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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to lodge my strong objection to the proposed Park and Ride development in Thanington.

This proposal raises a number of serious concerns:

1. Increased Traffic Congestion and Safety Risks

The current road infrastructure in Thanington is inadequate to support additional traffic. With narrow, single-lane roads already under strain, the Park and Ride will significantly increase congestion. This will directly endanger children walking to Wincheap Primary School from Thanington, with more vehicles making their journey less safe.

2. Air Pollution and Public Health

More vehicles will inevitably worsen air quality in the area. This is particularly concerning given the close proximity to residential areas and a primary school. The impact on children's health and the local community cannot be ignored.

3. Loss of Green Spaces and Mental Wellbeing

The permanent destruction of vital green space, including Thanington Recreation Ground and surrounding fields, would be devastating. These areas are not only visually valuable but also provide essential opportunities for physical activity, recreation, and mental health support for the community. Replacing them with tarmac and car parks contradicts the council's own direction of travel in encouraging healthier lifestyles.

4. Visual Impact and Quality of Life

The fields in question are visible from my home and form part of the natural character of the area. The proposed development would create an eyesore, replacing a tranquil green environment with a large-scale car park and increased traffic movement.

In summary, this proposal is unsustainable, unsafe, and harmful to both the environment and the community. I urge the council to reject the application and instead invest in solutions that reduce car dependency while protecting Thanington's green spaces and safeguarding residents' health and wellbeing.

Kind regards,

Charlotte King

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