



TALL: AD Architecture graphic of a new control tower at Kapiti Coast Airport. PHOTO: KAP191216SPLTOWER

# New airport control tower planned for early next year

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A new control tower is expected to be operating at Kapiti Coast Airport towards the end of March or early April next year.

"It's an investment in the future of the airport, which is fantastic," airport chief executive Robert Binney said.

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be on the eastern side of the runway about midway along.

One of the factors for relocating was sight restriction on some of the main runway because of construction of the

new Placemakers building.

But the main reason, after carefully looking at the airport's masterplan, was its new location would set them up for the future, Mr Binney said.

"It will be at the ideal spot because the staff will be in a location that is midway along the runway, which is exactly what they want to achieve."

Staff are already operating out of a prefabricated building, near where the new tower will be, after testing using a mobile tower.

"It went very well actually," Mr Binney said.

The old control tower, built in 1947, and a category two historic building, will remain where it is.