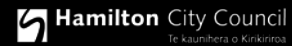


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HAMILTON DOG CONTROL BYLAW 2015 (amended 2025) *Ture-aa-Rohe Whakataki Kurii*

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1. Short title, commencement, and application

- 1.1. This bylaw may be cited as the Hamilton Dog Control Bylaw 2015 (amended 2025).
- 1.2. This bylaw shall apply to the district of Hamilton City.
- 1.3. The bylaw comes into force on 1 July 2015.
- 1.4. Amendments to this bylaw come into force on 1 July 2025.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of the bylaw is:
 - 2.1.1. To give effect to Council's dog control policy.
 - 2.1.2. To protect and maintain public safety.
 - 2.1.3. To address how council will fulfil its functions and duties pursuant to the dog control act 1996.

3. Definitions

- 3.1. In this bylaw except where inconsistent with the context:

Control or Controlled	In relation to a dog, means that the owner is able to obtain an immediate desired response from the dog by use of a lead and, when not on a lead, by using direct commands.
Council	Means Hamilton City Council.
Dog control officer	Has the same meaning as defined in the Dog Control Act 1996.
Owner	Has the same meaning as defined in section 2 of the Dog Control Act 1996.
Neuter or neutered	Has the same meaning as defined in the Dog Control Act 1996
Private way	Has the same meaning as defined in section 315(1) of the Local Government Act 1974.
Public place	Has the same meaning as defined in the Dog Control Act 1996.
Registered address	Means the address listed in the dog's registration, or another address which the council has agreed to in writing for the purpose of clause 8.
Working dog	Has the same meaning as defined in section 2 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

4. Control of dogs in public places

- 4.1. Every owner of a dog must exercise control over it and must prevent it from being or remaining at large in any public place or private way.
- 4.2. Except as provided in clauses 4.3 and 5.1, every owner of a dog must ensure the dog is under control on a lead in any public place or private way.
- 4.3. Dogs in the process of immediately accessing game hunting areas are exempt from the lead requirements outlined in clause 4.2 above, however the dog must be kept under control of the owner at all times.

5. Dog exercise areas

- 5.1. Dogs may be exercised free of restraint in the locations specified in the Off Lead Dog Exercise and Prohibited Areas Register (Schedule 1) as designated dog exercise areas. The owner must have continuous control of the dog and remain within the dog exercise area while the dog is off lead.
- 5.2. The owner of a dog must carry a lead when in a designated off lead dog exercise area with their dog.
- 5.3. Council may amend a designated off lead dog exercise area, following a period of appropriate public consultation.

6. Prohibited areas

- 6.1. Dogs are prohibited from the public places specified in the Off Lead Dog Exercise and Prohibited Areas Register as prohibited areas.
- 6.2. Clause 6.1 does not apply to any working dog entering or remaining in a prohibited area for the purpose of working.
- 6.3. Council may amend a prohibited area following a period of appropriate consultation.

7. Minimum standards for accommodation

- 7.1. The owner of a dog must:
 - 7.1.1. ensure that the dog has access at all times to:
 - 7.1.1.1. a kennel or place of confinement that:
 - 7.1.1.1.1. is large enough to allow the dog to stand up, turn around, and lie down in a natural position;
 - 7.1.1.1.2. is fully shaded, dry, and ventilated; and
 - 7.1.1.1.3. provides the dog protection from extremes of heat and cold;
 - 7.1.1.2. clean water;
 - 7.1.1.3. an area in which to urinate and defecate away from its lying area; and
 - 7.1.1.4. ensure that faeces or urine do not accumulate in any area in which the dog is kept.
- 7.2. Dogs must not be tethered adjacent to a fence or other structure, or otherwise confined, in a manner that may become injurious to the health of the dog.
- 7.3. If accommodations have become or are likely to become a nuisance or injurious to health, the Dog Control Officer may, by written notice, require the owner to take action to minimise or remove the nuisance.

8. Prevention of public nuisance

- 8.1. The owner or any person in possession of any dog that defecates in a public place, or on land or premises occupied by anyone other than the owner, must immediately remove the faeces and dispose of them in a hygienic manner.
- 8.2. Every owner of a dog that has a contagious disease must ensure that it is confined at all times within its registered address, or when not at this address fully contained and secured within a cage or vehicle that prevents contact with other animals, domestic or otherwise.
- 8.3. Every owner of a dog must prevent the dog from attacking any person or any other animal, and must take all reasonable steps to ensure the dog does not injure, endanger or intimidate any person by aggressive behaviour including, but not limited to, aggressive barking or aggressive rushing.

- 8.4. The owner or any person in possession of any dog in a public place must prevent the dog from interfering with the use or enjoyment of other persons in that public place.
- 8.5. A female dog in season may only be allowed outside the registered address when under the direct control of the dog owner or a person over the age of 16 and must be on lead at all times.
- 8.6. Despite clause 5.1 a female dog in season must not be exercised off lead in any area of Hamilton City, including the off lead dog exercise areas specified in the Off Lead Dog Exercise and Prohibited Areas Register, and game hunting areas. This clause does not relieve the dog owner of responsibility to provide adequate exercise as required by section [54\(1\)\(b\)](#) of the Dog Control Act 1996.
- 8.7. No person may intentionally cause a dog distress nor provoke, tease or annoy any dog in any manner that may cause the dog to become a nuisance, aggressive or unmanageable.

9. Limitation on number of dogs

- 9.1. No person shall keep, or permit to be kept, on or within any premises more than two dogs of greater age than three months, unless the premises have been approved by a dog control officer and a permit issued. Such permit will be subject to a fee approved and set by council.
- 9.2. Approval by a dog control officer of the above permit will only be given subject to compliance by the owner with any reasonable requirements imposed by the dog control officer.
- 9.3. Any approval given in clause 9.1 may be reviewed by a dog control officer. The approval may be modified or revoked in the event of non-compliance with any condition of approval over the period of the permit under review.
- 9.4. Variations to a permit, required for additional dogs, will be subject to a fee set by Council.
- 9.5. Permits are specific to the approved premises, if the owner moves premises a new permit must be applied for.

