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Q1

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Q2

No

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing? The hearing will be held in the Council Chamber on 14 September 2022. Please note that hearings are publicly live-streamed.

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Q3

Respondent skipped this question

How you would like to present your submission at the hearing?

Q4

Do you support the goals in the Ashburton Airport Development Plan (as follows)?* Ashburton airport is enabled to become more financially independent* More people are attracted to Ashburton Airport for activities that support the vibrancy and viability of the facility* Ashburton Airport is sustainably managed to support increased use of the facility over the next 30 years* Ashburton Airport remains an appealing, thriving hub for the local community and visiting aviation enthusiasts for the next thirty years

Yes,

Comments:

I think the Ashburton Airport Development plan is generally a very positive outcome. Making the airport more accessible for general aviation particularly with the increased hangar space will be a huge benefit to the aviation community.

Q5

I support the current level of rates funding (60%)

In 2021/22, the total budget for Ashburton Airport was \$152,023, of which 60.9% (\$92,558) was funded from rates. Which level of rates funding would you support us working towards?

Q6

Referring to the map below, please select which of the following you agree with:(you can click on the image to make it bigger)

- Providing more space for recreational hangars,**
 - The location proposed for the new recreational hangars precinct**
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 - Providing a dedicated commercial hangar precinct,**
 - The location proposed for the commercial hangar precinct**
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 - Providing a hangar homes precinct,**
 - The location of the hangar homes precinct**
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Q7

Up to 20 hangar homes (high density)

Referring to the hangar homes proposal on page 8 of the consultation document (click here to view), what is your preferred density of hangar homes?

Q8

Do you have any other comments or feedback about this draft plan?

The main concern I have with the proposal is the consideration of adding a flight school to the aerodrome, which I do not support. Ashburton is ideal for a mix of general aviation and commercial activity, and I think the proposed plan allows for an increase in movements without negative impact to local residents. The airport can easily allow for a significant increase in activity - however, training aircraft and private operators may not mix well.

Training aircraft will want to fly standard circuit patterns for the largest runway which is going to lead to significant noise pollution as this will take them directly over the main Ashburton township (something the previous skydiving operation regularly avoided). Any training organization will likely want to also cover extensive night flying, which will have to be handled very carefully if curfews and noise complaints are to be avoided. The increased airport movements will also lead to significant wear on grass runways unless they are sealed (Christchurch Intl. has to regularly move the grass runway to allow it to re-grow). These concerns can all be addressed but I believe it very important that the Ashburton aerodrome maintains a positive relationship with the Ashburton residents.

My concern is that Ashburton residents may not be aware of just how much additional traffic a flight school will bring, despite a relatively small financial upside. Ashburton is already the home to a great local general aviation community, and I would rather see this expanded with hangars, hangar homes, and commercial operations. This allows the airport to remain the center of events such as the NZ Aerobatic Nationals and Flying NZ competitions - events that would likely move elsewhere if Ashburton becomes too challenging to operate at.
