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**YES** – Do wish to speak – In Person

*(1) We are proposing to introduce household kerbside food waste collection. Other districts have done so at a cost of about \$50 per household per year. Would you support a kerbside food waste collection service being implemented?*

**YES** – Support a kerbside food waste collection service being implemented – however, the consultation document reads as though this will be staged with food waste first and garden waste as a later date. Would prefer that garden waste be incorporated from the start – it would seem one roll out would incur just one lot of overheads (a) one tender process (b) one bin (c) one promotional campaign and (d) one change to education – suggesting cost savings if just one launch, rather than two.

*(2) Do you agree with the key issues of the draft Plan?*

*Which issues do you agree with?*

**YES** – for the majority - agree with Key Issues. Would however like to see :-

- (a) **Business** – expanded to **Businesses and Households** – as many small businesses are home based and with the increasing number of working at home, online shoppers, many households are receiving increasing amounts of packaging.
- (b) **Education** – Should be a Key Issue – the Pandemic waste management response seems to have disrupted some great habits from the Community and perhaps been a setback on good habits. Education is key to reigniting that enthusiasm and ensuring that all members of the community are engaged in best practice household recycling.
- (c) **PLAN B** – It was observed that during the Pandemic national lockdowns – kerbside collections were routed to Kate Valley. Would appreciate Council developing a PLAN B – to have a holding area, or local processing in case of Civil Defence or Pandemic interruptions.

*(3) Do you agree with the proposed actions in the draft Plan?*

*Which issues do you agree with?*

**YES** – for the majority – agree with key issues. Do suggest:-

- (i) **Collections** – that introduction of food waste include organic and garden waste
- (ii) **Collections** – No Thanks to user pays on property collection of reusable items – we understand that goods can already be collected by St Vincents, Salvation Army, St John and probably more. Do these organisations provide tonnages on items diverted from landfill? Won't a council service be in direct competition with these groups?  
Ashburton Citizens Association ask that Ashburton District Council strive to support existing community initiatives rather than competing with them.
- (iii) **Collections** – Suggest that User Pay basis for Business should be a consideration of proposed working group  
On the face of it – it seems appropriate that businesses pay the same as others. If they are offered another level of fee structure for “User Pays” would that then be offered to residential properties?
- (iv) **Infrastructure** – Support a transfer station for Methven

- (v) **Infrastructure** – Support the goal of “Continue to develop and improve the ARRPs as the key facility for the district” However, seek assurance from Council that there are clear, monitored targets and evaluation processes.
- (vi) **Education** – Education is key – and needs to be a priority. Particularly with kindergartens, schools, home schools and newcomers to the district.
- (vii) **Regulation** – Support
- (viii) **Leadership and Management** – Would like to expand on the Key Actions to read *Continue to work regionally, lobby central government, and **lead**, support and work with local community initiatives.*

(4) Do you have any other comments?

There are some excellent businesses in the Ashburton District providing wonderful Waste Management and Collection services (just some of which have previously been named in this submission). Would like to see Ashburton District Council show greater collaboration with operators in the areas of Waste Management and Minimisation.

We do ask Ashburton District Council to consider submissions deadline times. If deadline is 5.00pm on the last day of work before a long weekend, perhaps that deadline could have been extended to late on the eve before the next working day - therefore allowing submitters an extra couple of days to polish up submissions.

We wish to thank Ashburton District Council for the opportunity to submit.

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