10. Menacing dogs

- 10.1. Any dog that council classifies as menacing pursuant to the Dog Control Act 1996 must be neutered within one month after the receipt of the notice of classification. If the dog is not in a fit condition to be neutered within the specified time, the owner must produce a certificate from a registered veterinarian certifying that the dog is not in a fit condition to be neutered, and if the condition continues, produce a new certificate as specified within section [33E](#) of the Dog Control Act 1996.

11. Probationary owners

- 11.1. If any owner of a dog is classified as a probationary owner pursuant to the Dog Control Act 1996 Council may require, at its discretion, the person to complete at his or her expense a dog owner education and/or dog obedience programme.

12. Impoundment of dogs

- 12.1. Any dog found at large in any public place or private way, whether or not the dog is wearing a collar with the proper registration label or disc attached, may be impounded by a dog control officer.
- 12.2. The owner of any impounded dog shall pay to the Council the reasonable impoundment, sustenance and administration fees set by Council.

13. Requirement to neuter an uncontrolled dog

- 13.1. The council may require the owner of a dog to cause that dog to be neutered if that owner has breached, on more than one occasion within a 12-month period, any of the sub-clauses 4.1, 4.2, 5.1 or 6.1 in respect of that dog. It is sufficient if the same sub-clause is breached twice or if two different sub-clauses are breached.

14. Objection to requirement to neuter uncontrolled dog

- 14.1. If Council requires a dog be neutered under clause 13.1, the owner of that dog may, within 14 days of receiving the notice, object in writing to the Council and has the right to be heard in support of the objection.
- 14.2. When considering an objection under clause 14.1 Council must have regard to:
- 14.2.1. the evidence which formed the basis for the requirement; and
 - 14.2.2. the matters relied upon in support of the objection; and
 - 14.2.3. any other relevant matters.
- 14.3. The Council will, as soon as practicable, give written notice to the owner of the decision and the reasons for its decision.

15. Effect of requirement to neuter an uncontrolled dog

- 15.1. If a dog is required to be neutered, the owner of that dog must, within 1 month after receipt of the notice, produce to the Council a certificate issued by a veterinarian certifying:
- 15.1.1. that the dog is or has been neutered; or
 - 15.1.2. that for reasons that are specified in the certificate, the dog will not be in a fit condition to be neutered before a date specified in the certificate; and
 - 15.1.3. must, if a certificate under clause 15.1.2 is produced, within 1 month after the date specified in that certificate, cause the dog to be neutered and produce a further certificate under clause 15.1.1.

16. Penalties

- 16.1. Any person who acts in breach of this bylaw commits an offence and is liable upon conviction to a penalty, as provided for under the Local Government Act 2002.
- 16.2. Additionally, any person who acts in breach of this Bylaw may be served with an infringement fee in accordance with the Dog Control Act, and as set out in Schedule 1 of that Act.

Schedule 1 – Off lead dog exercise and prohibited areas register

This schedule details all parks identified as off lead dog exercise areas, including those that are designated off lead dog exercise only at certain times (Off lead exercise area (specified times)), and prohibited areas within the district of Hamilton City.

Schedule 2 provides detailed maps of the specific areas within the locations listed below where the access areas rules apply.

Designation	Access Rules
Off lead dog exercise area	Are designated dog exercise areas and are priority areas for dogs and their owners. Dogs (excluding female dogs in season) can be off lead but must remain under control.
Off lead dog exercise area (specified times)	Are designated dog exercise areas and are shared spaces for all users. Dogs (excluding female dogs in season) can be off lead at certain times but must remain under control.
Prohibited area	Dogs are not permitted in these areas. Working dogs are exempt only when working.

Location	Designation
Aberfoyle Park	Off lead dog exercise area All times
Beetham Park	Off lead dog exercise area All times
Braithwaite Park	Off lead dog exercise area All times
Bristol Park	Off lead dog exercise area All times
Chelmsford Park	Off lead dog exercise area All times
Claudeland Park	Off lead dog exercise area All times
Crawshaw Park	Off lead dog exercise area All times
Days Park	Off lead dog exercise area All times
Derby Park	Off lead dog exercise area All times
Derek Heather Park	Off lead dog exercise area (specified times) Weekdays dogs must be on lead between 4pm-10pm Weekends dogs must be on lead between 8am-5pm Off lead at all other times
Eden Park Reserve	Off lead dog exercise area All times
Greensboro Park	Off lead dog exercise area All times

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Location	Designation
Hamilton East Cemetery	Prohibited area All times
Hamilton Gardens	Area north of Hungerford Crescent: Off lead dog exercise area All times
	Hillside Lawn (including southern river area): Off lead dog exercise area (specified times) On lead between 10am-6pm Off lead all other times
	Coxhead Flat (western river area): Off lead dog exercise area All times
	Enclosed Gardens: Prohibited area All times
Hamilton Lake Domain	Greenspace at reservoir: Off lead dog exercise area All times
	Playground and picnic area: Prohibited area All times
Hamilton West Cemetery	Prohibited area All times
Hare Puke Park	Off lead dog exercise area (specified times) Weekdays dogs must be on lead between 4pm-10pm Weekends dogs must be on lead between 8am-5pm Off lead at all other times
Hillcrest Park	Off lead dog exercise area (specified times) Weekdays dogs must be on lead between 4pm-10pm Weekends dogs must be on lead between 8am-5pm Off lead at all other times
Innes Common	Area east of Lake Domain Drive Off lead dog exercise area Off lead at all times
	Area west of lake Domain Drive Off lead dog exercise area (specified times) Weekdays dogs must be on lead between 4pm-10pm Weekends dogs must be on lead between 8am-5pm Off lead at all other times
Mangaiti Park*	Off lead dog exercise area Off lead at all times *Three sections of the park are designated as temporary off lead areas. The areas will no longer be off lead once sports field are developed.
Melville Park	Off lead dog exercise area All times

