

Submission on Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Operative Ashburton District Plan

Clause 6 of the First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Ashburton District Council

Note to person making submission:

The submission period for Proposed Plan Change 5 closes **5pm Wednesday 1st October 2025**.

Your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the Council is satisfied that at least one of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- It is frivolous or vexatious.
- It discloses no reasonable or relevant case.
- It would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further.
- It contains offensive language
- It is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

1. Submitter Details

Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk () are compulsory:*

Name of submitter(s)* **DG & CM Williamson Settlement Trust**_____

Submitter address* **30 Methven Highway, Allenton**_____

City/Town* **Ashburton**_____Postcode* **7776**_____

Contact name (if different from above) **Donald Williamson**_____

Contact organisation (if different from above) _____

Contact email address **coniston@xtra.co.nz**_____

Contact address (if different from above) _____

City/Town_____Postcode_____

Contact phone number **0274354705**_____

Please Note that by making a submission your personal details, including your name and address, will be made publicly available in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991. This is because, under the Act, any further submission supporting or opposing your submission must be forwarded to you as well as to the Council.

While all information in your submission will be included in papers which are available to the media and public, your submission will be used only for the purposed of the Plan Change Process.

2. Trade Competition Declaration*

Part A

☒ I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. (If you tick this box please proceed straight to Section 3 of this form).

OR

☐ I could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. (If you tick this box please complete Part B).

Part B (please ~~strikeout~~ the following option that does not apply to you).

I **am / am not** directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:

- (a) Adversely effects the environment; and
- (b) Does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Note: *If you are a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, your right to make a submission may be limited by clause 6(4) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

3. Hearing options*

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? *If you choose yes, you can choose not to speak when the hearing date is advertised.*

☒ Yes ☐ No

If others are making a similar submission would you considered presenting a joint case with them at the hearing? *You can change your mind once the hearing has been advertised.*

☒ Yes ☐ No

4. Submission Details *

☐ Yes I am enclosing further supporting information to this submission form.

The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to (please give details):

We seek a minor change to the development proposal whereby the connectivity connection is changed from a pedestrian connection to a legal road connection thereby linking the newly proposed Residential C land to our existing Residential D zoned land. And in addition, we suggest that services connections should be extended to the western land.

My position on this provision is:

☐ Oppose in part

☐ Oppose in full

☒ Support in part

☐ Support in full

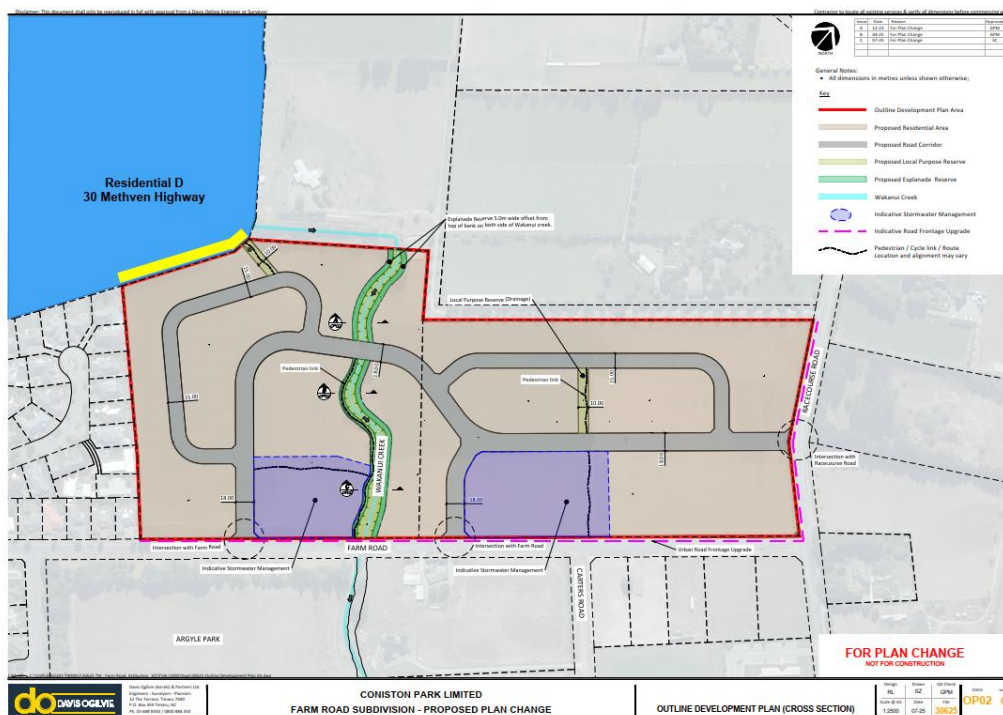
The reason for my/our submission are (please give details):

It is my understanding that Councils generally require connectivity between similarly zoned residential land to achieve an integrated urban form particularly when land is being rezoned.

