

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

Date of Decision: 12 March 2026

1. On 10 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 series of floor plans for the Christchurch casino. Four of the floor plans that CCL sought for approval for are temporary (labelled Appendices 4-7), while three are permanent – (Appendices 8-10 labelled as “Level 1 – March 2026”, “Level 2 – Monza – March 2026” and “Level 2 – Premium Lounge – March 2026”).
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 wants to update the floor plans and construction and design changes approved in Delegated Approvals 1753 and 1760. The proposed floor plan changes are to complete the remaining carpet replacement with consequential relocations of gambling products and installation of hoardings.
5. The proposed changes for the carpeting repairs involve temporary floor plans (Appendices 4-7) while the remaining floor plans (Appendices 8-10) are permanent floor plans and will be deployed upon completion of the recarpeting.
6. The proposed changes are as follows:
- 16-19 March 2026 (Appendices 4-5)*
- temporarily remove 109 EGMs from service in Skylark Level 1;
 - install temporary hoardings in Skylark Level 1;
 - remove 3 EGMs from the Premium Lounge Level 2.
- 20 March 2026 (Appendix 6)*
- return 57 EGMs to service in Skylark Level 1;
 - adjust the temporary hoardings in Skylark Level 1.
- 21-22 March 2026 (Appendix 7)*
- return 49 EGMs to service in Skylark Level 1;
 - remove temporary hoardings in Skylark Level 1.
7. The EGMs will be switched off during the recarpeting so that they are not operational within the hoarded zones.
8. At no stage during the above movements will it 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 plans raise no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. Accordingly, temporary floor plans "Level 1 – 16 March 2026", "Level 2 Premium Lounge – 16 March 2026", "Level 1 – 20 March 2026", "Level 1 – 21 March 2026"; and permanent floor plans "Level 1 – March 2026", "Level 2 Monza – March 2026", and "Level 2 – Premium Lounge – March 2026" (**attached**) are approved.



