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Dear Councillors,

My wife and are long term residents of [REDACTED] and our adult children also grew up here. We have always used the rec for sport, recreation, children playing and dog walking.

It serves a large and rapidly growing local population as the only public green space with play and sports facilities within walking distance. The next nearest rec with equivalent facilities is a ten minute drive away at London Road and not able to be accessed by unaccompanied children due to the distance and the dangerous roads. Most parents would not want to undertake a 40 minute fume filled walk there either.

Thanington is an area with some deprivation and low income/poverty and to take away the only public outdoor space will leave a large number of young people roaming the streets. Picking an area like Thanington seems like a soft target and wouldn't even be considered in a more affluent middle class area.

The countryside behind the estate has recently been concreted over for housing reducing green space access considerably as well as swelling the local population without any new amenities included, despite the income generation for the council and landowners.

In short this plan is scandalous, ill conceived and rides roughshod over the needs of the local population, any suggestion it is a green option or has any benefits for local residents is cynical and treating them with contempt.

Please object to this proposal.

Yours sincerely

Paul Haith

**Leo Whitlock**

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