

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

**Date of Decision: 10 November 2022**

1. On 28 October 2022, Christchurch Casinos Limited Limited (“**CCL**”) applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes at the Christchurch Casino and, pursuant to condition 12 of its operator’s licence, for approval of two new temporary floor plans, “Level 1 – Temp – November 2022” and “Level 2 – Temp – November 2022”, and a permanent new floor plan, “Level 1 – November 2022”.

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)-€ above. If the Executive Director is not satisfied, he or she will refer the proposal to the Commission for determination.

3. Condition 12 of its 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 as follows:

*Construction and design changes*

- (a) It wants to move the Valley Bar from its current location on level 1 to a nearby location to provide for better natural light and visibility. While the relocated bar is being constructed, it wants to install a temporary bar nearby. This temporary bar is designed to be removable and for busy periods only.
- (b) The building work will be cordoned off by hoardings on Levels 1 and 2 of the casino.
- (c) A copy of a plan setting out the exact proposed changes was annexed to its letter of application.
- (d) If approved, building work will commence in January 2023 and will take two to three months to complete.

*Floor plans*

- (e) As a result of the construction and relocation of the Valley Bar, it seeks approval of two new temporary floor plans, "Level 1 – Temp – November 2022" and "Level 2 – Temp – November 2022" which will be operational during the abovementioned construction. It also seeks approval of a new permanent floor plan, "Level 1 – November 2022", which will be deployed once the constructions work has been completed.
- (f) The proposal involves the removal of 7 EGMs from bank 23 to accommodate the hoardings. The remainder of gambling equipment at the Casino will be unchanged.

- (g) Temporary floor plan “Level 2 – Temp – November 2022” allows for hoardings surrounding the upper atrium above the Valley Bar on Level 2.
- (h) It will have 280 EGMs in operation on Level 1 and 459 in total across the Casino, which is fewer than the 500 permitted by its licence conditions. There will be no change to the number of table games in operation. It will also maintain its 15:1 ratio of EGMs to gaming tables.
- (i) There will be no adverse impact in relation to the matters set out in condition 7 of its venue licence.
5. The Executive Director was satisfied that the proposed construction and design changes will not adversely impact upon any of the matters set out in condition 7. The construction and design changes proposed are approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of CCL’s venue licence. The construction and design changes are to be generally in accordance with the application.
6. The proposed floor plans raised no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. Accordingly plans “Level 1 –Temp – November 2022” and “Level 2 – Temp – November 2022” (**attached**) are approved by the Chief Gambling Commissioner and the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to condition 12 of CCL’s operator’s licence.
7. Once the construction and design work has been completed, CCL will transition to “Level 1 – November 2022” (**attached**) and temporary plans “Level 1 –Temp – November 2022” and “Level 2 – Temp – November 2022” will cease to be valid.



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**Lisa Hansen**  
Chief Gambling Commissioner  
Gambling Commission