Susan Hughes
Chief Gambling Commissioner
Gambling Commission

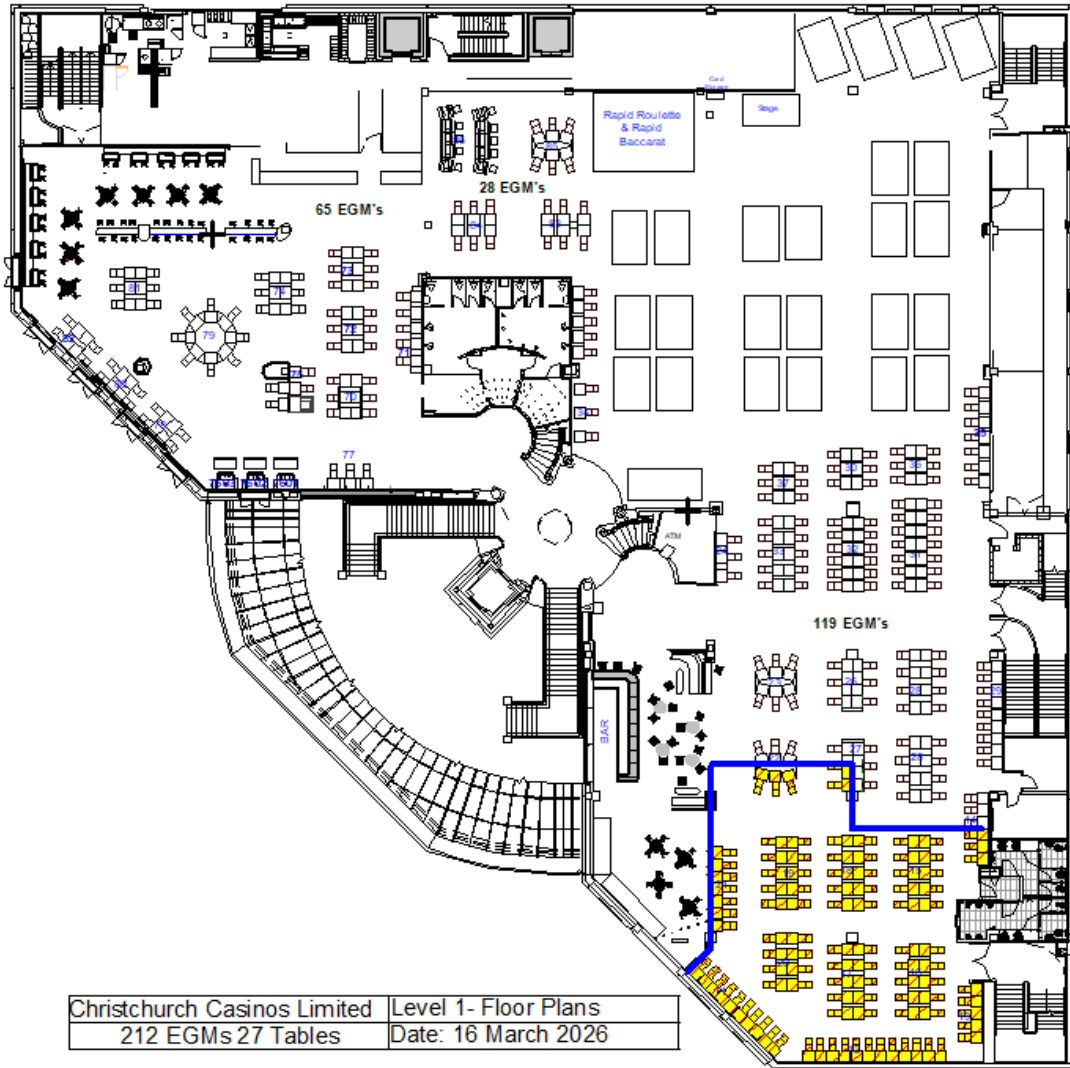


Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

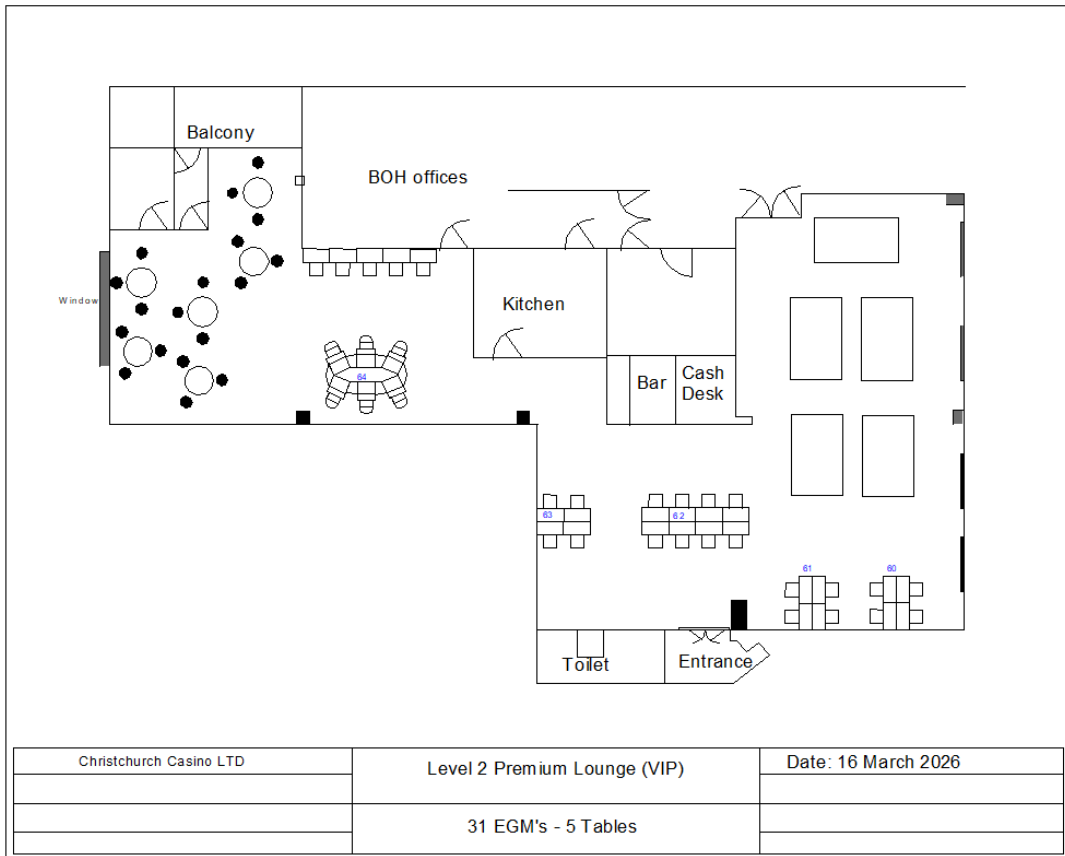
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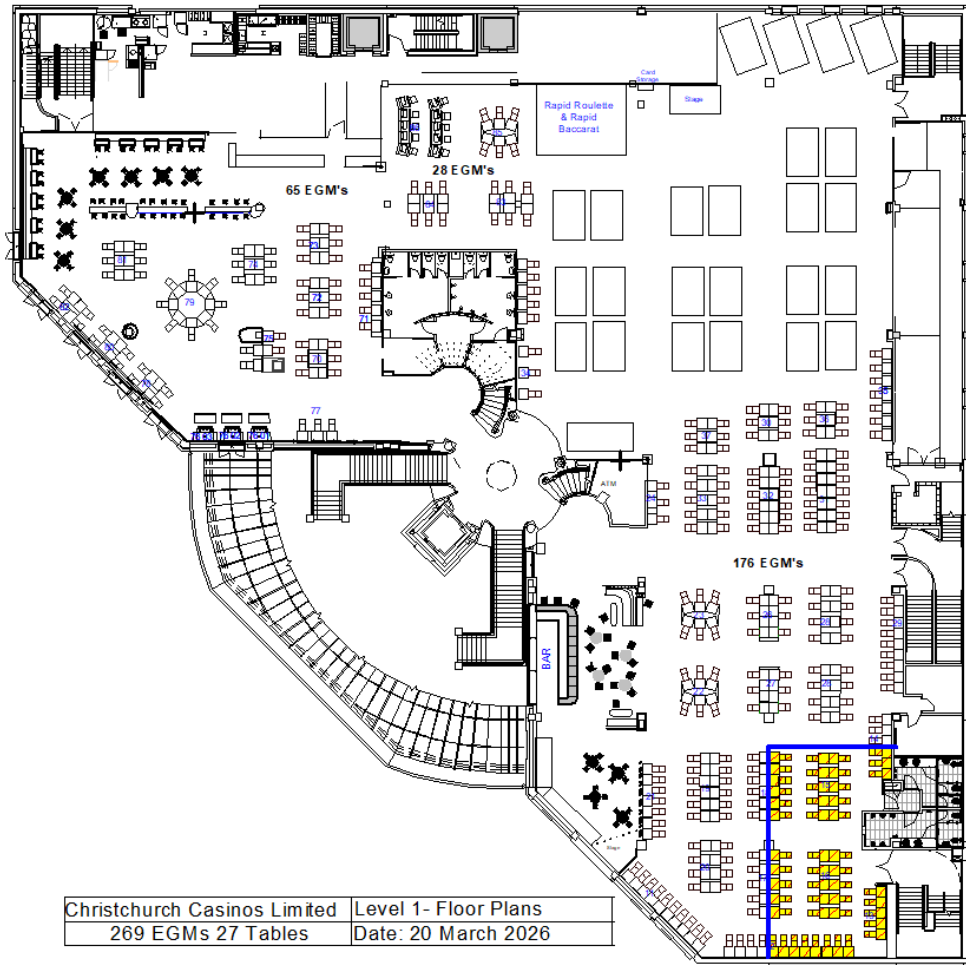
Appendix 4
Proposed Level 1 Floor Plan 16 March 2026



