

Our Place : Our Plan

Long-term plan 2021-31 pre-engagement survey results

Response summary booklet

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1. Question 1 - Other priorities

| Topic | Response |
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| Transportation | |
| <i>General comments</i> | Roading (x3) |
| | More money for roads |
| | Re-paint road markings on suburban streets |
| | Removal of old deep gutters |
| | Lots of road markings, traffic lights dangerous e.g. two lanes going to one with no merge |
| | More passing lanes |
| | Traffic management |
| | Street signs |
| <i>Repairs / quality</i> | Fix the roads properly rather than just using patches |
| | Repair roads before it gets too expensive |
| | Quality control checks on roading work and repairs |
| | Potholes (x2) |
| | Keep roads safe, fix potholes |
| | Roading shocking and unsafe |
| | Upgrade roading rather than gardening |
| | Roads are in terrible condition |
| <i>Ashburton township</i> | Stop signs on Archibald Street just before bridge |
| | Roading around and in Ashburton township is terrible and needs to be fixed |
| | Upgrades on roading around town urgently needed |
| | Moore Street in town is dangerous |
| | Traffic congestion is bad at peak times |
| | Traffic flow in and out of town needs to be sorted |
| | Better traffic management through town |
| | Road traffic busy in town |
| | Traffic has increased in town, hard to get to main road |
| <i>Traffic lights</i> | Traffic lights in Tinwald (x6) (at Grahams Road (x1)) |
| | Traffic lights in Tinwald and Rakaia |
| | More traffic lights |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Roads and traffic lights |
| <i>Rural roads</i> | Rural community upgrades - roading |
| | Reduce speed limit at rural schools |
| | Rural roads are in poor condition |
| | Safe Main Road crossing in Rakaia |
| | Shingle roads in country areas |
| | Country roads need improving |
| | Hakatere Heron Road to be completed |
| | Rural roading is appalling |
| | Road maintenance in Rakaia |
| | Country road signage is very poor |
| <i>Highway</i> | SH1 bypass along with second bridge |
| | SH1 bypass (x5) |
| | Four-lane highways to Christchurch (x2) |
| | Four-lane road significant |
| | Widen highway |
| | Rakaia bridge weigh station |
| | Reduce speed to 70 km/h and then 50 km/h in Northern Ashburton |
| | 70 km/h speed limit in Tinwald should be 50 km/h |
| | Widening of Rakia bridge |
| Footpaths | |
| <i>General comments</i> | Footpaths (x3) |
| | Footpath repairs / maintenance (x3) |
| | Better footpath quality |
| | Clean footpaths |
| | Replace footpaths |
| | Resealing of footpaths by contractors every time they get dug up |
| | Smoother footpaths around town for electric scooters/bikes |
| | Cleaning of the footpaths in the town centre |
| | Stop putting strips of weeds on our footpaths to make them narrower |
| | Better footpaths with less grass verges as they become neglected |
| | Footpaths with attention to overgrowing vegetation |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Street lights and footpaths on Tarbottons Road (x2) |
| | Lowering of footpaths in Tinwald |
| <i>Rural town footpaths</i> | Repair and upgrade footpaths outside town areas |
| | Rural community upgrades - footpaths |
| | Paved footpaths in Chertsey township |
| | Footpaths in Rakaia |
| Second bridge | |
| | Second bridge (x3) |
| | Second bridge is overdue / needs to be built urgently (x2) |
| | If the second bridge happens then safety will happen also |
| | The planned location of the second bridge is wrong – will not be safe for pedestrians, trucks will use the route to avoid West Street |
| | Shift new bridge to Cochranes Road/Boundary Road |
| | A second bridge would take care of most of the roading through town |
| | Important as a backup |
| Public transport | |
| | Bus service |
| | Inclusion of alternative transport options in town centre |
| | School buses |
| | Public transport |
| | Mini bus/transport for those who don't drive |
| | Outlying rural towns should have transport access in and out of Ashburton |
| | Train service in South Island |
| | Train service to Christchurch (x2) |
| Recreation and entertainment | |
| Entertainment | |
| | Activities |
| <i>Youth entertainment</i> | More youth entertainment (x7) |
| | Activities for young people such as bowling or indoor activities |
| | Family friendly places, kids park upgrades |
| | Entertainment, especially for younger people and families |
| | Something for the kids, other than playgrounds and skate parks |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Things for teenagers to do, and a place to take kids where you can eat and they can play outdoors |
| | Entertainment for families |
| | Indoor activities for children |
| | Chipmunks |
| | Something for teenagers to do, like a mall |
| <i>Events</i> | Christmas in the Domain – with big screen. |
| | More events (x2) |
| | More summer events – like Christchurch and Selwyn’s summer programme |
| <i>Entertainment centres</i> | More activities such as bowling alley |
| | Indoor rock climbing gym |
| | Bowling alley (x2) |
| | Ice skating rink (x2) |
| | Time Zone |
| | Have more recreational sites |
| | Dog park |
| | Fenced off-lead dog park not shared with cyclists etc. |
| | Bowling alley or Clip and Climb |
| Parks | |
| <i>Ashburton Domain</i> | The Domain is a treasure, continue with planned redevelopment. |
| | Gardens and Domain |
| | Upgrade Domain playground |
| | Domain |
| | More facilities for children in the Domain |
| | Playground at the Domain |
| | Further development of the Domain/open spaces |
| | Upgrade Domain including road access |
| | Ashburton Domain development |
| | Domain car parks |
| | No more buildings in Domain |
| | Domain and parks, dog walking areas |
| | Retain bowling green |
| <i>Parks and open spaces</i> | Parks |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Parks and gardens |
| | Picnic areas developed |
| | Makes parks more friendly, benches to sit on etc. |
| | More outdoor areas and nature |
| | Public gardens around the district |
| | Wheelchair access to playgrounds |
| | Upgrade playground |
| | Open spaces gardens |
| | Maintain landscape of Ashburton |
| | Botanic gardens |
| | Keep up with gardens |
| | Get rid of 'whale bones' in BSE |
| | Set up community garden, fruit trees etc. |
| | More parks for children |
| | Handicap parking at all sports venues |
| | Planting of native vegetation around large fields |
| Sport development | |
| <i>Sporting activities</i> | Free playing fields, outdoor basketball courts |
| | Upgrade the Mid Canterbury rugby grounds, get indoor turf for cricket or rugby |
| | Help sports clubs out with investments for sport grounds and facilities |
| | Sports / sports grounds / sports clubs (x6) |
| | Frisbee golf in the Domain |
| | Develop outdoor recreation options |
| | Equestrian centre |
| | Wrestling |
| | Multi sports velodrome |
| | Fix up Tinwald cycling track. Consider an enclosed board track like the Invercargill cycle track which is coming to the end of its useable life – Ashburton could become the centre for track cycling. |
| Walkways / cycle trails | |
| | Off-road biking and walking tracks (x5) |
| | Re-opening walks/more walkways |
| | More cycle tracks (x2) |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Walking and cycling paths and linkages |
| | Walking and cycling trails along the river track |
| | Lake Hood cycle route doesn't go the whole way around |
| | Maintenance of walking and biking tracks/bike park |
| | Biking/walking areas kept in good condition |
| | Keep improving cycle ways around Ashburton |
| | More work on a district wide cycle trail going from Ashburton to RDR to Methven, to Highbank, to Rakaia |
| Ashburton township development | |
| Ashburton town centre improvements | |
| <i>Parking</i> | Parking |
| | Free parking in town (x3) |
| | Free central parking for workers |
| | More free parking for the first hour on every street in the town centre |
| | More long term parking |
| | Tow and parking |
| | Town centre parking |
| | Need a parking building |
| <i>General comments</i> | Information Centre |
| | Town layout? |
| | For Ashburton to be a 'more walkable' town |
| | Pedestrian friendly East Street, no cars, more cafes etc. |
| | Town centre to be walking only, no traffic other than service vehicles |
| | No one-way streets |
| | Town centre development going ahead |
| | Tidy up main shops |
| | Tidy up town so it doesn't look like a dump |
| | Council to employ someone to look after CBD |
| | Make town attractive |
| | Current lighting on East street to become permanent, enhance in Christmas period |
| Cycle lanes | |
| | More cycle lanes (x5) |
| | Better bike lanes to encourage cycling |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Cycle lane all the way on Racecourse Road |
| | Increased cycle ways in town, and tidy up existing ones (potholes) |
| | Cycleways though town centre, Alford Forest Road, Racecourse Road, Beach Road and Smithfield Road (x2) |
| Railway siding | |
| | Remove railway from centre of town (x5) |
| | Move railway to Northpark Estate |
| | Relocate rail yards to North |
| | Rail depot upgrade to industrial park |
| New library and civic centre | |
| | No delays in civic centre build |
| | New council building |
| | Important to get Civic Centre, Library etc. completed ASAP – safety hazard |
| | Library upgrade (x3) |
| | Don't skimp on the provision of library services in the new council building |
| Social and cultural activities | |
| Community support | |
| Buy local | Council using local operators, not from out of town |
| | Supporting local contractors |
| | Support local, buy local |
| | Support local |
| | Spend local |
| <i>Youth</i> | Community areas for youth |
| | Youth sector |
| | More investment in the volunteers, not for profit sector (x2) |
| <i>Social / cultural</i> | Greater focus on social and cultural wellbeing i.e. increased support for groups working to help social and cultural wellbeing, promote connections and support flaxroots mental health initiatives |
| | Cultural focus and connection, both bi-cultural and multi-cultural |
| | Strong diversity and inclusion strategy |
| | Programmes and services to support diversity and inclusion |
| | Commitment to te Tiriti o Waitangi |
| <i>Elderly</i> | Welfare of the elderly |

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| | Pensioner housing |
| | Improve insulation and maintenance or replace council housing |
| | Housing for elderly or socially disadvantaged |
| <i>Other</i> | Helping local communities |
| | Focus on rural communities |
| | Social responsibility |
| | Look after the people |
| | Greater social support investment due to changes in the economy |
| | More community integration |
| | Community facilities |
| Art / museum / heritage | |
| | Art Gallery |
| | Art Gallery and heritage |
| | More support for the Arts |
| | Cultural activities at Museum and Art Gallery |
| | Art in public spaces |
| | Look after the towns heritage |
| | Heritage |
| | More things to do with Mid Canterbury history |
| | Try retain some history in the district rather than tearing everything down |
| 4-waters infrastructure | |
| Drinking water | |
| | Water care |
| | Water quality |
| | Drinking water (x2) |
| | Water supply upgrading toward increased compliance with DWSNZ |
| | Rural (town) water supplies / storage (x3) |
| | Get drinking water right |
| | Water |
| | Clean chemical-free drinking water |
| | Town water supply for Seafeld and Keenans Road |
| | Upgrade Methven water supply (x3) |

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| | Water storage for both urban/rural supplies and irrigation |
| | What about long-term uncontaminated water supply |
| | Water quality improvements for Mt Somers |
| | Water and water storage |
| Stormwater / wastewater / stockwater | |
| | Maintenance of key infrastructure e.g. sewer pipes, stormwater |
| | Allow grey water systems in houses, encouraging stormwater collection for garden watering to reduce stress on existing water supplies |
| | Sewerage (x2) |
| | Suitable sewerage and drainage |
| | Waste management/underground infrastructure |
| | Get wastewater right |
| | Fix stormwater/gutters |
| | Fix drainage issues in Tinwald area |
| | Remove / close water races (x2) |
| Other topics | |
| Rubbish and recycling | |
| | Compost / green waste collection (x9) |
| | Recycling (x2) |
| | The ugly area by the refuse station, including the refuse station |
| | Build local recycle process plant |
| | Reduce the size of yellow bins |
| | Swap recycling and rubbish bin sizes to allow for more rubbish (x2) |
| | Streamline rubbish collection |
| | Refuse collection should be user pay, not everyone pay |
| | Rubbish collection (x2) |
| | Affordable rubbish and hard fill disposal options |
| | Larger red bins or green bins for garden waste |
| | More bins for rubbish collecting |
| | Reduced dumping fees |
| | Put pressure on govt to change packing laws to eliminate waste sent to landfills. |
| Economic development | |
| | Economic development |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Attraction of new businesses |
| | There are too many new businesses (food outlets), people will start to struggle |
| | More inviting for people to move into Ashburton |
| | Attract more businesses |
| | Help local businesses |
| <i>Employment</i> | Employment |
| | Employer assistance |
| | Community support for youth finding jobs |
| <i>Farming</i> | More about the farming |
| | Help farmers |
| | Support farming sector |
| <i>Tourism promotion</i> | Tourist attraction plan |
| | Tourism (x2) |
| | Promote the whole district, not just Ashburton |
| <i>Signage / information</i> | Signage to make it obvious for tourists to see what is in our CBD |
| | More signage (x3) |
| | Signs on SH1 for Aviation Museum and Plains Museum to get traffic to stop |
| | Welcome to Ashburton sign |
| | More information on our town about what's going on |
| Environment | |
| | Global warming |
| | Look after the environment |
| | Environmental protection/rejuvenation initiatives |
| | Develop businesses that are eco-friendly such as producing biofuel (x2) |
| | Improving flow and water quality in the Ashburton River (x2) |
| | Enhancing river flow via water storage from high river flows |
| | Better river quality |
| | Improve river flows |
| | District response to Government Fresh Water Package |
| | Protect the water that we have |
| | Re-establish the Wakanui creek |
| | The maintenance and care of Mill creek and its banks |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Council moving to EV car/vehicle fleet – fossil fuels etc. |
| | Environment and recreation |
| | Planting of native trees to attract native birds |
| | Tree planting |
| | Planting of native trees |
| Governance | |
| <i>Communication</i> | Continued transparent communication with residents, giving priority to expressed majority consultation results. |
| | Improved communication with rural areas |
| | Council not listening to rate payers |
| | Less spent on consultation and get on with the job for future long-term benefits |
| <i>Council delivery</i> | Leadership from councillors |
| | Honesty from Council for both urban and rural |
| | Make sure the services we have now are working to their best potential |
| | Financial rigour |
| | Keeps rates low / lower rates (x2) |
| | Reduce council debt |
| | Make ADC more efficient |
| | Improve council service delivery |
| | Shrink ADC staff |
| | Get back to basics (x2) |
| Rural town development | |
| | Rural town development (x2) |
| | Methven town centre upgrade |
| | Methven upgrade |
| | Methven development of entertainment and recreation etc |
| | Methven town needs some help – shopping, entertainment etc. |
| | Develop sporting facilities in Methven |
| | Look into all Ashburton District towns (Methven etc.) with major ideas |
| | Improve and upgrade Rakaia |
| | More attention for Rakaia as we pay the same rates |
| Community safety | |
| | Control people up to no good (small gangs) |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Get rid of the gangs |
| | Concerns about gang culture |
| | Want to feel safe at night |
| | Community safety important |
| <i>Street lights</i> | Street lighting further up Racecourse Road |
| | Bring more street lights out for night time |
| | Light up streets in Rakaia |
| EA Networks Centre Development | |
| | Not enough parking at EA |
| | EA Network hydro slide (x2) |
| | Family skate park with BBQ and picnic tables out the back of EA Networks with hydro slide |
| | Put squash courts at EA Networks centre |
| | Pool |
| Public conveniences | |
| | More toilets (x3) |
| | Lack of toilets on East side of town |
| | More public toilets in town centre and Tinwald |
| District Plan | |
| | Rezoning of land |
| | Non biased zone change |
| | Remove limits on rural subdivisions |
| | Expanding the residential zone |
| Other ideas | |
| | Infrastructure (x2) |
| | Establishing a soul of the town, what is Ashburton's soul? |
| | Lake Hood continued development and support |
| | Service Ashburton Lakes |
| | Limit and manage freedom camping in rural areas |
| | Civil defence response |
| | Demolish unsafe buildings |
| | Cemetery maintenance |
| | Sustainable community living to protect against another pandemic/lockdown |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Sensible dog control levels |
| | All the other stuff |
| | Things that might come up in the future. |
| | Anything that doesn't include wasting money on matters that aren't ADC's responsibility |
| | Get rid of seagulls |
| | Try to re-home birds in riverbed and in town |
| | College upgrade |
| | Second high school |
| | Healthcare facilities improvement |
| | Free healthcare |
| | Penalties for littering |
| | Reducing population |
| | Price fixing on fuel |

2. Do more

Respondents were asked whether they thought we should do more, do less, or about the same for each of the eight priority areas. The following tables show the comments provided for ‘Do more’.

2.1. Roothing

| Theme | Response |
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| Pot holes | |
| | There are pot holes everywhere (x4) |
| <i>Repair / maintenance</i> | Repair pot holes (x115) |
| | Pothole repairs on sealed roads |
| | There are lots of roads that contain several pot holes that could be improved |
| | Keep pot holes and surfaces in good order |
| | Maintenance of existing – pot holes and slumps |
| | Too many pot holes, although repairs are quick |
| | The pot holes and seal falling to bits |
| <i>Effective repairs</i> | More effective, long-term solution when fixing pot holes (x10) |
| | Get a machine like they have in Australia that lays concrete in one lot for each road and it would cut down on all the pot holes and patches we have now |
| <i>Timing</i> | Fix pot holes in a timely matter (x4) |
| | Fast and effective pot hole repairs |
| | Get on top of pot holes and “mole hills” in a more timely manner |
| | Do it right the first time and don’t let pot holes remain for too long |
| <i>General</i> | Focus on loose seal and pot holes |
| | Encourage reporting of pot holes and damaged roads |
| | Why weren’t pot holes fixed during lockdown when there were less people on roads |
| <i>Specific roads/areas</i> | Fix pot holes around town, especially Trevor’s Road |
| | Pot holes on Allens Road |
| | Fix pot holes, especially on Domain railway crossing |
| | Pot holes at roundabouts and rail crossings |
| | Fix big pot holes on railway |
| | Resurface roads with many pot holes like Racecourse Road |
| | All the roads around Methven have pot holes or slick spots |

| Theme | Response |
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| | Holes everywhere in town |
| | Wills Street full of pot holes |
| | Many bikes lanes have pot holes |
| | Pot holes keep reoccurring on rural roads |
| | Fix pot holes in rural areas (Mayfield/Hinds) |
| Maintenance | |
| | Increase maintenance / resealing / upgrade (x46) |
| | More maintenance – road upgrades and safety features |
| | More money spent on maintenance |
| | Repair / replace more 1-way bridges |
| <i>Quality of repairs</i> | Improve quality of repairs – repairs that last / improved quality control (x37) |
| | Is the way you are fixing the roads the best long-term? |
| | Road surfaces in town and country areas are just patched, very poor standard |
| | We have a large network of road, and these roads are used by very heavy vehicles that give the roads a hard time – quick repairs are good but they need to last the traffic using it and weather conditions. |
| | Identify roads that have structural issues or heavy traffic and spend more time on permanent solutions rather than patch jobs |
| | Repair roads to a standard in which they will last rather than falling to bits when heavy trucks go over them |
| | Investigate better road repair techniques |
| | Not just patching up the pot holes |
| | Safer seal, smoother repairs, finish one job before starting the next. |
| <i>Timing</i> | Quicker maintenance / repairs (x11) |
| | Finish roadworks faster, contractors standing around doing nothing |
| | Follow up more promptly on damaged road surfaces |
| | Repair roads with less delays to local businesses |
| | Check on the roads to see if damaged more often |
| | Increase upgrades on secondary used roads i.e. SH72 |
| | Need a regular resealing programme so pot holes can be fixed before they become pits |
| <i>Contractors / project coordination</i> | Hire a contractor so they know what they are doing (x5) |

| Theme | Response |
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| | Take back direct control of maintenance and development |
| | Make roading contractors liable for repairs to a high standard (x4) |
| | Hold contractors accountable for substandard work |
| | Improve the work completed by contractors e.g. Harrison Street, two attempts and still horrific |
| | Spend the money so contractors can complete road works to a high standard (use local contractors) |
| | Ensure contractors are doing the job properly, less quantity, more quality |
| | Better coordination with other service providers to minimise digging up of roads and footpaths |
| | More money and more oversight on the projects |
| | Remove road cones as soon as work is completed |
| | Get contractors to properly reseal after digging up roads |
| | Better updates when holdups occur |
| <i>Maintenance on specific roads</i> | Maintenance of all roads especially Thompsons Track |
| | Fix Thompsons Track |
| | Fix the patches on Harrison Street and the ridge all the way down Dobson Street |
| | Make the road from Tinwald to Lake Hood better, always have stones flicking up |
| | Full rebuilds where necessary like the Beach Road upgrade |
| | Fix existing road issues e.g. Grahams Road corner |
| | Walnut Avenue roundabout and railway crossing seal is rough |
| | Chalmers Avenue patches |
| | Fix Racecourse Road |
| | Lake Hood roads in poor condition |
| | Creek Road and Harrison Street in shocking states |
| | Condition of roads – Harrison Street trench, Cavendish Street sumps |
| | Better street surfaces (e.g. Harrison Street) (x5) |
| | Repairs to roading within the township are appalling. Contractors should be made accountable. Harris Street would have to be the poorest quality repairs I have ever seen. Driving up Alford Forest Road every day is like driving up a riverbed. |
| | Fix Isleworth Road |

