

**DECISION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AN APPLICATION  
BY CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION AND  
DESIGN CHANGES, AND FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW FLOOR PLAN  
FOR THE CHRISTCHURCH CASINO**

**Date of Decision: 11 March 2026**

1. On 9 March 2026, Christchurch Casinos Limited (“**CCL**”) applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of a construction and design changes, and pursuant to condition 12 of its operator’s licence, for approval of a new floor plan, “Level 1 Floor Plan “A” 09 March 2026”, for the Christchurch casino.

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.

3. Condition 12 of CCL's operator's licence provides as follows:

12. The Licence Holder shall obtain the approval of the Commission for new floor plans prior to relocating or installing tables or machines in positions not specified in approved floor layouts. When applying the Licence Holder must submit fresh plans showing the floor layout for the Gambling Area and details of the proposed CCTV layout for the consideration of the Commission. Any change must comply with the Surveillance Standard. The Executive Director and a single Gambling Commissioner may approve the new floor plans if they are satisfied that the floor layout has no potentially adverse effects. If they are not so satisfied, the proposed floor plan must be referred to the Commission for a decision on approval.

*Submissions*

4. It obtained Commission approval for construction and design changes and floor plan "Level 1 Floor Plan 09 March 2026" attached as Appendix 8 to Delegated Approval 1753. That approval permits CCL to undertake carpet replacement and floor repairs in a specified part of the casino between 9 and 12 March 2026. As part of that approval, CCL intended to remove temporarily 30 EGMs and install temporary hoardings, before removing the hoardings and reinstalling 32 EGMs.
5. In the process of replacing the carpet, its contractors removed additional carpet from an area of the Skylark Floor outside of that approved by the abovementioned floor plan. It now seeks a new approval to remedy the position – depicting the removal of the additional carpet and the removal of 44 EGMs, and the installation of additional hoardings. The plan will be labelled "Level 1 Floor Plan "A" 09 March 2026" and will apply from 9-12 March 2026.
6. From 13 March 2026, it will remove the hoardings and return 46 EGMs to the floor.
7. The EGMs will be switched off so they are not operational within the hoarded zones.
8. At no stage during the above movements will CCL exceed the 15:1 ratio of gaming machines to table games, as required by licence conditions. Effective CCTV coverage will be in place for all gaming tables and EGMs.
9. The Secretary had no regulatory concerns with CCL's proposal.

*Decision*

10. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed construction and design changes (floor remediation, carpet installation and hoarding installation) would not adversely impact any of the matters set out in condition 7. The construction and design changes are approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of CCL's venue licence.

11. The proposed floor plan raises no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. Accordingly, the floor plan "Level 1 Floor Plan "A" 09 March 2026" (**attached**) is approved.



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**Susan Hughes**  
Chief Gambling Commissioner  
Gambling Commission



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**Blair Cairncross**  
Executive Director  
Gambling Commission

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### Proposed Level 1 Floor Plan "A" 09 March 2026