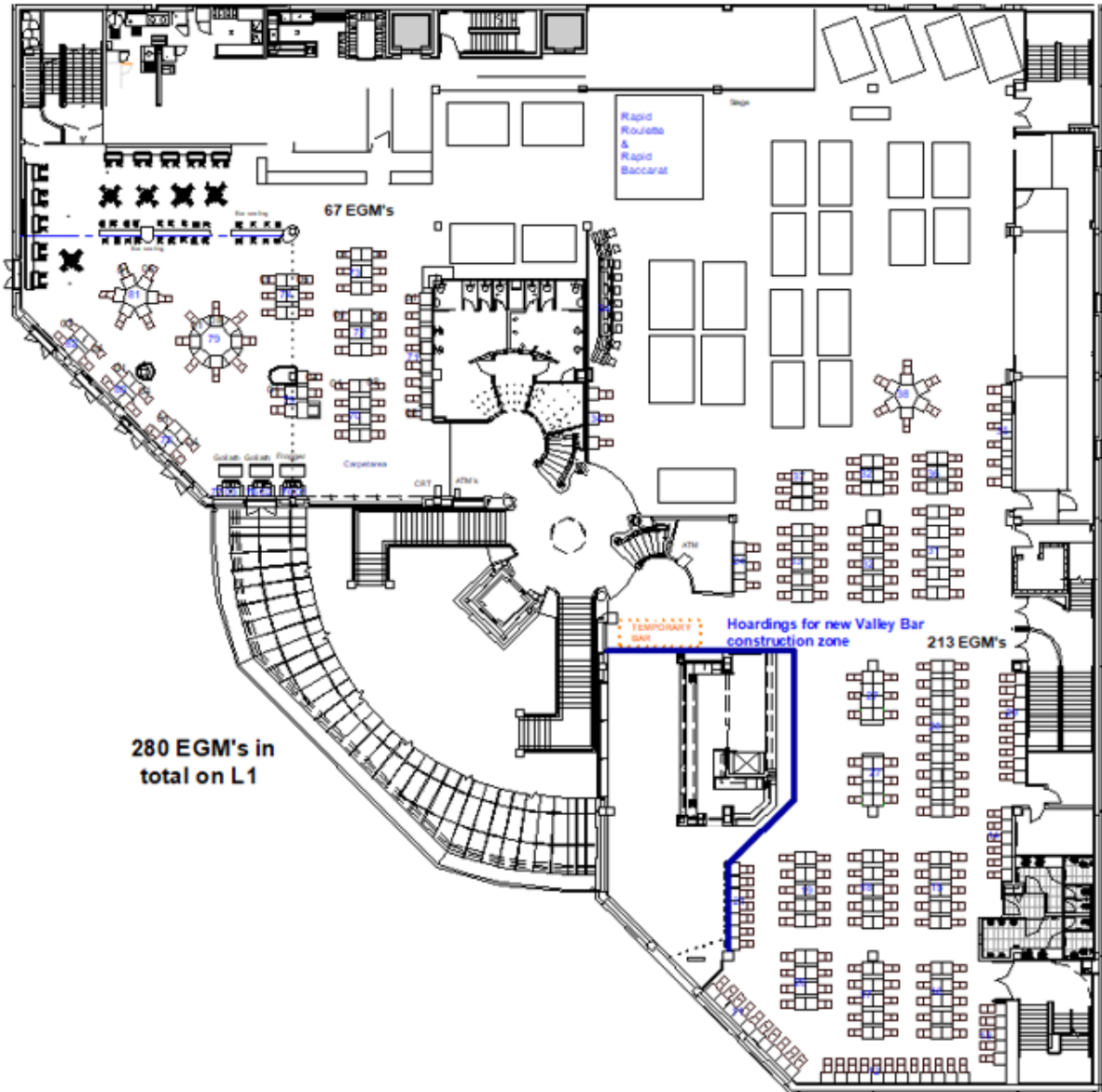


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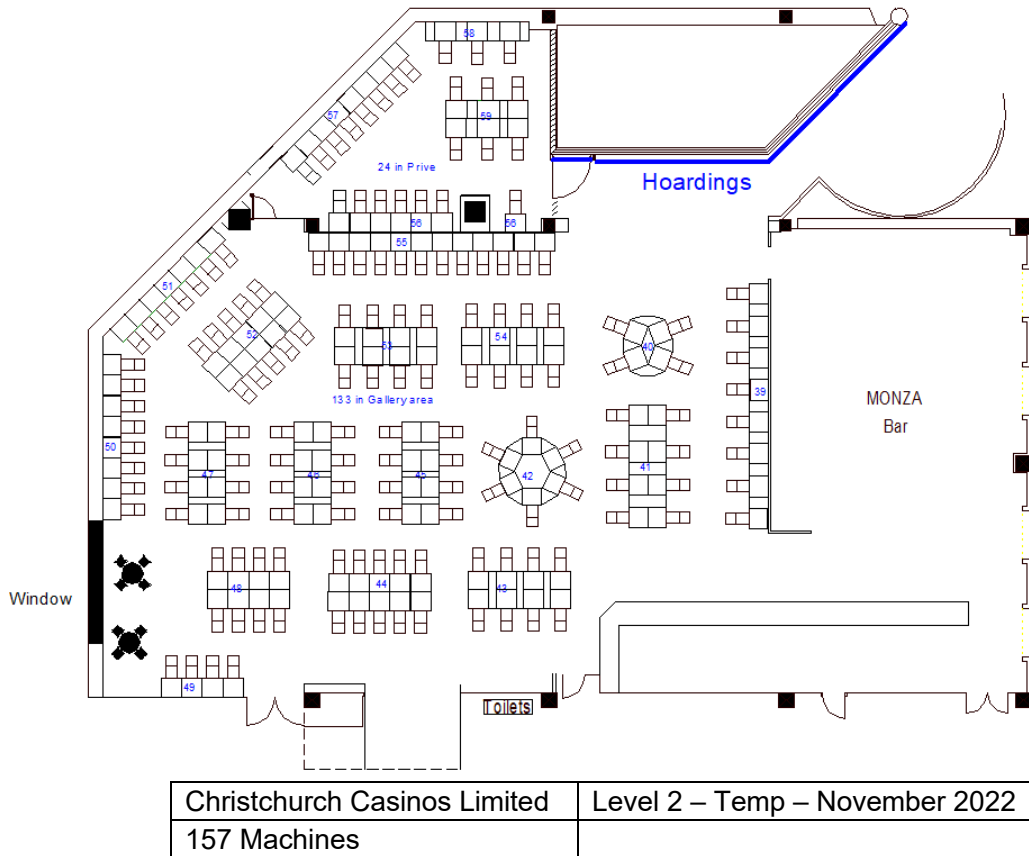
