parking is also a problem on Melene Park as although there is an existing car park, it is on the eastern side of the park off Glengarry Drive and the proposed exercise area is on the western side which I believe would lead to people parking their vehicles on the verges of Melene Road and Ludwig Place creating a potential safety hazard (people already park in Ludwig Place when using the park for cricket on weekends and for training during the week). Finally, I believe based on my experience of living [- -] and using Melene Park [- -] for [- -] years that the great majority of people using the park do so to exercise both themselves and their dogs. By creating a relatively small enclosed area this would preclude that activity leading to unhealthier lifestyles, encouraging people to just sit down and let their dogs run free in the enclosure. The basic pleasure of throwing a ball and having your dog retrieve it would be a thing of the past. I implore the City to reconsider this proposal and look at alternative ways they can create areas where dogs and people can enjoy a healthy happy lifestyle. I believe this would best be achieved by creating new parks dedicated to this purpose, rather than trying to retrofit older parks that have operated very well for many years. I also believe that if the City is considering enclosed dog exercise areas that it is extremely important to create separate areas for large dogs and small dogs. Small dogs are often intimidated by larger dogs and adopt either a flight or fight response. In an enclosed area they can't run away.

I would not like to see an enclosed dog exercise area in Chichester Park. We have enough dogs in the Park we don't need to encourage more people to bring their dogs. It is a beautiful park so why spoil it.

Great idea! The only thing I would say about Chichester Park is that there's a lot of people who regularly walk their dogs there anyway and it'd be a shame to make it an on-lead park because of an off-lead dog park. Also, please make sure that both small and large dog parks are provided as has recently been installed at the dog park in Madeley and the existing dog parks in Aveley and Whiteman Park.

I believe fenced dog exercise areas are a way of keeping everyone in the community happy. People can enjoy a dog free area and people with dogs can enjoy watching their dogs interact in a safe area. Well done!

The idea of separating off-lead dogs from the general public, on the face of it, seems good. However, there is little benefit to residents/ratepayers unless the concept is more widely adopted throughout the City of Joondalup.

If a fenced dog area is to be made available, perhaps put it out of individual suburbs and in the City Centre or a commercial precinct, so local home owners don't have to put up with an influx of dogs and dog owners to their neighbourhood. It's strange to believe in this this day and age, but not everybody is fond of the noisy smelly things.

I would like to see no dogs at all on parks where community sports or schools use the area. People, and especially children, should not have to play on a dog toileting area. All other public parks should be on-leash only as there is too much trouble through people not controlling their dogs off-leash. Too many people also turn a blind eye to where their dogs poo. There should be a designated dog park fenced for dogs to be let off-leash and under control.

It's a great idea. Perhaps if there was a big dog area and a small dog area?

Would be a major benefit in the City that I strongly would support the use of.

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(1) Fully support the proposal. (2) Hope that in time more parks can have these fenced areas. (3) Especially with some tree cover in the fenced area. (4) Great if the fenced area was available in the early morning and evening, too, when there is a little daylight and it is still cool in temperature. (5) From observation, most of the doggy poo not picked up comes from dogs off the leash. If dogs off the leash are in the fenced area, then there is more likelihood that this poo will be contained within the fenced dog exercise area. Therefore, this proposal may help to reduce the doggy poo not picked up in the unfenced area of the same park where sport, children playing and residents exercising and walking their leashed dogs have to keep an eye out to avoid stepping in the poo, especially when it is dark and more difficult to spot the poo. (6) From experience and observation, dogs on the leash and their handlers are often threatened or feel threatened by unleashed dogs that run up to them with their handlers often at some distance. Many of the dog fights in the park occur in this situation and often the leashed dog and their handler are physically hurt and/or mentally traumatised by the incident and never return to exercise in the park. This proposal will reduce the negative consequences of leashed and unleashed dogs coming into contact, with separating leashed dogs in the unfenced area and unleashed dogs in the fenced area. (7) This proposal will also help reduce the risk, in the unfenced area, of unleashed dogs running up to and potentially attacking children playing in the playground and others exercising. In the playground, parents and carers often sit on the bench watching while their children explore and use the equipment in the playground and in some cases unleashed dogs come running up to the children causing mental trauma and/or physical injury before the parents and carers can respond. (8) Reasons for running off the unfenced park include: dogs being chased by other dogs, usually unleashed, but sometimes their handlers have lost contact with their leash; dogs seeing a cat or some other distraction on the other side of the road; early days of off-leash training, afraid of the park and running home. (9) The gate leading into the fenced area needs to allow dogs and their handlers to enter without letting other dogs already in the area to escape.

[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?"] No!

[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?" — multiple submissions] No, I don't. I think any of the above parks, especially Chichester in Woodvale, should have a fenced dog exercise area.

[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?"] Crazy idea! Having walked my dogs for nearly [- - -] years at Chichester Park Woodvale, I am dismayed at such a proposal. Why? What is the idea based on? Has anyone visited the park to ascertain if there is an issue??? Waste of money!

[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?" — multiple submissions] I have many comments about this...I have exercised my dogs in this park for about [- - -] years. People and their dogs walk regularly in this park, most of the dogs are off their leads. There has never been a problem with dogs being off-leads, or the need to have a separate dog exercise area. People who wish to have their dogs on-leads simply do so...Fencing-in an area will mean that a lot of unleashed dogs will be running around in a very small area, whilst the rest of the dogs have to walk on their leads around a massive area, stupidity! I do not understand the need for any taxpayers' money to be wasted on this proposal. Could you tell me please if any of the creators of this idea have actually visited Chichester Park and seen the harmony and great social benefits to walking dogs in is beautiful setting? Not fencing them and the dog owners in! I strongly oppose this idea and would like to know why such a proposal is being presented. I have never seen any disharmony at Chichester Park. Surely there are better ways to spend our rates money where it is really needed.

The one in Edgewater will be too small, backing onto fence lines of people homes. My dog thoroughly enjoys chasing balls at full speed and would not be able to do this safely with trees in the way. Dogs are fenced in at their homes why do it when they are out enjoying themselves.

It would be essential to have two separate areas, one for large dogs and a separate area for small dogs.

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I think it's brilliant, every time I think this time my dog will cross the road. It is a stressful dog exercise park for me, though my dog loves the place. Many dogs get closer to the road for food leftovers thrown by teenagers who are using the skateboard station.

Yes please.

My house is [- - -] the proposed site in Chichester Park. Dog owners in general let their dogs of the lead as soon as they hit the park which is a safety issue. Additionally, dog owners will park on the verge, footpath as they do now to obtain closest access, causing congestion and a danger to the children who use the nearby play equipment, who I have seen run onto the road between parked cars on the verge.

It is a very good idea to have fenced dog exercise areas as long as there is one for small dogs and another for larger dogs.

A fenced dog area would mean the rest of the park became "on-lead". My children have had dogs run up to them when owners have not had control and now they are hesitant around dogs. I would love my children to be able to walk confidently to their local park when old enough, without the constant fear of dogs jumping on them.

I think this is very much needed in the City of Joondalup and would be a great addition and save driving so far to a dog park.

I think they are a fantastic idea and, if possible, should have them in as many of the parks as we can. Great way to exercise our dogs in a safe area for a good off-leash run.

As long as we don't end up restricted to these types of parks being the only option to walk off the lead. I'm not particularly a fan of fenced dog parks and am unlikely to use them. They can be smelly and, being enclosed, dogs can become territorial or feel trapped.

It needs to have 6 ft fencing and separate areas for different sized dogs.

Melene Park proposal site is on the opposite side of the oval to the car park so local residents will suffer verge parking. It will impinge on a lovely community of locals who gather there daily to chat, walk and exercise. One couple [- - -]! It would ruin it for the fantastic off-lead group of locals.

I liked the Bramston Park in Burns Beach as it had the best mix of open space for dogs to run and a few surrounding trees. We have had dogs and looked after dogs and so many times there are dogs who like an open space to run with a few surrounding trees in which to mark their territory.

1. Have lived [- - -] years with no dog fence — no problems. 2. Fenced area — more dogs closer. Possible confrontation greater. 3. Are you going to fence all ways to fenced area, or bring by car? 4. Most dog owners pick up. Is this why fencing suggested? 5. Funds could be utilised better.

Please make the fence high enough that a big [- - -] can't jump it. I took him to dog exercise area next to Kingsway netball courts and he jumped the fence and nearly got run over. He can jump a 120 cm fence without even a run up.

A small fenced area with untrained dogs is a recipe for disaster. You need to encourage owners to train their dogs, not force them together with the rest of the pack. It's a punishment for owners who train their dogs. A small area for small dogs is fine but not if you make the rest of the park off limits for off-lead dogs.

Yes, a great idea for the community and dogs in all areas.

Please leave Chichester Park in Woodvale exactly as it currently is.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

We need more of them! :)

We do not need a dog fenced area at Chichester Park with all dogs enjoying lead free time across the ovals.

I have walked my dog in Chichester Park for [- - -] years. Chichester Park is well utilised by both dog and non-dog owners and I have not seen any conflict in that time. The dog community is responsible, and I do not see the need for a segregated area.

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It's a sad state when we need fences to keep owners responsible. We have walked our dogs without incident at Bramston Park for years. The fact this even needs to be governed is terrible.

This would be a great way to ensure that dogs are controlled within fenced areas. The ability for dogs to be off the leash in parks is too ambiguous at the moment and the City of Joondalup has required a dog park for a long time now — it's about time it happened.

Reasonable idea. However, with the infill proposed for Woodvale, the suburb needs every bit of parkland. Parking will be a nightmare for Chichester and Landor Gardens residents. Did not know we had an open [illegible] in the park. 1. Chichester is also a re-fueling station during the bushfire season (helicopters) 2. Trappers Drive will be a source of parking and it is already full in [illegible] sport.

*I strongly object to this proposal at any of the above parks.
[also signed multi-signatory letter]*

Move it inland into the State Forest area where the smell and noise won't be noticed by residents.

Fully support for Emerald Park to prevent dogs interrupting sports games.

I strongly oppose the use of Emerald Park as I do not agree with this park being turned into a lead only park. The community spirit while everyone walks their dogs and plays is very special. I don't have a dog myself but hold this dear for my [- -] and [- -] who love the dogs. We wouldn't get this experience with a lead on park and fenced-off-leash area.

We need 2 exercise areas: one for smaller dogs and one for larger dogs.

I am a resident of [- -] in Joondalup and fully support a dog exercise area in Elcar Park. I have also met with [- -] and appreciate her support on this park.

Reasons for this area being selected in my opinion would be established parking areas, trees, park benches and water access. It would be great if there could be two separate areas to exercise small and large dogs separately.

Looking forward to the result of the public comments.

Can you please let me know this notification has reached the correct area.

Regards

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Very much needed and would be really welcome!

