

5. PETITIONS

HORSESHOE LAKE RESERVE PROPOSAL: DOG PARK

A petition has been received from residents in the Tasman Place area, Burwood, opposing the relocation of the dog park in the Horseshoe Lake Reserve proposal. A letter from Peter Davidson referring the petition reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned, wish to object to the proposed relocation of the dog park. We are adamant we do not want this over our back fences.

Tasman Place and Monarch Lane are some of the quietest streets in Christchurch. We paid a premium for such properties and do not want their lifestyle or market values devalued.

Reasons:

1. *"Barking" and territorial response barking from local dog.*
2. *Hygiene. Current and future dog diseases a risk.*
Kids (any in area) will invariably play in the park due to its proximity. Skinned knees, etc, will be exposed to diseases.
Dog dosing strips used to be located well away from houses. The same logic should apply.
3. *Loss of an immediate open space/play area in a swampy/bushy area.*
4. *Leaching of droppings into swamp/streams (eels and baby trout within).*
5. *Dogs jumping/escaping fences.*
6. *The current dog park was located well away from houses for good reason. If it isn't broken don't fix it.*
7. *The idea of moving car parks away from the lake front to current dog park. In order to make nice quiet picnic type area by the lake.*
Perhaps overlooks that a busy road runs adjacent and is never quiet. Plus plenty of grassed waterside areas eastward around the lake.
8. *If new car park location is "imperative". Then locate dog park next to it. If it is not hygienic or nice to have this dog park next to the car park or picnic area then it is offensive to move it to our backyards. Car parkers may not currently object to dog park's location, but we do.*
9. *Is putting car parks at right-angles to road in front of current dog park an option? As traffic on that side of road is "generally" slowed by the intersection."*

The petition contains three signatures in total. The prayer of the petition follows:

"Adjacent residents opposed to relocating dog park to behind Tasman Place."

Chairperson's

- Recommendations:**
1. That the petition be received and forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Committee.
 2. That the information be considered as part of clause 16.