

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

**Date of Decision: 23 October 2025**

1. On 22 October 2025, Christchurch Casinos Limited (“**CCL**”) applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes, and pursuant to condition 12 of its operator’s licence, for approval of a temporary floor plan “Level 1 – 28 October 2025”.
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. CCL submitted, in summary, that it wants to make the following changes:

- install temporary hoardings at the entrance to the Café on Level 1;
- relocate 2 ATMs to outside of the Café hoardings, into an unlicensed area at the top of the stairs;
- reinstate 1 EGM in the Café Area;
- it wants to make these changes on 28 October;
- the ratio of gaming machines to table games will remain unchanged.

*Decision*

- 5. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed construction and design changes 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. The changes are to be generally in accordance with the application.
- 6. No approval is required to relocate the ATMs; CCL is required only to notify the Commission of the proposed change.

7. The proposed temporary floor plan raises no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. Accordingly, temporary plan “Level 1 – 28 October 2025” (**attached**) is approved by the Chief Gambling Commissioner and the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to condition 12 of CCL’s operator’s licence.



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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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### Floor Plan "Level 1 – 28 October 2025"

