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Q1

Your contact details (optional)

Name **Graham Closey**

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

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

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 the current level of rates funding (60%),

Other (please specify):

I have yet to see a satisfactory breakdown of the \$152000 of costs come from. While I agree that users should be charged for using the airport, it is still a strategic reserve. Consider the floods last year and when the Rangitata river bridges were closed, it was during these times that the airport suddenly became the most valuable piece of land in the whole of Ashburton and that needs to be recognised in the rates contribution.

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?

Up to 14 hangar homes (medium density),

Other (please specify):

Please ensure that Hangar homes actually contain aircraft and it is a condition of owning one that owners must be aviation orientated

Q8

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

I have been luckily enough to be involved with the airport since my early teenage years and have been proud to be part of the Mid Canterbury aero club all of that time, gaining my pilots license through the club nearly 14 years ago. The club has always been community focused and has a general feeling of we do what is best for the community. An example of that includes, limiting our night flying to winter so that we can keep the disruption and noise above the town at night to acceptable levels and early in the evening. I have major concerns that the introduction of a new flight school will undo all the hard work that the club has done over the many years to live harmoniously with the community. I think that any problems the new school brings to the community, other airport users will be tarred with the same brush. I have concerns that Ashburton will be by passed as a suitable venue for aviation events in the not too distant future if this flight school is given the go ahead, as they are a commercial operation that only worries about their operation and not the airfield/community interest. This would introduce a large disadvantage the club who has just significantly invested in our future by upgrading our clubrooms. These Clubrooms were put on with the purpose of being able to welcome visitors and hold events at the airport. In this response form, I feel like the council has over looked quite possibly the single biggest change to the airfield proposed by suggesting we add the flight school. There is nothing in this submission form that references the flight school. Only a small number of people are affected by a few extra buildings and a change of road lay out. However 42 extra flights per day will negatively effect the whole of the town with the addition of extra noise, particularly during the night.

I implore you to really recognise what we have at the airport, and really make sure we work to make it vibrant. Not just fill the airspace up with whatever aircraft you can find without thinking about the consequences.