This proposal is long overdue. Key elements which may be considered in the fenced dog exercise area would include agility equipment, a mixture of natural elements such as bushland, shade trees, sand, grass, off-lead bush walking, drinking fountains for both owners and dogs, adequate waste collection bins and bags, seating areas for owners, proximity to play area so that the outing can be a family experience.

Sorry, I'm not a dog person. There are too many dog owners who choose not to obey the already signed notices. I see no reason why they will subscribe to this initiative.

Being a [- -] user of Chichester Park, I am strongly opposed to a fenced dog exercise area being established there. The current open space currently allows my dog to burn off energy while chasing a ball, reducing disturbances to my neighbours [- -]. My previous experience with fenced dog exercise areas do not provide a big enough area for my dog, and are overwhelming, as much like humans, not all dogs get along with each other. This is usually aggravated by the dogs being enclosed in a small space and does not allow for the dogs to avoid each other if need be. Again, my previous experience with enclosed dog areas usually results in people who do not have control over their dogs bringing them to these areas as they feel more comfortable letting their dogs off-lead. The current set up of Chichester allows me to go to the park [- -] during the night as a [- -] and feel comfortable that the regular dog walkers in my community who I see and speak to [- -] will be there. Changes to this community feel will definitely result in me not comfortably walking my dog, as people outside of our community will come to the fenced dog park.

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[from “Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?”] Any park in Padbury. Lots of dogs in the Padbury area.

[from “Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?”] Put one in the Padbury area please!

Why does the Council want to have fenced dog exercise areas? There is no information about the need to have these areas and what the outcomes would be. We walk at Chichester Park. There have been no adverse incidents in the [- - -] years we have been walking there and indeed most users of the park are dog owners/walkers. Sports are played there, but many weekends there is no one except dog walkers. If the fenced areas happen, how does the Council envisage them working. Small dogs, large dogs, puppies, older dogs just hanging around. No space to run and chase balls and indeed very likely to be trouble because the dogs are like prisoners in the exercise area — limited and unable to get away from unsavoury characters. The stakeholders are dog walkers, it is almost as if the Council has a problem with dog walkers and are intent on limiting their exercise areas. Most dog owners are responsible, paying for dog registration as well as their Council rates. Dogs do not leave pizza boxes, coca cola cans and beer bottles. You stopped dogs being off-leash at Warwick Open Space, Craigie and now looking to have fenced areas in these parks with the remaining parkland to be on-leash only. Why is the Council so determined to be anti-dogs? Dogs need to exercise and run off excess energy. They need to socialise, smell the plants and engage with their surroundings. Walking them on-leash doesn't satisfy those requirements.

With more and more people adopting greyhounds it would be great if, once a month, an existing or new northern suburbs dog park could be exclusively set aside to exercise greyhounds at a set time (early morning or evening). Our only options at the moment are to pay to use the Morley Vet yard or pay other private property owners.

Please install water facilities for dogs and owners.

I am against any fenced areas, in any park that limits the area a dog has to run and play with other dogs and would make keeping dogs apart that do not get on together, even harder to do, this suggestion is totally ridiculous.

Referring to Chichester Park only. We dog walkers at present can roam all over the park without any barriers. There are no problems from the dogs at all. All of the dogs are off their lead. It took us a long time just to get a drinking fountain put in. Don't ruin a good park for dog walking. If it isn't broke don't mend it. Dogs need to be able to run and run just for the exercise. If you change Chichester Park in any way for dog walking it will not be for the better. PS: where Chichester Park is concerned, how about getting on and getting us a bigger and better club house. Now that is needed.

Please allow for smaller dog area. Much safer for all if there are two areas.

This is a waste of ratepayers' money. Dog owners will not use it and will continue to let their dogs off the leash once they enter any park. I witness this every day at Gascoyne Park. Instead, put the money to better use or alternatively reduce my rates.

[no comment — signed multi-signatory letter]

Stop wasting our money on stupid, pathetic ideas.

This park is extremely well used by dog owners in this area. It has become a wonderful source of community for many elderly residents and others. We have lived in Woodvale [- - -] years and have used this park [- - -]. There are rare problems associated with dogs. The main problem we have is the rubbish including cans, bottles, cigarette butts and tape left after the various football matches — especially on a Monday morning. It would be ridiculous to inhibit the dogs and owners to a small area — this in itself is a non-sensical approach considering the number of dogs utilising the park. My suggestion is as above — Palm Park would be preferable and is very under-utilised.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

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Personally, I think dog parks should have trees...dogs love trees. But, not surrounding the park or in one corner like Bramston Park. The trees need to be scattered throughout the park...(shade for dogs and owners). Have at least 3 fountains for water. And I have noticed, as I go to North Beach Dog Park, that both large and small dogs play well together...no need to separate them.

I think it's a great idea, it'll give our loved dogs place to run off the lead without being fined or upsetting others that are enjoying the park for their own reasons. My dog spends all his time on a leash when out of yard which seems really rough. I'd like to see him enjoy himself to the fullest without any worries, eg getting hit by a car, and if I was to let my dog off-leash, at least in a fenced area, and we didn't want to go back on-leash, he would??? And get used to it and I'll feel less stress watching him play with others and being 'safe'!

Elcar Park would be fantastic as it's in a very busy area. A fence on the top and sides of the park would be ideal.

I do not support fences in dog parks at all. To me this is like a zoo. Small areas and unsuitable ground covering like wood chips are not good. Most dogs do not cause any problems at all. Let them be free and supervised by their owners. No fenced-off areas are required.

Make sure there's enough parking whichever park is chosen.

[multiple submissions] Hi there,

As a resident of Duncraig, I'd like to provide feedback on the potential dog park at Melene Park. Of all the suggested options, this one is closest to residential homes which will impact negatively for those living there due to increased noise and traffic. The car park is also not near the space, meaning potential increased cars, traffic and parking on the kerb on Melene Road — again, negatively impacting those living there.

Can you please take this into consideration.

With thanks,

[- - -]

Largely overdue. Would benefit from lots of equipment like at the Cedarwoods Bushmead Estate dog park.

Keep well away from residents' homes.

Good idea

Good idea

100% support a fenced dog exercise area and would suggest it is located in the northern part of City of Joondalup. The City of Wanneroo have a fenced exercise area in Kingsway — thus catering for residents in the southern and eastern areas. Additionally, City residents have access to the fabulous beach dog exercise area at Hillarys — thus provision of dog exercise area in a northern location would be appropriate and fair.

Can't wait. Would use it every week.

A good park would be a welcome addition given the nearest park is around 20 minutes away. There is a large amount of dog owners who would welcome this.

Bramston Park is not suitable as no natural shading is offered. Also there are few enough parks where dogs can be off-lead. The area proposed is not big enough for the number of dogs that use Bramston Park.

Allow private hire for reactive dogs.

The proposed area in Edgewater will be too small and will then mean dogs will have to be on-leash — current park is big enough for all to run and exercise in space.

If it is installed at Melene Park, I hope the cricket nets are not taken down.

I am not a dog owner, but I am concerned about potentially fencing in an area of bushland in Chichester Park. I think it will significantly change the natural feel of the park. I have no issue with dog owners exercising their dogs off the lead. Most owners seem responsible. There is often a lovely vibe in the park in the early evening when dog owners congregate to chat, and the dogs run free. I don't think this would be the same in a fenced in area under the trees. I think it could cause more issues having all the dogs running around in a concentrated area.

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Just require bins and bags for dog refuse and regular patrols so dog owners are made to be vigilant re dog behaviour and refuse of dog poo in bins.

As the park already has a large dog population, it would be a great boost to the community, both small dogs and large and keep mess to a minimum.

Think it would be a great idea!

Fenced dog exercise parks are ok for small breed dogs but when it's for all sizes it becomes dangerous. I have had my [- - -] dislocated and fractured from a large dog running into me and I would not like to be in a confined area with larger dogs.

Park in Edgewater interferes with existing pathways. Parks already used by dog owners, why is there a need for this area? While it says parking will not be an issue — it will be.

Really great idea. Please can you accommodate a separate all dogs and a separate small dogs area. This model has been adopted at Kingsway (Wanneroo Council). It stops small dogs barking at larger dogs and stops large dogs shepherding small dogs.

Most of the proposed areas are too small to effectively exercise a number of bigger dogs simultaneously, or unsuitable for ball throwing. I believe a park more central for the whole of Joondalup would be more equitable, so I believe Elcar is the best proposal. Will a water fountain and agility equipment be on the cards? Or an extension to separate smaller and larger dogs? Thank you for proposing a fenced dog park!

Please have full height fencing. I know it is unsightly, but as the owner of a [- - -], they can easily jump a great height when spooked. I cannot take him anywhere off-lead as he can run very fast. If a low fence is installed, and he happens to jump out, he may run a great distance before I can get to him. Thanks.

Too far; don't drive.

I 100% support this! One thing I noticed moving back to Perth after living over east, was the lack of options for fenced park areas to take my dog. Having another fenced dog exercise area would be great! I feel much safer taking my dog to a fenced area for her to exercise (she's a [- - -]) and she loves them too! I really believe there should be more fenced in dog parks north of the river.

[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?"] Elcar is probably most suitable being in a commercial hub without a resident community.

[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?"] Residents using their community park will be penalised by being denied off-lead exercise across all areas of their usual park because of a pen being installed for untrained dogs. If such a construction is deemed necessary, other dog owners who do not need a fenced area should not be required to use it for off-lead exercise. The concentration of dogs confined to a relatively small area would lead to conflict of interest exercise of training. Local ratepayers will be forced elsewhere and disrupt our tightknit community. PS We trained our dogs with the [- - -] — so could others.

It should have been established years ago.

[- - -] I use Chichester Park with a [- - -]. There is normally 10 dogs on one oval using balls to fetch and run around. The fenced area would be too small for the number of dogs in the area. We all have decent back yards, but come to the park for the open area. Money should be spent on new play equipment, like an adventure playground. Some of the equipment is very old and encouraging more outdoor play would be beneficial for the community.

Please ignore the ranking scale as I don't know the parks mentioned. I wanted to say about the Carine Park that we wouldn't use it as our dog is stressed by the behaviour of other dogs in a fenced dog exercise area. When my [- - -] were younger and for our [- - -] I would have preferred to have the play park fenced.

I take my dog to the dog park at Charles Riley Reserve frequently, and it is such a community hub. Everyone knows each other, the dogs all know each other, it's just such a friendly environment. I think the City of Joondalup residents would benefit greatly from having a fenced dog exercise area.

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You have stuffed up Emerald Park with dirty woodchips, now you are talking about an ugly fence! Leave the park alone.

[from “Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?”] We oppose all fenced-in dog exercise areas proposed.

[from “Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?” — multiple submissions] We oppose all fenced-in dog exercise areas.

[from “Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?” — multiple submissions] I cannot see any need for a fenced in dog exercise area anywhere. We are responsible dog owners.