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Location	Designation
Minogue Park*	Off lead dog exercise area All times * The southern area is designated as a temporary off lead area. The temporary area will no longer be off lead once tree planting has begun.
Miropiko Reserve	Prohibited area All times
Moonlight Drive Reserve	Off lead dog exercise area All times
Porritt Stadium	Park surrounding Off lead dog exercise area All times
	Stadium Prohibited area All times
Pukete Farm Park	Off lead dog exercise area All times
Rakautahi Park	Off lead dog exercise area All times
Raymond Park	Off lead dog exercise area (specified times) Weekdays dogs must be on lead between 4pm-10pm Weekends dogs must be on lead between 8am-5pm Off lead at all other times
Resthills Park	Northern area Off lead dog exercise area All times
	Eastern area Off lead dog exercise area (specified times) Weekdays dogs must be on lead between 4pm-10pm Weekends dogs must be on lead between 8am-5pm Off lead at all other times
Tauhara Park	Off lead dog exercise area All times
Te Kootii Park	Off lead dog exercise area (specified times) Weekdays dogs must be on lead between 4pm-10pm Weekends dogs must be on lead between 8am-5pm Off lead at all other times
Te Manatu Park*	Off lead dog exercise area All times * Centre of the park is designated as a temporary off lead area. The areas will no longer be off lead once sports field are developed. It is proposed the surrounding off lead area will become an off lead dog exercise area (specified times) once the sports fields are developed.
Temple View Reserve	Off lead dog exercise area All times
Till's Lookout	Off lead dog exercise area All times

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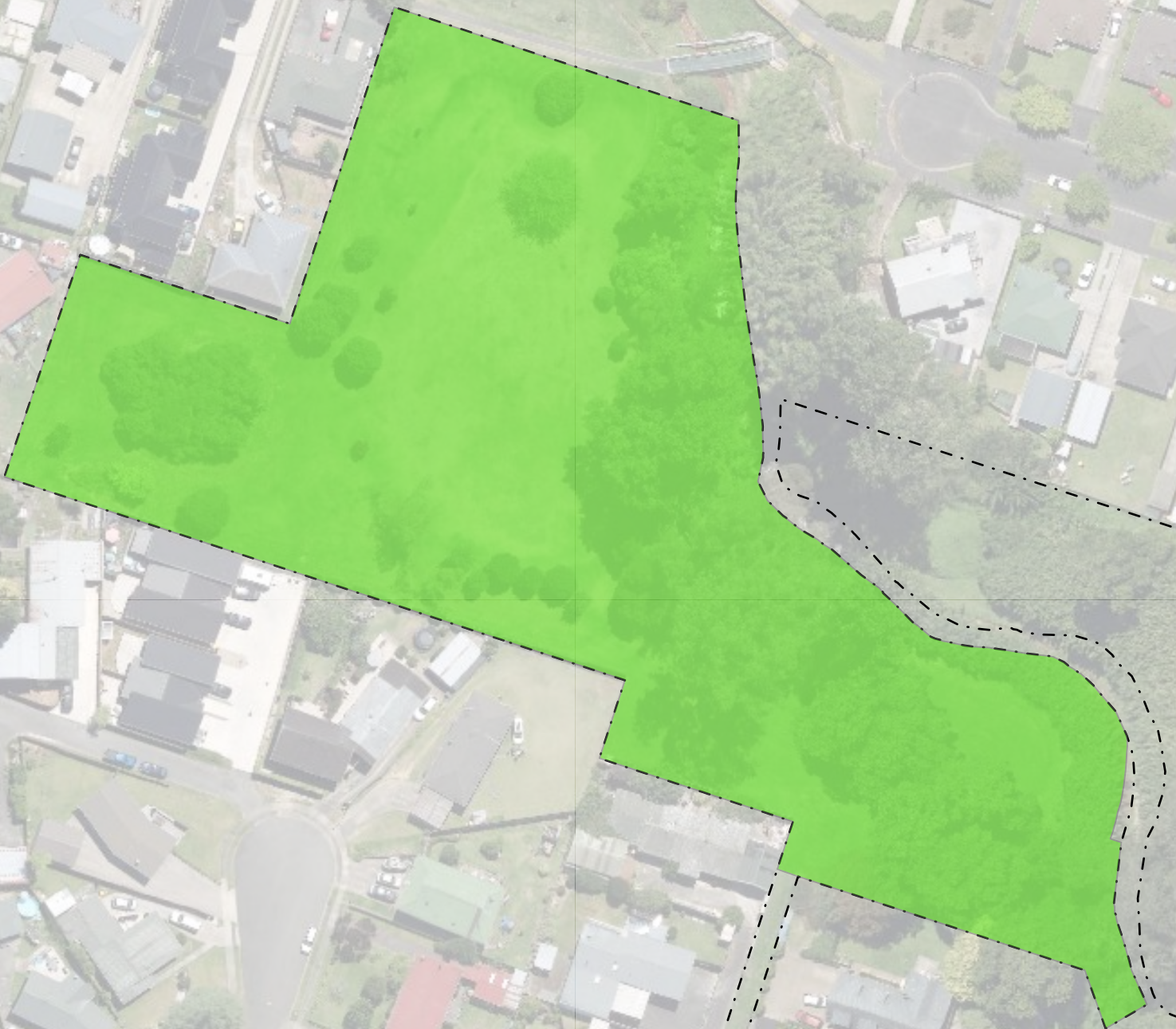


Location	Designation
Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park	Prohibited area All times
Waiwherowhero Park	Off lead dog exercise area All times

Schedule 2 – Off lead dog exercise and prohibited area maps

This schedule provides maps to identify the specific areas within the locations listed in Schedule 1 where the Off lead dog exercise areas and prohibition rules apply.

