

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

Date of Decision: 29 June 2023

1. On 29 June 2023, Christchurch Casinos 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 a new temporary floor plan, “Level 1 – Temp – June 2023”.
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 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 as follows:

Construction and design changes

- (a) It wants to construct a stage on the MGF on the dates set out below, to conduct monthly draws for the "Hello Holidays" promotion it is running at the Casino:
- Draw 1: 29 June 2023
 - Draw 2: 27 July 2023
 - Draw 3: 31 August 2023.
- (b) The stage will be constructed on the day of each draw and will be deconstructed on the following day, as follows:
- 29-30 June 2023
 - 27-28 July 2023
 - 31 August-1 September 2023
- (c) The stage will be moved to where the pit stand currently is on the MGF.
- (d) The stage measurements are 1.8m x 4.8m at 600mm high. There will be a 600-800mm scaffold from the back wall as structure for a screen. The screen on the stage will only be used for conducting the draw and will show images and videos relating to the Hello Holidays promotion.

Floor plans

- (e) As a result of the abovementioned construction and design change, it seeks approval of a new temporary floor plan, "Level 1 – Temp – June 2023" which will be operational when the stage is deployed.
- (f) The proposal involves the substitution of a Poker table with an American Roulette table in the same area. The pit stand will be relocated next to the Poker Booth.

- (g) There will be 32 gaming tables and 471 EGMs in operation across the Casino, which is fewer than the 36 gaming tables and 500 EGMs permitted. It will also maintain its 15:1 ratio of EGMs to gaming tables.
- (h) 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 plan raised no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. Accordingly, plan "Level 1 – Temp – June 2023" (**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.
7. Plan "Level 1 – Temp – June 2023" will cease to be valid from 2 September 2023.



Susan Hughes KC
Chief Gambling Commissioner
Gambling Commission



Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

29 June 2023



Plan "Level 1 – Temp – June 2023"

