

**DECISION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AN APPLICATION
BY CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF A CONSTRUCTION AND
DESIGN CHANGE FOR THE CHRISTCHURCH CASINO**

Date of Decision: 23 February 2026

1. On 19 February 2026, Christchurch Casinos Limited (“**CCL**”) applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of a construction and design change at the Christchurch casino. CCL wants to extend the temporary hoardings beyond what was approved in a plan annexed to Delegated Approval 1724.

2. Conditions 6 and 7 of CCL’s venue licence provide as follows:

6. Subject to the provisions of condition 7, the Licence Holder must obtain the approval of the Commission prior to:

- (a) any construction or design changes whatsoever in the Gambling Area (Schedules 1 and 2) and Additional Gambling Area (Schedule 3) and for any construction or design changes elsewhere in the Casino Venue which may impact on the matters set out in condition 7;
- (b) the construction or relocation outside the Gambling Area and Additional Gambling Areas and within the Casino Venue of bank facilities available to the public excluding ATMs, EFTPOS and like devices; and
- (c) the addition or alteration of signage relating to the casino business on the exterior of the Casino Venue or on or around the building within which it is located.

The process by which the Licence Holder may obtain approval for construction or design changes to Level 1, Level 2 and the rooftop area of the Casino Venue, (paragraph (a) above) is set out in condition 7. The Commission will determine any application for approval under 6(b). The Executive Director may approve the addition or alteration of signage relating to the casino business on the exterior of the Casino Venue or on or around the building within which it is located (paragraph (c) above) if he/she is satisfied the proposed changes will have no potentially adverse effects. If he/she is not so satisfied, the proposed changes must be referred to the Commission for a decision on approval.

7. The Licence Holder must notify the Executive Director of any proposed changes to the construction or design for which approval is required under condition 6. Notification must be accompanied by relevant drawings and an assessment of any impacts the alterations may have on:

- (a) the integrity and fairness of games;
- (b) the effectiveness of security and surveillance;
- (c) harm prevention, harm minimisation and responsible gambling;
- (d) potential access to the Gambling Area by persons under 20 years of age; and
- (e) compliance by any person with the Act, including section 11 of the Act.

The Executive Director may approve the proposed changes to the construction or design if he or she is satisfied that there are no adverse impacts in relation to the matters specified in (a)-(e) above. If the Executive Director is not satisfied, he or she will refer the proposal to the Commission for determination.

Submissions

3. CCL obtained Commission approval for a series of floor plans and construction & design changes pursuant to Delegated Approval 1724. The approval permits CCL to complete, in stages, carpet replacement and floor repairs on the casino's MGF.
4. As part of this process, it has been installing temporary hoardings around the areas being worked on in order to isolate each section of the MGF for remediation and carpet replacement. During some of the stages, EGMs are switched off so they are not operational.
5. As part of Approval 1724, the Commission approved a temporary floor plan for deployment from 23-26 February 2026, which is annexed as Appendix 27 to Approval 1724. This floor plan depicts temporary hoardings around 11 EGMs with a further 8 EGMs switched off. CCL now wants the temporary hoardings to surround the additional 8 EGMs (as well as the original 11) and seeks the Commission's approval for this change.
6. The Secretary had no regulatory concerns with CCL's proposal.

Decision

7. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed construction and design changes (to extend the temporary hoardings) would not adversely impact any of the matters set out in condition 7. The construction and design change is approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of CCL's venue licence.



Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

23 February 2026

