

Park and ride project objection.

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****Petition to Save Thanington REC**

To: Canterbury City Council

We, the residents of Thanington and surrounding areas, are deeply concerned about the proposal to concrete over Thanington Recreation Ground for the construction of a 900-space Park & Ride facility.

•Reasons to Oppose the Development:**

1. (Loss of Green Space): Thanington Rec is our only community green space, vital for recreation, relaxation, and community gatherings. This development would strip away a crucial area for families, children, and local wildlife.
2. (Environmental Impact): The concrete development will contribute to increased air and noise pollution, harming the local ecosystem and reducing biodiversity in our area.
3. (Community Health): Access to green spaces is essential for physical and mental well-being. The loss of this space would diminish the quality of life for residents.
4. (Traffic Concerns): A 900-space Park & Ride would not only change the character of our community but could also exacerbate traffic congestion in Thanington and surrounding areas, rather than alleviating it.
5. (Community Voice): The decision to develop this space must involve the community. We urge the council to listen to the voice of the residents who cherish Thanington Rec and wish to preserve it for future generations.

1. (Thanington centre): The decision to develop on the rec will impact the Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre, making the centre's business decrease due to the increased noise and pollution. Having the field also benefits people who use our facilities and for people who visit.

Our Request:

We request that Canterbury City Council:

- Halt any plans for the development of a Park & Ride on Thanington Recreation Ground.
- Engage with the community to explore alternative solutions that prioritize green spaces and address transportation needs without sacrificing our community assets.
- we stand united in our commitment to preserving Thanington Recreation Ground for the benefit of our community, environment and future.

Many thanks,
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