[from “Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?”] Chichester Park, Woodvale — We strongly oppose the implementation of any enclosed dog exercise areas because we feel this punishes responsible dog owners and their pets. Currently, we have the freedom to exercise our dog on multi-use, publicly owned land and the introduction of enclosed exercise areas will prohibit this. Your information pack does not state why the City of Joondalup wishes to introduce this. Can you please tell us why? If this is to prevent dog fouling it will not succeed as irresponsible owners will not pick up after their dogs whether on- or off-leash. As responsible owners, we would support increased enforcement and penalties for dog fouling. If this is in response to incidents involving dogs can you supply information on the number of incidents in the last five years? I believe implementing a fenced-in exercise area is a waste of public funds and could be better used on upgrading children's play facilities or the locally supported skate park. The area the City proposes to fence on Chichester Park is a tiny 7,400 square metres. The area proposed is bushland and has lots of trees. The ground is uneven and full of husks etc which is not nice to walk/run on under foot or under paw and the City state they have no intention to remove any trees. Currently, dogs have access to run on smooth grass playing fields and it is heart-warming to see dogs have this freedom. Furthermore, we feel that the information pack does not depict the full proposal. The photograph showing the proposed fenced in area for Chichester Park should actually show the full size of Chichester Park, so residents can see at a glance the real amount of space they will have to run their dogs. The Chichester Park proposal is very deceptive as the other four park photographs show full picture. There are many, many dogs that exercise on Chichester Park daily and to force them into a small area would, we believe, increase the potential for conflict regardless of whether you place signage up outlining the rules and etiquette of the park. Please do not take away our ability to freely exercise our dogs locally.

[from “Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?” — multiple submissions] Chichester Park, Woodvale — We strongly oppose the implementation of any fenced in dog exercise area as this takes away the right of responsible dog owners to exercise their dogs freely on multi-use, publicly owned spaces. After reading the information pack we cannot see the Council's reason for proposing a fenced dog exercise area. Can you please tell us why the Council deems this necessary? If this is to stop dog fouling it will not succeed as irresponsible owners will not pick up after their dogs whether on- or off-leash. I am a responsible pet owner and always clean up after my dog as do the majority of dog owners on our park. If this is to prevent incidents involving dogs, can you please supply information on how many such incidents there have been in the last five years. Maybe the Council could provide additional waste bins to encourage non-compliant owners to clean up after their dogs. There are many, many dogs that are exercised on Chichester Park each day and there is a vast amount of green space that the dogs happily run around on. The area you propose to fence in is a mere 7,400 square metres. Not only is the area tiny compared to the space the local dogs now use but the area currently has lots of trees and is rough ground under foot and under paw. The information pack states the Council does not intend to remove any trees so the proposed space is not suitable for dogs to run on. We feel the number of conflicts between off-lead dogs will increase in a small, fenced dog exercise area. Signage outlining the rules and etiquette of the park would make no difference to this. Please do not take away our right to exercise our dog freely.

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We have been to the one at Kingsway and loved it; safe for all concerned.

Make sure it has a good fast flowing adult and dog water fountain. Sand pit would be nice. Factor in shelter — trees or actual shelter.

I consider it is very important to have a separate small dog area, in view of the number of attacks by large dogs on small ones.

My main concern is the clearing of the existing mature trees that would be required in the majority of the mentioned parks. Any of the proposals should consider that. With regard to Emerald Park, I also have concerns around parking. At a number of events people haven't parked in the appropriate parking lots and off Wedgewood Drive which impacts the existing foot/cycle path. And with the location currently proposed, this would encourage parking there as people may be too lazy to park near the community centre. I would also not feel very safe riding along the footpath anymore which I do at least [- - -]. And getting in and out of Wedgewood Drive and onto Joondalup Drive can be sometimes challenging already, which would be expected to worsen if there was a dog exercise area on that corner.

I think it's a great idea!!

Can the park be split into large and small dogs?

I think it is a wonderful idea for the City of Joondalup to have a fenced dog area!

Leave Chichester Park as is. It's lovely being down there with all the dogs. It makes you feel like you have one but don't have to do the work. This is one park that works really well so should stay as it is.

[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?"] No park is suitable for a fenced dog exercise area.

[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?"]

I am opposed, especially to the proposed fenced area in Melene Park where I have walked our [- - -] for the past [- - -] years: 1. Dogs herded together in a smaller area could become aggressive with each other. 2. Owners can't exercise with their dogs as it's too small an area for owners to have a good walk with their dogs. 3. Grass etc. will suffer with the increased dog and human traffic. 4. Some bushes/trees will be uprooted to support the fenced area. Do not support that either. 5. Dogs with ailments can pass them on to other dogs more easily e.g. kennel cough. 6. Enjoy walking perimeter of Melene Park with our [- - -] dog. Less stressful for her. 7. The car park is on the opposite side to the proposed exercise area. 8. Parking on Melene Drive or Ludwig Place will create more problems for the residents. 9. Have seen these exercise areas in Europe and South America, they deteriorate the area and surrounds very quickly and look very ugly.

As far as Melene Park, which I totally oppose, this is a beautiful park and should not be degraded visually (an example of poor shire decisions is Town of Cambridge skateboard structure — destroys visual beauty of park!!!) by building a dog exercise area.

I think there needs to be 2 dog areas, one for small dogs and one for larger dogs which will avoid fighting and ultimately negative behaviours from those people who don't teach their dogs the right behaviours. The small dog part should be for breeds no taller than say a King Charles spaniel and all others would be classed as large dogs thus allowing all dogs to have the freedom to socialise and play. All dogs should be vaccinated, tagged and licenced through the Council and there would need to be some policing of this by the Council to ensure that those who have dogs are paying to use the facilities through their licence fees.

I strongly disapprove of a fenced dog area at Chichester Park as this park is also a disc golf park, has football, cricket and soccer games, so adding more enclosures would not be ideal. Also, it's not near a main road so does not pose a risk of having dogs running into the road. There's currently a lot of work going on here with the underground pipe system so more disturbances are uncalled for.

It would be good to have a little coffee van dedicated to pets and parents with doggy friendly treats for after exercising.

I think this is a great idea and hope it goes ahead.

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Liked the Elcar Park option as it's nice and big but put it as a lower preference as 1. it has no toilet, and 2. it seems to lack parking spaces with just six listed as available (unless verge parking is available there?). Parking is a really important aspect of wherever you choose for the dog park. Having a fenced dog park is no good if you can't drive there, especially in a semi-commercial area as this, as people will travel from across the LGA to get to the fenced dog park and need direct access — this is especially as people often take dogs that can't be trusted in other, more open parks to fenced dog parks as they know they won't have to worry about them running off into traffic (so the more direct route from parking to the park, the better). I, and many other dog owners in the region, frequently travel to visit the North Beach fenced dog park, as it has plentiful parking, good surrounds, and also is incorporated into a nice larger recreation facility and lovely landscaped grounds. It isn't plonked in the middle of nowhere. It also is adjacent to an area that the dog can be taken for a pleasant and long or short leashed walk through nice surrounds before and after playing off-leash in the fenced area. This is important as dogs need both types of exercise/play. Just having a dog park in the middle of nowhere precludes this. City of Stirling's North Beach fenced dog park is an ideal fenced dog area, and much preferred by us and friends over Lansdale etc. This is because it has a great mix of free run space, ambience, different surfaces (the big sandpit is great), practicality and access (to toilets, parking, drink fountains, etc). It is also not too close to non-dog facilities that dog owners feel they have to be constantly checking the dog when leaving/arriving/going between the park and parking. These are all factors to consider. Thank you.

Having it close to the Kingsway or North Beach fenced in areas is pointless. Making it closer for more northern Joondalup residents would be a better choice. Also, please consider a large area similar to Kingsway, so that large dogs can make use of the space too.

I don't like plan of not being able to walk the dog off-lead in the park if there is a fenced area.

Great idea!

Having a fenced area is fine, but not all dogs are suited to these areas. 1 of my dogs is not good with other dogs and does not do well in these areas. People tend to let their dog run wild in these areas, people need to have an alternative area away from these dogs.

Please put two fenced dog exercise areas: one for large dogs; one for small dogs. Often the large dogs scare the smaller dogs by running and jumping on them. Since Kingsway introduced the two areas, it is a pleasure to take the dog there, previously when only one area existed, the little dogs were chased by what can only be described as a 'pack'. Also, a group of large dogs scaring smaller dogs makes it hard for a responsible owner to get their dog, if it is cornered.

It is a must needed service due to the high numbers of dogs living in the City of Joondalup.

I do not have a problem with creating a fenced area to accommodate those people who have dogs that need to be contained. However, NOT if it then means that this would remove the ability to exercise dogs off-leash for everyone else in that park. That would then be taking away a facility, not adding a facility. This should have been made much clearer in the promotion of the survey, because unfortunately most people do not read the fine detail. It is vital that people with active large dogs are able to continue to throw a ball in a large area close to home. It is not practical to have to drive twice a day to another suburb to do this. The proposed area at Edgewater is far too small and has too many trees, and has a wood-chip ground-cover, which all make it unsuitable to exercise large active dogs off-leash. If an area is fenced-off for those who cannot control their dogs, the rest of the park MUST remain available for off-leash activities.

Fantastic idea, very happy.

I utilised a fenced-in area for dogs in City of Vincent and it was a fantastic experience for myself and for my dogs. Being able to run around as they please off a leash.

Fantastic idea.

Excellent idea for owners of smaller dogs

Emerald Park would be perfect. Already a meeting point for dog owners and fencing an area would be much nicer for families who use the park.

100% support, this would be great!

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The idea of making Melene Park an on-lead park except in a dog exercise pen is unacceptable. Why are we, as Duncraig residents, being penalised so that other people from outside the area can use the park to train their dogs in a compound, removing our existing right to exercise our trained dogs off-lead in the whole park. The positioning will mean that dog owners using cars to bring their untrained dogs will use the Western side verge to park, as it is nearer to the enclosure than the car park. This park is the hub for a local, responsible, dog-owning community who meet daily to take exercise, old and young together, whilst their dogs interact, play, run and fetch. Removing the right to off-lead activities, except in an enclosure, will break up our community as we will need to go to alternative parks. Any traffic increase is near 3 schools, and a concentration of untrained dogs will increase negative canine behaviour and spoil the natural appearance of our park with a fence high enough to prevent escape. For those watching matches in the shade on the Western side, they will be close to the noise and possible increased aroma of others' dogs. It would seem that responsible dog owners who have trained their dogs without an enclosure are being penalised. Is the Shire proposing to allow fee-for-service training to be conducted within the enclosure and, if not, how will this be monitored/prevented? I strongly oppose the whole idea at Melene, even if we are still allowed to carry out off-lead exercise in the remainder of the park, since I understand that every other park in the Shire is an off-lead facility, because the area is surrounded by schools, homes and the is car park at the opposite side of the park. Additionally, these beautiful trees have an ongoing history of dropping limbs. How will this be aesthetically pleasing and enhance our area? Why are local residents being penalised to allow people from other suburbs to train their dogs and then leave to use their own local parks freely. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further discussion. I think this is not a good use of public funds!

