

Public Question Time

Question from Michael Strugnell:

In relation to the Eastern Road North Reserve which is now a fenced off-leash dog park but was once a community space. Why is Council so intent on keeping this very small park in this location instead of seeking a better place for it that's away from local residents and better suits dog owners who use this park? Secondly, if the EPA has a recommendation that a commercial dog kennel must not be located within 500 metres of a residential area due to the noise impact on residents nearby how can the City of Port Phillip in all good conscience allow residents within 500 metres of this park, an open-air kennel, to bear the brunt of the constant noise?

Response:

Council has recently commenced a review of Dog Off-leash areas and restrictions across the City of Port Phillip. The review will comprise of two key parts:

- 1 Review of the current off leash areas and restrictions
- 2 Development of Dog Off Leash Strategic Guidelines which will outline Council position on the provision, distribution, design and management of dog facilities in public open spaces.

Eastern Road Reserve will be considered as part of the review to determine its suitability to continue as an off leash area in the future. There will also be various opportunities for community input and consultation into the review over the coming months. I will ensure that you receive information on the consultation process and timelines when it is finalised. We anticipate that the outcomes of the review will be presented to Council towards the middle of 2023.

**Please note: answers to any questions in Public Question Time and Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*