

Q1

Your contact details (optional)

Name

Mac McElwain

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

Yes,

Comments:

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

The airport is a valuable asset that can create further revenues if managed correctly. Having access to aeronautical services is a sign of a forward-looking town

Q5

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?

I support a moderate level of rates funding (30%-50%),

Other (please specify):

I would see this as a flexible proportion that would decline over time to become non-funded as the airport develops commercially

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

Q7

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?

Other (please specify):

I think the market should be allowed to drive this. If people want to live there, why limit the numbers artificially?

Q8

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

I think it's very forward-looking of ADC to come up with this plan. I am a big fan of the Museum and its expansion plans. It is already a significant attraction in the area and it getting bigger can only be of benefit.

Attracting a flying school can bring funds into the area. Aviation is a rapidly expanding industry (witness the bounce back post Covid) in which there's an international shortage of aircrew. Take a look at the success of the flying school at Whanganui to see what is possible. And copy it!!

Good luck with the plans