[multiple submissions] Dear Sirs

Proposed Fenced Dog Exercise Areas

I have already completed the feedback survey regarding the possible construction of one or more enclosures to exercise dogs in Joondalup and have voiced a 'strongly oppose' response. I will not repeat my reasons here.

It appears as though a minority lobby group has cost considerable public funds already and the possible outcome will penalise the rights of owners of trained dogs using their preferred parks for long standing off-lead activities should this go ahead.

This letter is about the way the information has been communicated to stakeholders. Many of the dog owners who use Melene Park were unaware of how it would affect our community should an enclosure be constructed here. We live [- - -] and received the full proposal letter. However, others who use the park live outside the zone and did not notice the colourful flyer amongst the Christmas junk mail and were concerned when the discussions started in the park. We took our flyer and letter to show them and one person took a picture of the flyer to use the QR code, whilst others had no idea what the black and white image was and, either have limited knowledge, or even access to computer/smart phone technology. It appears that the notification process was flawed by not providing all stakeholders with relevant information. The Council collects dog owners' email addresses and a mass emailing may have cost less than the production and mailing of letters and colourful flyers (which did not provide the full impact of the proposal for the parks' in question use). Nearby householders could have been mailed if they did not own a dog. A big sign put up in every park would alert everyone in the parks about the opportunity to respond to the proposal in meaningful numbers to provide true representation of local opinion.

I expect that Council officers are aware that most residents do not routinely log into the Joondalup website to look for such information even though I appreciate that much effort is made by employees to keep this resource up to date!

The Melene Park community are disgusted that should this idea go head in the park that we would not be allowed to let our dogs off the lead unless in the enclosure with what we have been led to believe would be dogs from all suburbs who are hard to control or have not been trained.

Yours sincerely,

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Duncraig WA 6023

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[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?"] None

[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?"]

Dogs lives and lifestyle for them is shrinking — they need expansive sites to fully run and be exercised — their feet on grass, not woodchips!!! — no to fenced exercise areas.

While a fenced-in area is a good idea for dogs that have not been trained on recall, I believe the current proposal to be discriminating towards those dog owners who have trained their dogs on recall. I don't see why the City seeks to divide the community on this issue when it can very easily provide for both. ie: an off-leash fenced in area for dogs that are not trained but leave the rest of the park off-leash for those whose owners have taken time and expense to train their dogs. The current proposed area at Emerald Park is a wood chip area with no irrigation, there are numerous trees and grass trees which will prevent ball throwing for larger, more active breeds. These larger breeds need open spaces to exercise! The idea of confining all dogs off-lead to a small fenced in area will create havoc. Providing a fenced-in area for those that need it but leaving the rest of the park as off-leash would be a win-win for all.

My dog is small and wary of other dogs, if I take [- - -] to the park and there are other dogs there, I can choose where I let [- - -] off the lead to throw the ball, if I have to take [- - -] to a fenced area, I won't be able to do that. We also like to explore the park which [- - -] won't be able to do if [- - -] stuck on the end of a lead.

It's a brilliant proposal, Kingsway is the closest to us and still a bit of a drive. If it is done though, it should be done properly and look to Kingsway as an example. Spacious, with dog exercise equipment, fresh water always available. Separate areas for large dogs and small dogs is a good idea too.

I support a fenced-in area for dog exercise, especially if it stops dog owners leaving dog poo in areas where kids are playing.

If the rest of the park becomes 'on-lead' after the enclosure is established, this is blatantly for revenue raising. We enjoy parks in Woodvale where dogs run freely without incident; owners are respectful, clean up after their dogs and supervise the interactions. There is no reason to change the current arrangement in these parks; introducing an enclosure will encourage 'out of suburb' visitors and increase congestion on already very busy roads increasing the danger to local residents. Strongly opposed.

Great idea

Wonderful idea

Currently no enclosed dog exercise parks are available in the Northern Corridor.

I don't believe a dog fenced park is the answer, as dog owners are irresponsible and don't watch their dogs. My dog was attacked at the fenced park in Kingsway. Responsible dog owners generally don't use these fenced areas for this reason.

I can only comment on Bramston Park where dogs run free, fouling the whole area. My grandchildren are afraid of dogs so will not go to the park. If I had my way, dogs would be restricted to the fenced area with no access to the rest of the park, even although "doggy bags" are provided, excrement is still all over the park, which is a health hazard. The unfenced area is for people not dogs in my opinion.

Could you consider a small dog fenced area, as some owners of big dogs are not in control of their dogs.

1. Ok for dog owners who have a dog that may bolt or does obey commands. 2. Area allowance too small.

I think that these parks will encourage a high concentration of dogs that owners have not trained well enough to be off the lead. I feel this could lead to dogs being attacked. I would not want to see this happen in any of my local parks. I am cautious about taking my dogs to Whitfords Dog Beach for similar reasons as we have had so many bad experiences there with aggressive, untrained dogs.

Fantastic idea

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I live in Woodvale, [- - -] from the proposed fenced area. It surprises me we received no direct notice of this proposal... We moved to Woodvale for many reasons — one being the open space for the dogs to run off-lead. We have lived there for [- - -] years — the dogs are a sensational conduit for creating interactions with people; we tend to say Hi then keep walking — it's not awkward. The open space encourages owners to 'walk' their dogs; in my experience (when my little dogs were pups and we went to the enclosed areas) confined spaces encourages owners to stand around and chat, often not supervising their dogs or monitoring behaviour — this is dangerous and counterproductive to the whole idea of 'exercising' both yourself and the dogs. I also see many 'working dogs' and their owners — one beautiful owner of a [- - -] 'works' the dog in the parks — this freedom to run will be stolen if an enclosed park is introduced and the remaining free space becomes lead only...this screams 'revenue raising' — no wonder rangers are a despised occupation group if they are forced to enforce these restrictions. I also balk at the thought that the park will encourage people to drive to the area — the roads in Woodvale surrounding these parks are busy enough with schools in close proximity — it will add more congestion and the roads will become even more dangerous for children to cross. If the remaining areas of the open space remain 'lead off' this may redeem the concept, but there would need to be additional parking considered for safety. I am strongly opposed to confined dog parks — responsible owners understand their animal — if they are socialised, they can go off-lead without incident. In the whole time we have used these parks, we have never had incident with another dog — the owners are right there to ensure situations are averted before they escalate — I have witnessed many altercations between both owners and dogs in confined space areas, mainly attributed to owner distraction — it's about the dogs socialising; some owners forget this in the 'security' of an enclosure. I am strenuously opposed to the proposal of these parks in general but in particular, positioning at any of the Woodvale areas. It begs the question 'if it ain't broke, don't change it'. Please do not put this enclosure in Woodvale — it would be such a shame to lose the freedom man's best friends enjoy in our area.

More and more people have dogs, some more than one dog, and want to be able to exercise their dogs off the lead. The dogs themselves socialise and have fun and their owners can relax knowing that their pet is in a safe environment.

More than one needed, one to the North and one to the South.

I think it's a fabulous idea and long overdue for this suburb. I would absolutely recommend that you choose the largest area possible, consider a small dog park and a big dog park — I'm sure you have thoroughly researched this and will be aware that separating the two causes fewer issues. I would also highly recommend 6-foot fencing to keep the dogs in and stop them from jumping the fences. Thank you for proposing an enclosed dog park in our area.

The only reason I don't support this proposal is because it takes away a lot of space to exercise a dog off-leash. If the fenced area is there then no other area is off-leash and that is too small when you have a dog that is afraid of other dogs or people. Picking a quiet corner of any park is essential for these types of dogs

Why, why why, is my main question? What's wrong with us all being able to enjoy the whole of our beautiful Chichester Park the way we do now. What are you trying to achieve? We have a small dog who is nervous around big dogs, so we make sure we keep him away from them when walking, how are we supposed to do that in a fenced area? Is the Council going to pay our vet bills if he gets attacked by being too close to a large dog?! I don't think so! So, we can walk them on the lead outside the proposed fence area, big deal, we can do that on the street...dogs love being able to sniff around different areas and run freely, which is the whole idea of the park we all pay our rates towards so we can enjoy all of it, not just the part that someone decides is ok for us...surely you have better things to spend our money on!

In my opinion, a true 'community consultation' would offer members of the community an opportunity to gather with those who have proposed the notion — a forum — in order to gain clarity, ask and have questions answered and to hear the views of other stakeholders.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

Not sure why the C of J is wasting money carrying out such a ridiculous survey.

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I don't think it's needed! We enjoy walking our dog there and there always lots of other dogs and I have never seen any issues!

Interesting to see the Shire is considering investing ratepayers taxes to fund this project. Most people don't keep their dogs on a leash when out in streets and parks let alone bother to pick up their dogs faeces.

I'd hedge my bets on very few people utilising a fenced-off facility to exercise their dogs. How about investing those funds in neglected parks, e.g. George Sear Park in Greenwood.

Regards,

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With regards to the proposed fenced dog exercise area, I am taking this opportunity to voice underlying concerns. Having [- - -] whom I exercise [- - -] muzzled and on a leash in the Woodvale area, I am reluctant to exercise them at Chichester Park. We have on numerous occasions encountered large breeds (bull mastiff and dobermans) whose owners continue to walk their dogs off a lead and without muzzles, even prior to reaching the park. I believe an article in the local paper suggested that local Rangers patrols will be reduced due to lack of funds and I wonder how you will reinforce and remind owners that dogs are to remain on a lead prior to entering the proposed fenced area. Human ignorance and lack of awareness will always be of continued frustration, I also hope that parents refrain from allowing their children entering the fenced area. I look forward to being able to walk my dogs without being threatened by owners' lack of community safety.

I suggest a visit to Bramston Park [- - -] — regular visitor with [- - -] dogs chasing a drone for [- - -] barking constantly — usually there by [- - -] even on weekends. I strongly oppose any dog exercise area in the close vicinity of housing due to noise. Also due to the already limited facilities for walking dogs in the area, ie the beach, this would encourage a massive influx of dogs from outside the area much like the designated dog beaches, it is a ridiculous idea to concentrate the exercising of dogs in one area.

A very good idea that will be of great benefit to dog owners.

1. Need more than 1 in this area. 2. Need to have 2 sections to separate large and small dogs.

Great idea. Safer for humans and small dogs.

If possible, plan for two enclosed areas — one of small dogs and one for medium to large dogs. This facility will provide small dog owners who are reluctant to exercise their dogs due to concerns of larger dogs attacking.

Great idea. I often travel out of my way to go to the Kingsway fenced dog park as it is much safer and less of a hassle then a normal park. If I had a fenced dog park closer to me I would use it every day.