Aberfoyle Park



Legend

- Off lead dog exercise area
- Reserve Boundary

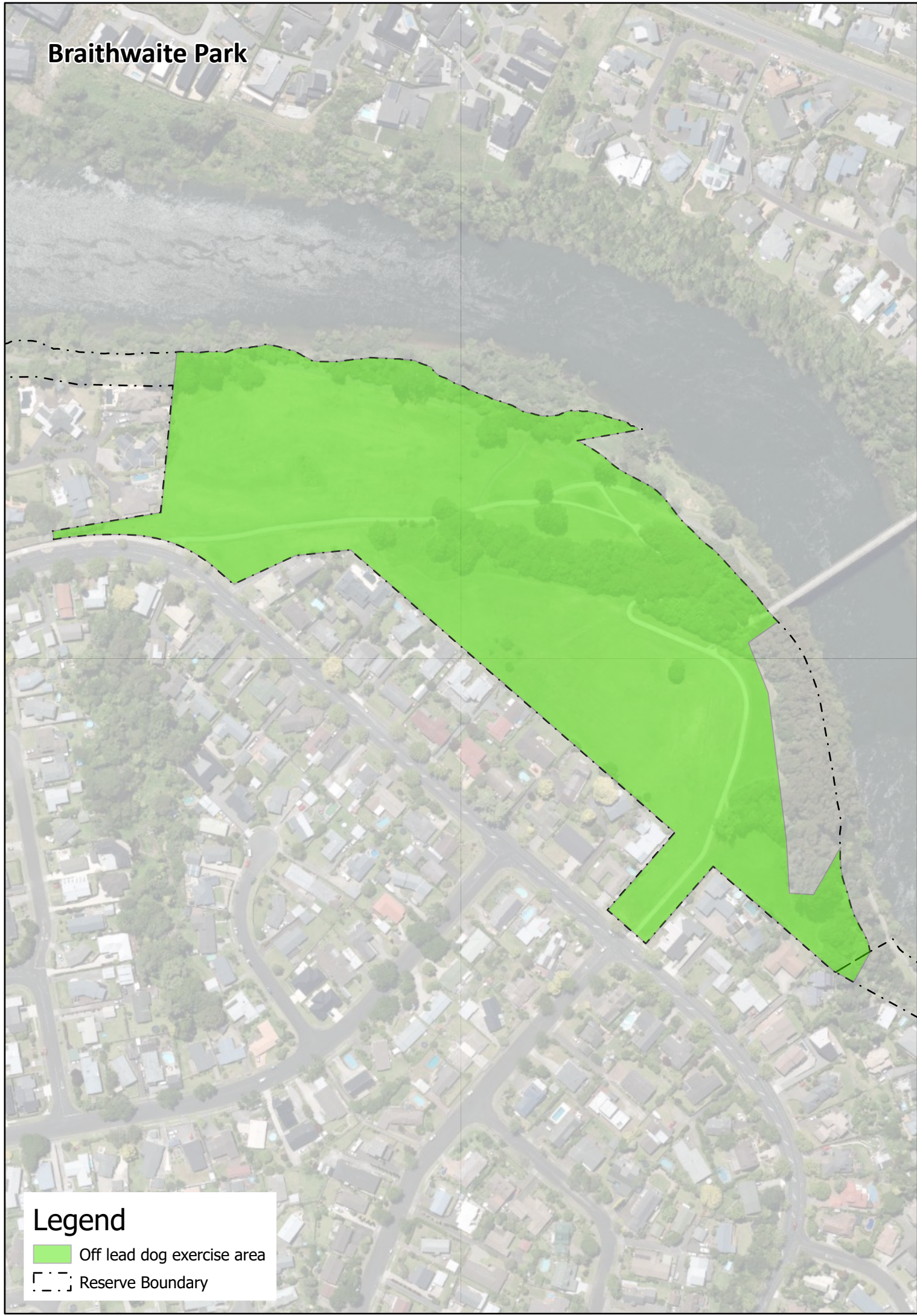
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



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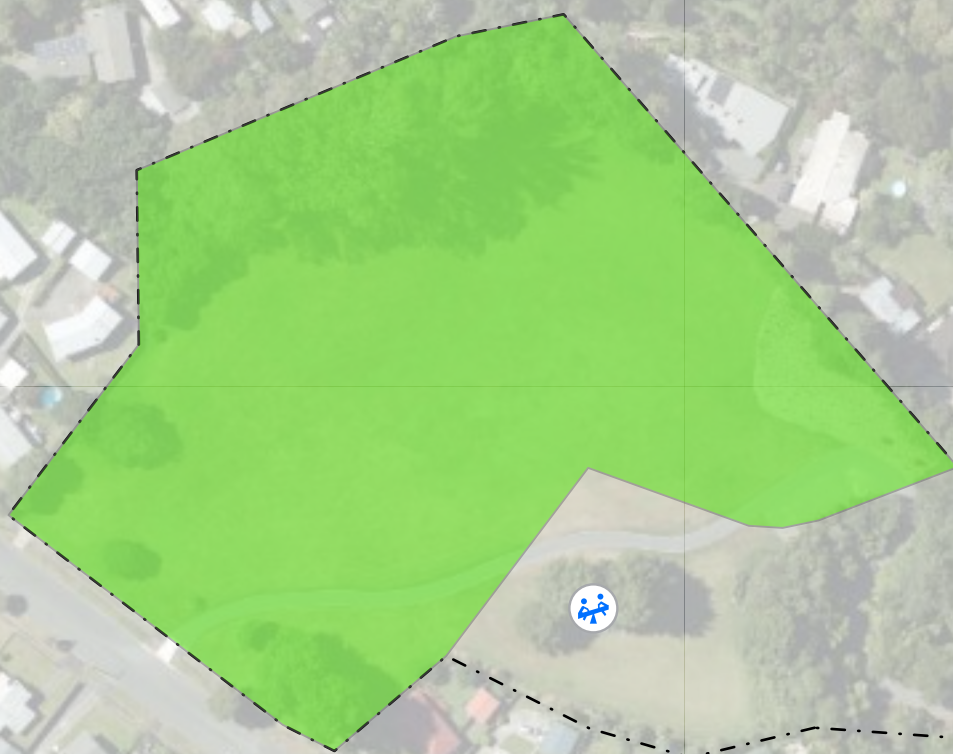
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


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




Legend

-  Off lead dog exercise area
-  Playground
-  Reserve Boundary

Claudlands Park

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


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Crawshaw Park



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-  Reserve Boundary

Day's Park

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


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Derby Park



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Derek Heather Park



Legend

 Off lead dog exercise area (specified times)




 Playground

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Eden Park Reserve



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-  Playground
-  Reserve Boundary

