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Hello Consultation Team

Amended email as requested name added at very bottom.

Thanks

Julian Glover

On 1 Oct 2025 10:05, Consultations <Consultations@canterbury.gov.uk> wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you for your response to the draft Local Plan: Focused consultation 2025.

To ensure that we fairly record individual submissions for participants in the survey could we ask that you please sign off the email you're your first and last name. Once we have this we will ensure your response been recorded and will be considered in the next stages of the Local Plan process.

Kind Regards,
Consultations Team
Canterbury City Council

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 September 2025 17:19
To: Consultations <Consultations@canterbury.gov.uk>
Subject: DRAFT CANTERBURY DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN - Policy N3 - Thanington Recreation Ground

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Dear Council Planning

I am writing to raise a major objection to the plan given above to create a new Park and Ride on the site of the Thanington Recreation Ground.

This proposal must be cancelled.

- The Thanington Rec is a major and significant asset for the Thanington and South West Canterbury area, Thanington is an area of Canterbury that has seen significant social challenges and needs. To take this away will lead to a decline in life in Thanington, potentially leading to a return to the major issues and problems of the 1990s. This is an amenity that benefits the wider community.
- The Thanington Resource Centre will become isolated and marginalised and end up being unable to fully service the surrounding community.
- The removal of sports pitches also marks further destruction of the social and sporting life of the area. Sport is recognised worldwide as an extremely important factor in society social wellbeing and to replace it with a car park is insensitive, shortsighted and essentially plain stupid.
- Green space is increasingly at a premium in Canterbury and the South East, and is further being compromised in the Draft Local plans with the loss of yet more green space to Merton Park. We have already lost and are continuing to lose large amounts of rural space south of Canterbury
- There would be no need for a new park and ride if the design of the existing site is adapted sensibly into the new slip road off the A2 into Wincheap. It can use a multi-story car park such has been built at Canterbury West so why not here?
- Traffic leaving the A2 will have to joint the A28 southbound out ward from Canterbury and cross the northbound A28 causing yet more delays and issues.
- A new park and ride will only increase further the already overcrowded A28 Ashford Road which regularly sees slow moving queues northbound. The addition of the lights at the junction of the A28 and St Nicholas Road which are timed so badly have exacerbated traffic issues on the A28. Further lights etc, will only make matters worse
- If a new park and ride is needed on the A29 approach it should be located further out of Canterbury to ease the already congested A28. Many of the sites just south beyond the junction of Howfield Lane and the A28 are unoccupied and have been for some time. These would be much better locations.
- A park and Ride off the A2 is far more sensible as it will pick up a far greater volume of traffic also reducing congestion on the roads into Canterbury such as London Road and Rheims way. The Hall Place site has been empty for a number of years and could easily be repurposed and also use the existing buildings.
- The Council has an obligation to support all areas of the community, not just commercial activity such as developers and car owners. It has already revealed itself to be indifferent to the real neds of its population via financially wasteful projects such as the Longport cycle

path and the Westgate redevelopment, and a number of planning permissions that are at best questionable.

- What is the point of coming to Canterbury when so many shops are closed or closing.

This plan **MUST** be shelved. The Council is betraying its most vulnerable people.

Thank you

Julian Glover



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