Chichester Park in Woodvale is an excellent area where responsible dog owners meet and exercise their dogs. It is good exercise for both dog and owner and having a fenced area would ruin the fantastic large area we have to exercise. Putting multiple dogs into an enclosed space encourages tension between dogs and can result in injuries and fatalities in some cases. The dog owners who use this park are strongly opposed to this being built. Please respect our wishes and allow us to roam freely throughout this area.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?"] No, don't want any fenced-off areas in any parks in Joondalup. Mosman Park — because it's a long way away in a suburb where people have huge blocks.

[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?"] This idea will make any park where it is put in place just plain ugly — I would not walk my dog in such an area — probably the only people who would walk their dogs there have aggressive dogs and I would rather avoid these.

I think multiple, smaller fenced dog exercise areas would benefit the community more than a large one ever would.

I would love to take my dog to a fenced dog exercise area.

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Would love this, keeps the kids and dogs both safe and separated. Rules of use required. Would be great to have an option to book private use (happy to pay) so don't have to worry about other aggressive dogs.

Great idea. Try not to remove too many existing trees!

1) Emerald Park is, and has been, a wonderful meeting point for dogs that behave well off the leash. It is one of the few areas large enough to really let these dogs stretch their legs. 2) Fenced-in areas seem to only benefit people walking multiple dogs as a business. Their money-making scheme shouldn't impact the community and remove a large play area for other dogs. 3) If a fenced area was to go ahead, please consider the amount of space these dogs use to run. 3,500 square metres, as suggested for Emerald Park and Melene Park, becomes a very small area once a few dogs start sprinting and chasing balls. As it stands, we still have the occasional collision between dogs running at pace, these incidents will only increase if we are forced to play in such a compact area.

I am not particularly in favour of establishing a fenced dog exercise area. My experience of other such facilities has been that, oftentimes, you encounter uncontrolled and occasionally aggressive dogs. Owners tend to sit or stand in groups and do not supervise their dogs which, apart from the dogs not being under effective control, detracts from the owner's exercise regime. In addition — once these places are established, will the City then propose changes to existing dog free parks? The only major benefit I can see is that it provides a secure area to train a young dog in recall.

Visited the dog park at Kingsway for the first time yesterday which my [- -] loved being able to run about off-leash with other dogs of similar size. Something I don't allow on our normal walks as a safety concern both for roads/snakes and large uncontrolled dogs in area. Local Yellagonga is a regional park and dogs need to be on a leash over there, but always been confronted by off-leashed/uncontrolled dogs while walking there which puts us off.

Must have two parts: one for big dogs one for small dogs. Same as Kingsway dog park.

I think the Melene Park proposal is particularly flawed. It is claimed there is parking on-site, and yes, far on the other side of the park there is a small car park, but I know from people who use the cricket nets located on the corner of Ludwig Place and Melene Road that people will park all along the park verge on both those roads, rather than park in the Glengarry Drive car park and walk all the way over — this will be the same with the proposed dog exercise area. I'm also concerned about the removal of trees and bushes, because the area proposed for the fenced area is quite uneven and full of trees and bushes, and I feel it is highly likely that when it comes to the construction stage there could be a lot of trees and bushes removed. Finally, it is also very close to many residences, and the noise factor could well be an issue.

There is no good reason to create fenced areas in these parks. I use Melene Park [- -]. There is a thriving dog community in the park. We even have parties with the community with all dogs roaming freely without any issues. Without the dog community the park would be a dead space. The fenced area would cut off people from using the park, isolate people with dogs and leave the majority of the park unused as the sports field is only used maybe 2 or 3 hours per week. There have been no or very few cases where the dogs have caused issues with sports. The fencing will cause more of a division than a community. It is trying to provide a solution to a non-existent problem. The money on fencing and maintenance of the fencing would be better used on other things.

For Melene Park Dun Craig, this would be wonderful.

No natural shading in Bramston Park makes this unsuitable. Area proposed is not large enough to accommodate the number of dogs that use the park. Few enough open off-lead spaces for dogs so want to keep what we have.

All dog parks should have the option of a fenced area or free roaming area.

6 ft high fencing. Separate small dog/big dog areas. Safe entry/exits. Water tap.

The theory is good, but unfortunately people will continue to exercise their dogs where and when they want to. It would be a waste of money and hard to enforce. However, it would be good if you could fence children's playgrounds to keep dogs and cats out of them!

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I fully support the proposal of a fenced dog park; however, there also needs to be an option for those of us to remain using the rest of the park off-lead as well. It makes no sense to make everyone else have their dogs on-lead if they do not wish to use the fenced dog park. Most people enjoy walking their dog for their own exercise needs too.

Very much required for northern suburbs. Would be great if equipment for dogs was also included like the Inglewood dog park has.

The current use of Chichester Park in Woodvale [- - -] has a good mix ratio. The dogs are well behaved and have a good area to run around freely. Almost all dog owners are considerate and pick-up after their dogs. Confining dogs within an enclosed area is not suitable, plus it will have an effect on the wildlife and fauna within the enclosed area. Parking is not sufficient and will create street side parking to be a nuisance to nearby residents.

[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?"] Joondalup covers a large area and more than one fenced park would be nice.

[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?"] Separate areas for small dogs please. If it's just one area for all size dogs then small dogs are essentially excluded because they don't mix well with big dogs, and owners of small dogs are often nervous of big dogs. Thank you.

For the safety of the dogs, I strongly support it.

Looking forward to this so much.

Love the idea very much. Thank you.

I'm not sure if there is room at James Cook or at the beach near the end of Whitfords Avenue — but I would love a fenced park as close as possible to [- - -]. Our dog died earlier this year. We have been thinking all year of adopting a [- - -] but the lack of fenced parks has been a factor in not doing that yet.

My concern with the Chichester Park site is the impact to the disc golf course. The proposed dog exercise area appears to be where there are currently disc golf holes. If the disc golf course is impacted, then I believe an alternative site to Chichester Park should be chosen.

I think that this is a great idea. Chichester Park would be a great location, as it is heavily utilised by dog walkers, it is a dedicated space for dogs to play lead free; it would enhance the park.

Strongly opposed to having a fenced dog exercise area at Melene Park, Duncraig as I am happy to let my dog run around off-leash.

Great idea. It reduces the risk of injuries to children from dogs. We often walk our grandchildren to Melene Park and are always wary of this risk.

I understand that Dog exercise areas serve a purpose; however, to place this at Chichester would negate what is already a natural dog exercise area between the two playing fields. To ensure the dog exercises are fit for purpose they need to be of very large size or, if they condense, then you require different parks for different sized dogs. Those in the City of Wanneroo at Kingsway are not great; often the owners fall into false security and do not pay attention to their dogs' behaviour. Additionally, if it is a small area, the ground cover will turn to soil very quickly, so much consideration is needed to actual see value for money in providing exercise areas.

Great idea.

Bramston Park comments specifically: There is inadequate parking when sports events are on. It is too close to junior sports fields. It is adjacent to the proposed primary school. Experience with Quinns dog beach (even though there are bins provided) is that there is always dog poo that is not picked up and it stinks and attracts flies. The local BB residents are bad enough with the local dogs without bringing in dogs from other areas to add to the problem.

It will affect the school oval and the children's play area. You shouldn't lose the ability to free walk your dog to a smaller space — terrible idea. It's a good way for dogs to become poorly behaved because they lose their ability to run off energy.

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I strongly oppose the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area in Chichester Park, Woodvale if it means that dogs will no longer be able to be exercised off-leash through the rest of the park. For the past [- -] years, my husband and I have exercised our dogs in Chichester Park and have immensely enjoyed the freedom of walking and running our dogs through the full length of the park, and their ability to socialise freely. We are incredibly fortunate that the vast majority of dogs that frequent Chichester are exceptionally well behaved and friendly, as are their owners. Our experience with other fenced dog areas, such as Kingsway, have been negative. The behaviour of dogs changes negatively once they are in a confined space, they often 'rush' the gate when a new dog enters which can cause a fear-aggression response. I believe Kingsway in particular is an accident waiting to happen — either between dogs, or aggressive owners, or both. We do not want this in Woodvale. The only way we would support a fenced area in Woodvale would be if dogs were still permitted to be off-leash outside of the fenced area, within the boundary of the park as they currently are. We will not use a fenced dog area in Woodvale or any other park. Along with many other Woodvale residents and users of Chichester, we have signed a petition protesting against the establishment of a fenced dog area in the park.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

Please note I am not opposed to a fenced exercised area; however, I am opposed to the balance of the park thereafter only being able to exercise our dog provided it is on a lead. We utilise the Chichester Park [- -] for approximately [- -] each time normally [- -] and [- -] to exercise our [- -]. Being a [- -] breed, our dog enjoys the open park as essentially it goes to exercise/work and runs a total of [- -] kms each session. Whilst our dog is sociable and submissive, he does not go to the park to socialise with other dogs and, if we were not able to exercise him off-lead, we would have to find an alternate park, likely outside of Woodvale, meaning hopping in a vehicle rather than walking to the park. We are very conscious of ensuring our dog does not pollute the park (or the suburb) and in need find ourselves cleaning up for the minority who are less diligent. We do this such that we don't inconvenience other residents and users of the park lands. Whilst the times we access the park means there are very few other users present, we are mindful of not interrupting or interacting with other park users, in particular sporting teams etc. We will be very disappointed if accessing the park with our dog will be restricted to an "on-lead basis" basis only. As mentioned previously, the reality is that, if this restriction is imposed, we will have to go elsewhere which, from a local ratepayer's perspective, will be very disappointing. I would appreciate a greater understanding as to why the Council is essentially proposing to introduce an "on-lead" restriction with respect to Chichester Park. I am also concerned having spoken to several local residents and park users that, having read the City's communication, they had voted in favour, or were in were in favour of a fenced exercise (as they thought it would be a good idea for those with small and timid dogs), only then to be alerted to the "sting in the tail" being the introduction of an on-lead restriction for the balance of the park. I reiterate I am not opposed to a fenced exercise area, but rather the on-lead restriction which respectfully seems to be a condition introduced by stealth.

Fully support the proposal. Suggest signage be installed depicting fines or prosecution for owners not complying, including the removal of dog faeces especially around children play areas.

Will there be a water facility and benches for people to sit down?

I would love to have a fenced exercise area to walk my dogs. I currently drive to Kingsway to utilise their park [- -].

Great idea

Would be a good idea to keep dogs and families safe.

Please ensure that dog waste bins are adequate and bags available to ensure hygiene is kept. Please ensure that the number of bins is higher at first until the demand for the bins is established. I have noticed that bins at bus stops are not being regularly emptied, resulting in overflowing bins including dog waste bags being placed around bins. How many entrances will be built into fences?? Location of entrances will be important to the close by residents. Need to include entrance details in proposals to residents.

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Kingsway dog park is fantastic in being separated; however, it would be great to see some more lighting, sand, and additional watering facilities at the new park.

I do not agree with fencing-off areas of park for dog exercise. I strongly prefer the natural open spaces and think fencing of sections would be an eyesore. Please leave the spaces open.

