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Dear Canterbury City Council,

I am writing to express my objection to the plan to build a new Park & Ride site on the current Thanington Recreation Ground. Specifically, the Policy N3 - Thanington Recreation Ground on pages 28 and 29 of the document below:

<https://haveyoursay.canterbury.gov.uk/43579/widgets/130223/documents/90473>

I live on [REDACTED] with my wife and my son. The Saxon Fields Play Area did not exist when we moved here, so the Thanington Recreation Ground was our go-to place, and we had a lot of memories there. In fact, my son still goes to the Thanington Recreation Ground now. It would be sad for us, especially for my son, to see it go. And I know many of my neighbours share the same thoughts.

Apart from the personal reasons above, I also do not think it is a good location if Canterbury is in need of a new park and Ride site. Although it would be very close to the current Park & Ride near Morrisons, it will be on the other side of the A2, which would introduce a lot of issues. I am assuming the new plan is to accommodate the increased cars coming from London and exiting via the proposed new exit from the A2 to Morrisons' side. In this case, cars would need to go through 4 traffic lights to enter the new Park & Ride (if they are going to use the current car entrance of the current Thanington Recreation Ground). This would be inconvenient and cause traffic issues locally. The bus would then need to go through those 4 traffic lights again towards the city centre. The traffic around the 4 very close traffic lights on both sides of the A2 is already dealing with a lot of traffic, and it already takes me 4-5 minutes just to drive from St Nicholas Rd to A2 Dover bound each day now. A Park & Ride in the Harbledown area would make much more sense. It can also deal with the traffic coming from London, while not using the Wincheap roundabout, if we can find a destination near the north side of the city centre for the buses. The traffic around Wincheap roundabout is already very heavy now.

I again sincerely hope our opinion is carefully considered by the council and the Thanington Recreation Ground can be preserved for us and generations to come.

Kind Regards,  
Bing Tian