| Theme | Response |
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| | Upgrade main routes – Chalmers Ave, Racecourse Road, Fairfield Road, Maronan Road, Arundel Rakia Gorge Road, Thompsons Track. |
| | Upgrade Allens Road, Harrison Street and Racecourse Road area. Less patch work and more whole road upgrades |
| | Upgrade Hakatere Heron Road |
| | Improve Harrison Street, Chalmers Avenue (x2) |
| | Improve banked bend on Seafield Road by airport |
| | Fix bad country roads like Green Street, Back Track and Racecourse Road |
| | Fix rough roads such as Harrison Street and Alford Forest Road |
| Road quality | |
| <i>Condition / quality</i> | Improve general condition of roads |
| | Increase road quality / quality control (x39) |
| | Roads are a sub-standard (x12) |
| | Make the roads useable |
| | Fix damaged roads (x31) |
| | Provide better sealed roads without pot holes |
| | Roads are well past good maintenance, they are bumpy and poor quality |
| | Increased longevity of the roads |
| <i>Level / smooth surface</i> | Improve roading surfaces / smoother roads (x25) |
| | Need even surfaces, old people struggle when it is uneven |
| | Level and reseal |
| | The roads are very bumpy and patchy – it is unpleasant to drive on most of the time |
| | Uneven surfaces and pot holes need attention |
| | Improving road surfaces in town and country |
| <i>Cyclists</i> | Improve roads for cyclists |
| | Roads dangerous for cyclists |
| <i>Repairs</i> | Use new technology for better surfacing |
| | Fix the roads, not just the pot holes |
| | More solid surfacing that lasts longer than 2 years |
| | Think quality work for long term gain, holes are reappearing the next week |
| | Poor quality, surfaces quickly break up again when large vehicles travel along them |

| Theme | Response |
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| | Consistency of high quality roading materials |
| Rural roads | |
| | Repair / improve / seal rural roads (x39) |
| | Fix pot holes in rural roads (x14) |
| | Rural roads need more maintenance (x3) |
| | Wider country roads (x3) |
| | Attend to main and secondary roads in rural area (x2) |
| | Reduce rural network of roads completely |
| | Country roads are concerning, make sure they are upgraded and done to a good standard |
| | Roading in farm areas is a disgrace, makes it dangerous |
| | Tar seal Ashburton rural area |
| | Better country roads |
| | Rural road developments |
| | Roading in rural areas are atrocious, stop patching and reseal properly |
| <i>Specific roads / areas / towns</i> | Improve Thompsons Track (x3) |
| | Rural roading in Methven needs attention |
| | Roading in Methven |
| | Roads in Rakaia never get attention |
| | Some of the roads in Rakaia township are a disgrace, especially the roundabout |
| | Rural sealed roads are a death trap (Mayfield, Arundel, Tinwald, Westerfield, Mayfield Road, Mayfield Lismore Road and many others) |
| | Rural roads need attention e.g. around Methven, Staveley etc. |
| Unsealed roads | |
| | Sealing and road upgrade |
| | Country unsealed roads |
| | More gravel and grading on unsealed roads (x3) |
| <i>Seal more roads</i> | Seal more shingle roads (x19) |
| | Seal high traffic gravel roads (x4) |
| | Create plan to seal metal roads around district |
| | Seal well-used gravel roads in Methven |

| Theme | Response |
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| | Seal rural roads |
| | Seal more rural roads and replace gravel with basalt on it |
| | Too many shingle roads |
| <i>Quality</i> | Fix shingle roads |
| | Manage shingle roads |
| | Not just leaving roads with loose gravel |
| | Better quality sealing on more gravel roads |
| | Shingle road maintenance / upgrade (x4) |
| | Quality of sealed and shingle roads in rural areas |
| | I live on a poorly maintained shingle road, I would like to see these better maintained |
| | Roads are a mess and need proper sealing |
| | Maintenance of sealing |
| | Better maintenance and signage of shingle roads |
| | Shingle roads are not being graded properly |
| Traffic flow | |
| | Making the more congested areas a little more streamline |
| | Four-lane highway (x8) |
| | Improve traffic flow through town (x9) |
| | Tinwald traffic control |
| | Two lanes through Ashburton the whole way (x5) |
| | Traffic management through SH1 |
| | Traffic backs up easily |
| | More roads |
| | More roads so less busy |
| | Highway development |
| <i>Bypass</i> | Bypass of Ashburton and all Ashburton Districts (Hinds, Rakaia) |
| | SH1 bypass (x3) |
| | Bypass for heavy vehicles, get them off West Street and Archibald Street |
| | Bypass the heavy traffic from city centre and town roads |
| | Bypass town centre for commercial vehicles |
| | Development of bypass roading |

| Theme | Response |
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| | Possible bypass |
| Safety | |
| | Make roads safer (x6) |
| | Make the roads safer for children |
| | Keep roading smooth, safe and practical |
| | Make residential roads safer and slow traffic down |
| | Rural road safety upgrades (x2) |
| | Make intersections safer |
| | Safer roading outside of town |
| | Repairs to make roads safer |
| | Make high crash rate areas safer |
| | Roads are unsafe with poor repairs done often |
| | Safer, more consistent roads |
| | Driving at night is dangerous due to pot holes and poor markings, especially if there is oncoming traffic |
| | The large gutters are dangerous |
| | Keep roads at a safe standard |
| <i>Speed limits</i> | Lower speed limits (x3) |
| | Lower speed limit outside rural schools |
| <i>Street lights</i> | More street lighting (x2) |
| | Street lights on Tarbottons Road |
| <i>Specific roads</i> | Make Oak Grove and Harrison Street roundabout safer |
| | Thompsons Track is dangerous due to uneven surfaces |
| | Need pedestrian crossings near Tinwald Medical Centre to increase safety |
| Footpaths | |
| | Footpath safety |
| | Footpath upgrade / repair / maintain (x16) |
| | Get rid of slippery green stuff on suburban footpaths |
| | More footpaths |
| | Footpaths, kerb and channel maintenance (x2) |
| | Improving footpath surfaces in town and country |
| | Better footpaths in CBD to encourage foot traffic |

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| <i>Specific roads</i> | Footpath on Allens Road and Racecourse Road |
| | Cambridge Street footpath |
| | More footpaths in Rakaia |
| | Improve footpaths outside Ashburton Borough School |
| Intersections | |
| | Upgrade intersection into New World/Harvey Norman/Mitre 10 (x4) |
| | Upgrade Park Street and Moore Street intersection (x2) |
| | The Park Street / Moore Street intersection should be a roundabout |
| | Increase quality of intersections |
| | Intersection safety |
| | Hard to see what is coming at the Moore Street intersection |
| <i>Traffic lights</i> | Traffic lights in Tinwald (x6) |
| | Putting traffic lights at every intersection isn't a solution |
| | Update traffic lights to have turning arrows instead of give ways, can't make it through some lights without running the red |
| | More traffic lights where needed (x3) |
| | Roundabouts better than lights |
| | Too many traffic lights |
| | Traffic lights or overpass in Tinwald |
| | Traffic lights |
| Urban roads | |
| | Repair the roads in town (x9) |
| | Keep sealing the town roads, they are a big mess |
| | Better town roads |
| | Tidy up CBD roading ASAP |
| | Attend to main and secondary roads in town centre |
| | Some areas in town are a bit rough and sharp which could be dangerous for some drivers |
| | Improve access through town centre |
| | Some of the roads in inner town are very poor and need work |
| Road works | |
| | Get the roadworks finished |

| Theme | Response |
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| | Try not to have too many road works in town all at the same time, this congests traffic |
| | Town is a mess and taking forever to complete, why can't work be done at night |
| | Why the whole main town area in one go? |
| | Faster roadworks |
| | Removal of old deep gutter and replace with new kerb and channel |
| | Less disruptive roadworks |
| | The present upgrade in CBD is a mess |
| | Improve quality of road works |
| Road markings | |
| | Use highlighted paint (e.g. yellow) on the stop / give way signs on the streets so it is visible in the night |
| | Better markings on roads i.e. Mitre 10 and McDonalds (it shouldn't be two lanes) |
| | Re paint roads |
| | White markings on Milton Road as very dangerous in the fog |
| | Re paint worn lines |
| Signage | |
| | Proper speed signs around schools and pedestrian crossings |
| | Improve signage on the country roads |
| | Needs signs at intersections |
| | Better signage |
| | Stop signs |
| Other | |
| | Everyone always wants their Council to do more for their towns |
| | Encourage rail use |
| | Concentrate on alternative transport options such as separate cycle lanes and walking options (public transport) |
| | Maintain bike lanes, safer to bike in car lane at the moment |
| | Improvement |
| | Focus at school |
| | Widen the bridge 2 lanes on each side plus walkways and cycleways |
| | New roading to new bridge |

| Theme | Response |
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| | Better road drainage (x2) |
| | Better kerbing |
| | Roads that get regularly flooded should be improved (Bridge Street) |
| | Promote Snap, Send, Solve |
| | When making roads in new town sections, make them wide enough to allow for parking |
| | Mobility issues for people who use mobility scooters |
| | Improve parking |
| | Allow more budget to roading (x2) |
| | Most rural rates are being spent in town |
| <i>Specific roads / intersections</i> | Remove a parking space on the corner of Countdown and Coin Save to improve visibility |
| | Develop road between the two roundabouts near Mobil, need to make more attractive to bring people into town centre |
| | Improve parking on Walnut Avenue |
| | Bridge at Rakaia and highway |
| | Highway to Christchurch |

2.2. Community safety

| Topic | Response |
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| Prevention / deterrence | |
| <i>General</i> | Need to take back control |
| | Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) |
| | Focus on prevention |
| | Programmes to engage young people and keep them involved in sport and cultural activities so they aren't 'hanging around' |
| <i>Police</i> | Higher Police presence (x45) |
| | More Police on weekends (x3) |
| | More Policemen to keep an eye and take action |
| | Bigger Police station |
| | More visible presence of Police outside schools at the end of the day |
| <i>CCTV</i> | More CCTV / cameras (x34) |

| Topic | Response |
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| | More security for older people |
| | Install cameras to deter petty crime |
| <i>Patrolling</i> | Increase in security patrols (x35) |
| | Help out night patrols (x7) |
| | Town watch continued and enhanced (x7) |
| | Surveillance of licenced premises (x2) |
| | Adequately fund patrols to ensure people can walk safely around town |
| | More patrols in vulnerable environments such as the Domain |
| | Provide more financial support to Town Watch to enable them to attract volunteers |
| | Need a 'community constable' to walk the streets |
| | Community patrols every day, not just Saturdays |
| | Council funded security and safety patrols |
| | Promote community watch groups more |
| | Increased security patrols in Methven |
| Lighting | |
| | Increased / better street lighting (x65) |
| | There is not much street lighting in certain areas (x2) |
| | Better lighting / visibility at night time (x7) |
| | Improving lighting would encourage people to go out and about at night time |
| <i>Specific areas</i> | More / better lighting around the Domain (x4) |
| | The lights on the bridge are appalling (x2) |
| | Better lighting within the streets of Ashburton |
| | Give outside towns more street lights e.g. Rakaia |
| | Street lights in Methven are poor |
| | More lights around parks (x2) |
| | More lights in small villages like Fairton |
| | Additional lighting in residential areas (x3) |
| | Need street lights on Racecourse Road East |
| | Lights over the Chalmers Avenue corner |
| | Street lights on Tarbottons Road |
| | Better lighting around schools |

| Topic | Response |
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| Roading | |
| <i>General</i> | Road safety a priority (x2) |
| | More road signs (x2) |
| | Roundabouts / traffic lights (x2) |
| | Quality roads |
| | Rural road safety upgrades |
| | More speed bumps |
| | Prevention of surface flooding on streets |
| | More driver education and better traffic management |
| | Safe temporary traffic lights when in need of replacements and repairs |
| | More support for road safety initiatives |
| <i>Specific roads</i> | Traffic light at Tinwald Z intersection |
| | Traffic lights at riverside industrial to slow down traffic at Mitre 10, Harvey Norman, New World area. |
| | One-way bridge on Maronan Road |
| | Road surfaces in Methven can get slippery in winter |
| | SH1 in Rakia is an accident waiting to happen |
| | Improve highway bypass |
| <i>Footpaths</i> | Footpaths are uneven / dangerous (x9) |
| | More footpaths (x5) |
| | Footpath along Racecourse Road / Allens Road |
| <i>Cycle lanes</i> | More cycle lanes (x4) |
| | Paving |
| | Footpaths and cycle lanes are terrible |
| | More cycle lanes heading from suburbs into the CBD |
| <i>Pedestrian crossings</i> | More pedestrian crossings (x4) |
| | Speed bumps and crossings around day-cares |
| | Better crossings at busy areas for children (near EANC, Borough School / New World etc.) |
| | More pedestrian crossings / more visibility around the existing ones |
| | Making sure children can safely get over crossings |
| | School crossings |
| | Better situated pedestrian crossings |

| Topic | Response |
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| Specific places for crossings | No places for children to safely cross SH1 in Tinwald (x2) |
| | Crosswalk on West Street next to the railway foot traffic bridge |
| | Pedestrian crossing by Health Centre Tinwald |
| | Safer crossings in Rakaia |
| Speed limits | Lower speed limits around school hours (30 km/h) (x2) |
| | Changing speed on Rakaia bridge to 80 km/h |
| | Vehicle speed past rural schools |
| | Slower traffic through town |
| | Speed restrictions in Rakaia |
| Community safety | |
| | Safer community (x12) |
| | Make the town safe again (x5) |
| | Keep people safe (x2) |
| | More money for community safety |
| Children / schools | Making a safer environment for children |
| | Safer school areas (x2) |
| | Better safety around schools / preschools and kindergartens |
| | Mainly around schools (Lagmhor School) |
| | Safer places for younger people to hang out, play and be active |
| | A Youth Hub for teens to be safe and have fun |
| Other | Creating a safe environment for the community to live in, such as creating a more efficient way for emergency services to access accidents as a lot of places are inaccessible |
| | Being able to walk around the streets safely in the evening / night (x5) |
| | More taxis / transport / buses to get you home, not a lot of options to safely get home (x4) |
| | Being in town late at night can be very intimidating |
| | There are so many reports on Facebook regarding people snooping around houses, Ashburton doesn't feel safe anymore |
| | Need to feel safer in our homes |
| | Use media and public awareness to increase safety knowledge (x2) |
| | 'Safety' spots or places you can run to |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Community connections between people to make people feel safer and part of the community |
| Crime | |
| <i>General</i> | Law breaking |
| | Crime in the area is shocking |
| | Stop crime |
| | Everyone should feel safe and less crime |
| | Violence |
| | Don't know the answers but crime is out of control |
| | Tougher on crime (x2) |
| | Hard line on criminals |
| | Growing criminal problem in Rakaia |
| | Prosecute those caught vandalising |
| | More emphasis on youth crime |
| <i>Unsafe behaviour</i> | Burnouts being done on town boundary |
| | Dirt bikes and vehicles doing skids |
| | 4-wheel drive river runs |
| <i>Break-ins</i> | Increasing break-ins |
| | Robbery |
| | Do something to control burglaries |
| | Do more about robberies and attacks that are happening in the community and making people leave town – police don't take this seriously enough |
| | Too many break-ins in rural areas |
| | Curb break ins and graffiti |
| <i>Drug-use</i> | Ensure drug use is being targeted |
| | Drug issues in this town are horrific and needs to be addressed |
| | Drug-use |
| Groups of concern | |
| | Used to be a safe town, we now have a 'presence' in this town we don't really need and should be stamping out |
| | Lots of groups causing trouble |
| <i>Gang presence</i> | Little gangs that when congregated are very intimidating |
| | Control gang presence / issues (x5) |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Reduce gang visibility and recruitment |
| | Sometimes people feel unsafe because they know lots of gangs are around |
| | Ban gang patches in town centres and all shops |
| | Gang culture growth is scary and bad for youth |
| | Our community is changing for the worse and something needs to be done about the gang culture starting to be seen |
| <i>Young people</i> | Growing concern with young people causing problems and being intimidating |
| | Too many kids scaring the old people |
| | Consequences for youth that make repeated nuisances of themselves |
| Community support | |
| | Community awareness of what is going on (x2) |
| | Make sure the community knows who they can contact if they run into vandalism etc. |
| | When kids on school holidays, get community to look out for them |
| | Improved mobility access |
| <i>Support groups/ services</i> | More support for those most vulnerable / at risk (elderly, live alone, sick, children etc.) (x2) |
| | In the lower socio-economic areas of Ashburton, there is nothing to protect children from crime (drugs, assault, domestic violence) there needs to be more family safety groups / community awareness to help those most vulnerable |
| | Support groups and free self-defence classes |
| | Focus on support |
| | Counselling services more widely available |
| | Better mentorship for youth about community safety |
| | Community well-being initiatives |
| | More programmes to tackle domestic violence and sexual abuse |
| | Remove stigma and entitlement through community engagement |
| General | |
| | Just do more / improve it (x2) |
| | More emphasis |
| | A priority to all |
| | Should always be an improvement topic |
| Other | |
| | Think about lighting, rubbish, places to store bikes etc. |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Decrease the wait period down for voluntary drug rehab |
| | Owners of big cars with dark windows who park close to corners make visibility impossible |
| | Support for rural |
| | Clear overhanging shrubs on footpath |
| | More events to help manage boredom |
| | The whole community needs safe water, Ashburton is suffering from polluted water that needs to be fixed |
| | Signs on the downward slopes of Allenton shops for people not from the area |

2.3. Second bridge development in Ashburton

| Topic | Response |
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| Timing | |
| | Start building it now / ASAP / move it along / fast track / urgent (x183) |
| | Actually build a second bridge instead of just talking about it (x17) |
| | We needed a second bridge before now / should have been done 10 years ago (6) |
| | Why hasn't it been done yet? When is it happening? (x5) |
| | Taking too long to start / overdue (x5) |
| | Keep this project moving along (x4) |
| | This has been discussed for sooo long, what is happening with it? (x2) |
| | It's taking far too long to see progress (x2) |
| | It was planned in 1966, build it now |
| | Long time coming |
| | By the time it is built it will be out of date and not fit for purpose |
| | Seems progress has been stifled |
| | You have land and funding, get it done sooner rather than later |
| | Get funding and start |
| | Just start it and finish it, release the plans and confirmed route as most people know what land is needed to be purchased for it |
| Support the development of a second bridge | |
| | Definitely need a second bridge / essential (x62) |
| | Keep this at the top of the list / high priority (x17) |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Building one (x10) |
| | Build a second bridge (x16) |
| | This would be great / fantastic (x3) |
| | Fairly obvious (x2) |
| | Second option over the river (x2) |
| | To save time getting places (x2) |
| | This is a no brainer (x2) |
| | Make a decision (x2) |
| | Self-explanatory (x2) |
| | To give alternative passage to Tinwald and vice versa (x2) |
| | We need this to be able to grow. Important for freight to Timaru, Christchurch etc. |
| | Want it to be safer for people who drive through every day |
| | Build a second bridge to split traffic and have an alternative route through town |
| | Another bridge would be great. This was shown when we had flooding |
| | Vital to improve quake resilience |
| | Another option |
| | I just know a lot of adults complain about the bridge |
| | This is a major issue |
| | An easier way to cross the river |
| | More crucial than four lane highway |
| | Why not |
| | It's awful one way only through a town as busy as this and on a state highway, although you can't call a single lane main route state highway 1...more families, larger families all equal more vehicles |
| | Needed for better movement of goods and services |
| | A second bridge that is located away from West St/CBD and that could be used by trucks and heavy vehicles to relieve pressure on West St |
| | It will future proof the town |
| | Better to travel over |
| | We need a second bridge that can link with future four lane highway |
| | Past a joke, have moved to other side of bridge because sick of waiting in queues |
| | Another lane or another bridge |
| | Look at Taupo's example |

| Topic | Response |
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| | More important than lights between West St and Walnut Ave |
| | Cannot be considered as a singular issue |
| | Town agreement |
| | Cannot be forgotten |
| | It may have the same effect as the Auckland Harbour Bridge did to the North Shore |
| | A major improvement for locals to move around this town and would improve lake access time |
| Traffic management | |
| | Vital for flow and reducing peak congestion / too much congestion (x79) |
| | Traffic is increasing and need to be spread over two bridges (x4) |
| | The traffic lights outside countdown south cause traffic jams (x2) |
| | Road congestion between Mitre10 and Lushingtons needs to be addressed |
| | Very important with increased road usage |
| | To ensure traffic can get through the highway north and south |
| | To reduce traffic through town |
| | Traffic needs addressing |
| | SH1 is unsafe for cyclists |
| | We need to make sure that the town centre can handle the demand a second bridge would bring, already traffic issues. Is directing traffic to Chalmer's Avenue a good idea? |
| | Need further access for cyclists and pedestrians across the river |
| | Now you're putting lights in at the domain corner it will back up traffic even more |
| | Ashburton is so congested even now without our international tourists |
| | It's getting difficult to pull onto SH1 from the east side to the point we're we are considering selling, but the difficult road crossing has devalued properties |
| | Needed for the locals to free up SH1 |
| | Make it easier for heavy vehicles |
| | All part of improving the road network |
| | Will have to happen as there is more and more traffic |
| | Required to redirect heavy traffic from CBD |
| | Traffic is held up / blocked by tractors and building transportation on bridges |
| | Road works around current bridge causes a lot of traffic |
| | Tinwald is a bottle neck, make it four lanes at least |

