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Q1 **Respondent skipped this question**
Your contact details (optional)

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
Financial independence must still retain access to appropriate ADC financial input to ensure the long term strategies are not compromised. Maybe an overarching strategy of how the wellbeing of the District is enhanced (and extends to the Region and country) through the commercial functions of the airport, the historic functions of the museum being linked back to the District's other attributes (e.g. Plains) is also needed. This way better synergies can be used to add value to the District and our people. True leadership (Council's role?) is to provide for a better future (hope) for its citizens, rather than a negative scrooge-like cost savings approach. This proposed development provides a great opportunity for growth based on the sound foundations established by successive Councils.

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?

Other (please specify):

Investment funding to attract and respond to external options and opportunities cannot be limited or prescribed as above. Monies should be set aside for investment. Prescription leads to inadequate investment and lacks flexibility to meet demand. I refer to a Business Plan approach below.

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,

Other (please specify):

I am not qualified in airport operations to provide an objective response however I 'presume' these options planned meet civil aviation requirements and communication facilities.

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 10 hangar homes (low density),

Other (please specify):

This option relies on noise matters and other Plan restrictions. The concept of hanger homes appears to be a sound one and as such could provide alternative use during a civil defence emergency.

Q8

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

I would strongly recommend that ADC funds a comprehensive Business Plan for the development and purposing of the airport, museum and other facilities - now and in the future. Such a plan would provide for trigger points where targeted investment by ADC, even acting as banker, can inject the appropriate funds to enable positive outcomes in a timely manner. This is a smarter way of financial injection rather than x% referred to earlier - and can be cheaper for the rate payer in the long run as well as being less risky. However if the Plan is a subtle way of devolving Council's financial obligations then the whole development concepts will wither. Furthermore the airport has a significant function as a CDEM operational hub should the need arise. By providing more comprehensive facilities and say greater refuelling facilities the airport could play a major role in a future event. Council's new HQ would still provide the overall management functions that would add value to the whole response process (and additional Government funding may be available as emergency management becomes more and more part of routine response.