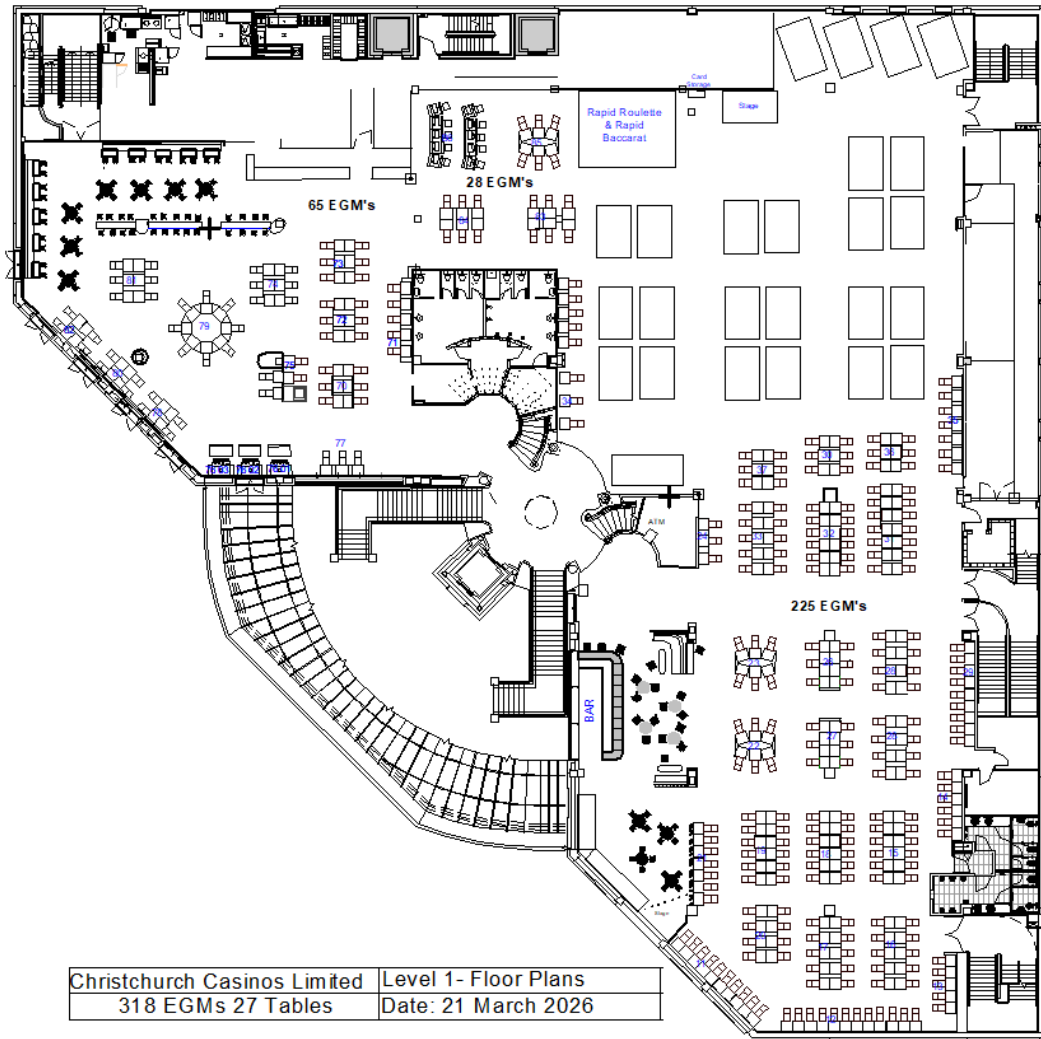
Appendix 5
Proposed Level 2, Premium Lounge Floor Plan 16 March 2026