| Topic | Response |
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| | The current bridge is too small for the amount of traffic using it |
| | Either support passenger rail being reintroduced or keep pushing NZTA for second river crossing |
| | No point having a four lane highway between Ashburton & Christchurch if you're going to have a big bottleneck due to having only one bridge |
| Location | |
| | Not Chalmers Avenue (x5) |
| | Don't agree with bridge site (x3) |
| | Build a second bridge beside the existing bridge (x3) |
| | Should link up with West Street (x3) |
| | Should be West Street to Melcombe Street (x3) |
| | Tinwald bridge/traffic lights on the intersection of State Highway 1 and Carters Terrace in Tinwald |
| | Look at building a ring road using Digbys bridge |
| | Should be built next to existing bridge and four lane main highway |
| | Put it in the right place if and when there is money for it |
| | Decide where it's going to go and stick with it |
| | Revisit community opinion on placement of bridge |
| | Give more consideration to the sitting of the bridge |
| | West Street to the west of railway in Tinwald |
| | Build it between rail and road |
| | Survey ratepayers for best bridge site |
| | Through Milton road or Chalmers ave |
| | Cochranes road / Boundary road |
| | Trevors road or Melcombe st |
| | Link with business park |
| | Make sure it is in the best place for our community and that it will meet our needs in the future |
| | Not through town |
| | Milton road |
| | If the reason it won't be west street is because of its proximity then think about how many trains run on this line and if need be, move it |
| | Scrap the current plan. Sell the properties already purchased. Create a bypass & 2nd bridge further east of the town boundary. Big risk if that bridge is taken out. |

| Topic | Response |
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| Alternative options | |
| | Ideally make a bypass to keep through traffic out of Ashburton (x14) |
| | Widen the existing bridge (x3) |
| | New bridge should be a heavy vehicle bypass to protect our town roads (x2) |
| | Alternative option to help since NZTA are not tending to the main bridge, maybe option on each side of it to direct to those areas which may create less congestion |
| | Alternatively have good signage that attracts travelling people into the CBD |
| | I love the trees along the highway but they could be removed and the whole of Archibald street widens and the present bridge widened to take at least 4 lanes |
| | Either second bridge or traffic lights that allow easy access in busy times to the main road when you live in Tinwald |
| | Either have two bridges or widen the existing bridge |
| | A desperate need to have Hwy 1 by- pass Ashburton and to continue north as a motorway |
| | Council to sell land bought for this, have Transit NZ pay for most of this project as it is mainly passing thru traffic and have East Street as south bound & West Street as north bound using Melcombe Street as part of this plan. |
| | By pass east of Ashburton. Could go from business park to Longbeach Rd or even further south |
| | What's wrong with a clip on like other countries do? East street 2 lanes one way and West street the other |
| | Put the new bridge out of town to allow maximum by pass of traffic to eliminate the bottle neck and traffic jam we experience these days, put some traffic lights on the main road to give everyone a chance to move |
| | Study Australian and USA highways - SH 1 should not pass through any towns, but well-marked, safe and easy turn off junctions provided to them. This will definitely lead to town development make safer roads within the town, and provide additional business opportunity. Look at Pokeno, Taupo, and other examples. |
| | Improve intersections in Tinwald |
| | Propose alternative bridge options. Routes/ costs to ratepayers. Let ratepayers choose best option. |
| | Move railway tracks |
| | Two lanes each way |
| Funding | |
| | Keep pushing NZTA (x10) |
| | Demand more from the Government / keep pushing (x7) |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Continued lobbying at Government level to ensure this is done sooner rather than later (x3) |
| | Funding acceleration (x2) |
| | Faster progress working with NZTA on a plan and a budget |
| | Use some of the \$20million to help with NZTA funding |
| | More funding |
| | Pressure those who don't live here but have all the say |
| | More funding work |
| | Hopefully to work with NZTA |
| | Should be fully funded by NZTA, ratepayers shouldn't have to pay for it |
| | Council should be paying more, NZTA shouldn't have to pay for it |
| Health & safety | |
| | Lack of emergency services / health and safety hazard if bridge out of action (x7) |
| | Becoming dangerous only having one bridge due to congestion and impatience (x3) |
| | Traffic jams prevent emergency services getting across the bridge to Tinwald (x3) |
| | This is currently a weak link, there's huge risks here if anything happens to the existing bridge (x2) |
| | Traffic in town is unsafe at times (x2) |
| | Current situation is a health and safety hazard |
| | SH1 is unsafe for cyclists |
| | Move traffic for safer roads |
| | Get the project going before not having it causes loss of life or similar due to lack of emergency services road access |
| | Feels unsafe standing below bridge |
| | Get people safe |
| | I live in Tinwald and work at the hospital, if something were to happen to the bridge I wouldn't make it to the hospital within the 20 min call out period |
| | Traffic is unsafe turning from Grahams road |
| | There is only one way out of Tinwald |
| Planning | |
| | Get a finalised plan (x5) |
| | Advance planning (x3) |
| | Not enough forward planning (x2) |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Agree on a decent plan and get started (x2) |
| | Progress a plan and future proof the town centre |
| | Need to know a layout so people can avoid buying property next to it |
| | Lock a plan in place so community knows what properties will be affected |
| | Further pushing to get this in place and plans moving forward |
| | Develop a plan and a timeline |
| | There is no vision for the bridge and it will be a disgrace in 10 years' time with this traffic |
| | Plan needs revisiting |
| | Give us a project start date |
| | Confirmed time and step by step process of when these things are happening |
| | Start working on roading for this bridge |
| | Would like to see the editing options revisited and another round of consultation |
| | Canvas community and plan a second bridge to ease congestion |
| Third bridge | |
| | Build another bridge through Rakaia (x3) |
| | Possibly need a third bridge (x3) |
| | Suggest a third bridge. I think that this bridge will be used by the locals and leave the highway for the through traffic. So a third bridge above the SH1 would have the western locals using that, and the second bridge would have the eastern locals using that |
| Suggestions for current proposal | |
| | New bridge should have separate walking and cycling lanes |
| | Needs to be done properly in collaboration with any future long term dual carriageway works between Rolleston and Timaru |
| | Keep on about the bridge and engage more with those south |
| <i>Communication</i> | Keep the community informed |
| | Advise community of what is happening and when |
| Other responses | |
| | Don't know enough about it |
| | Road formation in advance of a new bridge |
| | Would like it to be in town or we will lose travellers |
| | Stop wasting money on the town centre, library, museum and council building |
| | Stop wasting money on the art gallery |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Less of that |
| | Add more sporting areas |
| | Tinwald |

2.4. Environment

| Topic | Response |
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| Urban environment | |
| <i>District tidiness</i> | Less rubbish dumped on roadside and river beds, clean up rubbish, litter control (x32) |
| | Keep things tidy, cleaner areas (x6) |
| | Rubbish is everywhere – dirt bike and 4WD groups dump rubbish |
| | Keep Maronan road free of rubbish/litter. It is the main entry to the town for some people and unpleasant to see trash on way in / out of town |
| <i>Parks</i> | Gardens and parks a credit to the Council |
| | Less annual beds in domain as not looked after |
| | There used to be much more gardens within the town, maybe a volunteer group could help with this |
| | Work at Argyle park is great, do that at Digby park |
| | More community service in the park |
| | More green spaces, more usable green spaces (x9) |
| | More native planted parks and recreation spaces |
| | More large reserves within housing developments with walking tracks |
| | More consistent upkeep of grass verges and gardens |
| | Ensure that existing parks and reserves are kept to a high(er) standard (x3) |
| | Stop using weed killer or any chemical in public spaces |
| | Keep recreation areas user friendly for all age groups e.g. seating in playgrounds for older people |
| | Encourage use of garden areas with free events |
| | Protection of the domain |
| | Upgrade the domain |
| | Do more to Tinwald and Ashburton Domains |
| | Improve / maintain dog parks |
| | Walk areas for dogs without a leash |

| Topic | Response |
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| <i>Town atmosphere / environment</i> | Crappy environment in Ash |
| | Great to see lights in trees (safety), art works and street theatre |
| | More lighting around Methven |
| | More smoke free areas, less vaping and smoking (x2) |
| | The main street looks ugly driving into ash, not inviting at all |
| | Keep doing what you are doing, tidy the immediate approaches to the bridge |
| | More seating and tables around town – places like Ashburton central needs more flowers and colour |
| | Main road lawns, centre town gardens |
| | Appreciation and beautification enhanced and extended - Mid Canterbury has a lot to offer |
| | Tree planting on footpaths to provide amenity and leafy suburbs |
| | Find solution to keep seagulls off buildings, messing up buildings and cars |
| | More gardens at roundabouts |
| <i>Pedestrians / cycle lanes</i> | Ensure footpaths are smooth and wide enough for motor scooters and prams - stop changing footpaths to have weedy dry strips of grass and dirt instead of being tar sealed |
| | Pedestrian only main street |
| | Promote foot traffic (x2) |
| | Cycle lanes, bike friendly town (x2) |
| <i>Community vege garden</i> | Community gardens for people to work in and get veges/fruit for local self-sustaining |
| | Community vegetable gardens (x3) |
| | Fruit trees |
| <i>Town tidiness</i> | Renovate overbridge, it has potential to be an iconic piece of work in Ashburton |
| | Looking forward to seeing baring square east tidied up |
| | Have a better kerbside appeal - some areas the council is meant to mow but leave it for homeowners who don't |
| | Keep the town tidier |
| <i>Recreation</i> | Protection of recreational areas |
| | More walking and cycling tracks around the town, incorporating the river tracks |
| | More facilities outside of Ashburton town |
| | More walking tracks |

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| <i>Roadsides</i> | Roadsides need to be looked after |
| | More efforts like heading north on SH1 opposite to the racecourse |
| | Clean up where railway track runs along would be nice – ie removing gravel and planting nicer plants |
| | Roadside scrub and long grass/trees maintained (like north of Ashburton) |
| <i>General</i> | Actively search and fine people for the disturbing amount of vandalism |
| | More work on urban environment |
| Natural environment | |
| Waste management | |
| <i>Recycling</i> | Recycling – plastic shouldn't be household waste |
| | More recycling bins / more recycling / improve recycling (x25) |
| | Sort out recycling so it is easier / improve recycling (x2) |
| | Soft plastic recycling |
| | Recycling skips and service for all farms with more than 1 house |
| | Build local recycling plant (x3) |
| | Offer collection of recycling in smaller towns |
| | Be proactive implementing waste/recycling infrastructure. Create new systems and get ahead of the issue |
| | More recycling by burning rubbish for power and heat |
| | Reduce plastic usage and taxing, work with ECAN |
| | Remove rubbish bins from public spaces and provide recycling bins |
| | More education on recycling and reusing (x2) |
| <i>Rubbish</i> | More rubbish bins in town centre and frequently visited places e.g. Lake Hood, Methven walkway (x5) |
| | More support around litter free Ashburton – are there grants available for signs? |
| | Reduce business waste |
| | Make local food providers accountable for rubbish |
| | Plastics going in the red bin? |
| | More bins (x8) |
| | More bins, particularly around river entrances |
| | Offer collection of rubbish in smaller towns |
| | Incentives for waste reduction (x2) |
| | Get people on the benefit to pick up roadside rubbish (x2) |

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| | No rural rubbish system in place, more rural bins / collections (x2) |
| | Look into how and where our rubbish is being dumped |
| | Move the dump |
| | Larger bins if we can't recycle as much as we used to |
| | Volunteers can only pick up so much rubbish |
| | Waste management needs to be looked into |
| | Support wastebusters and the great work they do |
| | More environmentally friendly choices within the council and innovative in reducing district waste |
| <i>Green bins</i> | Green waste bins / compost collection (x9) |
| | Subsidised compost available for purchase at Wastebusters or something similar if green bins are introduced |
| Water | |
| | Cleaner / healthier rivers, protection of waterways (x44) |
| | Stop pollution of our water – water has to be boiled due to high nitrates |
| | Ensure water quality is of optimum standards (x4) |
| | Cleaner water |
| | Stop rubbish entering our river and polluting the ocean |
| | Protection / enhancement of the lake (x2) |
| | Restore water flow and quality in the district's streams |
| | More accountability for farmers who reside next to waterways, especially upstream |
| | More regulation on nitrates and sprays (x2) |
| | Protect and expand water races |
| | More direct input into healthy waterways |
| | Wakanui Creek re-established |
| | Work smarter with water |
| | River flows too low for fish, environment and aesthetics |
| | The river should be a highlight, not an embarrassment |
| | Keep creek banks tidy |
| | Riparian plantings |
| | Repopulating the fish in our rivers |
| | Being able to swim in our rivers |
| | Control nitrate levels |

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| | Remove rubbish and pest plants from waterways |
| Biodiversity | |
| | Encourage more native plantings along water races and spray free areas for bees |
| | Appoint a council biodiversity officer |
| | Increase biodiversity, more planting, more flora and fauna, natives (x13) |
| | Plant more natives in the garden plots on street corners and keep them tidy |
| | More native plantings in and around wetlands as well as within the towns |
| | More trees (x13) |
| | Wetland protection/restoration |
| | Pest control (x2) |
| | Plant more biodiversity on council land |
| | Establish wildlife corridors to the south by incentivising native shelter belt planting with DOC |
| | Regenerative native planting |
| | Replant the popular Ashburton River walk and bike paths with natives to encourage local native biodiversity |
| | Plant along waterways (x2) |
| | Funding for biodiversity |
| | Stop cutting down all the forest because we will need it in the future |
| | Native birds |
| | More natives |
| | Habitat restoration, riparian planting and freshwater ecology repair |
| | More habitat protection (x2) |
| | Prohibit the removal of trees / shelterbelts. Make farms plant trees around boundaries |
| | More permanent plantings |
| | More natives for permanent planting rather than annuals and the constant replacement needed in the flower beds |
| | Biodiversity projects |
| | Sustainable town plantings that have drought resilience and require no watering |
| | More focus on protecting biodiversity |
| Sustainability | |
| | Businesses should be responsible for their waste and carbon footprint, make businesses more sustainable (x2) |

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| | Be more sustainable / eco-friendly (x5) |
| | Reduce irrigation (x2) |
| | Water infrastructure and sustainability. Please upgrade infrastructure not just to allow land for housing developments, bursting pipes and wastage is not an option when water is so fragile here |
| | More initiatives for sustainability |
| | Promote sustainability as an overarching theme |
| | Ban farming the high country and replant it. If we don't have a safe, secure environment then we can't have farming, and there is no Ashburton without farming |
| | Find ways to sustainably keep providing in an environmentally friendly way |
| | Sustainable farming |
| | Establish more electric vehicle charging points. Move ADC fleet to electric vehicles / hydrogen |
| | Ban coffee cups – first region in NZ |
| | Modernise thinking around sustainability and adaptive reuse of buildings |
| | We need to look after the land and water for future generations |
| | More advocacy for decarbonisation |
| Regulation | |
| | Stronger policy position |
| | Better enforcement of current rules, stronger rules in the new plan (x4) |
| | Work with central government and ECAN on understanding new policy changes and impacts on our district |
| | Fight the government's plans or ask them to pay for their new reforms |
| Agriculture | |
| | Tighter controls on effects from dairy farming |
| | Limit and police dairy farms and factory farms, allow nature to thrive |
| | Ban moratorium on new dairy farms / CP irrigation plants |
| | Fines on farmers who pollute |
| | Help farmers to work with central government on new law changes and understand what they need to do |
| | More monitoring on dairy effluent discharge and burn offs |
| | Business and farming discharge |
| | Stopping the sprayer driver emptying the rinse or chemical from the sprayer on the road |

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| Climate change | |
| | Get real about climate change and start showing some leadership |
| | Start taking nature, the environment and global warming seriously. Work with farmers to find ways to reduce and ameliorate the coming effects of global warming, ask them for suggestions |
| | Invest more in climate change response |
| | Focus on climate change, especially where the land is susceptible to flooding or storms and see how the farmers in the area are dealing with climate change. The industries that are allowed to be in Ashburton need to have a future focus that is not just jobs and profit, the environment and climate change has to be thought of |
| | Climate change is still an impending reality, we need to make more changes to our way of living that will help the earth |
| | Climate change incorporated into ADC business |
| | Climate change is one of the biggest challenges to society and something that needs as much effort as we can give it |
| | Make reducing CO2 emissions one of the main goals of businesses around Ashburton |
| | Focus towards long term – global warming |
| | Less greenhouse gas emissions (x2) |
| | Try working on climate change and see if it makes a difference |
| | Do whatever it takes, global warming will kill us all |
| | Tackle stock emissions |
| Awareness | |
| | Continue with environmental awareness (x2) |
| | Protection and education of environmental care |
| | Educate community on how to be more environmentally friendly |
| | More signs encouraging the community to look after the environment, for example – the importance of taking your rubbish home - where it ends up if you don't and how it affects our coastlines and waterways |
| | Educate people to take their rubbish home |
| | Promote the environment more |
| | Greater advocacy |
| | Wildlife and environmental tours throughout the year so visitors and locals can learn how to protect and nurture |
| | Urban awareness of waste and water disposal |

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| Agriculture | |
| | No more dairy farms in Mid Canterbury / less dairy farms (x3) |
| | Reduce impact of dairying |
| | Need more focus on environment from farming activities |
| | Ensure the local industry isn't damaging the environment |
| | Water from irrigators go over the road in places |
| | Farmer on Green street should have an underpass put in – cows crossing road four times a day |
| | Work closer with land users |
| Air quality | |
| | Ensure air quality is of optimum standards |
| | Ban burning shelterbelts, ban burning stubble (x3) |
| | Industrial chimneys such as the Hospital and Ashburton College need to be removed or at least be accountable for the frequent smoke billowing out |
| | Air pollution, farmers burning off huge columns of smoke polluting the air |
| | It makes no sense to enforce clean air at any cost by forcing people to change to different wood burners but then allow farmers to burn off which is much worse than the smoke from wood fires. Cost of getting fire brigade involved if fires get out of control or flare up. Stubbles can be worked into the ground which is good for the ground as well, instead the toxins are going up in the air. |
| 3-waters | |
| | Chemical treated drinking water not good enough |
| | 3 waters – healthy activities |
| | Get the 3 waters sorted in rural and urban |
| | Street and urban drainage to water ways not sustainable |
| | Wastewater control |
| | Stormwater storage systems on properties, including allowing greywater permitted systems |
| | Increased strategic planning on urban stormwater to provide better environmental outcomes in future |
| Water bottling | |
| | No bottling water or taking water other than for community and farming |
| | No more / ban water bottling (x4) |

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| General | |
| | Set high standards in town and country for the environment - don't sit on your hands and say it's ECAN's work |
| | Continual improvements with respect to regional environmental goals around water and general quality of our environment |
| | Environment should always be on the top priority list / number 1 focus (x3) |
| | Look after what we have but don't go overboard |
| | Stop polluting it |
| | Ongoing environmental assessment |
| | More family focussed environmental projects |
| | Provide funds for schools to help with environment |
| | More protection (x3) |
| | Develop delivery plan |
| | Plant more trees and become a carbon neutral council |
| | Solar panels |
| | Road runoff, soak holes |
| | Less use of chemicals and herbicides etc. |
| | Get rid of old man's beard in trees |
| | No watering plants, exploiting our valuable resource |
| | You will need to live in, need to enjoy it |
| | Check out what other small regional centres are doing e.g. Bay of Plenty |
| | Can always do more (x7) |
| | Be involved |
| | Materials |
| | Stop random camping e.g. around Lake Camp |
| | Reduce pollution, including light and noise |
| | Noise is an issue |
| | Less burying livestock |

2.5. Business development

| Topic | Response |
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| New businesses | |
| | Attract / encourage more / promote new businesses (63) |
| | Invite new businesses to the area |
| | More businesses to make shopping more interesting |
| | The more business we attract, the more the district will prosper |
| | New, open ideas |
| | Create more opportunities for business |
| | Continue having affordable land for businesses to operate in Mid Canterbury |
| | Encourage small businesses into the area |
| | Entice more businesses to keep the youth occupied and out of trouble |
| | Encourage new businesses through cheaper fuel stops on main road |
| <i>Types of business</i> | Get some proper chain stores in the town centre (5) |
| | Get Kmart built (2) |
| | More options like Kmart |
| | More retail stores |
| | Retail and entertainment, especially for young people |
| | Attract more shopping |
| | More diverse retail business without constraint from existing businesses |
| | Encouragement for more non-agricultural businesses |
| | More specialty shops, information centre not in the civic centre |
| | Increased choice for locals |
| | Water bottling income to reduce rates |
| | Utilise site in industrial area with water consent for Council owned water bottling site |
| | Focus on small, new, niche marketing enterprises |
| | Ban the big chains, they're awful and don't help a town's appeal. A unique, local shopping experience is much better |
| | Find eco-friendly businesses to develop |
| | Recreate the high street as opposed to national companies |
| | Add small business establishments, even small branches in town so people don't have to go to Christchurch |
| | Recycle business |
| | More farming development |
| | More cafes and open spaces |
| | Support / develop tourism and business opportunities in Methven |