This is much needed in the northern suburbs.

We have so many parks, it seems a shame for the dogs to have to be confined to a designated area. It will make a higher number of dogs in one space, so more likely to lead to disputes, and much less enjoyable for owners who will feel restricted too. I understand that people who are not "doggy" may have an issue with people not clearing up after their dogs; we all do! But I would prefer to see things not move this way. I am concerned that this will become the norm in every park over time.

Toilet facility at Emerald Park never seems to be open, also the proposed area at Emerald Park does not have grass, so not suitable as an exercise area.

Can you please make a closed-in area for smaller dogs? There are always big dogs at these parks which don't allow the dogs to enjoy being off-lead like the big dogs are.

It would be ideal to have a split area for little dogs and puppies away from larger breeds as [- - -] tends to get bowled over and trampled on by any older dogs when we have to trek it down to the dog park in Kingsway.

I'm impressed with the sensible factors being considered for a dog park. The questions in this survey aren't particularly useful. I don't use the other parks, but I do take other people's dogs to the park. My dogs have been attacked, on-lead and off, at Melene and Salata Park so I welcome anything which helps people safely exercise their dogs. We use the oval at Melene for sport and often have to clean up dog droppings, so I am pleased this should reduce. I would like some more consideration given to the small copses of native plants that are left around the trees. Could these be fenced within the exercise area to help save any remnant orchards, lizards, insects, birds and indeed the trees themselves from ball-seeking dogs and lawnmowers? Another suggestion I have is for maybe one of the small fenced copses to have a gate so as people can get away from a dog fight. This would be on the side where there is no gate. Thank you for considering public suggestions and for this thorough planning process.

It's unfair to people with trained dogs. Why should we have to suffer because others can't train their dogs.

I, along with numerous other Woodvale residents, regularly walk my dog at Chichester Park. The wide, open spaces are great for dogs to exercise and also allow for their owners to keep active. During the [- - -] years I have been walking my dog at Chichester Park [- - -] I have never seen any issues regarding antisocial behaviour from dogs or issues with interacting with other park users. Keeping the park as an off-lead area will maintain this community of dog owners and also maintain this area as a shared space where all users can interact and enjoy the area as currently happens. I have personally used enclosed dog parks in other areas (North Beach) and have found that the high density of dogs in a small space leads to numerous issues of aggressive behaviour and also do not lend themselves to larger dogs being able to get the exercise they require. As such, I am strongly opposed to this proposal.

Shade, water fountain, sand pit.

People walk their dogs around Mawson Park and do not pick up the dog faeces up. So most people do the right thing but there are some lazy un-community-spirited dog owners around who should be penalised. So how will that be managed as there is no way of policing this negative issue.

Please do not do it, as parking is on the opposite side. We do not want a change to the current situation as Melene Park is a fantastic place for dogs already. Lots of responsible owners, come and see for yourself.

I think the whole idea is a waste of my time and ratepayer's money. The City cannot help but make more rods for its back; more things to enforce, more things to worry about. Let rangers and the courts deal with any problems. Should have a hotline where people can send in photos and comments on any particular dog/owner location or repeat situations.

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Could you please divide into 2 areas, one for small dogs and one for medium to large animals. I have had problems with my animal being hounded by small yappy dogs that do not obey their owners (usual story, oh they are just being friendly) but when my dog growls at them to bugger off she is accused of being a dangerous dog.

A ridiculous idea, the money would be better spent on dog owner training and additional Rangers to ensure compliance. Any dog in a public park should always be on a lead no matter how friendly the owner says the dog is; there is no reason why dog exercise cannot be done at walking pace, probably more beneficial for the owner also. My [- -] was subject to being pushed over by an overly-friendly, large dog in Penistone Park [- -] ago and spent [- -] in Joondalup Hospital followed by [- -] in rehabilitation. [- -] still has difficulty in walking and is using a [- -]. Doubtless you have gathered I am not a fan of dogs or, rather thoughtless lazy owners.

Excellent idea

Can someone answer the question: if an off-lead park gets an exercise area, does it then become an on-lead park? This doesn't seem fair for dog owners and rate-payers who have dogs that like a whole oval to run around in.

[multiple submissions] *If an existing off-lead park gets a fenced-off exercise area, does the rest of that park then become an on-lead park?*

[multiple submissions] *I oppose the building of a fenced dog park at Emerald Park in Edgewater. I use that park [- -] with my dog, and have done for the last [- -] years, since [- -] was a puppy, and to change this would negatively impact on [- -] established habits: [- -] (and !!) have a positive rapport with the other dogs and walkers at the park. A fenced dog park would negatively impact the existing community culture in Edgewater: there is a large group of middle-aged and retired people who use the park to exercise their dogs several times a day — I join them [- -] with my own dog. We walk several laps of the oval, throwing balls for the dogs that chase such things. It is a large social part of the day, and I know several of the elderly people use it as an opportunity to get exercise themselves. A number of the dog walkers are seniors, and Emerald Park is a part of their physical and mental fitness and health, and to have to drive to an off-lead dog park may not be financially viable for them. I use it as a time to exercise and use my [- -] walk with my dog and others as a way to unwind [- -], as well as to socialise and chat. I believe removing this easily accessible ability to walk my dog widely and freely at Emerald Park would negatively impact my own mental health. Parking and noise would also be an issue: I live [- -] from the proposed dog park, and parking is already fully occupied during sport events, such as Auskick and football. People already frequently illegally park along Wedgewood Drive. Establishing a fenced grassed area at Emerald Park, as shown on your information, would also defeat the purpose of the mulched areas at the park, which were created years ago as a part of the City of Joondalup battling water-waste, as well as likely impacting on the waterwise and drought tolerant native plants (such as grasstrees) that are already well established at the location. The existing number of trees that you do not plan on removing from the proposed area reduce usable space and visibility. Removing these trees would be detrimental to the environment. There are other parks that you have proposed that have more usable space for dogs and will less impact on residents and existing park users.*

It's a great initiative!

This is a great initiative. I don't have dogs, but regularly walk friends' dogs. Kingsway dog park is a long way away from me and North Beach park is very small. Just don't do a fenced area then ban dogs from other parks.

Fantastic proposal!

I think that it would be a good idea to have two areas fenced — one for large dogs and another for small dogs. This has been done by the City of Wanneroo at their off-leash dog exercise area in Kingsway, and both areas are very well used.

Great way to allow dogs to exercise without disturbing others at a park. Great way to meet people that live in the area.

I am against any kind of fenced dog areas as in most cases the walk at the park is for the benefit of both owner and dogs. A fenced area would limit this.

It would be good to have 2 different areas. One for small dogs and one for larger dogs.

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Great idea. I'm a big supporter of any additional dog facilities in the area!

I want the fence at Melene as I live [- -] and, due to multiple incidents over a few years with dogs at this park, it is a not viable for my kids and I to use that park any longer. Rarely do owners have the required control of their dogs that the City's local laws require of them. I find far too many owners fail to take responsibility for their dog's behaviours and many have complete disdain for the required responsibilities that come with dog ownership. You have on record an incident involving [- -] whereby the City [- -]. I've not used that park since the incident that resulted in the fine, it really was the last straw after many many incidents of dogs not being in control up there. On any given afternoon you can see people walk their dogs to and from the park without leads and very rarely will they stop their dogs from running towards us and allowing them to bother us. One time, someone let their dog eat the food I took up there for [- -] while using the cricket nets, there was no acknowledgement of this from the owner. I do not dislike dogs, when the owners follow the rules and take responsibly, I have no issue. Regards.

Whilst I agree that in certain areas there would a clear and understandable benefit in having a fenced area, I do not feel that Chichester Park Woodvale is the appropriate place. I would welcome any data the Shire or ranger department could offer regarding reported dog-related incidents for all parks mentioned in your survey. Understanding from the release of such data may assist members of the public in understanding the need for such a facility and assist everyone in making informed, considered decisions when answering the survey questionnaire.

To whom it concerns

I wish to strongly oppose a dog exercise area being put in Chichester Park in Woodvale for the following two reasons;

- When there was a fire last year or the year before at Lake Joondalup, water tankers and helicopters used Chichester Park as a landing area. (Fighting fires is more important than fighting dogs.)

- Also , Chichester Park is next door to a primary school (North Woodvale Primary School.) Education is more important than barking dogs disrupting lessons. I am referring to outside Physical Education classes as well as indoor classes.

Therefore I think the city's idea of a dog exercise area on Chichester Park is barking mad. Do not go ahead with this wacky idea at Chichester Park.

What is wrong with dog beaches?

Yours faithfully

[- -] Woodvale.

I think it's about time this issue was resolved.

I don't own a dog, but I have a lot of interaction with the dogs off-lead at Chichester Park. Never have I had a problem, and this is how I would like it to stay. Let's cater for the majority at this park not the minority.

Personally, I wouldn't use one. The one at Charles Riley is often very overcrowded which stresses out the dogs. My dog has excellent recall, and is friendly and obedient, as are most of the local dogs we know. Thank you for inviting opinions.

Chichester Park — indicated size of dog area on map doesn't look big enough to accommodate larger breeds.

A fenced area may suit a small minority, but sadly denies most pets and their owners the privilege, pleasure and right to exercise and socialise in a park that we love and already pay to maintain. Please please please do not establish a fenced area at Chichester Park. For the most part, dog owners are responsible, and dogs are safe in an open, healthy space where we come together [- -]. Happy, content dogs depend on having the space and freedom to run with all breeds and sizes. I do not support having an enclosed area at the expense of losing an open and free community space to socialise, move and enjoy the pleasures of pets.

I strongly support the establishment of a fenced dog area at Chichester Park, my [- -] and I love playing there but have to avoid it because there are always so many dogs there off the lead that come up and jump on my [- -]! Could all the parks be considered? I'm sure this is not just an issue at Chichester.

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Dear City of Joondalup,

I am a Duncraig resident whose closest park is Melene Park.

This is an email to express my disapproval for the proposed fenced-off dog exercise area at Melene Park Duncraig.

The location of the car park is at the opposite end of Melene Park to the proposed dog exercise area, which will mean that dogs have to either cross the grassy oval or walk around the grassy oval, in order to get to the dog exercise area from the car park, and will then either cross or go around the grassy oval in order to return to the car park. As a result of all this dog traffic between the car park and the dog exercise area, dogs attending Melene Park for the dog exercise area will not be contained to the dog exercise area — these dogs will traffic the entire park.