Greensboro Park



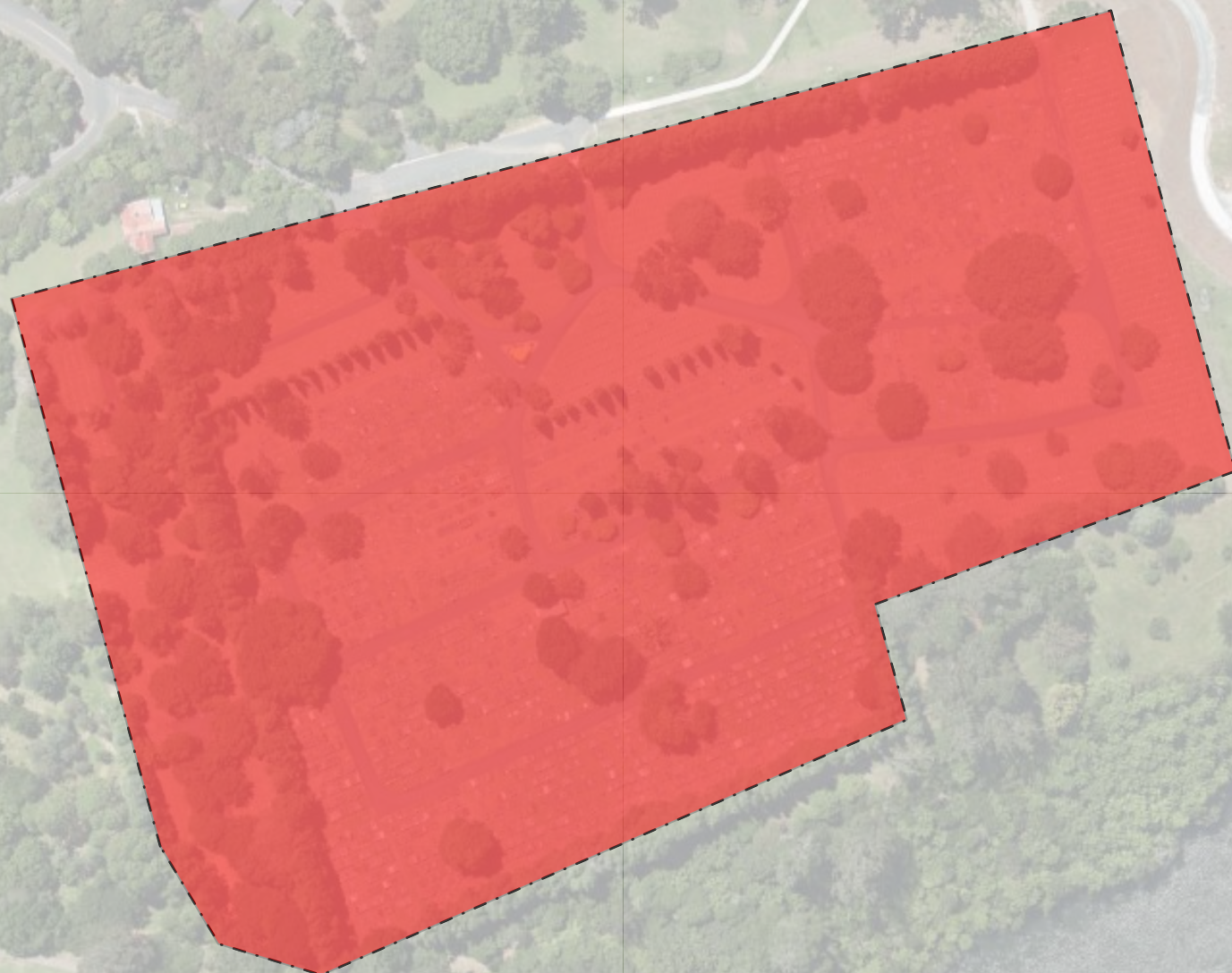
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Hamilton East Cemetery

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
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- Reserve Boundary



Hamilton Gardens




Legend

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-  Off lead dog exercise area (specified times)
-  Prohibited
-  Playground
-  Reserve Boundary

Hamilton Lake Domain



Legend

 Off lead dog exercise area

 Prohibited

 Playground

 Reserve Boundary

Hamilton West Cemetery






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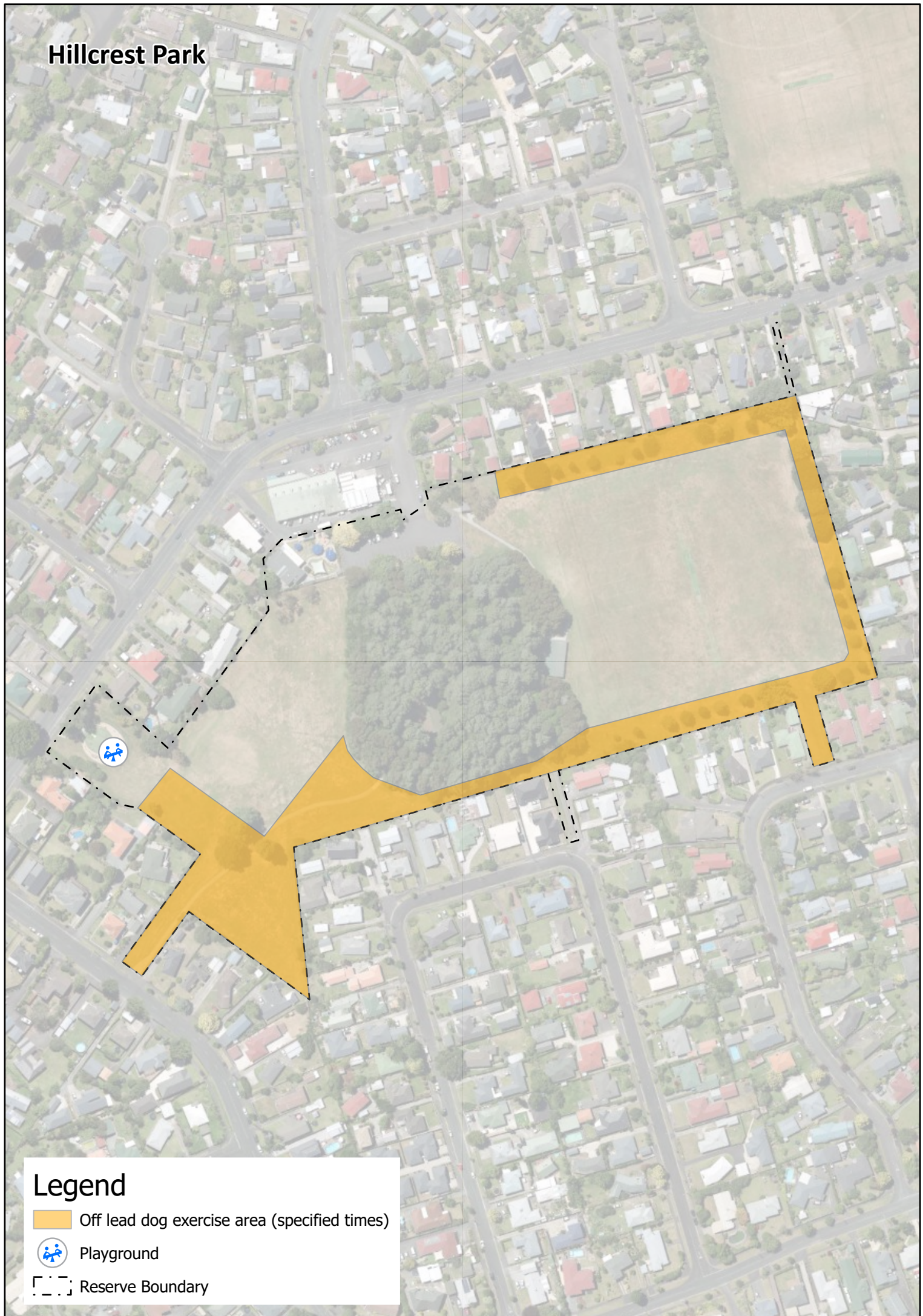
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
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Hillcrest Park







