

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?: No

I am able to attend:

I intend to attend: Virtually

Would you like to be added to our database to be notified of future consultations?: Yes

Your Details

Full Name: Ed Eason

Do you agree with our preferred option or do you support another option?

Drinking water meters: Spread over 3 years - Our preferred option

Let us know why: My views are that, if this is the only way of detecting where water losses are, then we have little option. Although I am very suspicious that the so called water loss is being used as an excuse to introduce some level of charging for water use in the future, whereas we are being charge enough through the general water rate already. The fact that a 50% water loss is being suggested as a justification for installing these meters, I find very alarming, and not a good endorsement on the competency of the water department of council, that they have only noticed this loss now.

Elderly Persons Housing: Self-sustaining in 2 years - our preferred option

Let us know why: Everyone now knows, that central Government has handed this " baby" to local councils to act on, and provide social housing for our elderly, so as a community we must address this need. I support the provision of new housing for this group, baring in mind that demand for this housing will only increase in the future.

What do you think about our plans for our other projects and activities?: Surely, this plan should see the end of the large luxury projects that have dominated Ashburton ,s long term plans over recent years. Recent history has been littered with non priority spending by local authorities, who now find their infa structure failing and they are in no financial position to afford the massive upgrades required. The heartening thing for Ashburton, is that as a council, ongoing upgrades of our water network, has been going on. As a community, our priority should always be, the three waters project, and roading. I worry that if councils don,t focus on continuing the upgrades of our water systems, then Government will set up some entity to oversee all water assets Nationally, and local communities will then lose their hard gained assets, and a considerable income stream. Please remember, if we can live without it, then leave it, as there is only so much income to go around, ---concentrate on the priorities, Water, and Roding, as without these we can,t survive.