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| <i>Development</i> | Developing the area around Countdown South |
| | Open land for development in CBD and surrounds. Getting big businesses will create jobs. Small businesses will have to adapt. |
| Support | |
| <i>General</i> | Look after local businesses, listen to what they need, more support / promotion (25) |
| | Provide more support to businesses after Covid-19 (10) |
| | Support for new business owners / make it easier for new businesses (9) |
| | Look after small businesses (3) |
| | More engagement with local business leaders/owners, better communication (2) |
| | Support / help all businesses (2) |
| | Support local business growth |
| | Work with business owners in town to help create business opportunities to our town |
| | Help support business growth |
| | Support new initiatives |
| | Assist retailers and developers |
| <i>Use local</i> | Support some of the smaller businesses through the town development, not just the big contracting companies that always have work (3) |
| | Support local businesses for local work, stop outsourcing companies from other places to do work in Ashburton (2) |
| <i>Promotion</i> | Support and promote local businesses, not just big ones or farmers (2) |
| | Keep promoting local support (2) |
| | More display support for small local artists |
| | Support, development and promotion – particularly rural sector and connections to it |
| | Provide opportunities for businesses to showcase their work |
| <i>Training / networking support</i> | Provide networking opportunities (2) |
| | Provide help and resources to other community groups to develop business |
| | Support the business association |
| | Work with chamber in more training in business development |
| | Support local business mentors |
| <i>Other</i> | Build excellent relationships and partnerships – at the heart of a business friendly council |
| | Tancred street social service example of good idea to move with and keep metres off this area, good signage to free parking |
| | Make the farmers market more attractive |
| | Include businesses into design of the town |

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| | When you are posting out notices like water shut off in Rakaia make sure they arrive before the shutoff, not the week after |
| | Most business invest in Ashburton |
| | Council needs to become more business minded and treat it's residents as customers |
| | Keep it cleaner |
| Financial incentives / regulations | |
| <i>Financial support / incentives</i> | Incentives for local business growth / expansion (4) |
| | Financially support businesses to stay afloat (2) |
| | Provide incentives for existing businesses to expand, and new businesses to start up in the district in order for jobs to be created |
| | Reduce rent in ADC property, or help with start-up costs |
| | More care and consideration of our businesses might encourage others to open. Covid-19 has made running a business extremely difficult and any concessions the ADC can make to encourage business development should be considered. |
| | Could offer attractive land and rates if new businesses move to Ashburton |
| | Rate rebate incentive |
| | Lower fees and contribution costs |
| | Lower rates for Ashburton based businesses only |
| | Slash compliance costs |
| | Be cautious on rates as costs are of a major concern |
| <i>Regulations and consents</i> | Less red tape (3) |
| | Make it easier for businesses to get resource and building consents |
| | Work with ECAN to make consents easier |
| | Relax consenting |
| | Less restrictions and regulation on business |
| | Reduce regulations |
| | Help stream line compliance |
| | Work with businesses. Some are scared to contact ADC because of the drama caused by paperwork |
| | Stop putting more pressure and costs onto local businesses. Stop changing land use without notification or having face to face meetings with people being affected |
| | Does the council have any plans for expansion of land available for housing |
| | Methven is dying – no heart, limited facilities, neglected look and feel. Please review the old restrictive resource consents where owners are forced to rely on winter tourist trade. Sending owners into a chronic debt as they cannot rent to residential tenants – units stay empty for 9 months. |

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| | Rules need to be relaxed for home occupation, especially when it occurs in residential D zones where sections are larger and space between neighbours is greater |
| Buildings | |
| <i>Reduce empty buildings</i> | Fill empty shops (9) |
| | Encourage re-tenanting of empty premises – incentives like reduced rates (2) |
| | Stop charging the earth for buildings. Shops don't survive because it's too expensive |
| | Too many empty buildings |
| | Increase rates on empty buildings to encourage owners to rent them |
| | Make rent more affordable for retail |
| <i>Building conditions</i> | Better conditions of the premises leases |
| | Fix up some bland run-down buildings (2) |
| | Standard of buildings to be lifted to earthquake proof but leads to increased rental by landlord who has made the additional investment |
| | Support transition out of earthquake prone buildings |
| | Provision of good infrastructure and facilities as well as subsidies to keep businesses open |
| | AA and post shop at Paper Plus need their own building |
| General | |
| | Grow businesses, keep growing (2) |
| | Can always do more |
| | Keep businesses growing and expanding |
| | Lots of empty shops about and businesses leaving town |
| | Need more businesses |
| | Keep Ashburton growing |
| | Access more opportunities |
| | Hugely important, Ashburton needs this desperately |
| | Not core business but is good to encourage |
| | Has positive outcomes for wider Mid Canterbury |
| | The effects of Covid-19 will put more pressure on Ashburton |
| | Maintain momentum |
| | More businesses are good for everyone |
| | Business is the life blood of the town |
| | More money in the coffers |
| | Important to upgrade to keep our community thriving |
| | Retain and build on good work already in place |

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| Ashburton CBD | |
| <i>Stop spread – keep central</i> | Stop town centre from spreading, create a bustling arty hub to attract through traffic (2) |
| | Stimulate centre of town by keeping more shops nearer to centre |
| | Town centre is dead, stop spreading out west street businesses on main highway it's not safe |
| | Keep business development in the centre of town |
| | Don't allow spreading out of businesses, put a freeze on rent etc |
| <i>User friendly shops</i> | Make CBD shops more user friendly |
| | Work with landlords to reduce rents for retail and office space so more businesses can operate in the CBD |
| <i>New businesses</i> | Re-vamp business in town centre |
| | Implement an ADC group / committee to come up with ideas for new businesses that could be located in CBD |
| | Encourage new businesses to the CBD |
| <i>Parking</i> | Remove paid parking so more people will shop (x3) |
| | More parking for both visitors and users |
| | Don't take away car parking |
| | Parking building |
| | Parking is terrible |
| <i>Rail siding</i> | More emphasis on the new business estate and moving rail siding |
| | Keep pressure on NZ rail to get out of town |
| | Think a bit more and not carve up the only area suitable for a rail siding in the new industrial area into little sections that could have gone anywhere |
| <i>Other</i> | Assistance required in CBD |
| | Greater business support in the retail precinct |
| | The town feels like it's dying, the centre needs help |
| | Try to get East street smartened up |
| | Make the town more inviting |
| | Make the town encouraging for people to stop and spend their money here |
| Employment | |
| | Create more jobs (x5) |
| | Focus on jobs, particularly part time and flexible for families |
| | More businesses create more employment. Could help to lower some social issues the town faces now and in the future |
| | Need good business to create employment |
| | Facilitate housing options for workers, staffing is our biggest issue |
| <i>Youth employment</i> | More jobs for the young (x2) |

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| | Make businesses more accessible to younger generation, develop a programme for youth to get involved in all aspects of business (like an apprenticeship) |
| | Develop an agricultural school in the district to provide an opportunity for our youth to get into the large sector of mid Canterbury business |
| Promotion of Ashburton | |
| | Advertise Ashburton as a desirable place to live in order to encourage new businesses (x2) |
| | Draw more people in / update town to prepare for Methven pools to open (x2) |
| | Upsell Ashburton as a place of opportunity, like was done in Invercargill with Tim Shadbolt |
| | Make working here more appealing to the young professionals |
| | Make us a business friendly town |
| | Buy local campaigns |
| | Ongoing opportunity, target 20-30 year olds into the town |
| | Do more to market Ashburton for businesses and industry to locate here. |
| Tourism promotion | |
| | Promote tourism (2) |
| | Encourage people to stay in town (2) |
| | Would like to see a tourism and events strategy |
| | Do more to market Ashburton for tourism |
| | Grow Mid Canterbury was a disaster, funding was spent on Methven Hot pools, we need something similar but non biased |
| | Encouragement of events that bring people into the district |
| | Better support for tourism development |
| | Promote the whole district including rural towns that are not Methven and Rakaia |
| Business estate / industrial land | |
| | Encourage more businesses into industrial centres (2) |
| | Promote industrial land for sale, especially with opening of highway between Rolleston extension to the city and port |
| | Aggressively market the existing business estates and build a new one |
| | Business park has a lot of potential but the cost is prohibitive |
| | Discount land in business park |
| | Increase office buildings and area at business parks |
| | More affordable low cost business sites or parks |
| Economy | |
| | Use council anchor projects to stimulate economy |
| | More money for the community |
| | Growing and finding new local economies |

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| | More businesses means more jobs for money to be spent locally |
| | Encourage more investment in region |
| | Good for economy and creating jobs |
| | More business development equals strong economy |
| Roading / transport | |
| | More businesses will require SH1 improvements |
| | Keep opening new roads |
| | Better roading networks will assist with more business coming to Ashburton |
| | Develop public transport (e.g. train to Christchurch, four lane highway) |
| | Having a dual carriageway highway from Christchurch to Ashburton will make moving businesses to Ashburton a more attractive proposition |
| | Roads are terrible |
| Other | |
| | Build excellent relationships and partnerships – at the heart of a business friendly council |
| | Tancred street social service example of good idea to move with and keep metres off this area, good signage to free parking |
| | Make the farmers market more attractive |
| | Include businesses into design of the town |
| | When you are posting out notices like water shut off in Rakaia make sure they arrive before the shutoff, not the week after |
| | Most business invest in Ashburton |
| | Council needs to become more business minded and treat it's residents as customers |
| | Keep it cleaner |

2.6. Town centre development

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| Visual appeal | |
| | Beautification (x6) |
| | Spruce up the area and make it seem new and fresh |
| | More flare |
| | More artwork / murals (x2) |
| | Get rid of concrete, more colour and more art |
| | Make it more attractive for people driving through |

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| | Smarten it up e.g. hanging baskets |
| | More seating between Burnett and Moore Street |
| <i>Trees, shrubs and plantings</i> | Going well, I'm sure it will be 'greened' with native trees and shrubs |
| | More lights in trees |
| | Native plantings |
| | Keep the lights in East Street trees (x2) |
| | I liked the tree lights and the daffodils, do more of this |
| | Get rid of the old trees that are ripping up the footpaths and destroying my lawn mower |
| | Tidy up gardens etc. |
| | More plantings |
| <i>Cleanliness</i> | Need more rubbish bins (x2) |
| | Clean seats, they are filthy |
| | Encourage tidying up quickly |
| | Clean up centre of town |
| General | |
| | Upgrade buildings / town centre (x11) |
| | Town centre is dead (x2) |
| | The main street is dying, need new initiatives |
| | Need to do more CBD revitalising to make more attractive for people to come through |
| | Town centre is tacky |
| | Create an 'actual' centre, at the moment it's just shops |
| | Utilise the space and build projects we need |
| | Simplify the consent process to ensure new buildings are being built in the town centre |
| | Make it less congested |
| | A safe area to shop and visit |
| | Make more user friendly while development continues |
| | Better consideration of urban design, architecture |
| | Make it more functional |
| | Make a vibrant heart of Ashburton |

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| | Restore the centre of town |
| | Be better |
| Current CBD works | |
| | Faster development of town centre (x9) |
| | Continue with CBD development (x4) |
| | Keep it going (x2) |
| | Will be nice to see it finished |
| | New changes look great |
| | Timeframes |
| | Happy with progress |
| | Taking far too long, feel sorry for the businesses on the main streets |
| | Happy with current development |
| | Finish town centre revitalisation as soon as possible |
| Attract businesses | |
| | Fill the empty shops (x3) |
| | Filling shops with quality tenants |
| | Fill up shops, landlords are charging too much for the tenants |
| | Make it appealing for businesses |
| | More compassion to affected businesses |
| | Hotel development |
| | Create ideas to draw more businesses into the town centre |
| | Encourage high tech companies to set up an office in Ashburton |
| | Encourage new businesses into town |
| | Business diversity |
| | Continue current development, but retail is and will continue to struggle, who is going to do business there? |
| | Bring in businesses to rejuvenate and encourage patronage |
| | Keep the current business thriving during the CBD work |
| | Keep businesses off West Street e.g. Formosa, Subway, these should all be on main street |
| | Promote and extend Farmers Market to include more stands / businesses |
| | Try and bring more business to Ashburton |
| | Making internal businesses grow |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Attract more business to CBD |
| Retail | |
| | We need a mall / shopping centre (x9) |
| | Better / more shops (x2) |
| | Get all private landlords together to discuss what they are doing so the town can be regenerated |
| | Bigger, more modern retail and office buildings in CBD |
| | Re-build and more 'proper shops' |
| | Upgrade town centre shops |
| | More mainstream shops |
| | More shopping centres for teenagers to shop in |
| | More retail |
| | Keep retail in town centre rather than all over the place |
| | Tidy up shops |
| Community spaces | |
| | A vibrant, exciting destination, late nights and more opening hours |
| | Make a space for people to come together and enjoy it |
| | Small outdoor areas for communal gathering |
| | A parents room and small play area centrally for those who live in rural areas to stop at with young kids while visiting shops in town |
| | More local and community friendly |
| | Central family friendly area |
| | Places to sit and watch the world go by |
| | More green areas / places to have lunch. |
| | Green spaces |
| | Focus on a place to relax and sit down in the CBD |
| | Have an area for street market to get things going on summer nights |
| | Have a large community indoor market place accessible for all |
| <i>Youth</i> | Town is getting boring for the new generation, establish something they would like to do during leisure time |
| | More places for youth |
| | More things for children to do |
| <i>Hub</i> | Create an inviting hub for us to use and congregate for public events |

| Topic | Response |
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| | A place to hang out |
| | A business hub where people travelling for work or other new businesses can gather and 'rent a room' |
| | A central and safe hub for all to enjoy and visit |
| Eateries | |
| | More restaurants (x2) |
| | Alfresco dining, flow of restaurants, cafes etc. onto footpaths (x2) |
| | More grocery stores (Pak 'n' Save) x2 |
| | More food places |
| | Café in the park |
| | More outside eateries / café spaces with atmosphere and music |
| | Better food |
| | Open café on East Street town centre |
| | Ability for food stalls and trucks to be set up regularly |
| | Create a food court / eatery for struggling hospitality businesses |
| Parking | |
| | Free parking (x5) |
| | Free street parking while in CBD |
| | Parking spaces that are large enough for utes, most spaces are way too small |
| | More parking, you could lease the business parking areas to business holders |
| | Parking |
| | Free parking until CBD revamp is complete |
| | Get rid of parking meters |
| | Better parking facilities |
| | Make 2 hour parking spots free and then ticket |
| Tourism | |
| | Fresh and inviting for tourists |
| | Make it more appealing for tourists |
| | More tourist friendly |
| | Allow places for tourists to gather / access information |
| | Create a vibrant atmosphere that attracts and keeps visitors in Ashburton once they drive through |
| <i>Information centre</i> | Information centre (x3) |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Surely something can be done with the old i-site |
| | Bring back / re-open information centre |
| | Where is our information centre going |
| Entertainment / recreation | |
| | Better entertainment |
| | More interesting things to do |
| | More outdoor stuff |
| | Something for kids who aren't sporty |
| | Something more exciting to do with families |
| | Teenage entertainment e.g. turn Bunnings into Laser Strike |
| | Move or upgrade the skate park as it is an eye sore and dangerous |
| | Playground / benches in town centre |
| | More entertainment areas with seating |
| | More pools |
| Old / EQ damaged buildings | |
| | Earthquake damaged building looks like an eye sore, how can we have a new CBD with a building that looks like it is falling down |
| | Better structure / development for earthquake damaged buildings |
| | Would like to see the old buildings pulled down before the footpaths etc. are developed, especially those with low earthquake ratings are they are dangerous. |
| | The old buildings are shabby and run down |
| | Fix facades of older shops |
| | It's very old and dated |
| | Support development of EQ prone buildings |
| | Get rid of old useless buildings / make it look more appealing |
| | Fix up all the decrepit buildings |
| Roading | |
| | Roading is a mess |
| | Check that asphalt on pavements is level |
| | Move rail shunt area and line |
| | Tidy up roading faster |
| | Clear directions |
| | Heavy vehicle bypass |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Bypass traffic around the town |
| | Shutting off roads isn't helpful to businesses at this time |
| | Green zones and zebra crossings |
| CBD boundaries | |
| | Expand the current CBD to include areas towards Wills Street, Philip Street and William Street |
| | Expanding on CBD area out to triangle / event centre |
| | More linkages in the town and to the new council building when built |
| | Keep the businesses within the CBD, there are too many starting to sprawl out (Queens Drive, Harrison Street etc.) this will have detrimental effects on CBD |
| | Prevent sprawling of CBD everywhere, consolidate up not out |
| | Clearly defined town centre that supports local businesses |
| Pedestrian friendly | |
| | Pedestrian friendly |
| | Better pedestrian options |
| | More pedestrian areas |
| | Make it pedestrian friendly and attractive to draw people into town |
| | Anything to increase foot traffic |
| | Ensure that the finished product encourages more people to walk or cycle into town, promote this to staff so parking spaces are left for those with mobility issues or those living rurally |
| Historic buildings | |
| | Maximise the old buildings, keep history alive |
| | Stop tearing down the history of Ashburton |
| | Preservation of heritage buildings |
| | More consideration of heritage buildings, the town is losing a sense of identity |
| Rural towns | |
| | Methven town centre development please |
| | Methven is a main tourist town, yet very little of our rates go back into developing our main areas for locals and tourists |
| | Town centre development in all towns, not just Ashburton |
| Other | |
| | Library |
| | More transport |

| Topic | Response |
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| | So it's better to get out of town when school finishes |
| | South entry |
| | Use local contractors |
| | Reduce cost of compliance |

2.7. EA Networks Centre development

| Topic | Response |
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| Hydro-slide | |
| | Hydro slide (x71) |
| | Public were promised hydro-slides when asked to raise the 5 million but these haven't been built. Again things are just talked about and nothing is done, the place should be awesome but the pools are really boring for kids |
| | What happened to the hydro-slide? (x2) |
| | Waterslide creates revenue |
| | We invested in EA on the proposal of this happening |
| Expand the centre | |
| | Keep extending/developing great asset (x18) |
| | Expand (x8) |
| | Make it bigger / larger (x6) |
| | Not big enough |
| | As the community grows, so should the facility |
| | Needs expanding, we have grown out of it |
| | Additional investment required to provide more recreational opportunities |
| | Provision funding for growth and development of existing infrastructure |
| | The pool and stadium were too small the moment it was built |
| | Increase the areas of the most used facilities |
| | Upgraded |
| | Continue to add value and use to this centre |
| | EA Centre's facilities are being exhausted due to the increasing population in the Ashburton District |
| | More things to do there |
| | More stuff to keep people active and healthy |

| Topic | Response |
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| | More fun stuff |
| | Expand the range of classes and activities for working people |
| | Nicer outside dining area |
| | Further development of outdoor areas |
| <i>Courts</i> | More courts (x4) |
| | Extend the stadium (x4) |
| | Desperately need bigger courts (x2) |
| | More indoor courts |
| | More courts, one with rubber surface for indoor hockey/cricket, better space around the courts. |
| | More netball courts – it can be full and is dangerous when kids have to warm up outside when it's slippery |
| | More indoor courts to attract big competitions e.g. national secondary school champs |
| | Expand indoor court area |
| | Courts need expansion and better seating |
| | Extend netball courts |
| | Cover outdoor courts |
| | More basketball and netball outside |
| | Make the courts better |
| <i>'Should have'</i> | These extra additions should have been included in the first build |
| | Should have been 6 courts, should have had air conditioning, gym space should have been bigger. Some forethought would've been handy. |
| | This project should have included a hydroslide and been fully developed from the beginning. The Council at the time said it would be done in stages but it has been put to one side as other projects have taken priority. Many families use the Timaru indoor swimming complex because it offers more facilities than Ashburton. |
| New features | |
| <i>General</i> | More options (x5) |
| | Add something |
| | Add new features where possible, great facility |
| | Create more unique attractions for locals and tourists |
| | Increase facilities |
| <i>Suggestions</i> | Climbing walls (x13) |

| Topic | Response |
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| | More sports (x4) |
| | Disc golf/Frisbee golf (x3) |
| | More sports facilities (x2) |
| | Get an indoor turf on the other side for cricket, rugby and football |
| | Financially help out sport to be there e.g. cricket |
| | Need a good all weather sport ground |
| | Squash courts |
| | Outdoor mini golf at EA centre entrance off Smallbone drive |
| | Sports massage |
| | Sports multi use turf |
| | Gaming videos |
| | Bowling alley |
| | Big skate park |
| | Library at EA Networks Centre |
| | Cycling facilities |
| | A soccer field |
| | Softball facility |
| | Bigger gym, outdoor pool option, water slide? |
| | Fenced playground picnic area |
| | BBQ areas so teens can have fun there as well as families |
| | Trampoline |
| Swimming pool | |
| | Bigger pool / pool area (x10) |
| | More pools (x8) |
| | A diving board (x3) |
| | Outdoor pool (x2) |
| | More space to swim (x2) |
| | Expand the pool complex |
| | More pool space and better water park for kids / teenagers |
| | The facilities appear small and I am not sure if it is possible to expand. The hydro pool is so small it is really hard to do aqua jogging as people get in each other's way |
| | Get more children swimming more often |