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Innes Common







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-  Reserve Boundary

Mangaiti Park Recreation Reserve




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-  Reserve Boundary

Melville Park



Legend

 Off lead dog exercise area

 Playground

 Reserve Boundary

Minogue Park





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Miropiko Reserve

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
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Moonlight Drive Reserve



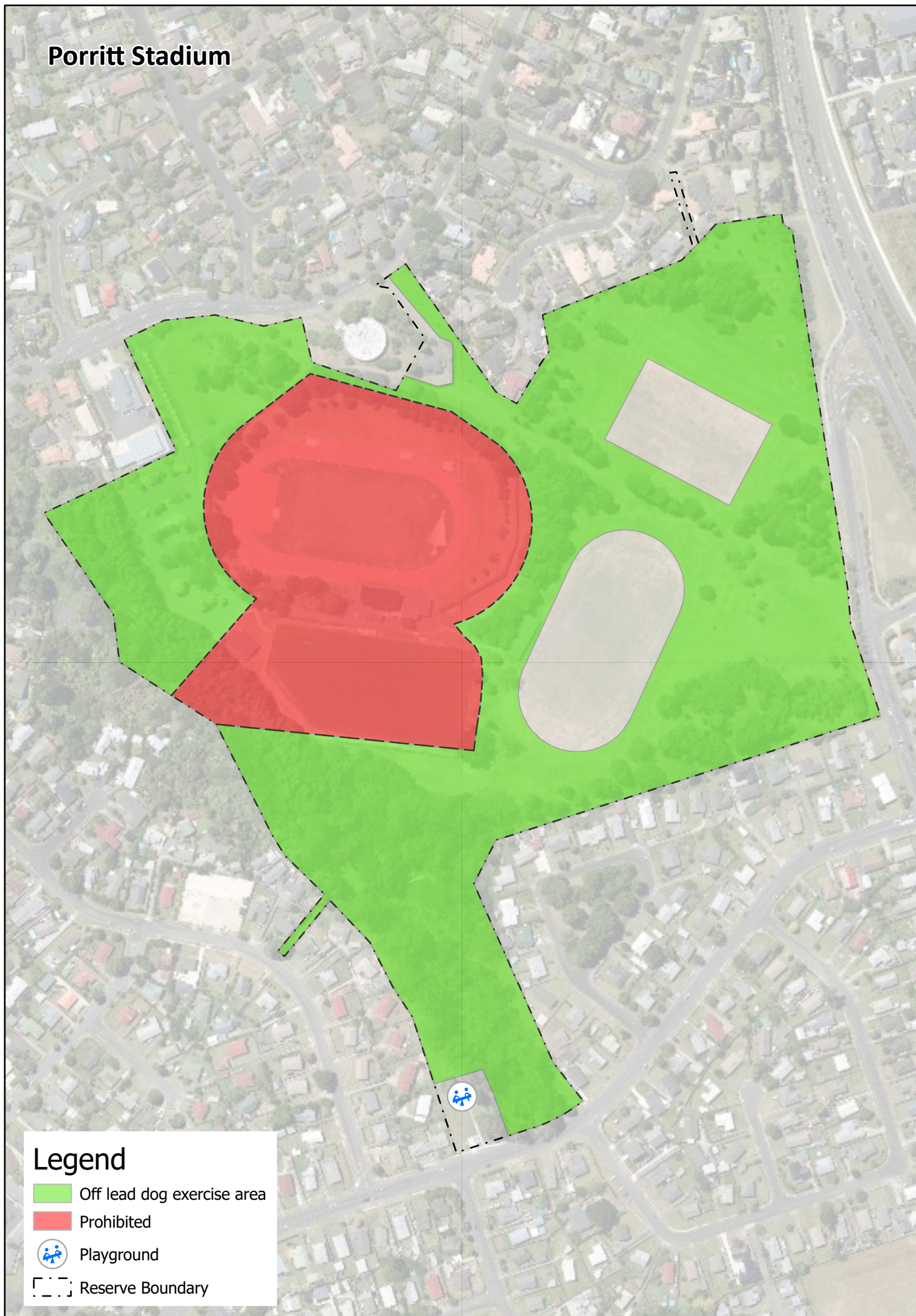
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 Off lead dog exercise area





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 Reserve Boundary

Porritt Stadium





Legend

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-  Playground
-  Reserve Boundary