My first concern is for the safety of my [- - -] and my [- - -], both of whom I have taken to Melene Park probably a thousand times by now, maybe more. I always have my dog on a leash. There are multiple off-leash dogs who frequent Melene Park who harass my dog and refuse to leave her alone, and the same dogs have on occasion jumped up to my eye-level trying to reach my [- - -], as I attempt to swing her away from them, and the unwanted attention only aggravates my dog further. Their owners do absolutely nothing about it and because I'm always focussed on getting away from the dogs and leaving the area when these unwanted incidents occurs, I've never spoken to the owners. I have to avoid bringing my dog during peak periods popular with dogs like weekday afternoons or after 8 am on a weekend. Unless you have security personnel at the park, you won't be able to ensure that people keep their dogs on a leash outside the dog exercise area, especially since these people will be coming to the park with the purpose of letting their dogs off-leash. A dedicated area for dog exercise will attract more off-leash dogs who will then traffic the entire park between the dog exercise area and the car park, and make the park even less safe for my leashed dog and my [- - -].

Glengarry Primary is a short walk from Melene Park and many school kids frequent the park while still in school uniform, some appear unsupervised.

My second concern is the effect on sporting activities at the park. There are sporting clubs who train and compete at Melene Park. The cricket nets are either inside or next to the proposed dog exercise area. I am unsure whether there is adequate space for the fast bowlers to do their run up to the cricket nets, or whether you plan to remove the nets altogether which would be heartbreaking. I regularly see families using those nets, and I had hoped to use them with my [- - -] when [- - -] is old enough to bowl or bat. My [- - -] adores it when I hold [- - -] and stand behind the nets, and [- - -] watches cricket training. [- - -] sometimes laughs in delight when a cricketer bats the ball. On Mondays at 4.30 pm a teenage cricket team (under 16s I think?) followed by a younger kids' cricket team from the same club (maybe under 9s?), train in those cricket nets. I am unsure whether it would be safe for the dogs to be near cricket nets where bowling and batting occurs.

With an increase in dogs trafficking the park, I doubt it suitable for the weekend cricket matches to continue, which are currently played on the grass oval. Parking is inadequate for both the attendees of the cricket game as well as an increase in dog owner cars for a dog exercise area. At the moment mainly, only locals within walking distance attend this park, making it ideal for sport clubs to attend and fill up the car park. I think sporting activities creates a wonderful culture and atmosphere and exposes the local children to something they can gain inspiration from. The wonderful balance that Melene Park currently has between sporting activities, sport equipment (cricket nets, AFL goal posts, basketball court), play equipment, and dog walking, is one reason we bought a house [- - -]. All the sport and play equipment gets used frequently and regularly by families and children.

Uncollected dog faecal matter is my third concern, as it is already an issue at the park, which is just dreadful of the irresponsible owners. There is always a portion of dog owners who do not collect their dog's poo, so unfortunately, if there are more dogs at the park, the more uncollected dog poo will occur. Dogs tend to defecate soon after arrival at a park, out of excitement, which means that there will be increased dog poos between the car park and the dog exercise area, which is the entire length of Melene Park. This means that people attending the park who want nothing to do with dogs will be stepping on dog poo. Again, unless you have personnel on site making dog owners clean up their dog's poo.

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Dog poo gives a terrible odour and detracts from the clean air that a natural setting like a park should have, and dog poo also means I have to be vigilant for poo while my [- - -] runs around, to avoid [- - -] stepping on or touch exploring or falling onto dog poo.

In summary, I do not support the proposed dog exercise area at Melene Park due to the safety concerns for my leashed dog and [- - -], due to the impact on organised sport and on sport-related play, and due to the increased uncollected dog poo that will occur.

Thank you.

[- - -]

[- - -] Duncraig

[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?"] *Some more rustic park that needs more people to go there. A suburb likely to attract less socialised dogs: Craigie, Padbury. A less social park is needed for this kind of facility if you must put one somewhere.*

[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?"]

Dog enclosure: I'm not supportive of the Council's proposal to install a dog ghetto at Melene Park. Melene Park is a very social place, where around tea time there could be up to 30 dogs freely running off-lead, with very few issues. Big dogs and little dogs all in perfect harmony, because they're not penned in together and there's plenty of space to avoid a confrontation. All the dogs regularly using Melene are very well socialised, with responsible and caring owners. We all live in the area and see each other at the park [- - -]. I can see there would be some minor need in the community for what you're proposing, but not at Melene Park. If you were elderly or mother of small children, and your dog wasn't well socialised, and you wanted a place to exercise the dog, at 10 am when there are few dogs at the park, without fear the dog may run off, it may be useful. I fear it would become a place for owners of poorly socialised dogs, to bring them, for them to run off-lead, without their collars, and because of how they've been raised, they may just run amok whilst their owners play on their phones. There is a great community at Melene, we have picnics and barbecues and sometimes there are about 30 or more people and about the same amount or even more dogs and there is very little bother. I feel an enclosed area like this could raise the tension of the dogs all being in close proximity to each other, and to include random visiting dogs, and especially aggressive dogs and their owners, is asking for trouble and creating a caged ghetto while owners lounge around outside playing with their phones and leaving the dogs to carry on unsupervised. Can you imagine ten people exercising their dogs in there at tea time chucking the ball from one end to another? It would have to be "synchronised ball chucking"! All chucking from the south end to the north end, and then back again! We see how the people with poorly socialised dogs cause trouble at Hillarys Dog Beach. Their dogs (usually staffy mixed breeds) are frequently brought down, without leads, frequently without collars and cause trouble, and then their equally poorly socialised owners, decamp the situation and abdicate their responsibilities. The Council needs to promote dog owner responsibility. Encouraging socialisation, enforcing collar use everywhere, and dogs not under effective control to be on-leads. This dog ghetto is not needed or wanted in Melene Park.

Thanks

[no comment — signed multi-signatory letter]

I strongly oppose a fenced dog park at Chichester Park in particular, this is a great location away from main roads for dogs of all sizes to have a big run around off-lead as is needed. A fenced on-lead area would be terrible there and would impact so many people negatively.

I would love to bring my grandchildren down to this beautiful park. But is always filled with large dogs off the lead. My friends and I feel like we can't enjoy any of our local parks because of the dogs and dog poo. Please make a fenced area. I have lived in Woodvale for over [- - -] years and I can't enjoy my local park because of dogs. This is very unfair.

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I am one of those people who walk their dog [- - -] around and around Melene oval. I get my exercise and so does my dog. We walk in a group of well-mannered dogs (and people) with no issues or complaints that I am aware of. Being restricted to the small space proposed will reduce my exercise and that of many others. Perhaps Salata Park down the road would be better as it doesn't have a sports ground as part of the park. Plus, we waited for so many years for the drinking fountain for our dogs and now it won't be anywhere near them.

Chichester Park is already home to a newly established Disc Golf Course, and that, along with the amount of foot traffic from the school and soccer, the park does not need any more designated areas. The community are happy with the arrangements for dog walking as it is, and it does not appear to cause any issues. I strongly oppose a designated dog exercise area at Chichester Park.

I strongly oppose the establishment of a fenced area at Chichester Park, Woodvale. My dogs are exercised there at least [- - -] off-lead and socialise with other dogs doing the same without incident. Over time you get to know other dogs' temperaments and which to avoid should they be unsociable; restricting and confining the area in which all these dogs would mingle, will ensure a volatile and dangerous play area for the dogs. Feedback from users of the established fenced dog exercise area in Kingsway indicate exactly that. The way the park functions at present regarding off-lead exercise, works well and I see no need for change. It is obvious when sporting activity is taking place, dog owners adjust their exercise regime accordingly to not impact on them; many, including myself, moving to nearby Gascoyne Park to allow the dogs to run freely. There are many elderly people who frequent the park with small breed companion dogs and I feel the anxiety caused by their dog being corralled into a potentially volatile area would be overwhelming and severely restrict their social engagement by ceasing to visit the park.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

I think it's a fantastic idea. My dog loves to run and play, and it would be great to have the dogs playing in a fenced area.

Please consider Burns Beach! I travel [- - -] to the Kingsway fenced park as it's the only one north of Whitfords Avenue...there are dozens of homes with dogs in Burns Beach and, whilst I acknowledge we have wonderful stretches of beach to run, sometimes only the smell of green grass will do! The dog community are a tight bunch here and would absolutely relish a chat together in the security of knowing their pooches are safe from traffic. We are all proud of our suburb too and would make sure rules and regulations would be adhered to and keep the park clean. Burns Beach has everything we want except this.

This is a good idea which I would avail of.

Important to deal with droppings. Needs monitoring and action on constant barkers.

Great idea!

Please make a large and small dog area and make the parks big enough so the dogs can run around lots and have some agility equipment for the dogs to learn on.

It is 60 metres per side and 3,500 square metres. It is an inadequate area; grossly inadequate. It is also anti-companion animals which are an important part of people's lives. We look after our [- - -] dog sometimes. By all means increase patrols (I never see rangers in Chichester Park). By all means increase fines for misbehaviour, such as dogs not under control or leaving their mess in the park. Use this to fund more rangers. I think you will experience a strong kickback on this if you try to implement it at any future elections. I will certainly remember.

The southern part of Joondalup has easy access to the dog beach in Whitfords and also to the City of Stirling dog exercise areas at North Beach and Kingsway. There is nothing in the Northern Joondalup area. Many people go to Burns Beach to walk their dogs along the coastal path. It would be good to have a safe off-lead area. The dip in Bramston Park would make a good off-lead area as it has some tree cover and houses only opposite. Good parking available.

Dog parks work best when not too close to homes. Need enough space for separate large dog and small dog areas. Need water bowl area, preferably on concrete so it doesn't form a mud pit.

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Yes, the fenced dog exercise areas would keep dogs happily playing together while us walkers can walk on footpaths and walkways without being harassed by friendly dogs wanting to jump up at us...Not everyone likes dogs...particularly when they run at you and jump...especially the larger dogs. We appreciate being able to participate in this survey.

A separate area for small dogs is essential, many small dog owners would not let their dog in parks with bigger dogs. The setups in Kingsway and in Aveley are ideal. After visiting Kingsway dog park at peak times (late afternoon/early evening), 6 parking bays at Joondalup would be nowhere near enough.

It's an excellent idea, and I strongly recommend having segregated small and large areas to reduce tension between dogs.

Could there be regular ranger visits to spot check everyone is doing the right thing? Such as making sure dogs are registered, people are picking up after them and that they're under effective control.

Elcar Park has limited use now so would at least get used and is unlikely to upset businesses, as the majority of the use will be either early morning or late afternoon. Bramston Park seems the easiest to accommodate a fenced area and has parking. I would not use such a facility as I have no control over other dogs.

I live [- -] to the one in Kingsway and it is always busy. This is something our community needs more of. People travel to go to these things.

Critical to have separate areas for large vs small dogs. Similar to Whitman Park dog areas. While McCusker Park would be my 1st preference, Bramston would be my second, but believe the allocated area could be increased with minimal impact to other users of the area.

Think it's an excellent idea.

To make sure that the chosen fenced dog exercise area will have sufficient bins and dumpage disposal bags regularly supplied.

I think it is a good idea for people still training their dogs or ones that are flighty.

It is about time as other councils have had dog parks for ages.