| Topic | Response |
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| | More attractions within the pool |
| | The lazy river surface makes children's feet bleed |
| | Toddler swimming area, more focus on kids |
| | Extra learn to swim pool and fitness gear (pool) |
| | Would be great if pool was like the Timaru one which we go to over Ashburton as there is a great little kids area, 2 jumping boards, hydro slides so much more fun for the pool. |
| | Stop closing off most of the pools in school holidays for classes |
| | Warmer main pool |
| | Wave surfer |
| | Wave pool & dive pool |
| | 50m pool |
| | Make the pools better |
| | Expand kids 'splash pad' |
| | New learn to swim pool to avoid over-crowding |
| | More play areas for kids water slides |
| | More water activities for kids |
| | Need more small pools and an area for the warm pool |
| | The pools aren't exciting for under 5 and the sprinklers are hardly even on |
| Sports field development | |
| | Sports fields (x5) |
| | Should be a one stop sporting area with all pitches and courts in one location with sufficient parking (x3) |
| | Bring all clubs together / cover more sports (x3) |
| | Sports hub (x2) |
| | Continue to encourage sporting codes to move to 'greenfields' site and expand existing facilities as demand driven |
| | Develop green space for playing fields. I can't see why rugby, hockey and cricket etc. have to put so much money towards this happening while netball pretty much got what they wanted. |
| | Consult on fully funding sports field development |
| | Long term outdoor sports development |
| | Make the most of this great centre, so much land around it to add more sports or events etc. |
| | Continue with idea and tidy up outside west side |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Don't need more sports fields, there are heaps in Ashburton and hardly used |
| | Include outdoor sports around the centre |
| | Create facilities for more sports and make them more available to the community |
| | Over time increase sports ventures for more sports |
| Parking / accessibility | |
| | More parking / more sealed parking (x11) |
| | Better access (x2) |
| | Better entrance / new entrance (x2) |
| | It is a big centre and not enough parking for amount of visitors |
| | Focus on a second exit for left turning only to help with congestion |
| | "extra parking" area sealed |
| | Improve the flow of traffic leaving the centre |
| Age group activities | |
| | More stuff for youth (x6) |
| | Something for teens (x2) |
| | More fun things for people 13-30 |
| | Upgrade for kids – drive to other pools because they are more fun like Timaru |
| | Important for younger residents especially |
| | Children's play area |
| | Better junior swimming spaces |
| | More youth facilities to keep them busy and active |
| | More senior classes / times |
| | More for kids |
| | Entertain 12-18 year olds |
| | More indoor activities to suit active kids |
| General | |
| | Great asset to the community (x2) |
| | Great facility |
| <i>Do more</i> | Do a bit more as this is a great asset |
| | Make it exciting, it doesn't attract families like it's supposed to |
| | More emphasis |
| | Develop plans to shovel ready |

| Topic | Response |
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| | More activities helps with health and fitness as well as the social side of things |
| | Anything for the fitness and wellbeing of all residents |
| <i>Make it better</i> | Make this facility the envy of other towns |
| | Let's make it first class |
| | Great now but could be even better |
| | All of us will benefit. Need something vibrant for families, for all of us |
| | Enhance this centre as a local and wider Canterbury/South Island attraction |
| Existing services | |
| | Improve existing services |
| | Ensure the centre is regularly updated with equipment etc |
| | Would be good to be able to book badminton courts for an hour without having to play with people you don't know |
| | This is a great facility but there are great opportunities to grow the sports and organisations which can utilise the space |
| | Continue to fund holiday programmes at the pool |
| <i>Events</i> | More national sports tournaments are good for business in Ashburton |
| | More events |
| | Target more major sporting events at a national level like basketball, netball and badminton |
| | More public sporting amenities to keep up with demand and attract regional and national events |
| Prices | |
| | Activities that are free and cheap so that kids are less likely to be on the streets and misbehave |
| | Watch price increases |
| | Cost of swimming – wow. Gone are the days of it being affordable for families |
| | Keep the prices family friendly |
| | Costs too much for the little there is to do there |
| | Make it cheaper for families who can't afford it |
| | Lower prices |
| | Lower gym prices |
| Changing rooms | |
| | More changing rooms (x2) |
| | More family changing rooms |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Bigger changing facilities |
| | Change rooms are useless |
| | Larger dressing facilities |
| | Put tog spinners back in the changing rooms as it seems to be the only pool in the country that has the tog spinner by the pool |
| Gym | |
| | Gym needs to be bigger (x4) |
| | Expand the gym space |
| | Maybe a bigger sized gym that separates teens and adults |
| | Have more equipment |
| Other | |
| <i>Air conditioning</i> | Air conditioning (x3) |
| | Fix heat issues in summer (x2) |
| <i>Other</i> | Extend opening hours |
| | Encourage more cyclists to come to reduce pressure on car parks, solar panels on roof to mitigate energy (central government lobbying for this if necessary), water collection from roof & filtered for pool/inside use and lots of similar initiatives to develop local self-sufficiency |
| | New building |
| | Shorten timelines for breakfast technology |
| | Maybe a new place for the chess board |
| | Safeguard power supply |
| | Give the people what they asked for! |
| | More in different towns and cities |
| | No double rims on hoops |

2.8. New entertainment centres

| Topic | Response |
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| Suggestions | |
| <i>Bowling alley</i> | Bowling alley (38) |
| | Bowling with eatery and alcohol license |
| | Turn old Bunnings store into bowling alley |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Everyone says Ashburton is boring because all the teenagers do is go to high school, play some sports at EA, and run around at the Domain. I personally did this when I was still in high school but that was because the movie theatre, McDonald's, and the Arcade did not appeal to me. The new art gallery is nice but I only visited it about 2 years after it opened (when I started uni). Apart from adding new activities to do at EA (ie watersliding), I think it would be beneficial to the community and to external visitors to spend down time in maybe a bowling/arcade games centre etc. I don't go out much when I'm in Ashburton and I would like to spend more time in the town centre if there were more things to do. Maybe some pool tables, pingpong tables etc at a public place would be an option. |
| <i>Events</i> | Summer movies in the domain (x2) |
| | Drive through movies |
| | A fireworks display once a year |
| | More places for outside socialising and events |
| | Night life kind of place like a food market |
| | Colour run in the domain |
| | More family events held in domain |
| | Music festivals at the domain |
| | Inner CBD event spaces |
| | Public entertainment |
| | Need a large, central community entertainment area – baring square is not appropriate with the current water hazards |
| | More recreational places to go for entertainment, more events |
| | Markets |
| | A gathering place for outdoor concerts etc to bring our community together |
| | More shows, bigger event centre, better entertainment options |
| | Puppet shows |
| <i>Ice skating rink</i> | Ice skating rink (x13) |
| | Ice skating rink in winter down by the pool and gym building |
| <i>Children's play area</i> | Chipmunks or similar (x8) |
| | Indoor play areas (x4) |
| | Baby entertainment centre |
| | Children soft play area |
| <i>Arcade</i> | Arcade (x8) |
| | Timezone (x4) |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Games centres |
| <i>Movie theatre</i> | Movies / a new cinema complex / upgrade movie theatre (x10) |
| | Not enough focus on cinecomplex |
| | Big theatre |
| <i>Bike / walk trails</i> | BMX track (2) |
| | Bike trails |
| | Tracks |
| | Walks through existing parks or new areas |
| | Continued investment in outdoor activities for locals, parks tracks, bicycle tracks etc |
| | Make use of empty netball courts around town and then into junior skate/cycle/scooter park like Dunedin and Oamaru |
| | A learn to cycle area like Oamaru with give ways and stops etc |
| <i>Climbing wall</i> | Clip n climb (4) |
| | Outdoor climbing wall |
| | Climbing wall |
| | Rock climbing gym |
| <i>Courts / sports fields</i> | Sports grounds / upgrade and development of multipurpose sporting grounds (2) |
| | Hang out areas, basketball court |
| | Grass stadium |
| | Sports facilities |
| | Outdoor courts (basketball, tennis, roller hockey). These could have outdoor training nets attached for cricket and softball |
| <i>Eateries</i> | Cafes |
| | More outdoor dining areas |
| | Beer garden in domain on warm summers day, or even just a cafe |
| | A food court |
| <i>Indoor skating</i> | Roller skating (x2) |
| | Indoor entertainment skating |
| | New roller blade / skating indoor centre that can be used for alternatives as well as say badminton for teens |
| <i>Playgrounds</i> | Child's playground (like Margaret Mahy in Christchurch) |
| | Playgrounds |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Bring back the giant flying fox |
| | Extension of play areas in domain |
| <i>Sport centres</i> | Need a public squash court, maybe at EA networks |
| | Indoor sporting areas |
| | Indoor stadium |
| | Equestrian centre |
| <i>Arts & cultural activities</i> | New library |
| | Music centre |
| | Pottery centres |
| | Performing arts under catered for – open areas for buskers etc. |
| <i>Other suggestions</i> | Mini golf (x8) at Lake Hood (x1) |
| | Trampoline park e.g. mega air (x6) |
| | Laser strike (x4) |
| | Indoor entertainment (x4) |
| | Pool hall |
| | Maybe a town hall where police station is |
| | Inflatable world |
| | Multi use indoor activities |
| | Escape room |
| | Hydro-slides |
| | Paintball field |
| | Team building facilities |
| | WWE actors |
| | Entertainment hub for indoor carting etc. rainy days |
| | Theme park |
| | Thermal pool |
| | New shops or games |
| | Variety of clubs – martial arts, archery, climbing |
| | Night classes |
| | Pop up ideas – get the chessboard area moving for free activities as well as more semi-permanent entertainment |
| | Shopping areas |

| Topic | Response |
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| Youth / family entertainment | |
| | For the youth / things for the youth to do/ youth entertainment (x19) |
| | Activities for kids (x17) |
| | More youth/children/family areas and entertainment places (x15) |
| | Teens need something / more for teens (x14) |
| | Things to entertain all ages (x8) |
| | More for young people (x5) |
| | Things for kids to do, especially on wet days |
| | Develop entertainment for young people 18-35 years |
| | Young adult hangs that are modern, inviting and future proof |
| | Something for the youths to do to stop them getting bored and committing crimes |
| | Maybe survey young people and see what sorts of entertainment centres would be of value to them |
| | More safe activities for families |
| | More engaging facilities for youth or families, new or existing |
| | Something for kids and teens in town that is public access. Like something where everyone can gather and have an event, which is covered so that no matter what season it is it wouldn't be a problem |
| | Something for kids to do in the wet |
| | Town needs to cater for teenagers |
| | Safer places for teens to hang out |
| General | |
| | More things to do / not much to do in Ashburton (x4) |
| | More stuff for people to do (x2) |
| | Hopefully town centre development will address this |
| | We have a small community – increasing options for all to enjoy things in it would be great |
| | We are missing a huge bracket and families are heading out of town to spend money |
| | Make it a more fun place to live |
| | Need more activities to be able to do in the weekend |
| | New things to do – new businesses to make |
| | More family orientated family areas, draw the people to Ashburton |
| | New affordable family options |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Would be nice |
| | More fun |
| | Do something |
| | There is not a lot to do in Ashburton, needs more activities |
| | More things to bring money back into the community and something for locals to enjoy, especially the colder months |
| | Future proof, build big |
| | Centres for people to come to from out of town |
| | More options / better range |
| | More activities for us all to enjoy. There is nothing to do in this town after 5pm except movies (which there aren't even many of those) and drinking in bars which not everyone does. There are the concerts at the event centre but those can be expensive |
| | Good to have things in Mid Canterbury to develop |
| | As Ashburton grows we need more attractions and things to do |
| | Yes please |
| | We need more things here so we don't have to constantly drive to Christchurch for these |
| | Give us something to do so people want to go there for more than what they have to |
| <i>Not enough currently</i> | Ashburton is getting bigger but still not much entertainment |
| | Ashburton is dead at night, where is its creative soul? Where can people congregate and enjoy live music, lights, entertainment. In the pub getting drunk and walking the streets causing chaos. What can we offer people either living here or visiting? Where is our creative vibe? |
| | Apart from EA networks centre in Ashburton there is nothing else available in local towns and Ashburton |
| | Movies, pool and biking are the only current options for kids |
| | There isn't anything to do other than the streets or movies or pool |
| | Not everyone swims or skates |
| General suggestions | |
| | More alcohol free options (x2) |
| | Need more facilities for non-sporty people / kids (x2) |
| | Something grandparents can do in the holidays with the kids besides just the pool, the museum efforts are quite pathetic sorry |
| | More evening activities |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Encourage / support a greater range of entertainment businesses to establish here |
| | Encourage young people to Ashburton |
| | Attract tourists |
| | Enhances Mid Canterbury entertainment provision and local / out of town spend |
| | Unsure but something creative |
| | Something to do at night besides cinema or nightclub |
| | More entertainment, e.g. somewhere for the skiers to visit when the mountain is closed |
| | More indoor things to do when it's raining |
| | Consider larger, integrated spaces like Christchurch and Rolleston |
| General comments | |
| | Entertainment options that are free or only a small cost (2) |
| | Make land prices / existing building prices cheaper or offer incentives to companies who could provide such things |
| | It's more about better utilisation of existing buildings to encourage more activity in the district |
| | Incorporate into centre rebuilding |
| | Perhaps the community could assist with funding |
| | Attract new businesses |
| | More to attract investment in the town |
| | Have discussions with people or organisations that are already doing this – mountain bike club for example. Don't compete with private businesses |
| Other priorities | |
| | No more art society things what a waste for such a select part of the community |
| | New library is a waste of money |
| | Troubled youth don't want libraries |
| | Not necessary for Ashburton, money needs to be spent elsewhere |
| | These should happen more through the private sector / ALT |
| Location | |
| | Town centre |
| | Methven – what exactly is there to do in Methven township in summer (and even winter) after dark? Just drink or eat |
| | Old Bunnings building would be perfect |
| | Healthy, safe, smoke/alcohol free family entertainment in old Bunnings building |

| Topic | Response |
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| Other | |
| | We need to travel long distances to good entertainment facilities, driven by demand, which is driven by the economy and people's desire to live in the town. increase the desire to live here and the entertainment will follow |
| | I'm not sure to be honest |
| | Rather tricky as Ashburton isn't far from Christchurch, but there is a lot of talent and potential |
| | Updating |
| | Need our own entertainment |
| | Cheaper drinking at bars |

3. Do less

Respondents were asked whether they thought we should do more less, or about the same for each of the eight priority areas. The following tables show the comments provided for ‘Do less’.

3.1. Roothing

| Topic | Response |
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| <i>General</i> | User pays – especially applied to rural roads formed and used by tanker trucks |
| | It is annoying |
| | Not sure |
| | My street has been bumpy and lumpy for the last 5 years, yet you pave up where no one walks |
| | Nightmare |
| | No highways |
| | Is okay the way it is |
| | Concentrate on pushing for four lane highway to Christchurch and dedicated cycle lanes |
| <i>Roadworks</i> | Stop doing so much road works as its annoying |
| | Why redo roads that are perfectly okay? |
| | Roadworks take too long to get through and sometimes it makes it worse |
| | Do less roadworks if can use better quality materials |
| | Shorter road closures |
| | Fix them properly the first time so not redoing the same roads again and again |

3.2. Community safety

| Topic | Response |
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| <i>General</i> | We don't need rent a cops patrolling our town, they cause more conflict than they present |
| | It's fine, don't try to improve it, fix the environment |
| | Never had a problem |
| | Leave as is |
| | Same |
| | Well catered for |
| <i>Funding</i> | Fund existing organisations e.g. Safer Canterbury |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Spend less |
| | Only spend when necessary on lighting |
| <i>Responsibility</i> | We all need to take more responsibility for our own safety and don't get drunk or go out at stupid hours |
| | Not an area of Council's responsibility |
| <i>Roads</i> | Get rid of those silly centre islands with flimsy hand rails in the middle of the road |
| | Not council job to advertise road rules |
| <i>Police</i> | Nothing, it's a police matter |
| | We have police for our safety we don't need Talbot security over stepping their station |

3.3. Second bridge development in Ashburton

| Topic | Response |
|-------------------|---|
| Priorities | |
| | Don't need it (x16) |
| | Not an issue for me (x4) |
| | Not essential (x3) |
| | Is it needed? (x3) |
| | Don't care about this (x2) |
| | Resources should be directed elsewhere for immediate needs (x2) |
| | Not important |
| | We don't need a 2 nd bridge just to fix public holiday weekends |
| | Bridge is not that busy, I cross 4-6 times a day and never have problems |
| | Not as urgent as new traffic lights |
| | No second bridge |
| | Nothing to do with Methven, we shouldn't have to pay for it |
| | No need for another bridge, spend money elsewhere |
| | Leave it be, there is only significant congestion perhaps 10x a year on public holidays |
| | Too expensive at this time |
| | For how much it will cost it will be just to save 5 minutes at peak hours, money is better spent elsewhere (i.e. roading, Domain public facilities) |
| | It's not busy enough |

| Topic | Response |
|--------------------------|---|
| | ADC seem to be spending an awful lot of rate payer's money on a project that only fits the needs of some. We are not the only town in NZ that only has one bridge across a river. |
| Other suggestions | |
| | Think about some public transport options to relieve morning and evening congestion. Let transit deal to a bridge over the river at their discretion |
| | I think the current bridge can be upgraded, add one lane as the traffic is usually directional |
| | Only bypass |
| | Explore ways to redeploy traffic with current roading |
| | Stupid decision to put another bridge where the first one is. Much better to keep it around either side of the town centre away from railway line. |
| | It's peoples driving skills that's the problem, not because there is one bridge |
| | Would be better moving the trains out of town as they cause far more disruption |
| | In the wrong spot (x2) |
| | Just widen the one we have or put lights at Carters Terrace |
| | Don't like the proposed site |
| | Redevelop / widen the current bridge |
| | Not necessary if traffic flow is fixed |
| | Better roading would help the issue |
| | Needs to be end of West Street |
| | Should bypass Ashburton |
| | Put bridge on outskirts of town |
| | Need better accesses to the current bridge – roundabout or lights in Tinwald |
| | It is going in the wrong place |
| | If a 2 nd bridge is important, get it away from residential streets, schools, preschools, sports grounds etc. where there is a high child / pedestrian traffic number |
| | Needs to be from West Street over the river to Melcombe Street and continue through Henderson's Road. |
| Responsibility | |
| | Its SH1, NZTA should be sorting this issue (x3) |
| | Leave this to the government to fund (x2) |
| | Not our responsibility (x2) |
| | Tranzit NZ should finance this, not ratepayers (x2) |

| Topic | Response |
|--------------|--|
| | It's a government thing, not our rates |
| | Abandon involvement, leave it to NZTA |
| | Leave this to state government to fund, it must include a town bypass |
| | No Council funding |
| | Waste of time unless built next to current bridge so people don't bypass town and CBD |
| Other | |
| | Would need more information on this as to what it is, it's purpose, where it is etc. to come to a better consensus |
| | Not sure |
| | Why do we need a second bridge? And where? |
| | Never going to happen |
| | Where does it end, maybe you need to look at what happens if there is a major disruption to the Rakaia bridge |
| | Other bridges in our country need attention |
| | Spend more money on things for people to do |

3.4. Environment

| Topic | Response |
|---------------------------|--|
| Not Council's role | |
| | It's an ECAN matter (x4) |
| | Leave it to central government (x2) |
| | We are being over managed by central government (x2) |
| | ECAN are killing us with costs and regulations |
| | Not Council core business |
| Priorities | |
| | Lower priority required (x4) |
| | Our environment is pretty good despite what people think, things are fine (x2) |
| | Much is already being done |
| | This happens naturally |
| | Leave well alone |
| | Do less |

| Topic | Response |
|-------------------|--|
| Cost | |
| | Stop spending any time or money on climate change as it is unnecessary |
| | We have enough people from ADC and ECAN on the payroll to look after the rivers |
| | It makes everything more expensive |
| | Spend lots on projects that have marginal effect |
| | Not a money maker |
| Regulation | |
| | Ensure RMA compliance |
| | Too many constraints is going to be harmful to peoples livelihoods |
| | The consents we have to apply for are all over the top |
| | Less smog policing – farmers burn paddocks so it is hypocritical to moan at smoky chimneys |
| General | |
| | Water rules and regulations around DINs and nitrogen |
| | Get rid of the seagulls |
| | Shrubs, grass and no trees |
| | Don't agree with whoever is making decisions in this area |
| | Stop pandering to the likes of forest and bird, fish and game, and the anti-primary industry vocal minority |
| | Government and Councils not interested or we would be building a plant to burn everything with zero emissions and make power like overseas |
| | Back off from farmers that are keeping the district going. Let them do what they do best – stop restricting them |
| | Don't focus too much on decorating Ashburton surroundings, just make it simple and save costs |