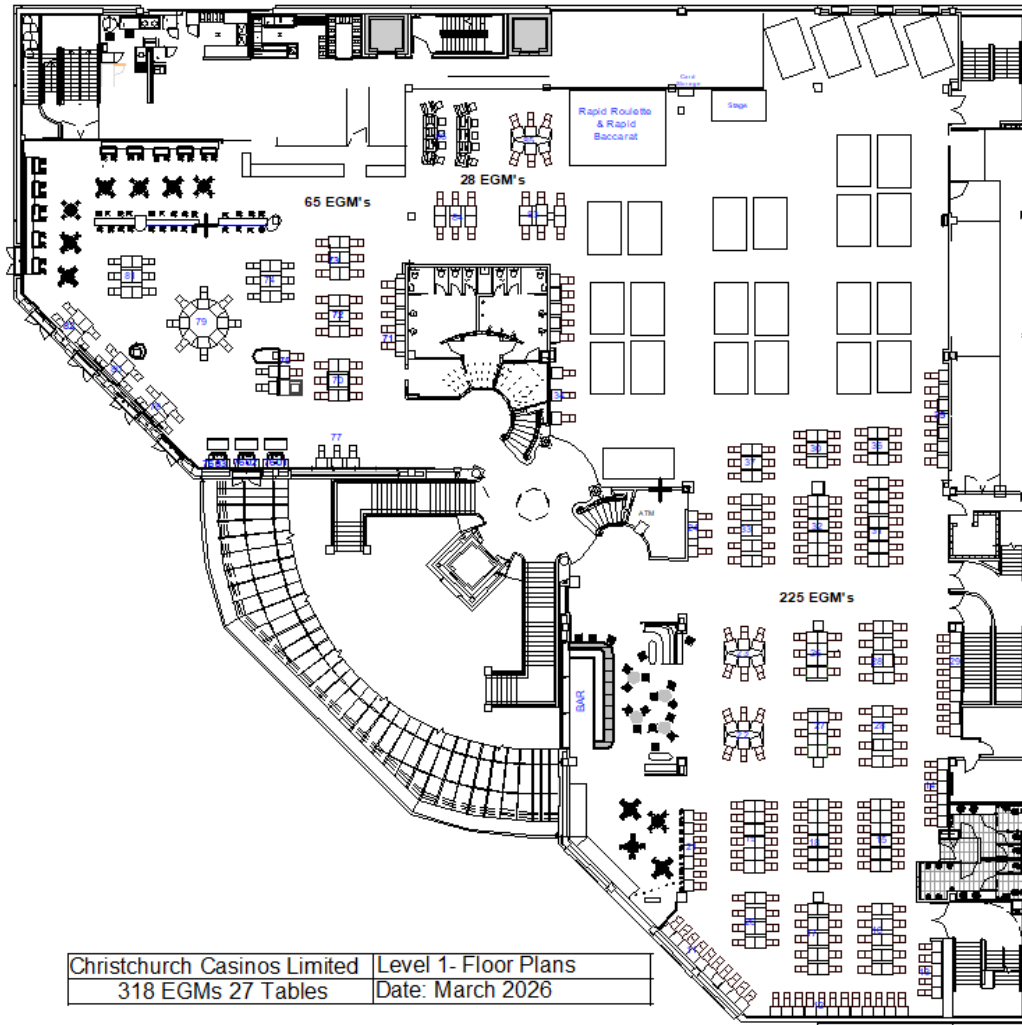
Appendix 6
Proposed Level 1 Floor Plan 20 March 2026