Pukete Farm Park

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-  Reserve Boundary



Rakautahi Park






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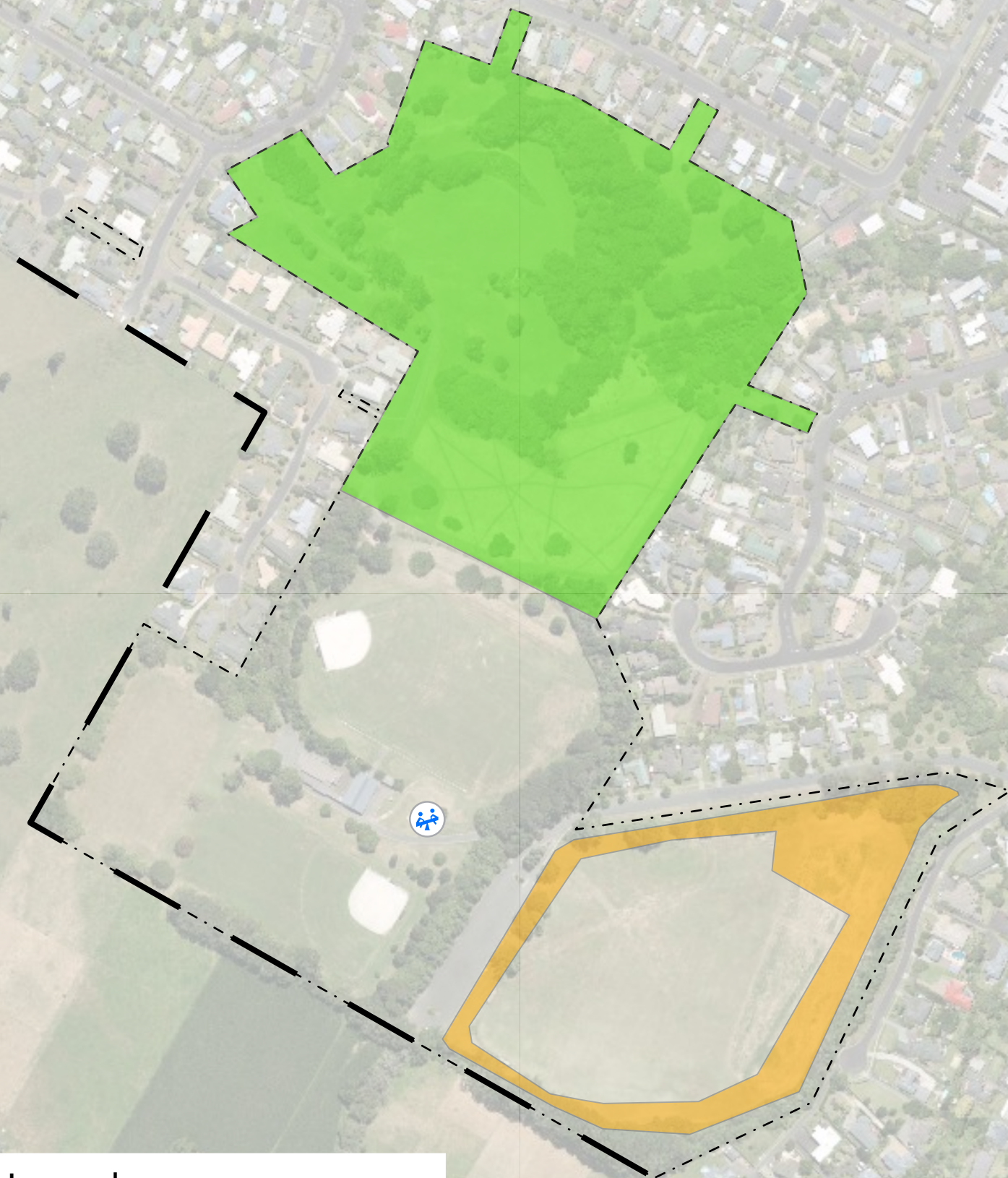
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
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Resthills Park




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Tauhara Park



Legend

 Off lead dog exercise area




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Te Kootii Park



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Te Manatu Park

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


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- Off lead dog exercise area (temporary)
- Reserve Boundary