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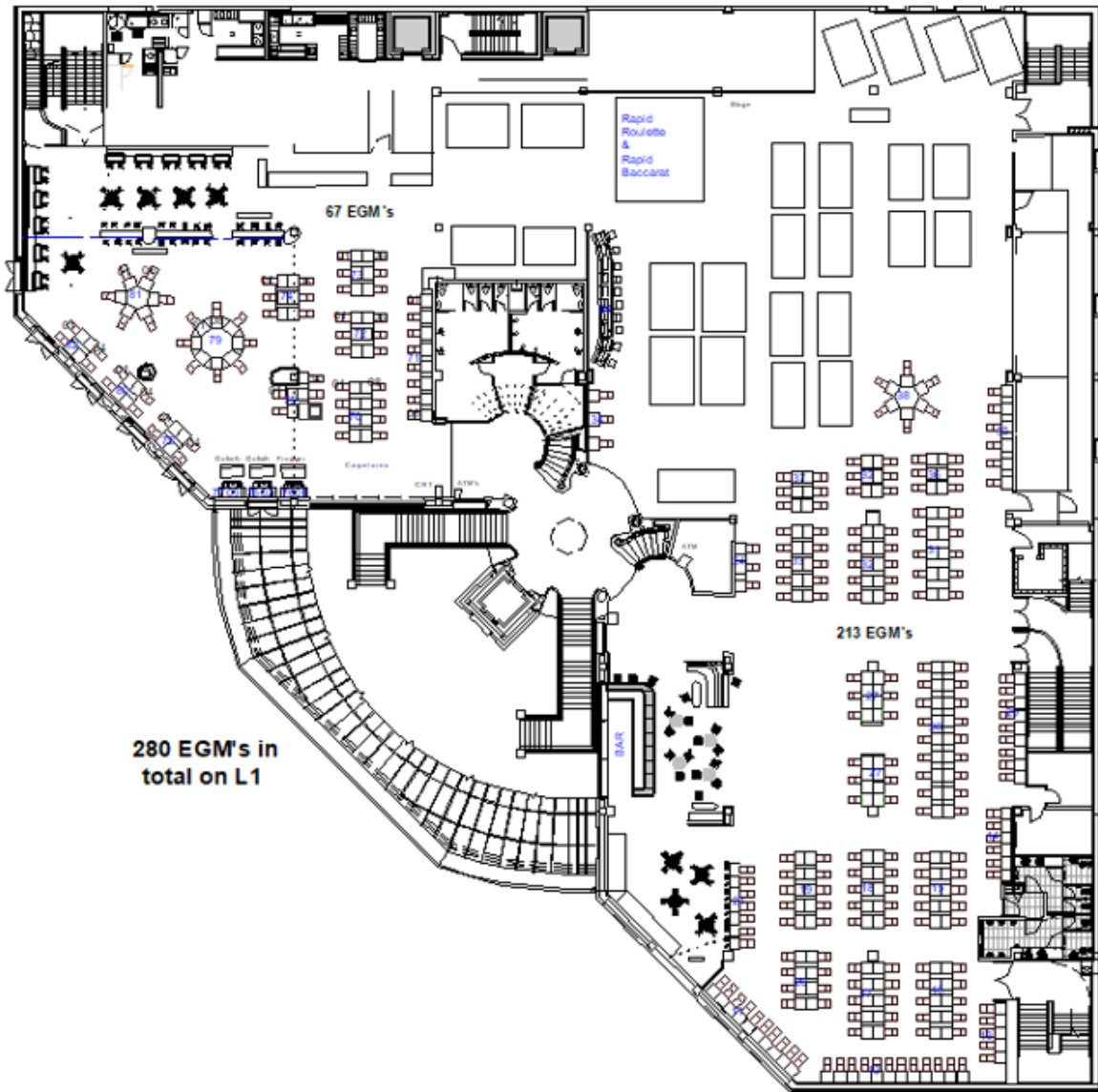
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