

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

Date of Decision: **4** October 2023

1. On 25 September 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 floor plan, “Level 2 – Gallery Floor Plan – September 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:

(a) It wants to transform level 2 to an open plan area by removing the wall-panelling at the entrance to the Prive area. It wants to:

- remove 7 EGMs from bank 55;
- remove 2 EGMs from bank 56 as well as the black three-quarter wall panelling that accompanies it;
- remove 1 EGM from bank 56;
- remove 2 EGMs from the end of bank 52, to create more space between banks 52 and 53;
- add 2 EGMs to bank 40;
- add 2 EGMs to bank 39.

(b) After the changes are made there will be no further references to the Prive area as it will form part of the level 2 area.

(c) It seeks approval of the abovementioned construction and design changes, and a new floor plan, "Level 2 – Gallery Floor Plan – September 2023".

(d) If approved, there will be 32 gaming tables and 465 EGMs in operation at the Casino, which is fewer than the maximum number permitted (36 gaming tables and 500 EGMs). The ratio of EGMs to gaming tables, will also be the 15:1 requirement. 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 2 – Gallery Floor Plan – September 2023" (**attached**) is approved by a Gambling Commissioner and the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to condition 12 of CCL's operator's licence.
7. Once CCL is reliant on plan "Level 2 – Gallery Floor Plan – September 2023", plan "Level 2 – Gallery Floor Plan – June 2023" will cease to be valid.



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**Scott Pearson**  
Gambling Commissioner  
Gambling Commission

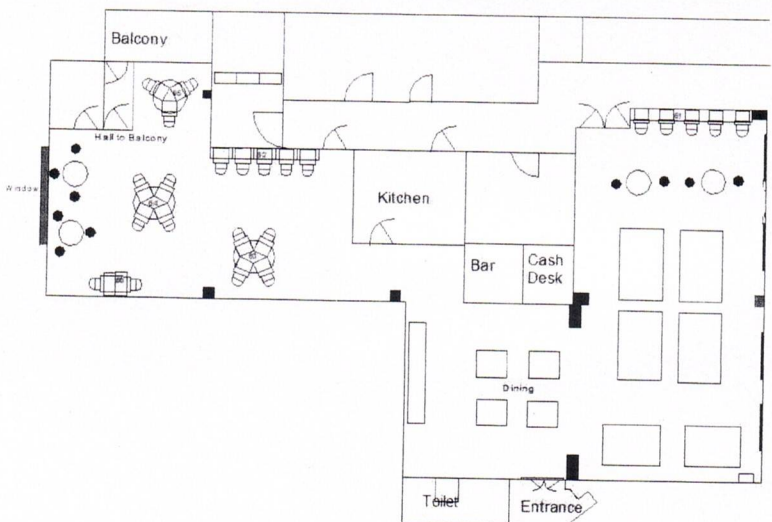


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**Blair Cairncross**  
Executive Director  
Gambling Commission

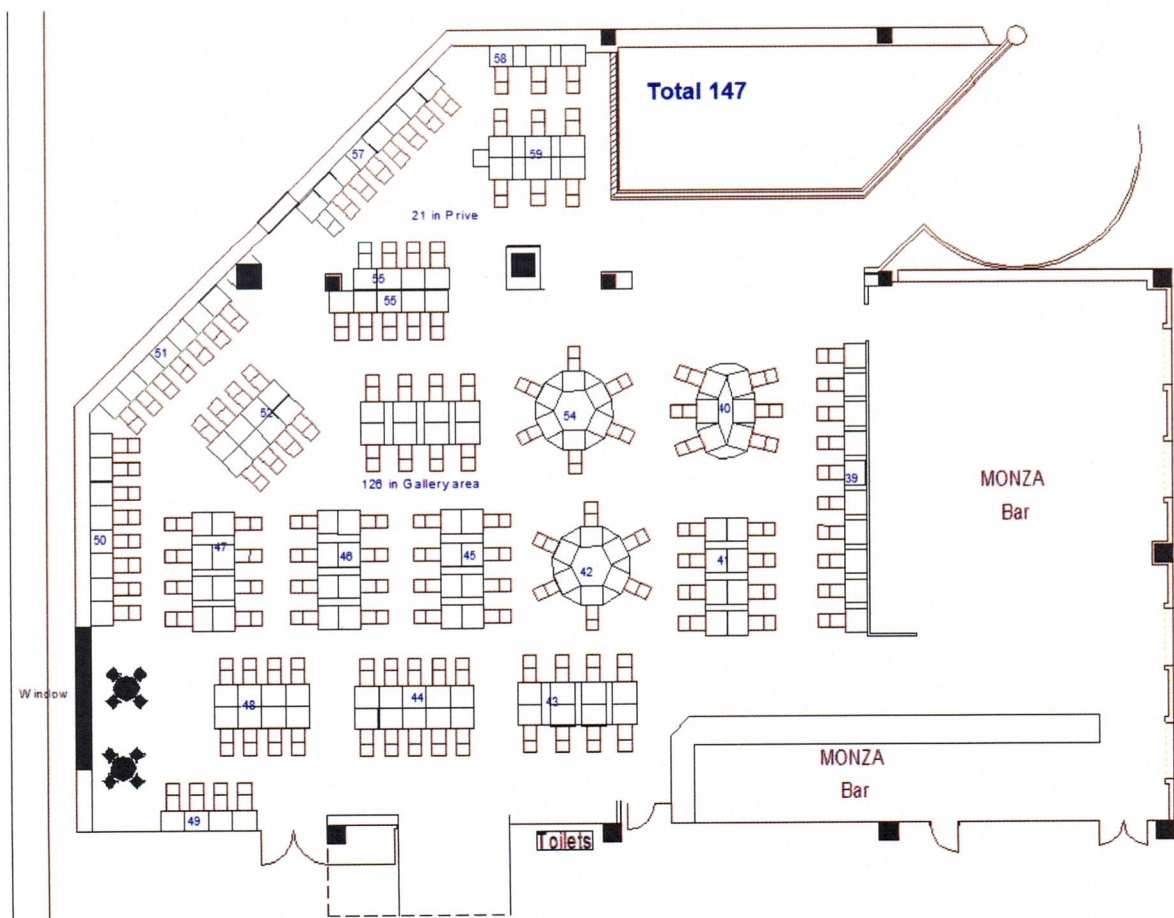
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Christchurch Casinos Limited	Aspinall Floor Plan	DATE: June 2023
	23 Machines - 6 Tables	

Plan "Level 2 – Gallery Floor Plan – September 2023"



Christchurch Casinos Limited	LEVEL 2 - Gallery Floor Plan	DATE: September 2023
	147 MACHINES	SCALE 1:250