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Dear cabinet members/Consultation Group ,

I strongly object to the proposed Park and Ride development on Thanington Recreational Ground.

This is not just an open space – it is the only green space in our neighborhood, a vital place where families gather, children play safely, and people of all ages enjoy sport, exercise, and fresh air. To remove it would be to destroy the heart of our community.

The recreational ground provides the only sports facilities locally and supports the health and wellbeing of hundreds of residents. Losing it would leave families, children, and young people with nowhere to go, at a time when we need more safe outdoor spaces, not fewer.

Replacing green grass with concrete will mean more traffic, more pollution, and the loss of a space that brings us together. As one local parent said: “This park is where my children learned to ride their bikes.” Another resident shared: “The football pitch keeps our teenagers active and out of trouble. Without it, they’ll have nowhere to go.”

Importantly, an independent consultant already advised against placing a Park and Ride on this site back in 2008, recognizing its unsuitability. To disregard this advice now would show a clear neglect of both expert opinion and local voices.

The consequences of this plan would be devastating: loss of our only green space, damage to community wellbeing, and a lasting decline in quality of life for the people of Thanington.

For the sake of our community, our health, and future generations, I urge you to reject this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Zdenek Chrapkiewicz  
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