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I wish to register my objection to the planned loss of our Thanington Recreation Field to a Park & Ride proposal for the following reasons.

The Thanington Council housing estate is still amongst the poorest and deprived areas in the country, made worse by the new housing development behind the estate (high costing properties and high end wealth cars Mercadies, BMW's, Aldeas, driving through there estate)

The recreation field is used by joggers, dog walkers, walkers, Football league teams, and now ladies Rugby team. It is also used by families playing with their children, occasional family picnicks and a number of events laid on for the community by the Thanington Neighbourhood Resurce Centre. We have not touched the are area of mental health yet, people from all walks of life have stressful times in there lives. The natural nature of the Rec can have a calming effect helping an individual to think though there issues. This Recreation field is also used by a wider area of the Canterbury community, already mentioned football which includes out lying areas where teams come from.

Dog training is used by many people ( a crucial part of behavior for both owners and dogs to learn to improve society)

The Resurce Centre and the Recreation Field are intertwined in keeping the Thaningtons community on an even keel, stretching the younger members of our community towards a better future.

Your plans show a postage stamp of ground not worthy of any use at all.

Clearly you have not thought this through properly because the loss of the Rec will mean the eventual closer of the Resurce Centre having a busy junction Park& Ride would make going to the resource centre more unpleasant.

Clients renting the meeting rooms (the main source of income to run the Resurce Centre) will not want to hold meetings in an unattractive and busy area.

The A28 road out side the Recreation Field in that area is already fracturing with all the traffic lights, junctions and loading of traffic.

Putting a Park & Ride will be even worse for the area, vehicles are at a stand sill as it stands this will make Canterbury even more unattractive to come to both for working or studying at any of the Universities.

The link road coming off the A2 could be further back thus using only the allotment site and a small corner of the existing Park & Ride.

The Recreation field and Resource Centre intertwined are a vital part of our community and should be protected at all cost.

You really must not destroy our community. Do not move the Park & Ride.

Thank you for your time,

Alan Hollands