

**Helen O'Connor**

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**From:** Leo Whitlock  
**Sent:** 13 October 2025 12:58  
**To:** Consultations  
**Subject:** Fw: Thanington Recreation Ground

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**From:** Simon Thomas [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 October 2025 12:54 PM  
**To:** Leo Whitlock [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: Thanington Recreation Ground

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**From:** Graeme McCredie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 October 2025 12:51  
**To:** Simon Thomas [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Thanington Recreation Ground

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Thanks Simon  
That would be much appreciated  
We very much understand the impossible task of pleasing everyone.

kind Regards Graeme

On 13/10/2025 12:16, Simon Thomas wrote:  
Graeme

Thanks for your email.

Would you like your comments to be included as formal representations to the current consultation on the draft Canterbury Local Plan?

Regards

Simon

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**From:** Graeme McCredie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 October 2025 11:52  
**To:** Simon Thomas [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Thanington Recreation Ground

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Dear Simon and Pat,

Having become aware of resident concerns about the potential loss of the green field playing area in Thanington, I am writing to you to lodge objection to any proposal. Loss of green space/amenity; the recreation ground is seen as the only meaningful open, local recreational green space for the community. It's valued for sports pitches, playgrounds, courts, skate park, etc., and regularly used by many residents including young people and families. Once this green field is "concreted over," it will be lost forever in their view; relocating sports facilities does not compensate for loss of open space, convenience and the character that comes with it. Health, well-being, and quality of life; green space plays a role in mental health and physical well-being. Locals argue this open space is vital for exercise, fresh air, community gathering. For a deprived area, this space is even more important. There is also concern about negative effects during construction. Deprivation and fairness,; Thanington is identified as one of the more deprived estates in the UK. For many residents, the Rec is one of the few free and accessible amenities. Residents feel that losing such a facility adds to inequity; wealthier areas are better provided for, but Thanington already has fewer resources. Planning, traffic, congestion, infrastructure concerns; increased traffic around the site, particularly off the A2, is feared. More car journeys means more congestion. Impact on neighbouring roads; possibly more parking over-spill, additional traffic impacts negatively during the build and once in use. Any benefits cannot compensate for the loss that Wincheap and Thanington community will suffer and do not deserve.

Best Wishes Graeme McCredie  
ReformUK Branch Chair

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Best Wishes Graeme

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