Linked transport routes, pedestrian walkways, and infrastructure networks support efficient movement within neighbourhoods, reduce reliance on arterial roads, and improve access for emergency services and utilities. Well-connected sites also make better use of existing infrastructure and public investment, aligning with district plan objectives for sustainable and coordinated growth.

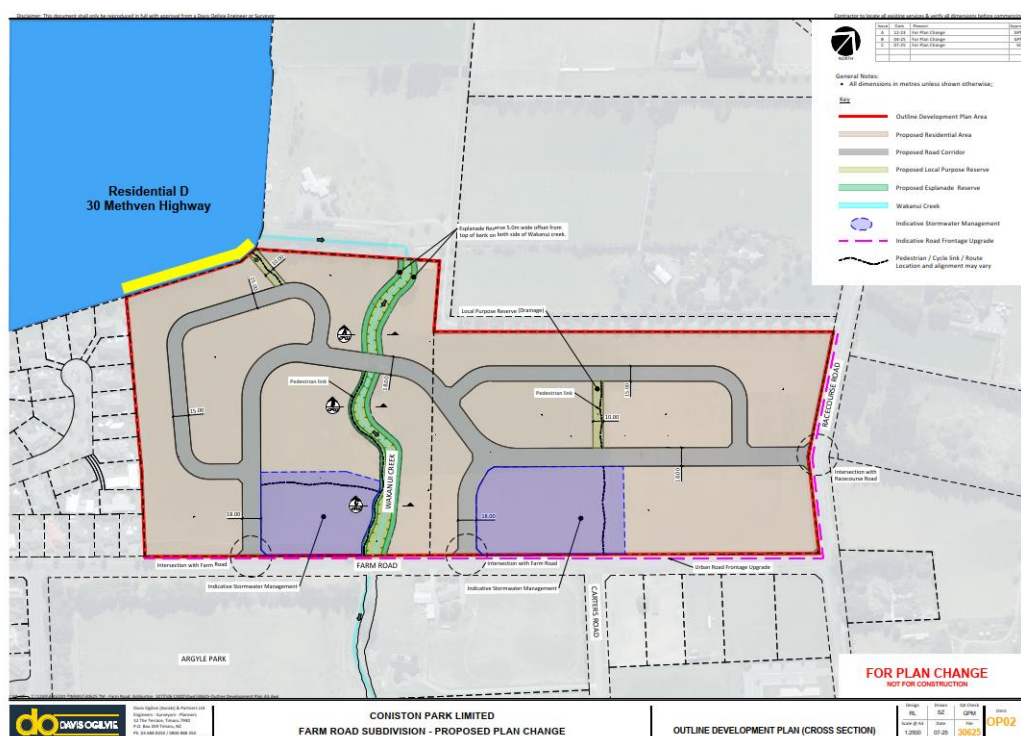
Council has consistently indicated they do not want long cul-de-sacs; by not providing a connection through Coniston Park they would be forcing the western landowner, should they develop their site into creating a long cul-de-sac off the Methven Highway. Services similarly would not be able to be linked in a loop manner providing for a secure and efficient network layout.

From a livability perspective, connectivity ensures that new residential areas are not isolated or fragmented. It encourages walkability, supports public transport, and allows residents to access schools, parks, and community facilities without unnecessary detours. Importantly, it also prevents future “landlocking” of adjoining properties, protecting development opportunities and ensuring that each parcel of residentially zoned land can be practically used in accordance with its zoning.



I seek the following decision from the local authority (please give precise details):

We request that Council require the applicant for Plan Change 7 to amend the proposed outline development plan to include a full width legal road / vehicle connection and services connection to the existing undeveloped Residential D land to the west of the rezoning proposal site. This connection could be anywhere along the yellow line shown in the diagram below. (Diagram is an annotated version of the plan change plan)



Signature of Submitter (or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter):

_____ **Donald Williamson** _____ **Date:** _____ **1 October 2025**

Note: A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.

Please return this form no later than **5pm Wednesday 1st October 2025**

- Scan and email it to info@adc.govt.nz (Subject Line: Proposed Plan Change 7)
- Post it to Ashburton District Council, Planning Team, P.O. Box 94, Ashburton 7740
- Deliver to Council Offices at 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton