

Q1

Your contact details (optional)

Name

Joseph Brown

Q2

Yes

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

In person

How you would like to present your submission at the hearing?

Q4

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

Yes,

Comments:

I would like to see a greater focus on a sustainably managed airfield which must of course include financial considerations. Financial considerations must not be the primary factor in such a safety critical area and community asset

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 believe the council budget for the airfield could be made a lot less in the future depending on how the airport develops, therefore I believe a rates funding of 60% is reasonable if the total budget is reduced. I request the council makes public details regarding the budget for the airfield - i.e. the amount spent and on what vs the amount budgeted for the airfield.

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):

Each precinct will have some operational/safety effect on the field therefore current airfield users and industry professionals must be consulted.

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)

Q8

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

I have grave concerns regarding the possibility of the New Zealand Airline Academy establishing a base here. It is my understanding, due to the Academy catering directly and entirely to an international market, that the commercial demands of overseas corporations will demand this operator to put other priorities above such things as community. The operator has previously demonstrated inability to participate with the wider aviation community in contributing toward aviation safety within NZ. I deem the level of risk that would be brought about by the organisation establishing here to be unacceptable.

From: CFI
Sent: Tuesday, 30 August 2022 12:49
To: Richard Mabon

Subject: Submission to the Draft ADC Ashburton Airport Development Plan.

The thoughts expressed are my own; however, I am obliged to speak to safety in the capacity of my position as Chief Flying Instructor for the Mid Canterbury Aero Club.

Wish to speak at hearing: **YES**

Recreational, commercial, and hangar home precincts:

I support the proposal of the recreational and commercial hangar precincts as well as hangar home precincts. Because all the hangar precincts will have some effect on the operational aspects of the airfield, it would be requisite for ADC to continue the involvement of all airport users (including itinerant users where appropriate), the surrounding community, and appropriate aviation professionals if and when plans are to develop so that the operational success of the airfield is ensured.

Expansion of the Ashburton Aviation Museum:

I support the proposal to enable the expansion of the Ashburton Aviation Museum. I do not believe the expansion of the museum as proposed to adversely affect the operational aspects of the airfield.

Development of activity performance standards and essential infrastructure:

To speak in support of or against this proposal would be imprudent without further information relating to ADC plans in this area.

Skydiving:

I have in the past indicated my support of commercial development at the airfield, with the proviso that appropriate tasks are completed before any further operations are initiated. It was indicated verbally by ADC last year that an MOU would be established between the (at the time) proposed skydiving organisation and other airfield users. I have not seen evidence

of this. I am now requesting in writing that ADC, as the airport owner, ensure an environment exists where new/potential operators are required to establish contact with already operational airfield users to determine best practices, etc for the continued assurance of a safe airspace.

With the further proposals from ADC, I now consider it not only prudent but mandatory for in depth discussions to be facilitated between operators already established at the field and any which intend to establish here.

Flight training school:

I do not support the proposed organisation establishing at the airfield due to their so far inability to participate in friendly promotion of cooperative aviation safety in NZ. I do not support the establishment of any other large scale training organisations without much greater consultation by ADC with airfield users, itinerant users (such as CAC/IAANZ, SCAC, SkyFarmers, Talley's Group, NZ Aerobatic Club, NZ Warbird Association, etc), industry professionals, and other experienced individuals in the aviation community.

RNAV approach:

To speak in support of this proposal would be imprudent without further information, therefore at this stage I do not support an RNAV approach at Ashburton Airfield. With only the currently available information from the council, I cannot and will not support the proposed combination of skydiving, flight school, and RNAV + other already established operations.

I want to thank all both in the air and on the ground who have contributed to the many successful years of active aviation in NZ as demonstrated in the Ashburton community by the success of the Mid Canterbury Aero Club along with other aviation organisations such as the Canterbury Aero Club and South Canterbury Aero Club which have coexisted in the same airspaces for nearly 100 years. I urge all participants, either new or well-established, to continue to uphold cooperative participation toward creating a safe and healthy aviation future.

Kind regards,

Joe Brown
Chief Flight Instructor
Mid Canterbury Aero Club