Temple View Reserve





Legend

-  Off lead dog exercise area
-  Playground
-  Reserve Boundary

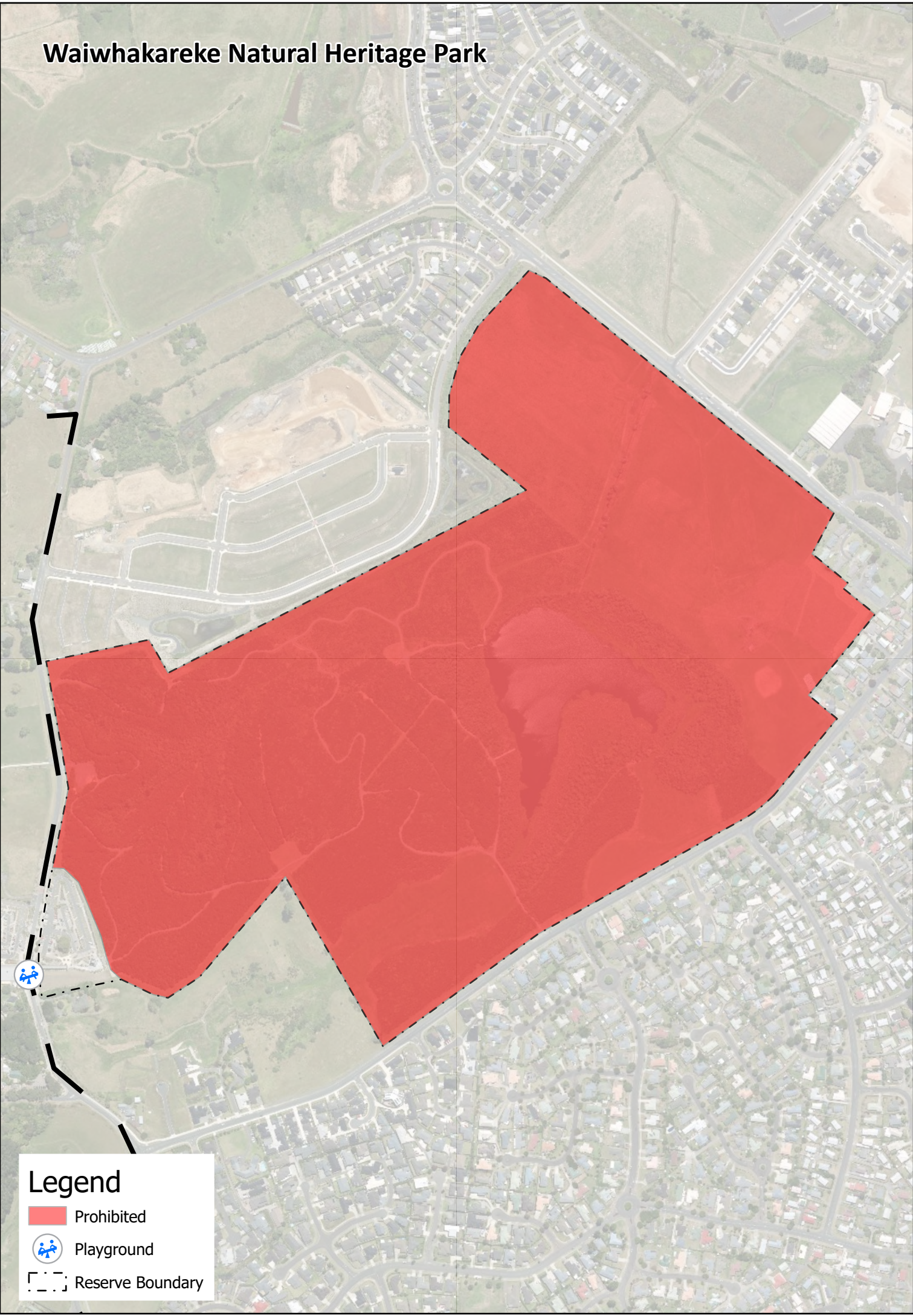
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Legend


-  Off lead dog exercise area
-  Reserve Boundary



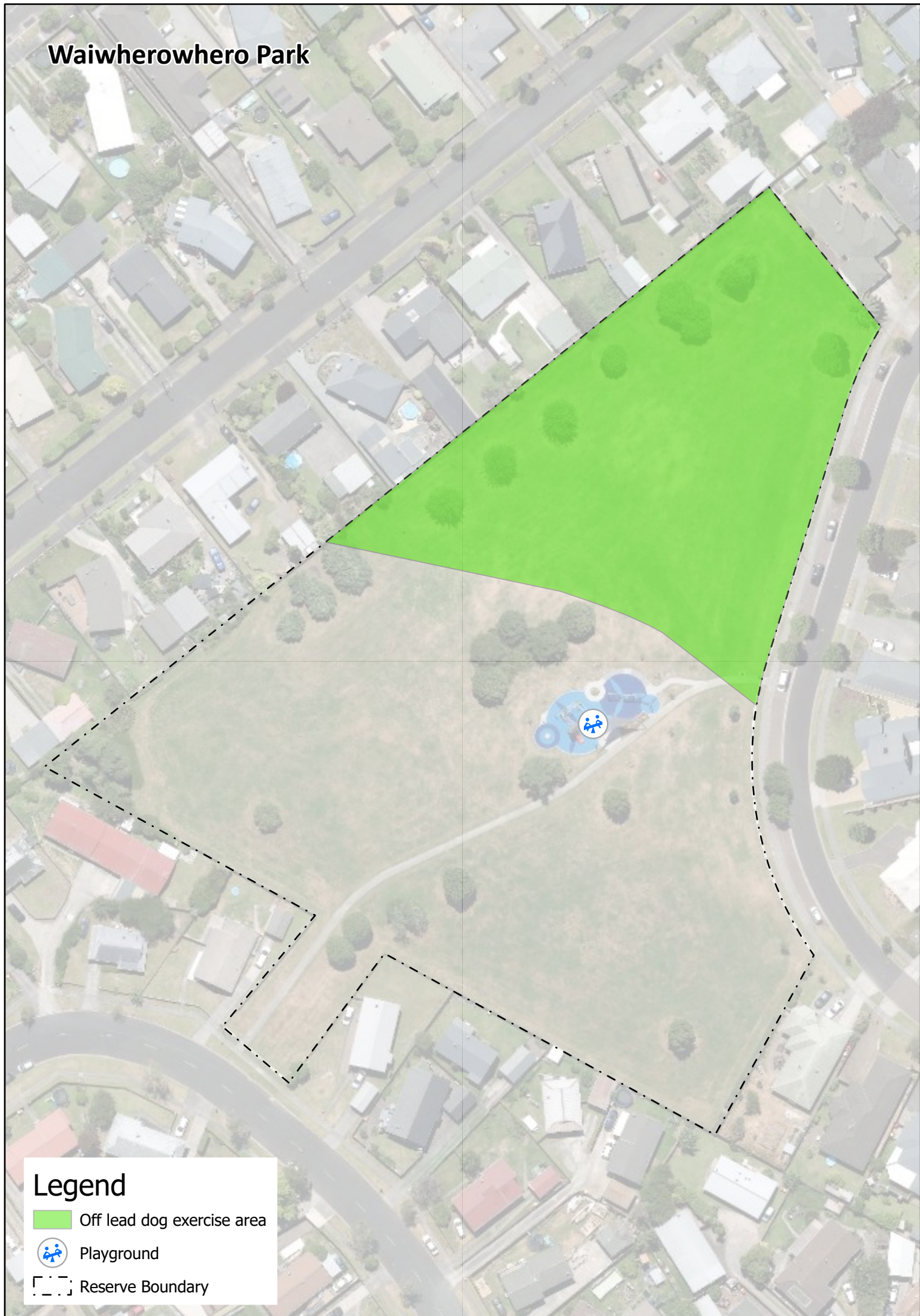
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
Legend

- Prohibited
-  Playground
- Reserve Boundary

Waiwherowhero Park



Legend

-  Off lead dog exercise area
-  Playground
-  Reserve Boundary