

**DECISION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AN APPLICATION
BY CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF A
CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN CHANGE**

Date of Decision: 16 December 2024

1. On 12 December 2024, Christchurch Casinos Limited (“**CCL**”) applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes to the Christchurch Casino. CCL sought an extension to an earlier approval provided by the Commission.

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.

Submissions

3. CCL submitted as follows:
 - (a) Under delegated approval 1546, the Commission approved the placement of the Colossus Machine (Colossus) on level 2 for a promotion which commenced on 2 December. Pursuant to that approval, Colossus had to be removed from level 2 on 3 January 2025. It now seeks approval for Colossus remain on level 2 until 7 March 2025 because it wants to use it for additional promotions in January and February and it will be easier to leave it in place on the floor in between promotions.
 - (b) The proposal will not have an adverse impact on conditions 6 and 7.
4. The Executive Director was satisfied that the proposed change will not adversely impact upon any of the matters set out in condition 7. Pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of CCL's venue licence, the extension to the construction and design change approved pursuant to Delegated Approval 1546 is approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority.
5. The approval will cease to be valid on 7 March 2025.



Blair Cairncross
Executive Director
Gambling Commission

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