A lot of dogs already exercise in Melene Park. They are always off the leash and with so many of them it is sometimes a bit perturbing for young children and older residents to have four or five dogs come bounding up to you in the park. The owners assure us their dogs don't bite, but it is really scary for a young child to be surrounded by four or five excitable dogs. I marvel that no one has yet been bitten as far as I know. A fenced area would separate dogs and people and make it safer and more comfortable for all to be in the same area at the same time. A lot of people use this park for pleasure and for sport. Dogs on a leash would be better for all.

I am pleased this is being proposed and considered. As a non-dog owner who uses public parks for exercise and recreation regularly, I currently feel there is no good-sized park in CoJ where dogs must be kept on-leash. This enclosure will provide one park where people can go, assured they will not have any problems with dogs. Great for people who are fearful of dogs, and people like me who just want to use a public open space free from the unwanted attention of dogs. It will also provide a safe space for dogs and owners to exercise and practice training when dogs are young for example. Some dogs, such as ones who haven't yet mastered coming when called, or who are excitable and maybe jump on people, need a facility like this. I feel this is a responsible facility for C of J to provide and well thought out. I consider Chichester the best option because it is central and seems to best meet the criteria.

Limits being able to throw a ball, particularly when area is located in an area of trees.

A fenced area at Emerald Park is very necessary, as long as the dogs are then kept off the rest of Emerald Park playing fields. It's a major health issue that no one is addressing — to have children and adults playing sport on greens that have been contaminated with dog urine and faecal matter. Emerald Park is heavily used by sporting groups. The fenced area is urgently needed to keep dogs off the playing field. Great initiative. Thank you.

Emerald Park has an amazing community of people and dogs that unites the suburb, our children love going down patting the dogs and chatting to the owners. It would be a shame for that sense of old-fashioned community to cease with dogs having to be enclosed.

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It is highly recommended to build the fenced dog exercise area.

I think it's a great idea as I have a slight fear of dogs but I still like to go to parks, so a fenced area for dogs would be nice so no dogs would come running at me.

Not necessary

We are familiar with similar fenced-off dog parks in Brisbane and they seem to work well keeping off-lead dogs away from the general public, which is good for both dogs and other road/park users.

The only comment I have is that, if this does go ahead, I do not want to see other local parks become non-dog friendly and become that dogs must be kept on-lead at these other local parks.

Good idea.

A fenced dog exercise area would be fantastic, as people in the area and surrounding areas would have somewhere to walk their dogs/socialise their dogs without the worry the dog might run away to chase something (e.g. bird or car). Families with children would also most likely enjoy this as they can have a nice trip to the park without worrying about off-lead dogs going to their children.

I have been to the fenced dog exercise area in Trigg at Charles Riley Reserve and found it very chaotic and stressful having so many dogs in such a small confined space. I had never been to the park before and took my kids and dog and was very stressed having so many dogs running up to me with a [- - -] at the time. There were a number of dogs rough playing and I just feel that it could get out of hand very quickly if one dog was to be too aggressive to another with so many dogs in the space.

Uncontrollable dogs running off-leash next to children's play park and kids' sports is a recipe for disaster.

Need more of them

Don't do it!

Yes!

A split dog park would be a good idea: small and big separation to allow for nervous dogs to be separated. Also, double entry gates. Strict rule enforcement. The park should have some sort of shading for both people and dogs.

I don't see the point of a fenced park for dogs. We regularly walk at Chichester and Emerald Park and our dog enjoys the freedom of running freely in the park. I strongly oppose a fenced dog park in either of these parks.

Make sure there is a water fountain that has a dog bowl featured at the base like the one at Whitfords Beach access path.

I personally don't believe that a fenced area is a good idea. From previous experience these areas tend to bring problems as the dogs are fenced-in and thus feel restricted. This can lead to territorial behaviour. Another point is that when you have designated areas it often gives dog owners the perceived excuse that they can neglect to pick up after their dog, the attitude being that it's an area exclusive to dogs, so they do as they please. I really don't support this idea at all, we already have a beautiful animal exercise beach that is often littered with dog poo and poo bags. I feel that this could end up being the case with an enclosed dog exercise area. I am myself a responsible dog owner and am constantly frustrated by others not doing the right thing with regards to the responsibilities as dog owners. Kind regards, [- - -]

Don't ruin beautiful big parks with fenced dog areas. People should be encouraged to train their dogs rather than fence them in.

In regard to Melene Park, there is not enough parking spaces and it's too close to the neighbourhood, the smell of dog poo will be excruciating.

I occasionally exercise my [- - -] dog. The current arrangement is fine, whereby I can go to a quiet part of the park if I want.

Not at Chichester, so many kids play soccer and extra dogs there would not be good.

Looking forward to it.

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On the one hand, I think the proposal is an excellent idea. As a resident of Chichester Park, I constantly witness instances of badly behaved and uncontrolled dogs being a nuisance to other park users: e.g. unleashed dogs showing aggressive behaviour to other dogs, including leashed dogs; dogs showing aggressive behaviour to other park users; dog faeces on the sports playing areas; dogs jumping on young children. We have had dogs defecating on our front lawn, and on a regular basis, certain off-lead dogs run across the park and into our garden to chase our cat. So, the fact that the inclusion of a dog exercise area would render the rest of the park as an on-lead park is fantastic. However, the inclusion of the dog exercise area would be expected to increase the number of dog users at the park, and sadly, I doubt very much whether the minority of dog owners that are the source all the anti-social dog behaviour, would abide by the newly imposed leash rule for the rest of the park once the dog exercise area is established. How exactly will the CoJ enforce the leash requirement?

Bramston Park has sport on it and is a great field — an area for dogs would not be good, as the parking is not enough

Bramston Park is potentially too small. Some dogs will try to dominate other dogs due to proximity; parking is an issue in the area also. The clubhouse/sports facility is nearby, therefore potentially, some irresponsible dog owners could use the area with less consideration for neighbouring field users, whereas at present, most people with dogs are mindful of the shared space, leash their dogs when necessary and use the space according to the conditions and people around them.

I support the idea, along with the retention of the present dog exercise beaches.

My concern is that dogs run free as it is. Owners are not picking up after their dogs in Bramston and I worry about the safety of my [- - -]. In addition, there is a primary school that is going to be built at the other end of that park — another reason not to encourage dogs in the area. On the other hand, I would rather see the dog areas fenced in rather than have the dogs roaming free as they currently do.

It is much needed.

The area proposed at Emerald Park is highly unsuitable for animals and poses an immediate disturbance to residents along the fence-line. Emerald Park is an excellent facility which a multitude of residents use on a daily basis, often allowing dogs to be off-lead to exercise. I would suggest more bins and the possibility of a greater number of "doggy-pickup" bags around the park to reduce any perceived mess occurring due to unleashed dogs. Thank you.

Great idea, the number of irresponsible dog owners who allow their pets off the lead to jump on and at people enjoying the Council's facilities is astounding. More ranger patrols would also be nice :)

I walk my dog [- - -] in Chichester Park and it is perfect for community harmony as it is, I have never seen or heard of any conflicting disputes between dog owners or other people participating in other activities as long as I have been going. I know there is a very strong feeling against any changes.

[also signed multi-signatory letter]

I think this is a very good idea. I would use an enclosed dog park every weekend.

Please leave Chichester Park exactly as it is now! No changes required.

It's a great idea!

[from "Is there another city of Joondalup park you believe would be suitable for the establishment of a fenced dog exercise area?"] 1. Too near busy main roads for dogs to be off-lead. 2. Due to clubrooms and playgrounds.

[from "Do you have any comments about the proposal to establish a fenced dog exercise area?"] Chichester Park and its dog owners are a huge part of Woodvale's community, we not only exercise our dogs but ourselves when we visit the park. For the majority of the time, the park is frequented by dogs and owners, playing and socialising. Fencing them in would have an impact on everyone concerned. I agree that whilst I suppose games and training is on, dogs should pass that area on a lead. Otherwise let them enjoy their fun. Ensure all mess is picked up and in bins provided.

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I cannot let my dog off-leash as she runs away. A fenced area means she can be let off her leash to have a run safely. Because she is on a leash, people think she is not friendly when in fact she is the opposite. Would love a fenced area as there isn't one close by.

We do not agree about the proposal. People should be able to exercise their dog in the whole area as well as themselves. The only thing that should be clear is for the dog owner to clean up after their dog or be fined.

Why break something that isn't broken? I am at Chichester [- -] and never have an issue with other dogs or other people at the park. We are all free to socialise and use the park as we wish with respectfully picking up dog poo and using the bags and bins provided. It's a safe environment as is. Leave it alone and save the money please!!

I would like to see 2 separate areas, one for small dogs and one for larger dogs. It can be intimidating for small dogs when there are larger dogs on the park. My dog just enjoys being off the lead and investigating the surrounds, while bigger dogs are more boisterous and can be aggressive towards smaller dogs.

Great idea. Enforce use and restrict off-leash dogs at those parks.

Not necessary at all.

As [- -] Emerald Park, I do not want this to happen! It was bad enough you turned the top area into an unusable space by taking away the beautiful grass...now you want to turn into a noisy smelly dog exercise area! Get real please!

Strongly agree.

No need. I have walked parks since [- -] years and have seen only happy dogs, happy owners and happy walkers interacting with curious dogs. Most owners let their dogs roam free in parks, I have never encountered any problem.

[multiple submissions] No need. I have walked parks since [- -] years and am happy to see happy dogs and happy dog owners having a good time. I never encountered any problem.

Excellent idea, much needed in this area.

The parks mentioned, particularly Melene, are too small and do not warrant a fenced in area as there is hardly any space to roam...Walking dogs keeps people both mentally and physically fit and no restrictions should apply. Dogs are intelligent and require stimulation, not just be left to play in the same enclosure all the time.

I don't want any of my rates to go towards anything that might benefit any dog owner — most dog owners I know couldn't care less about whether their dog barked all day or just let them [- -] anywhere they want — maybe build an enclosure just for the dog owners themselves so they could stare at each other and reflect on what bad pet owners they are...

Can there be a kids' fenced play area on the same site? That will be great, thanks.

I think it's a waste of money that could be used elsewhere. Dogs only have a small yard. I think let the dogs run around. Continue to enforce people having control of their dogs.

Please ensure it will be large enough for many dogs to play. Some parks struggle with over-capacity at peak times. Please provide additional shade, water and bins.

Wonderful idea, as we visit the Heathridge Park on a regular basis and it is because it is a "no dogs allowed" park, but yet we always see dogs there, not even on-leads and we have to walk in dog crap! Please send rangers there! We cannot play sports with our [- -] and they (dogs) chase our balls etc. not to mention the dog crap we step in frequently. It's a dog prohibited park, we are sick of it to be honest. Please send ranger on a regular basis to Heathridge Park on Ocean Reef Road — no dogs allowed — usually after 2 pm–6 pm.



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Elcar Park Location Plan

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