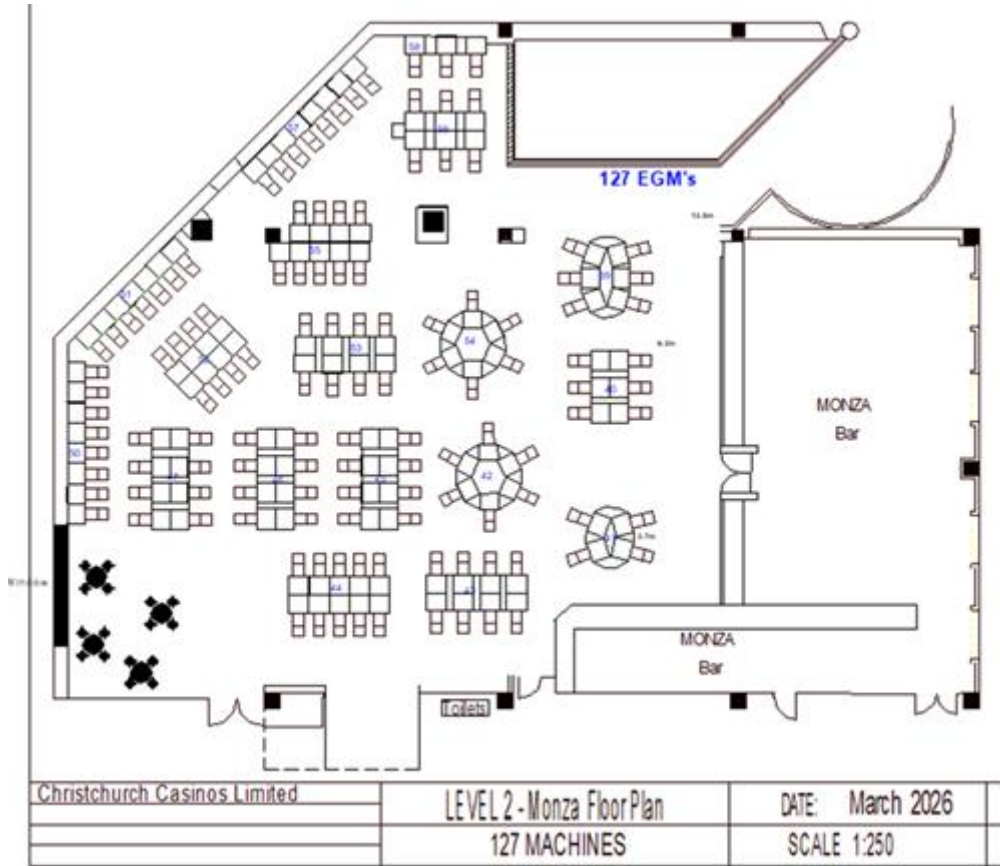
Appendix 7
Proposed Level 1 Floor Plan 21 March 2026



Appendix 8
Proposed Permanent Level 1 Floor Plan March 2026



Appendix 9
Proposed Permanent Level 2, Monza Floor Plan March 2026



Appendix 10
Proposed Permanent Level 2, Premium Lounge Floor Plan March 2026

