

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

I am able to attend:

I intend to attend:

Would you like to be added to our database to be notified of future consultations?: No

**Your Details**

Full Name: Lesley Symington

Organisation: Safe Communities Ashburton District Steering Group

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

Drinking water meters:

Let us know why:

Elderly Persons Housing:

Let us know why:

What do you think about our plans for our other projects and activities?: The Safe Communities Ashburton District Steering Group of 27 community and safety agencies supports the inclusion in the Long Term Plan of funding for the Safe Communities Programme, co-ordinated by Safer Mid Canterbury. This collaboration has been active for 21 months and has already achieved the establishment of a Citizens Advice Bureau for the District; the establishment of a new community transport service (the Mid Canterbury Connector); a collaboration of agencies working in falls prevention for older adults; a "Safety Village" at the Ashburton A and P Show; and the establishment of a Mid Canterbury Suicide Prevention Network and Strategy. The collaboration is achieving valuable outcomes for the people of Ashburton and cannot continue its work without the support of the Ashburton District Council.

The need for access to quality, up to date information for the people of Ashburton District was identified early on in its work by the Steering Group, which then established a collaboration of agencies to establish a CAB service. The service has only been open since 2nd December, 2020 but has already experienced considerable demand. This will only grow as volunteers become more experienced and the service is more widely promoted. It is an essential service for the people of Ashburton District.