

Temporary Heli- Pad Access Procedure- Vehicle Access

Wellington council have advised that the area of Rygate Park where we normally land helicopters will be out of bounds due to a lighting upgrade until approx. May18th. In the interim I have arranged an alternative landing site 120 metres to the south of the original heli-pad but in the same sporting complex, closer to Gisborne street, (see map attached).

To access the site you use the existing gate off Thornton street. Directly inside this gate are two temporary gates that are hinged with cement pivots, these are not locked. To open the temporary gates they are lifted from the centre area and opened inward. Due to the pivot mechanism the weight to be lifted is approximately 15 kg however it is recommended that this is still carried out by two people. In circumstances where a helicopter is being landed there are generally other agencies and multiple crews present so there will never be a need for anyone to attempt to open the gates without assistance.

If for some reason there is no one to assist you open the gates then asked the Operations centre to respond a suitable agency to assist you. Do not attempt to open the gates without assistance.

Once you have accessed the park, proceed south toward the temporary fence that has been erected. There is another double gate there that is very easily opened. This gate is padlocked and I have placed a key for it on the original Rygate park key ring in the key cupboard.

Attached is a copy of the risk assessment of the operation and map of the existing and alternate landing sites.

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