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Q1

Your contact details (optional)

Name **Ryan Williams**

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%)

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
,
Providing a dedicated commercial hangar precinct,
The location proposed for the commercial hangar precinct
,
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)

Q8

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

It is Great to see the Council showing an interest in the future development of the Ashburton Airport. The Ashburton Airport is a fantastic asset to the town with a great potential to grow. Everything purposed looks great but where I can see the fault is allowing the international flying school to be based here. The airport is excellent for recreational and casual commercial uses, that is all the airfield can handle. In the last year grass growth / rainfall has been the best it has been for multiple years for dry land grass. With that in favour the 02/34 taxi way and runway has been worn to dirt. That has happened with the current traffic. Now adding a flying school with over 40 ground movements a day I cannot see how the airfield will be able to handle that? Has the council talked to operators, users and the council of the Oamaru airport and asked how it has worked out for them? I know full well the results are not positive. Yes financially it appears to be a good idea to gather more revenue for ADC but is the long term damage worth it? As an aviator flying into Ashburton it will not be a nice place to fly to knowing how many student pilots will be flying about. Even as a commercial pilot it is always a dreaded experience flying into Oamaru knowing full well students are flying around not always knowing exactly where they are as they are still learning.

How about the Council look outside the box for revenue such as allowing a cafe to be based on the airfield. Not only being another reason for aviators to fly into (more landing fees gathered) also Ashburton locals can enjoy too. Cars are often seen by the fuel pumps in the weekend waiting and watching planes to come in to land so having a cafe for example would be a neat facility to be enjoyed by all.

I look forward to seeing the airfield prosper in the future and hope the right decisions are made

Regards

Ryan Williams