3.5. Business development

| Topic | Response |
|-----------------------|---|
| Responsibility | |
| | Not Council's core business / field / responsibility (x8) |
| | Businesses can take care of themselves (x6) |
| | Do it themselves |
| | Nothing, it's a civil matter. Nothing to do with picking up rubbish and roads |

| Topic | Response |
|-----------------------|---|
| | I didn't even know you were involved in that |
| | Is it the Council's role? |
| | Private enterprises will do what's needed |
| | Little need for Council to be involved in business development activities – no real benefit from these activities to date |
| | Business can develop business, stick to governance |
| | Let businesses worry about their own development |
| | Business in the town will find its own level based on demand. Private developers only, not a key area for Council |
| | Let economics sort this, although there are some areas Council should be involved in (usually environmental) |
| | Businesses can undertake their own development |
| | Don't think businesses should have to foster business initiatives |
| Cost - benefit | |
| | Too much money and time wasted on this already |
| | Businesses can pay for themselves |
| | Don't waste my rates on this, private businesses will keep this going |
| | Businesses if they are viable look after themselves, this shouldn't be a ratepayers problem |
| | Stop spending money on fancy new buildings |
| | What is the cost benefit trade off? We have low unemployment |
| | Council has no right spending ratepayers money in this area, especially when success cannot be measured |
| | They make enough money already |
| | Business is up to the individual, not the ratepayers problem |
| | Enough money is being spent, maybe in these uncertain time the Council should wait |
| | Would like to see money spent for people than business |
| | Invest in the businesses already here to let them grow and provide good service |
| Priorities | |
| | Do nothing / don't need (x2) |
| | It's fine how it is |
| | It's fine, don't try to improve it. Fix the environment |
| | This doesn't interest me |

| Topic | Response |
|---------------------|---|
| | Stay the same |
| | No interest in business development as most are lawyers office and banks. Retail, café, chill zones, music, funk, art. |
| | It's not important |
| | Less of this |
| | Already done a lot on business park development, is more needed? If do more, support things to diversify us away from dairying |
| Businesses | |
| <i>Empty shops</i> | Too many empty office spaces, no more development needed |
| | There are already so many empty shops and offices around and the rent prices are too high. We need to fill these, not build more and more new buildings |
| | Lots of office blocks and shops empty |
| | We have enough empty shops |
| | Utilise the buildings we have and not build new ones which will sit empty |
| | What's the point in having flash, brand new buildings standing empty at so many sports around the town? How can this be rectified if it's tax payers money which was used to build it? |
| | Don't need large, tall buildings. Plenty of smaller units to utilise |
| <i>Food outlets</i> | I'm all for new businesses but there seems to be too much of the same things going on. No more food outlets (cafes, bakeries, takeaways etc.) sign writers, real estate agents etc. There is such a thing as having too much of something |
| | Stop with the food places, more activities |
| Other | |
| | There is enough business in the area |
| | Free parking all day in the large car park on West Street |
| | Doing less in terms of compliance and permitting would do more than any amount of spending could ever achieve |
| | Think you've done enough closing roads to one way |
| | We are doing it all for the business they are missing just ask and get |
| | Plan and permit new businesses in a tighter area |
| | No character left in town due to influence of 'big businessmen' |
| | Customer friendly |
| | Promote businesses from homes, kiwis love working from their garages and Ashburton has a lot of clever people |

3.6. Town centre development

| Topic | Response |
|----------------|---|
| General | |
| | You've done enough / fine how it is (x9) |
| | It's a shambles at the moment (x5) |
| | Keep it simple |
| | We are not a tourist town |
| | Don't you have stuff to re do |
| | The town centre is slowly closing down and moving into little pockets, development should be done in stages depending on how businesses develop |
| | No more required after current project |
| | Get it finished, the roads in town are a disaster |
| | Very disruptive in town currently |
| | It sucks, you have removed most of the towns history |
| | Nothing wrong with town centre, fix roads instead |
| | Concentrate on getting people into town by doing a bridge |
| | Need more parking |
| | The town centre is no longer a town centre |
| | Fix what has been done |
| | Does not need as much as what is currently planned |
| | What about developing other town centres other than Ashburton |
| | I heard a rumour that the main road is going to become a walkway, ridiculous idea |
| | Fast-track |
| Costs | |
| | Waste of money (x11) |
| | Reduce costs (x5) |
| | Money could be put to better uses, the town centre is already developed enough with the new library and civic centre |
| | Current works in Ashburton is a waste of money |
| | Stop the expensive 'tarting' up of the CBD |
| | The cost of landscaping is ridiculous |
| | If retailers want it then they should pay for it |
| | Whilst I like what's happening, I think it's a bit of an overspend |

| Topic | Response |
|-------------------------------|--|
| | There is a lot of rate payers money going into this but how practical and necessary is it? |
| | Ashburton town is so spread out so why waste money |
| | Lots of money being wasted on fancy paving when the rural roads are terrible |
| | A huge expenditure which does little to encourage people to come into town |
| | Would rather see money spent elsewhere |
| | Wasting money on plants |
| | Paving stones on busy intersections is a waste of time and money |
| Priorities | |
| | Not important to me / don't care (x4) |
| | There are more important things (x3) |
| | Online is the future, town just needs to be nice and social like a library and café (x2) |
| | Why is this a priority when so many shops are empty? (x2) |
| | No-one uses town, Christchurch is much better |
| | It is dead |
| | Town centre is not utilised so no point spending money on developing a town centre, many people just travel to Christchurch for shopping |
| | People buy things online now |
| | Don't need it |
| | No benefit to us in Methven and it's already been developed over and over again |
| | We have Christchurch on our doorstep with everything we need |
| | Stop pulling down buildings unnecessarily |
| | Waste of time |
| | Improve basic amenities and services, beautification should be low priority |
| | I don't see why we need more pedestrian areas |
| | Do nothing more due to COVID |
| | We don't need more gardens, just repave the roads |
| | Keep the towns identity, don't try and make it like a city |
| | Stop using car park spaces for trees |
| Businesses / retailers | |
| | We should be focused on attracting businesses to empty shops (x6) |

| Topic | Response |
|------------------------|--|
| | Local CBD businesses need to realise that retail is a 7 days a week business, not 5.5 days a week. I'm all for the redevelopment but it is a waste unless businesses change their mind-set (x2) |
| | I don't think revitalising the CBD is going to bring more people into it. We need more businesses/retailers operating from centre of town, stop allowing land owners building commercial buildings in town and condense it. The town is dead because there are so few shops. |
| | Retailers in Ashburton think that this is going to increase their revenue, the stores are too expensive |
| | Spending heaps of money on the planned development isn't going to bring people back in, the right retailers will. You don't need some flash development to sell goods |
| | It is really worthwhile when you allow commercial development on the outer CBD areas e.g. Countdown development |
| | Spread development over a longer period of time to prevent business disturbance |
| | This should be driven by the businesses that operate here |
| | Focus on the struggling businesses and empty shops |
| | High cost, slow progress, a lot of places struggling |
| | No use having flash CBD and empty shops |
| One-way streets | |
| | I think the development of one-way streets is unnecessary |
| | Waste of time making one-way streets |
| | Not keen on the proposed one-way system |
| | No one-way streets |
| Other | |
| | Hopefully will be completed by then |
| | It has already started so it is a bit hard to do less. Not a very good question |
| | More grass |
| | Footpaths need attention |
| | A lot of demolition is set to happen in coming years for the earthquake damaged buildings, put pressure on building owners to get rid of these buildings rather than spending money on upgrades |
| | It's underway, the plan is set in stone now |
| | Already happening |

3.7. EA Networks Centre development

| Topic | Response |
|----------------|---|
| General | |
| | It's fine as it is (x9) |
| | Already done / seems like it's done (x3) |
| | Don't use it (x3) |
| | Caters for only a small portion of the community, unfair to invest, enough is enough (x3) |
| | What is it? / don't know what this is (x2) |
| | Don't care (x2) |
| | Less (x2) |
| | Nothing (x2) |
| | Consolidate and utilise / develop other areas of opportunities |
| | Not to go ahead with development of new sports fields as there are more than enough around the district now |
| | This place is a dud and it's reflected in the amount of other fitness places in Ashburton, Why wasn't this put next to the CBD? Instead it's out of the way where people can't get to it conveniently |
| | It is there now, so let's concentrate on roading and the motorway Tinwald north |
| | Maintain present new well-functioning facilities |
| | Why bother |
| | The centre isn't very popular |
| | The town is very well catered for in terms of sports facilities. More and bigger complexes will remove more money from your ratepayers pockets |
| | Big enough |
| | Defer plans to expand, already an excellent facility |
| | Waste |
| | Stop introducing more stuff such as water park |
| | There is no need to create sports grounds, we have too many underutilised now |
| | No interest |
| | Add more car parks |
| | It's great, but make ladies change room bigger |
| | Leave it the way it is. Not everyone was happy with it and how much it cost |
| | This only advantages the people who can afford to go there |

| Topic | Response |
|-------------|---|
| | What else do we need? |
| | Why bother adding more, the brats in this town will never be satisfied |
| | Never been there, don't care what is done there |
| | The centre is a great facility that caters for a large group of people's needs |
| | Car parking can't handle the facility as it is |
| Cost | |
| | Feels as though the EA Networks centre has had enough money poured into it (x10) |
| | Stop spending money / spend less money (x3) |
| | Focus on user pays (x2) |
| | Waste of money (x2) |
| | Too much money poured into a subsidised gym. Should be made to stand alone and compete on an even playing field with local gyms |
| | Not worth it, sell it to a private company |
| | Already resourced enough |
| | I feel that one place got too much money and attention for what it is |
| | It's had it's fair share of community funds, can slow down the allocation of funds |
| | Already a state of the art complex, no need to spend more money there |
| | Yes agree but budgeting is required as we can't afford more rate rises |
| | Plan for future but enough money has been spent for the moment |
| | What a waste of money, just keep the current facility as is |
| | Need more car parking but is a pretty good facility. Money could be spent better elsewhere |
| | It already costs so much for the upkeep, why make it more expensive? |
| | Nothing, it has soaked up way too much money already, the old pool was adequate and repairable |
| | It's overpriced as is so leave it alone |
| | Never been there myself and from what I've heard its overpriced |
| | Too big and expensive |
| | Seems to be a lot spent on this that could go to basic Council services |
| | Already a burden to ratepayers. Cut it loose, if it's an asset it should self-fund further development |
| | Ratepayers should not be subsidising this facility. Increase entry prices – user pays! |
| | Recognise the size of Ashburton and only do projects the ratepayers can afford |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Better things to spend your money on |
| | Remove deviant Sutton waste of money |
| | If money is available |
| | Enough money spent here already. Good asset but enough is enough |
| | Enough spent already – if not viable on own merit, it's here why? |
| | Already cost enough and not well spent |
| | EA centre provides so much to the community already, the centre is still fresh and new. Spend your funds in other areas that need it |
| | Should be self-supporting |
| | Has its own merits without Council money |
| | Charge stadium users a fair usage fee (way too low at the moment) |
| | Costs ratepayers money |
| | Too much money spent there already and their accounts are not correct |
| | It costs too much to travel from outlying areas and then costs to use so why bother |
| Priorities | |
| | Not necessary (x3) |
| | Definitely not important (x2) |
| | Enough facilities and can focus on other projects |
| | Nothing currently wrong with it, it's not top priority |
| | It's still new, can be left as is for a while |
| | There are more important things to do |
| | Not urgent |
| | Council has enough projects at the moment |
| | Doesn't need |
| | Expansion is not necessarily needed |
| | Less important than the congestion and risks associated with the loss of single bridge |
| | This is good at present, there are other high priorities in the district (2) |
| | Not a priority |
| | Don't see any need for more work on this |
| | Do nothing more due to COVID |
| 'Should haves' | |
| | Should have done it more to a useful standard (x2) |
| | An Olympic size pool should have been put in as well as a hydro slide |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Haven't you already done too much while still refusing to do the hydro slide that was what most people wanted the pool complex for |
| | If you put in a hydro slide it would have been do more |
| | You should have put in hydro slides. Now you're looking at more sports though rather than just fun for kids |
| | Should have spent the money better the first time it was built |

3.8. New entertainment centres

| Topic | Response |
|-------------------|---|
| Priorities | |
| | Not needed / necessary (x26) |
| | What for (x5) |
| | I am not sure what entertainment centres you are thinking about (x5) |
| | Nothing (x4) |
| | Spend less money (x3) |
| | Can't afford (x2) |
| | Why do we need new entertainment centres? (x2) |
| | Do we really need any more? (x2) |
| | Of no interest to us (x2) |
| | Don't waste money (x2) |
| | Not a priority (x2) |
| | Other things are more needed (x2) |
| | No funding or work |
| | User pays for other than library |
| | We have spent enough |
| | This sort of entertainment is slowly dying and culturally people will have an issue letting go of this. This sort of entertainment is competing with in pocket entertainment and is really just a fundraiser now. I say get out instead of throwing more money at it or consider using some of the EA Networks building. But again the site is out of the way |
| | Why? |
| | Have spent enough recently at the cost of other important developments |
| | No one cares about this |

| Topic | Response |
|-------|---|
| | Keep planning |
| | More burden for ratepayers in times of pandemic hardship, this type of spending is inappropriate |
| | Ashburton has had a considerable spend in this area. Consolidate this before moving to the next stage |
| | For young and pensioners |
| | Nothing, let the peasants find their own entertainment |
| | Waste |
| | Stop |
| | Once again only fund projects we can afford. Rate rises are a worry for limited income home owners |
| | Don't use them |
| | Investment in this area needs to be carefully calculated to make each project self-sustaining economically and not be an added general ratepayer burden. They need to be looked at as a business model, who will use these facilities, and how will they at least cover their capital and running expenses? |
| | Get the centre of town sorted first, then start looking at new entertainment options |
| | Get the infrastructure right before spending on entertainment |
| | If the market demands private will invest |
| | I think we need to have a township where people are wanting to visit and spend a night out before investing in new entertainment centres just yet |
| | Are they essential? Don't forget a large percentage of the rate payers are rural |
| | Would like to see less bars especially ones that move on to the footpath. Nothing worse than having to walk through the middle of drinkers |
| | Waste of resources |
| | Why do we need entertainment venues, the city is only an hour away |
| | Discard |
| | Nice to have projects not warranted unless the stupid government hands out their free money |
| | Do nothing more due to COVID |
| | Get a lot of support from those who think we need them |
| | Ditto art gallery we don't need this we need things to occupy the younger generation |
| | No one has the money to spare |

| Topic | Response |
|------------------------------|--|
| | Depends what 'entertainment centres' look like – we need more family-style activities to encourage families to play together but not entertainment such as pokies etc. |
| | Maybe necessary but down the list |
| | Entertainment has low priority during a pandemic |
| | Don't waste resources on non-self-sustaining over the top projects e.g. Art Gallery |
| | Rather concentrate on more important matters |
| | Not important |
| | Do not progress. We have more basic services that require attention first |
| | We have the great outdoors here, no need for more buildings |
| | Hold on this |
| | Do less, it's tough times |
| | Not required with Council's debt level |
| | In tough times I see this as more discretionary |
| | Don't know anything that's needed |
| | Funding best spent in areas of greater importance |
| | The town has more priorities to sort out first |
| | Prioritise funding around between the centre better |
| | A luxury at a time where many people are struggling |
| Current entertainment | |
| | Have enough already (x28) |
| | What we have is okay (x6) |
| | We need to utilise what we have now (x2) |
| | Have enough that don't get used enough (x2) |
| | Bowl the art gallery (x2) |
| | Got a main event centre, new museum and art centre. Don't need anymore, user pays |
| | There is a relatively new theatre / entertainment centre, a skate park, EA networks centre for pool and sports. What more do you need? |
| | Focus on what we have and making this enjoyable |
| | Utilise the entertainment centre fully |
| | Current one sufficient |
| | We have the event centre. Good enough |

| Topic | Response |
|-------|---|
| | I think we are well serviced with sport and entertainment. Perhaps look again at hydro-slide for EA |
| | We've got one |
| | We have already done well, can now slow down the allocation of funds |
| | Maybe just a little upgrade if movie houses / theatres |
| | Can't fill the ones we have with functions in competition with the price sector |
| | Do not appear to be overused now |
| | You can't get the existing one to pay its way |
| | We have already and aren't being fully used |
| | Lack of customers for current ones |
| | I think we have good entertainment centres |
| | Focus on improving the existing recreational / entertainment centres (Lake Hood, EA Networks, Trust Event Centre) |
| | Sort what we have now first |
| | The Event Centre is surely enough entertainment venues in Ashburton |
| | We have two good centres that could be used more |
| | I believe the town is provided for at this stage |
| | Support existing bars and restaurants and stop hindering new developments |
| | We have enough now and can't keep them good i.e. Art Gallery |
| | Got a good one already |
| | We have plenty of entertainment in Mid Canterbury |
| | There are enough for the amount of people that frequent these in Ashburton |
| | Got plenty of parks and open spaces already |
| | Methven have hot pools coming, already have options and Christchurch and Timaru aren't far away so no new centres needed |
| | The one we have now are struggling, why do we need more? |
| | Concentrate on what we have |
| | No interest in the art gallery type centre but we have good facilities at the park |
| | The event centre is great, we don't need another one |
| | Entertainment centres are adequate, and do not get used enough to warrant further development |
| | Assist with funding for existing centres, no new development at present |
| | Invest, upgrade and improve the centres already here by way of grants, loans to let them grow and then establish a need for new centres |

| Topic | Response |
|-----------------------|---|
| Responsibility | |
| | Not Councils job / problem / responsibility (x9) |
| | Not Council business, private sector area (x4) |
| | Private business can provide these. Too expensive to saddle ratepayers with the cost and most of us will find the four lane highway to Christchurch will be our best option for entertainment |
| | The Council has provided all it needs – rest should be driven by commercial decisions of investors |
| | Self-help not needed |
| | This should be done by private enterprise. If the idea is a good one residents will pay to use it |
| | Allow / encourage private enterprise to provide these solutions |
| | No need to waste ratepayers money, not your problem |
| | User pays – not council activity |
| | If done they should be privately funded and only built if commercially viable |
| | Private companies will do this |
| Alternatives | |
| | Focus and getting people outdoors more |
| | Our natural environment is more interesting |
| | Concentrate on a motorway north from Tinwald |
| | Focus on roading infrastructure to improve traffic flow through town centre |
| | Have a fun activity centre all in one place for kids |
| | Spend money elsewhere such as roading |
| | Encourage people to entertain themselves |
| | Got plenty money, better spent on roads |
| | Put thought into using grassed bank at EA network centre into concert area |
| | This should wait. The world is a mess, concentrate on the big issues i.e. the roads and bridge. You're spending money like there's a big pot of it. It's my money too, fix the roads |
| | Let community groups follow their interest groups |
| | Put the money to better projects for a couple of years |
| | Try to attract businesses and not tourists to the area. Leave the tourists up to the hotspots |

4. Covid-19 and our community

Respondents were asked how they were affected by Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting lockdowns. Fourteen percent of respondents provided an 'other' effect Covid-19 has had on them. These comments can be found in the table below.

