

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

Date of Decision: 18 July 2025

1. On 10 July 2025, Christchurch Casinos Limited (“**CCL**”) applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of construction and design changes; and pursuant to condition 12 of its operator’s licence, for approval of a new floor plan, “Level 2 – Monza floor plan – August 2025”.

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. CCL submitted, in summary, as follows:

Construction and design changes – Level 2

- (a) It wants to replace the existing wall between the Monza Bar and Gambling Area. The proposed wall will be solid and up to 1200mm high, with the top half comprising a glass concertina design. The entrance to the Monza Bar will be through the middle of the new wall, rather than from each end. The existing wall has 5 TVs and an advertising screen on it; none of these will be reinstated.
- (b) It wants to remove the existing balustrade in the open spaces of the Monza Bar which overlook the MGF. It wants to replace the balustrade with solid glass. This is to meet fire compliance requirements, as well to reduce noise overflow. This change will also provide it with the option to open the entire Monza Bar space.
- (c) These changes have received "sign-off" for building works and fire compliance.
- (d) It wants to install new carpet in the casino's main entrance area as well as on Levels 1 and 2.
- (e) It seeks approval of a new floor plan "Level 2 – Monza floor plan – August 2025". The proposed floor plan changes follow remedial work which was previously communicated to the Commission. The proposed changes are as follows:
- Reinstatement of 2 EGMs onto Bank 57 and 9 EGMs onto Bank 55 which were previously removed for the remedial work.
 - Before the remedial work, the Monza gambling area had 147 EGMs, but 139 EGMs will be deployed under the proposed plan.
 - The TAB terminal, which was relocated to Level 1 for the duration of the work, will be relocated back to its original position on Level 2.

- (f) The scheduled date for the reopening of the Monza gambling area is 8 August 2025.

Decision

5. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed construction and design changes 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. The 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 – Monza floor plan – August 2025" (**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.



Susan Hughes KC
Chief Gambling Commissioner
Gambling Commission



Blair Cairncross
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Gambling Commission

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