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Wish to speak Yes / No YES

The Ashburton Aviation Museum being a major lessee with an interest not only in the facility the AAM owns but with the wider community and airfield generally are pleased to contribute to discussion on the Draft Ashburton Airfield Development Plan.

The museum is grateful to the Ashburton District Council for the interest shown in what we do toward preserving the nation's aviation heritage and in the plans we have going forward toward our fiftieth anniversary in 2024.

The museum is supportive of the three hangar precinct initiatives seeing these as being passive by nature with potential to increase interest in and activity upon the airfield without bringing unattractive issues we consider to be inherent with other initiatives within the plan. We are aware of the need for more recreational hangars and believe the siting of these and that for further commercial hangarage to be logically situated. We accept that there is likely to be some current airfield neighbour resistance to establishing the hangar home precinct along the Morris Road boundary but feel with thoughtful planning these concerns can be mitigated at least. It is noted that the majority of Morris Road dwellings presently have plantings and other view limiting structures currently in place.

The proposal we see as being problematic is the placement of a Flight School. With two current Flight Trainers in place we see bringing further Flight Training as being contrary to, *Overview of Ashburton Airport Development Plan - Overview 2: "Council recognizes that growth and development must be balanced with the needs and interests of those that use the facility, as well as the Airport's heritage and recreational values"*. A serious consideration with regard to the Flight School when thinking of 42 flights (84 movements) per day is that of structural damage to taxiway and runway surfaces as was evident when Skydiving Kiwis were operating.

In summary: There is a bottom line in that skydiving operations are returning to Ashburton Airfield in the near future and those within the museum familiar with the risks and difficulties involved with combining parachute operations and general aviation activities see any increase in local flight traffic brought about by a Flight School as being with an unacceptable operational and safety risk. Surely, with the increase in revenue from the three hangar initiatives and the presence of the skydive operation, income to The Airfield Operator will come close to or achieving an acceptably appropriate level of income from the Airfield.

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Should a flight school establish on Ashburton Airfield the Ashburton Aviation Museum Society Trust would need to be assured that the several community fixtures traditionally held in and around the museum buildings and on the airfield are not in any way jeopardized, restricted or curtailed by the presence of that flight school. The museum is proud of the contribution it makes to the wider local and aviation communities and any disruption to the services provided would be detrimental to its financial survival. Some of the services provided are :-

Hosting biennially the Sport Aircraft Assn. three / four day fly-in event where commonly up to and occasionally exceeding 200 visiting aircraft from throughout the nation base themselves at Ashburton Airfield, conducting competitions and local fly away activities.

The Militaria and Aviation Extravaganza scheduled for Labour Weekend 2022 is expected to be a fundraising fixture ongoing into the future.

Biennially, warbirds from the upper North Island transit through NZAS en-route to and from Warbirds over Wanaka. WOW aerobatic teams base themselves at the Aviation Museum for several days prior to the airshow and practice their aerobatic routines over the airfield.

The museum is a frequently used facility for seminars, workplace celebrations, funerals, weddings and other family / community related functions plus the annual two week school science program to name a few.

We the trustees of the Ashburton Aviation Museum respectfully ask that our concerns be addressed.