| Topic | Response |
|--|---|
| General | |
| | Not much has changed (x5) |
| | Full effects not felt yet (x2) |
| <i>Travel</i> | Had to cancel overseas travel (x2) |
| | Regret working hard when young and not having an OE |
| | Less/no travel outside of south island to visit family |
| <i>Positive experience</i> | Makes you realise what we have taken for granted, have more appreciation for life |
| | Enjoyed a slower pace |
| | Had less colds over the winter |
| | More time for planning a tourism venture |
| <i>Pandemic response</i> | More aware and planning for a repeat or next thing to come along |
| | Way more aware of how germs spread and do way more to prevent spreading or contracting germs |
| | A lot more time spent with contract tracing |
| <i>Concern for government's handling of Covid-19</i> | Frustrated with unnecessary lock ups |
| | Ready to march against the false narrative |
| | It's a seasonal flu, stop scaremongering |
| | Really concerned with the removal of civil liberties |
| <i>Other</i> | It was a very busy time |
| | Way more free time |
| | Have moved out of the area to Wellington |
| | School work |
| | Depending on what level the choice of our activities is altered |
| | Ate more! |
| | Can't sell Methven home because it is Tourism rated but most enquirers want to live in it. Covid-19 has impacted winter rental and cannot pay to sustain it anymore - review unrealistic and restrictive old tourism consents |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Takes longer doing jobs |
| | Don't forget to light up Racecourse Rd |
| Community | |
| | People are generally more friendly (x2) |
| | Really showed how greedy people are |
| | People treating others with disrespect around some shops (e.g. new world or medical centres) |
| | Limited church groups |
| | Reduced social gathering |
| <i>Family</i> | More worry about family overseas / not able to visit family overseas (x8) |
| | Much less connected with family |
| <i>Support</i> | Appreciates being rung by Council to see if they were okay |
| | During Covid-19 phone contacts with older persons in our town has proved to us what a stoic and resourceful community we have |
| | Trying to be more aware of those struggling in community |
| <i>Neighbours</i> | Live on my own and no neighbours checked in or rang |
| | People got to know their neighbours |
| | Enjoyed level 4 and had many offers from neighbours and friends to deliver groceries |
| | Always look after my neighbours |
| <i>Volunteering</i> | Less time volunteering |
| | Doing more volunteer hours |
| Income / costs | |
| <i>Personal income</i> | Wage subsidy finishing soon may have detrimental effect in some businesses |
| | Wife was stuck overseas for 6 months so had only one income over that time |
| | Income from farm hosting stopped |
| | Income was reduced but has picked up again |
| | Partner works for ADC and despite getting an outstanding review has been told there are no pay rises, yet the cost of living has increased |
| <i>Costs</i> | Have used our travel money to invest in assets |
| | Working harder to save money for additional costs |
| Effect on business | |
| <i>Business income</i> | Business not productive |

| Topic | Response |
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| | A portion of Fish and Game's licence income is forecasted to be adversely impacted due to Covid-19 and border restrictions |
| | Number of tourists and income has substantially fallen at Brinkley Resort Methven |
| | Business income is down |
| <i>Other impacts</i> | As a business owner, concerned about Covid-19 having a long term impact (x2) |
| | Concerned about effects on businesses (x2) |
| | Impact on business |
| | Business is busier than ever |
| | As business owner, no one from Council called in on business, still waiting for sticker |
| | Concern about future ongoing prospects for business and farming over the next few years and effects on the community |
| | Business activity has slowed |
| | Change of direction with business |
| | Lack of business confidence which may still impact on whether there are jobs |
| | Farming business not affected yet but preparing for sharp drop of profitability over the next year |
| | Holiday accommodation business affected, particularly in first 3 months |
| | A lot of uncertainty so need reduced regulatory restrictions to allow greater efficiencies for business |
| Local support | |
| <i>Purchasing local</i> | Spending more locally (x5) |
| | Spending more locally has also driven up the cost of living for us |
| | Using more local trades |
| | Purchasing more NZ made |
| <i>Local Council procurement</i> | More contracts need to be given to local contractors, give them a chance to sharpen their quotes |
| | The Council does not encourage spending locally when they employ out of town businesses to do the rebuild and Council building etc. It is hypocritical to even mention this in the survey |
| <i>Travel</i> | Travelling more within NZ (x3) |
| | Help bring more visitors into town by advertising more |
| | Staying local, not keen even to go to Christchurch |
| | Visiting Ashburton less often |

| Topic | Response |
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| Mental well-being | |
| <i>Mental well-being</i> | Mental health affected |
| | More stressed |
| | Become overly cautious |
| | More worried about global issues |
| | More self-resilient, realising life needs to be at a slower and less stressed pace |
| | Focussing on what we can control |
| <i>Concern for mental well-being</i> | Trying to provide more emotional support |
| | Really concerned with the mental health of those affected |
| <i>Confidence / fear</i> | Lost confidence in self and driving ability after move out of lockdown |
| | Have never felt fear for the future before in 80 years |
| Market / economy | |
| | Not able to get a contract for a specific crop because no international demand for it due to Covid-19 |
| | Prices have gone up |
| | Worried about the economy |
| | Would like to see a more focussed Council not wasting so much money |
| | Incompetent government taking us down the track to complete economic destruction on a daily basis |
| | Not much changed on farm apart from more risk on all pricing, watching finances more closely |
| Employment / work | |
| <i>Job opportunities / security</i> | Have lost some opportunities to get full time job due to cancellation of interviews |
| | Worried about job security |
| | Difficult to find other suitable work, fewer opportunities for future employment |
| | Contract keeps getting renewed 3 monthly, which it hasn't |
| | Lucky to still have jobs |
| | Less jobs for a 14 year old wanting to get a job, it's harder than it was |
| | Has found work at the New Zealand Sock Company |
| | Has become self employed |
| | Lost job but is now back at work |
| | Have had to lay off some staff |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Partner lost job |
| | It's harder to find jobs as people who lost their jobs are getting them |
| | Work overseas and as no foreign nationals are being accepted there is no work |
| | Can't get a job in this town because of age |
| | Hard to find a job |
| <i>Lack of staff</i> | Job pressures have increased with staff leaving and no replacements (x2) |
| | Struggling for staff |
| | Primary industry increased work load in level 4 but closed borders has affected staffing and added pressure |
| <i>Other</i> | Job hours have changed and can't work the new hours |
| | Changing work occupation |
| | Work visas for staff cause worry, unsure of what will happen at renewal time |
| | Working more hours |
| | Hours reduced to 80% during level 3 |
| | Farming with even more pressures and expectations |
| | Increased stress at work |
| | More flexibility in allowing staff to work from home |
| | Working from home more |
| Out and about | |
| <i>Exercise</i> | More focussed on home and garden (x2) |
| | Spend more time exercising, walking and bike riding |
| | The bike track is great for getting out and about for mental health |
| | Would like more exercise areas like Argyle Park, a track around the Domain would be perfect |
| | Used the Ashburton River MTB track extensively during lockdown |
| | Less exercise due to EA networks pool closed |
| | Reduced time in outdoors due to travel restrictions in lockdown |
| | Less sport |
| <i>Eating out</i> | Supporting local eateries (x2) |
| | Eat out less |
| <i>Town / leaving home</i> | Staying home more (x3) |
| | Staying away from entertainment and other crowded places |
| | Rather nervous walking in town centre or waiting to eat at places |

| Topic | Response |
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| | CBD redevelopment stopping people coming into town |
| | Try to shop fortnightly and plan better to reduce contact with others |
| <i>Travel</i> | Less travel out of Ashburton |
| | Taking car out less |
| | Enjoying holidays in our own back yard rather than overseas |

5. Any other comments

Survey respondents were asked if they had any other comments they would like to make. 516 comments were provided, and can be found in the table below.

| Topic | Response |
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| General | |
| <i>Living in Ashburton</i> | Not really, quite happy living here (x5) |
| | A wonderful place to live, happy the bowling green is staying |
| | It's pretty awesome |
| | There are a lot of people here who care, this was great to see in lock-down |
| | As a seasoned traveller I believe Ashburton is the best country in New Zealand and New Zealand is the best country in the world |
| | Actually, I moved here 19 years ago, intending to stay one year to see if I liked the place. I have decided it's a great little town and I'm now rather proud to say I live in Ashburton. |
| | It's a great place to live and raise a family |
| | We have a great community and we should celebrate that |
| | I think Ashburton is fabulous place to live and has a lot to offer all age groups. I just hope that we manage to survive the strain put on businesses and maintain a high level of employment. |
| | It is a great place to live. Keep that quiet! |
| | It's a great place full of opportunity if people want to take them |
| | We are new in Ashburton, but find it a very happy friendly place to be - don't lose the friendly factor, its infectious. |
| <i>Seagulls</i> | Get rid of seagulls (x2) |
| | Re-home the birds (x2) |
| <i>Housing</i> | More housing for over 60s |
| | Those on limited/fixed incomes continue the need to have council and state housing in good condition. Especially having good heating and insulation |
| <i>Other</i> | Keep the drive-through mail box |
| | Please do not sell our water resources out for others to profit from |
| | Remove large hanging branch in tree opposite south Rakaia that your guys cut and off and left hanging, before it falls on someone |
| | Reduce development charges for land suitable for housing |
| | Not really. You seem to have things fairly well in hand. Of course there are some areas I never visit so don't have an opinion? Some streets have lost their sign, white on blue is hard to see from a distance and the names are such small printing. The AA signs, black on yellow, are very easy to see. |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Stop wasting money on consultants. We have the expertise in Ashburton and on the council to make a lot of the decisions |
| | Ashburton is a great town and I'm glad we moved here but more could be done to encourage people to leave their cars at home |
| Council | |
| <i>Comments about Council / Council staff</i> | Mostly you do a fantastic job / keep up the good work (x6) |
| | As a virtual new citizen of the town, you should be proud of what is being achieved |
| | By and large Council doing well |
| | Great for Council to be refocussed on core issues rather than fluffy social issues |
| | I think ADC do a terrific job, and I really appreciate all of the work that councillors and staff do. It's a huge job, and I appreciate how much you all do to keep people informed and up to date. Thank you all. |
| | Council staff do a stupendous job |
| | New council have a stronger presence in our community – keep it going |
| | Mayor Brown seems to be doing a good job |
| | Councillors need to remember our district includes urban as well as rural residents, more notice needs to be taken from rate payers who aren't business owners. Maybe have a ratepayers representative group who can provide feedback about Council ideas without having to commit to a role as Councillor |
| | Why does it take Council to get stuff done? Decisions are announced then nothing happens for ages, then decisions are re-debated |
| | I'm very concerned about the lack of representation of Councillors - we have a diverse community and yet we have restricted the number that we have, with most being old European males. I would like to see some seats reserved for specific groups e.g. under 25yo, new to the district - they can be voted like our existing system. I would also like to review archaic rules that limits the talent pool for prospective Councillors e.g. restricts councillors from standing because an address was wrong by a nominator |
| | District Council is poorly run. Councillors that are attracted are only those who have a personal agenda. |
| | An open and transparent council would be nice, this current term isn't a patch on the previous one. We seem to have gone back to the bad old days |
| <i>Rates</i> | Rates are too high / reduce rates (x4) |
| | Zero increase in rates for a few years (x2) |
| | Also very annoyed that a large number in the community are incurring financial hardship as a result of Covid-19 and yet ADC sees it fit to put additional pressure on by increasing rates yet again, and by more than CPI. ADC should be run like a business, work out how much you earn and then spend appropriately rather than decide what you want to spend and ask the community for that. |

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| <i>Suggestions</i> | Get back to basics (x2) |
| | Listen to the community when they tell you what they do and don't want |
| | Perhaps monthly clinics where residents could have a 1-on-1 with pairs of district councillors |
| | Don't force people to leave contact details when reporting hazards, people stop reporting for this reason |
| | I would like to see the council focus on its core purpose, there's plenty to be done in this space without getting involved in what should be private enterprise. |
| | Property developers are hamstrung by red tape and slow processing within the council |
| | Far too many staff too much activity on non-core council work |
| | Get a can-do attitude |
| | Council needs to be more customer focussed and willing to work with the public and be more flexible |
| | People look upon the council in a sense of self-serving and not dealing with the key areas needed to make the town function |
| | Council more concerned with glory projects that they can put their name to rather than doing what's best for the community |
| | Too much heavy handed bureaucracy |
| | Council disconnected for small business and retail |
| <i>Council website</i> | Update Council website, need more information regard BCs |
| | Council needs to run/maintain an event calendar - listing sporting, business, and big school events coming up in the year. It would help retailers if they knew a tournament was coming to town; it would help community groups avoid a clash of dates; it would help people planning on visiting town to see if there is anything going on |
| | Need to update your app more regularly |
| | I've enjoyed the updates with Hamish and Neil on Facebook and appreciated the advice given around Covid-19 |
| | More updates (via social media) on what the Council are doing around town. More updates/awareness about what upgrades are happening in the community |
| <i>Communication</i> | Listen to what the people want (x4) |
| | Impressed with quick response from leaving a message reporting a water leak, good work. |
| | Better communication from Council |
| | Communicate with ratepayers more, too many decisions are being made without consultation with community |
| | Council communication needs to improve, seems very slow to act |

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| | I wish you would send less letters and main, give those who want digital communication the option and save paper / ratepayers money |
| | Communication with the public must be more thoughtful and inclusive, minority groups have little idea of what the Council does and why |
| | Liaise more with interested parties prior to changes |
| | I think there should be a role for getting to know all the community groups and be a point of contact with ADC. Most community groups feel quite distant from ADC |
| | I would like to see more community feedback for us printed in the Courier for people to comment, such as this form. There is no internet or cell reception here - without email I could not find a way to comment on the Ashburton Domain plan and I wanted the bowling green to stay where it is and not to be shifted. Why was this not printed in the Courier? |
| | The Council often talks about talking to the community, but when they have something to say, nothing happens, and then they question why people aren't interested in communicating with Council |
| <i>Funding</i> | We have a disabled child (physically and intellectually). Anything and everything you can do to make managing this easier (e.g. access to recreation, facilities, funding) would make our lives all the better |
| | Disappointed you cut tourism support, short-sighted |
| | Lack of funding for local libraries |
| | Keep funding our community and forget about sister city and other 'feel good' stuff |
| | Grants for non-essential items reduced |
| | Funding for walking and biking trails around Methven can help to keep visitors longer and in seasons outside winter. More funding could be allocated for this |
| <i>Expenditure</i> | In these uncertain times, caution is needed on spending and should only be on core council business (x4) |
| | Focus on what we need – roading, water and waste (x2) |
| | Stop spending money on museum and art gallery etc. (x2) |
| | Stop wasting money on things that are out-dated and get with the times, more common sense |
| | Maintain your builds |
| | Money needs to be spent on sport and recreation activities |
| | Stick to core roles, why are we paying for immigrants to drive? |
| | Stop wasting money, reduce office staff |
| | Don't spend so much on a library that will not benefit all of the town |
| | Spend more on stuff we can actually do |

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| | Stop wasting money, pick up rubbish, look after waste and stormwater, sort out roads, lower rates and stop unnecessary projects |
| | Please use the money that I pay you for something I can feel in my town. Do useful things |
| | Stop wasting money on unnecessary things |
| | Council need to focus on core functions of providing and managing infrastructure |
| | I'd like to see some thought and resources put into dark sky conservation |
| | Council included lake hood for rates, but do more spend more on roads developing |
| | Money spent on community facilities (e.g. sports grounds) is an investment in the well-being of people |
| | Please start listening to the people, money keeps being spent in the places the majority don't want. We want the important work done first |
| | Focus on things that give returns and cost-effective benefits for rate payers |
| | Money wasted on art galleries rather than roads |
| | Ensuring the town centre is looked after and a place businesses and people want to visit. Not necessarily spending more money but looking after what is already there |
| | Stop spending all the money on just urban. Without rural urban would not exist. Both need to be equally important |
| | Spend rate payer dollars in the community. Keep the money here |
| Ashburton township | |
| | More pedestrian friendly and less cars in CBD |
| | Keep building on the current CBD, civic centre, town square to re-develop Balmoral Hall / Police Station to Event Centre |
| | An area in town i.e. the green where you could drop off surplus produce for others to collect or use |
| | Remove whalebones from BSE, replace with trees and plants |
| | More public toilet access |
| | Why don't we have a full-time or part-time pedestrian area |
| | A Pak 'n' Save and Starbucks would be nice |
| | As a new Mum I feel passionate about the need to supply somewhere in the CBD as a safe space for mothers of young kids to be able to feed and change their babies comfortably. This could be a good use of the old information centre having a play area for toddlers and a parent's space. |
| | Future proof town redevelopment for E-bikes and what may come for the future |
| | How will you support the redevelopment of the town centre whilst managing the new streetscape programme? |

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| | Can we change the dreadful name 'Tinwald'? Might be appropriate to rename it AND include it as another subdivision of Ashburton. As you know, united we stand, divided we fall |
| | A conscientious town caretaker who doesn't look past problems but solves them |
| <i>Library / Civic Centre</i> | Reinstate information centre and develop a bus depot, maybe near new building and library |
| | Can the information centre / bus stops be centred near the new civic centre? It would be a great area for passengers to disembark |
| | Can't wait for the new library, vital for children's learning |
| | It's probably too late but the new council buildings should be constructed using only local contractors where possible. It's a great way to stimulate our economy. It will go over budget regardless of who builds it so the money may as well stay in the community |
| | Born and bred in Ashburton. Great town. Looking forward to seeing the finished development in the CBD, Council Chambers etc. Disappointed with the failures in the Arts building |
| <i>Decoration/ beautification</i> | Try and make Ashburton more attractive |
| | I love the lit trees at night up the main street / keep them (x10) |
| | Can't wait for the CBD to be done, I think the designs are great! |
| | Would like to suggest if we could make our town more festive during holiday seasons (Christmas) by putting Christmas lanterns in major streets |
| | Very impressed with the Moore / Cass Street paving, worth waiting for |
| | Decorate chessboard for Xmas |
| | It's beautiful - it just needs more vibrancy and a heart |
| | When baring square is upgraded for the new council building, the concrete whale bones need to be removed |
| | We think the lights on the east street trees are a great initiative and add atmosphere keep it up and support our retail area, but be careful not to have it too disjointed |
| | The tree lights in East Street have been such a success, I'd like to see this initiative continued throughout the town as a larger attraction |
| | Update East street water feature to 2020. I don't know if this is part of the town plan but it's looking very dated for the centre of town |
| Methven township | |
| | Upgrade Methven – lighting, upgrade rubbish bins but keep the mountain look to them |
| | See more involvement with Methven in the rest of Mid Canterbury |
| | Why not a farm of 30,000L water tanks for Methven town supply. would be a fraction of the cost of the proposed reservoir |

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| | A breakdown of what will be developed in not only Ashburton but surrounding towns like Methven, Mt. Somers etc. What have our rates been spent on as improvements to our local areas? |
| | Methven is a Jewel in the Ashburton District and so important to keep it to the forefront of District planning, the mountains and back country is a tourism hub for this District. |
| | Remember there are rural districts as well as Ashburton town - I live in Methven and sometimes feel we are not even second priority in spending |
| <i>Water in Methven</i> | Fix / improve Methven water (x2) |
| | An urgent and extremely overdue water systems upgrade for Methven. The water is not even drinkable at times, and it makes your skin red and itchy when bathing. Get rid of fluoride, it's an outdated practice that removes people's choice to have unnecessary chemicals invade their bodies |
| | We have bad water that tastes like bleach most houses in Methven use bottles or pay for filters |
| | Remove fluoride from Methven water |
| Hinds, Rakaia, Mayfield townships | |
| | Don't forget about the small towns (x3) |
| | I live in Rakaia and feel like the ADC does not invest enough into the community, resources and environment. I am aware of the upgrade to the salmon park but would like to see others areas of the community upgraded as does not seem to get 'much love' as a township. I see locals putting more into the town then the council e.g. organizing a community sharing shed and trying to introduce a dog park. |
| | Rakaia needs more, we pay the same rates |
| | I live in Hinds. Land needs to be maintained by rail. Presently disgusting and not on boundary, berms not maintained. Trees untidy on Council land and a fire hazard every summer as steam trains occasionally come through |
| | Promote our rural towns and villages |
| | Give more attention to smaller towns e.g. Rakaia, which through lack of ADC consideration had been turned into a dumping ground for old houses. |
| | Need to increase community facilities in our rural towns not just Ashburton |
| Community | |
| | Pretty good community, things heading in the right direction |
| | Ask the creative community for ideas, create a community area, community, business and economy will grow |
| | The community needs to come together to thrive and this will tick a lot of boxes |
| | I think Ashburton is a great place to live with great services |
| | Need to put the small local communities not the greater region at the heart of decisions |

| Topic | Response |
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| | Investing in social development is important to build a cohesive and resilient community that can withstand financial, health or climate events |
| | Mid Canterbury time bank and newcomers network both valuable. Could do with a Transition Town initiative |
| | Wanting more rural community connectivity |
| | We do need to keep on progressing and developing to attract quality citizens here |
| | Best community for old and young |
| | Ashburton needs to be one community rather than a lot of groups and organisations only thinking of themselves |
| <i>Community events</i> | This district is full of talent, would love to see a market area, chill zone, buskers, New Year's street party |
| | Keep up the events in the town centre they are great |
| | There isn't enough community events happening for people to interact and mingle |
| | Keep up all the quality events around town |
| <i>Support</i> | Encourage volunteering especially for those suffering from mental issues so they feel valuable |
| | Support the farmers more, they are the backbone of this town |
| | I think our community should be looking a lot more after people who are financially not so well off |
| | Focus on supporting local sports |
| | Continued Council support of Lake Hood park and development is key to attracting quality residents to the district |
| | I think there is a lot of great opportunities here and some of the organisations and networking groups seem to be unknown by many - I wonder how else we can help people connect with these within our community |
| | Youth programmes in light of the difficulties faced by many in the COVID need to be of priority. Keep the community strong |
| | As above, all welfare groups are experiencing a surge in demand or need help in a variety of practical ways |
| <i>Newcomers</i> | This is not a council problem, but it is hard to break into groups, people already have their chosen friends and see others as outsiders. If we want to grow this attitude has to change. Other newcomers say this also |
| | It is not an easy community to make new friends when you are new to the area. Most activities for newcomers are during the day which is no good when you are working. I would love to see community classes available like cooking, art, weaving etc. |
| | Make newcomers to area more welcome, I've been here 18 months now and haven't even been to a social gathering yet. I know no one here, have no friends here so don't get out to socialize |

| Topic | Response |
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| | I hear so many say how Ashburton is so hard to get accepted as a newcomer.. learn to accept new folk and meet and greet your new neighbours |
| Parks / open spaces | |
| | Why spend lots on park development, just tidy what we have |
| | We need more green spaces / native bush to walk in |
| | New toilets at Digby Park on Chalmers Avenue as we have a lot of enquiries by travellers and locals to use our business toilet |
| | Our thanks to the council workers who endeavour to keep the reserves mowed and tidy. |
| | As walking has seen a big increase in numbers other walking paths similar to Argyle Park would be great |
| <i>Domain</i> | The Domain is a treasure and needs to be protected, especially need to protect its role as “public open space” |
| | If you had picked the right contractors to look after the aviaries, you wouldn’t need to shut them down |
| | Leave the bowling green where it is in the domain |
| | I love the domain, I would like to see them continue to be protected as beautiful open spaces and the staff given help to be both creative and informative about the displays they can create |
| | Information map + board about Ashburton needs to be in Domain |
| | More festive spaces in Domain |
| | Love how the Domain and gardens are kept |
| | Put a walking track right round the domain like argyle park. Gets more people out and moving and family’s connecting |
| | The Ashburton Domain needs all new smoke free signage and the out dated signage needs to be removed. |
| | Rather than exercise machines in the Domain, get things for kids, no-one uses the machines |
| | I would like an information centre at the domain near the Walnut Avenue toilets it’s a very used tourist stop |
| | Concerts in the domain can be socially distanced but still bring the community together |
| | I would like to see a track around the outside of the domain like you have done at Argyle Park. Would encourage more people to use it for a longer period of time as it is a very short walk through the domain |
| | Is the Ashburton Domain having a play area designed for smaller kids under 6 years |
| | I feel the redevelopment of the Domain be put on hold until all other projects currently being worked on are finalized |

| Topic | Response |
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| <i>Trees / plantings</i> | Water the trees on the Council plot, we do not have enough rain for them to survive on their own anymore |
| | More native plantings around our town reflecting our botanical heritage. This type of planting requires no water once establishes and little maintenance |
| | Keep the English grand garden and Victorian bedding scheme but reduce them, they are outdated |
| | Native trees / plants do well in the climate here |
| Business / buildings | |
| | Keep upgrading Ashburton Hospital (x2) |
| | Rates subsidy or some help for small businesses, rent is too high. Pointless revamping CBD if it's empty. |
| | Landlords lower rent to fill empty shops on East Street |
| | More interesting businesses that don't have high cost items |
| | Make it easy to build here, 200k sections are not much, but someone else building a 600k house on it and AC has to do a little roading and water and gets rates for 800k |
| | Less bureaucracy in running farms and businesses |
| | More aesthetically pleasing and functional architectural/engineering infrastructure. The new Murney Trust building looks great, EA Networks is a blessing, the Art Gallery looks pleasant etc. and I am anticipating the opening of Eastfield, the new Library/Civic Centre and the rebuild of Ashburton College |
| | Some of these empty commercial buildings due to EQC is a concern and will bring the town down |
| | Manage the number of new businesses doing the same thing |
| | We need to actively reduce Chinese investment and engagement as we are too dependent on China. We need to focus on jobs for kiwis, not migrant workers. While farmers love migrants, they create pressure on roading, hospitals, social services, and that is all underfunded and overused. We are better off cracking down on poor work conditions and low pay in order to get kiwis into jobs |
| | Stop encouraging big businesses to come here |
| | Business development is important as long as the local community (via ADC) sets the terms for any large business establishing itself here, including ensuring local workers are paid decently (i.e. above the minimum wage) since poverty is usually accompanied by crime. |
| | When you decide to build something in the community, build for the future, not for now. An example is EA Networks Centre |
| | I would like to see the rebuilding of some buildings affected by the earthquake |
| | It would be great to be able to shop at the second-hand shops on Saturday morning, but it appears they are closed |

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| | Haven't heard anything about relocating police station or what will happen to the old Council Building (can it be the new police station making a "justice hub" with the courthouse?) |
| | Try and keep all entertainment areas where they are as often these are privately put up and years later get built out by houses |
| | It would be so good to position Ash as an innovation / tech hub, and attract companies, investment and skilled jobs that aren't reliant on farming, which is increasingly automated |
| | Need more shops |
| | Don't let all the local business owners who own land and shops around town keep putting off new shops coming as it might harm their shops. It won't make any difference to them as I still can't afford to shop at their shops so will just head up to Christchurch to shop as I can't afford to buy from them |
| | Like any household ADC needs to care for what we have i.e. trees, buildings, roads, footpaths. Don't just build/plant something then forget about it |
| <i>Business support</i> | Give local businesses the opportunity to bid on major projects |
| | Council needs to support local. That money goes back into the local community. Continues to provide jobs for local ratepayers. Now, more than ever with Covid-19 |
| | Provide support for the working class people |
| | Keep it local |
| | Support Mid Canterbury Timebank |
| | Community support groups like Timebank must be supported, we all need support, esp. those of us in the more remote rural areas |
| | ADC says in its advertising support local but the ADC spends a lot of its money with out of town non rate paying peoples / businesses - ADC talks the talk but doesn't walk the walk when it comes to supporting local which really upsets local business people and their employees |
| | It would help our community and business owners alike to have one booklet kept up to date and available to everyone to promote to workers and retirees etc., to settle in Ashburton. Our company could be twice its size if there were more trades people available in our area. |
| | Encourage and support retailers into the empty shops along the main street. It is great that the town centre is getting a facelift but having 1/3 of the shops empty isn't going to be a great look |
| | The ADC should be supporting the local businesses especially at this time. Shopping locally as we are told to do. Sourcing companies for big contracts from outside the region doesn't seem right. |

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| Tourism | |
| | Lots of congestion in peak holiday times, want to encourage people to stop and spend money, the way we are going people want to bypass Ashburton all together |
| | Look around you at similar places here and overseas, we need people to come and reasons to stay for the day, a weekend or even just a few hours |
| | Let's do more festivals attract people into town - Winter festivals, night markets in summer, something to celebrate the rural community & stop rural / urban divide, encourage growth & diversity, move multicultural bite to the domain, host business networking / commerce opportunities, Festival of Lights in the domain |
| | Pull the pin on tourism promotion |
| | With innovative, forward thinking Ashburton could be a town to visit rather than pass through |
| | We should be able to develop a lot more year round tourism locally from Christchurch residents |
| Parking | |
| | We need more free parking in town |
| | Please make sure the whole West Street car park is free. In our office we have been fined hundreds of dollars. Changing parks every 2 hours is not a solution, there just aren't enough parks for the people in the CBD. |
| | We need more free parking in the CBD |
| | Angle parking on East Street |
| | Sort out parking at EA |
| | More mobility parks around town |
| | More parking needed at EA, especially on netball nights |
| | We need free parking to help business development. 1 hour is not enough |
| Cultural diversity | |
| | It's more culturally diverse now than it has ever been. With cultures coming in from many other countries that are not used to supermarkets or waste control systems. How are these oversights explained to new immigrants to the district? Do we expect that they naturally know or would we rather focus on them buying property |
| | No racism in town, equality instead (e.g. not to employ someone based on names) |
| | Seeing more Maori rangitahi working in local government, or high position jobs for representation for those in lower socio-economic communities. Even just having more Maori, Asian, Pacifica representation that isn't Youth Council or Global Ambassadors |
| | Maori culture (signs at parks with Te Reo signage) |
| | There needs to be a Maori and Pasifika centre in town for people to drop in and connect |
| | Dividing by race and time residing here is concerning |

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| | Improve acceptance of diversity, celebrate it more |
| | With Ashburton being an area for refugee resettlement, I think more needs to be done to promote acceptance and understanding in regards to the refugees, need to make sure Ashburton is inviting for people to start their new lives |
| | As our community is multi-cultural I applaud the welcoming community status we have, but that is not enough. People are racist here, so are councillors, I would like them to have open minds and actually listen to other people's opinions without their bias |
| | I would like to see Pacific Island culture and entertainment encourage and developed in Ashburton |
| | Include all aspects of the community beginning with mana whenua |
| | How do we get a better representation of our cultures in the community? |
| Safety | |
| | Safe pedestrian / cycle access under the Tinwald viaduct |
| | This is not a safe town for women to walk alone anymore |
| | More safety for the kids and children |
| | It is now well known that glyphosate is a carcinogenic substance, why does this still being used in all public places (especially the way it is now, over sprayed, by people not trained and not wearing correct PPE - masks and goggles?) |
| | Nice place to live keep it safe |
| | Keep all of us safe by keeping roads safe |
| | Keep Ashburton safe - the lack of crime earlier was a refreshing option to attract others into the district |
| | Make Ashburton a cooler and safer place |
| | More health Covid-19 tests in Ashburton |
| Intersections / roads | The West / East Street roundabouts are unsafe for school kids |
| | Access to Ashburton intermediate is dangerous (road safety) |
| | Speeding, and dangerous driving, appears to be increasing on residential streets |
| | For safety for pedestrians please do consider more street lighting up Racecourse Road |
| Cameras / security | More security cameras (x2) |
| | Security put in place in areas of concern for children / teenagers (e.g. Domain, bike tracks, industrial area) |
| | Mischief-makers in country villages would be deterred by the installation of openly displayed security cameras on site |
| | Need increased security |
| | Would like some CCTV funding for Mount Somers |

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| Behaviour / crime | |
| <i>General</i> | Reduce crime |
| | Deal more harshly with vandals |
| <i>Groups of concern</i> | There are heaps of young thugs on the streets |
| | Teenagers can be pretty bad, bullies, drugs and it leads to bad adults |
| | It's horrible, fix the gang issue |
| | Lots of gang members in town |
| | Crime reduction – gang presence in Ashburton, theft, assault, drugs (P) |
| | Please do something about the gangs taking over and terrorising our town |
| | Need to sort out crime and gangs as there seems to be a rise in both |
| | We have a great community, but now gangs have established in town |
| | I worry about the focus being put on the prevalence of gangs |
| | Run the gangs out of town |
| <i>Policing</i> | For police to respond to calls faster |
| | More policing on drugs |
| | Police aren't doing enough |
| | Patrol the boy racers, someone is going to be killed |
| | A bigger police presence in the evenings to control youth out late |
| | Not enough police presence |
| | Police need to be seen more in our community |
| Roading | |
| | This town desperately needs another bridge (x5) |
| | Roading maintenance has improved, keep on top of it (x4) |
| | Four-lane highway (x4) |
| | SH1 bypass (x3) |
| | Everyone wants improvement in road maintenance (x2) |
| | Too often roads are just patched, or resealed to a low standard then patched again |
| | The rural roads are really bad, Thompsons Track makes me fear for my safety |
| | Review the location of the second bridge if traffic lights keep popping up on the main road, directing heavy traffic onto a ring road on the outskirts of Ashburton keeps the roads safer, quieter and less congested |
| | More connections with the outlying villages. Continue the work of emphasising our river space with the excellent track system |

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| | Please look at Chalmers Avenue and the intersections, there are a lot of accidents as people don't use them properly |
| | Many roads have rough surfaces making it hard for cyclists |
| | Lower curbs |
| | Remove pot holes |
| | Look at areas prone to flooding in town after heavy rain |
| | Fix Rakaia road pot holes |
| | Rural gravel roading is very frustrating. Hard on vehicles, graders not effective at all (x2) |
| | Move the railway out of town to the business park |
| | People making decisions in Ashburton are too old, not connected enough with the world and countries abroad... for example, who decides to remove a roundabout to put lights, when everywhere in Europe lights are taken out? |
| | Rethink second bridge option onto West Street / Melcombe Street |
| | Yellow light camera's for east and west street control intersections. Straight through traffic does not stop which does not allow right turning traffic to get through an intersection |
| | There needs to be a roundabout or lights on the Moore Street, Park Street intersection west of New World, if you are coming from the warehouse you often have to wait a long time to get through the intersection |
| | Just to consider gutters in Middle Road, had one fall due to depth of gutters |
| | Lights or roundabouts in Tinwald |
| | More focus on rural roads |
| | Two lanes all around the main road roundabout but this I know is LTSA issue... would help move the local traffic when its busy and there is plenty of room to do this |
| | Stop putting grass where roads should be e.g. William Street, cars park on grass because of narrow street. South St-East St lights - not enough room to merge traffic. Main Road-Kermode St corner - perhaps at this intersection going North over the railway lines 2 lanes could be painted on the road to channel north traffic into right lane and turning left traffic into left lane to stop congestion |
| <i>Footpaths</i> | Some more footpaths in Rakaia areas as there is a fairly large increase in housing happening, plus the new subdivision on West Town Belt Road |
| | Paved footpaths for Chertsey |
| | Lower footpaths in Tinwald |
| | Better paths with even surfaces |
| | Some of our foot paths are hard to walk on, too steep |
| | When you repair a footpath, put a border around it instead of a cheap option. An asphalt edge deteriorates |

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| | Also I would like to see a footpath, even if it is shingle like on the way out to Lake Hood, along Farm Road and then running along Racecourse road and joining up to the one that is only part way along there. There has been so much growth and development In that area that there should be good footpaths to encourage exercise |
| | Footpaths are a disgrace |
| <i>Road works</i> | Work being done in CBD is frustrating due to random road closures and not always enough signage. |
| <i>Contractors</i> | The contractors need to be held accountable, more time should be spent ensuring that we receive what they have been contracted to do |
| | Please ensure that contracts are scrutinised before, during and after completion. Too much money is wasted on poor contract performance |
| | Why are out of town contractors doing work? |
| | Stop giving contracts to out of towners |
| | Use local contractors where you can |
| <i>Speed limits</i> | CBD speed limit reduced to 30 km/h |
| | We need speed reductions on all roads in Mayfield township (50 km/h) |
| | Reduction of speed limits around schools (Mt Somers) and small towns |
| Public transport | |
| | Public transport is very bad please start trains in south island |
| | Some public transport in the future |
| | Passenger train to and from Christchurch would be a big a bonus |
| Entertainment / recreation | |
| | Updating the town is a great idea, we don't need more shops and cafes, just more to do, need more activities |
| | Make the pool better as there are so many people that would love race there and play around |
| | Get an indoor stadium |
| | People need places to go to keep them off the street |
| | More things to do that are free to access |
| | Please expand for the younger generation. Ashburton now has more younger families than ever so keep up with the times and don't keep sitting back listening to the older generation who don't want change in Ashburton |
| | It is a great community. Maybe someone could build a bowling alley? |
| | More for younger adults |
| | Our playgrounds are not wheelchair friendly at all, how is this inclusive |

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| | More entertainment areas halls/rooms to hire out |
| | I would like to encourage Council to consider the development of outdoor public pickle ball court facilities at/near EA Networks Centre, in their 10-year plan |
| | An indoor ice rink at the EA Networks Sports Centre for curling etc. |
| | Hydro slide |
| <i>Children and families</i> | Better playgrounds for under 5s |
| | More events - New Years, street things, Christmas in the park, concerts in the park, think about people with kids |
| | Please think of children and families – restaurants, bowling, biking track, indoor pool with slides |
| | I think Ashburton is an amazing community to raise young children. However there isn't much for teenagers or extra family activities like bowling etc. |
| | We are very much an appealing town for young families but there is nowhere to go for entertainment, the skate park is an extremely dangerous part of town, parents can't watch from their cars |
| | Families need things to do that don't cost money, therefore parks and domains are important along with free entertainment |
| <i>Youth</i> | Things for young people to do that are bored, low in cost, safe, and supervised |
| | The youth only has the skate park, it's small and unsavoury with people smoking / vaping and drinking. EA is boring and kids always get told off when having fun, no courts in district (they shouldn't have to hire a court). Since the MTB has formed, there are more youth biking. |
| | Would be great to see a youth centre with musical instruments |
| | More low-cost activities for youth to keep them out of trouble |
| | We need more children and teen oriented indoor facilities. Improve the skate park. |
| | More things for teenagers to do (x3) |
| | Just more shopping complexes for young teenagers because there isn't really any other young teenage clothes shops |
| | Youth need purpose and direction. Access to sports without being costs prohibitive e.g. travelling. Encourage/support activities to keep them occupied and feeling worthwhile |
| | Mid Canterbury is an awesome area, but we need to be motivating our young to get off the couch and into sports. We need a multipurpose sporting ground which is up to a standard which will attract teams / tournaments here from out of the district |
| | Parks are important, like bike and skate parks to give kids things to do |
| | Doesn't seem the young are being catered for particularly well. They maintain there is little to do. Boredom leads to crime |
| | Need entertainment for younger people, to entice them to stay in the region |

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| | Activities for kids more available |
| | More for youth and Pacifica |
| Waste management | |
| | Sort out the rubbish and recycling situation, we need bigger red bins and smaller yellow bins now that the rules have changed (x4) |
| | Green waste bins (x4) |
| | More rubbish bins around Lake Hood area and Methven walkway |
| | More support on ADC page to support a litter free Ashburton, work together to keep our town beautiful |
| | Keep up the good work keeping our town clean and tidy |
| | Bring green bins out for food scraps and gardening |
| | Do not try and change the recycling rules then expect everyone to change back again. Recent ill-informed proposals about bins in rural areas and water race charges to those who don't use them. Is it council members or staff who assume these things with no prior research? |
| | Now that we can't recycle as much change the recycling and rubbish bins around |
| | I think the rubbish bins are possibly getting on the small side considering less plastic is recyclable now. Consideration could be given to another bin for garden waste as not everyone has access to a trailer or is able to drive |
| | Would be nice to have a local pick-up rubbish day for everyone even if it's just outside their home. Get the recycling of household rubbish back on track |
| | Clean up rubbish on main road coming into town |
| | Rubbish collection must be user pay as promised |
| | One recycling bin rather than 2 different ones each week |
| | How can we clean up our roadsides? There seems to be rubbish everywhere (who's accountable for littering now days... no one) |
| | Not sure if it's a community thing but lots of people are pretty upset how few things are actually recyclable and the rubbish bins aren't really big enough for a family with young children |
| Environment | |
| | With a future of global warming and pressure on water we must find better ways to be resilient |
| | Please prioritise the environment, you wouldn't fund enviro schools and you don't provide green bins, it's ridiculous and embarrassing |
| | More focus on Lake Hood development |
| | Keep it quiet, nature comes in when things are less noisy |

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| | With the farmers removing so many shelterbelts it's reducing the amount of trees in the district. Wind erosion is removing top soil, native birds are losing their homes, and animals have no shelter. Make it a requirement to have trees around all farm boundaries. |
| | We really need to encourage more fauna and flora into every aspect of our community. Bees especially need to be attracted to plants and native birds need native habitat. Farmers need to be held responsible for the devastation caused to the landscape of south island. Fields need marginal planting as a prerequisite and runoff into rivers and streams needs to be met with severe penalties. It is essential that there is an alternative route to cross the Hakatere. Food waste needs to be collected at the kerbside and used as bio fuel. This will help reduce the problem of food going to landfill. Companies need to be penalized for using plastics other than 1, 2 or 5 if we really are unable to recycle these plastic bottles should be banned and a refundable/reusable system put into place |
| | Sustainable practices encouraged and promoted |
| | People should do more and drive less as we contribute to air pollution |
| Animal control | |
| | More areas to run / walk your dog off lead (x2) |
| | More garbage bins in dog parks, encourage people to pick up after their dogs rather than leave it |
| | Better dog control, unregistered dogs and wandering dogs is an issue. Security is sent out but the same thing happens again and again |
| | Consider having fenced off dog area in Argyle Park as they are always running over the sports field and children's playground. Regularly owners are not picking up after them |
| | Stricter action/control on barking dogs, rather than the fluffy response we currently have. |
| | Better dog control and more action on repeat offending |
| | Take our dog parks back from cyclists, dog registration should give us as many rights as a cyclist who don't pay anything |
| Regulations / consents | |
| | Start enforcing your rules and regulations. There are many illegal fires around, particularly down at Hakatere. Check each home for compliance |
| | A lovely part of the world so I wish the resort consent on the Brinkley Resort could be changed from tourist to residential |
| | Complete the promised survey at the Ashburton Lakes settlement given focus now on building code and district plan. Sell no sections there to fund this |
| | Try and simplify processes. Make it easier for business to operate so we can keep locals employed |
| | More control on what people can keep on their properties |
| | Stop creating compliance and consent costs just to create jobs |

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| Walkways / cycle ways | |
| | Keep in mind that Methven and other rural centres should be thought of and integrated in this plan, like a biking trail on country roads to all the different small villages starting in Ashburton or Methven something like the rail trail. |
| | EA Networks should be more cycle friendly, it's dangerous entering on a bike with the speed bumps |
| | The mountain bike track is a huge asset to the community and well used by riders of all ages - would be great if the council funded the maintenance of the track (spraying & weeding), like it does with other sporting facilities |
| | Cycleway from Rakaia, Methven, Rangitata, linking to Ashburton |
| | More cycleways |
| Freshwater | |
| | Critical we make the freshwater requirements work for our district without pushing farmers off the land and ruining our community. With aspirational targets for freshwater to return to the land, can this be achieved without destroying economy? |
| | Council doing a good job generally, concerned about how they will cope with new freshwater rules |
| Other | |
| | Lobby for more hospital staff and services |
| | Ideally a train line into Christchurch would be great, but appreciate that is not something Council can control |
| | The health system is broken and needs to be fixed |
| | Get the railway containers relocated to the business hub |
| | Is there a new water bottling plant approved by ECan? Has it been applied for by family of a current councillor? Why has this not been made public? |
| | This survey is very Ashburton-centric. There are more towns in the district where a proportionate investment in facilities and services would be appreciated |
| | What is this Survivor Community which comes up on my maps? We never said that settling refugees in Ashburton was a good idea |
| | Two of us in this household so should have received two forms |
| | Take AMPs wastewater to improve the groundwater in Ashburton that isn't safe to drink |