

Dear Mr Buckman,

September 22nd

To concrete over Tharlington recreation ground is an appalling idea, however as you say to use the existing park and ride has merit, it doesn't have to be an eyesore a few shrubs or climbing plants can work wonders and cost little to maintain. As custodians its your duty to keep as much green space as possible.

When I was a child the recreation ground belonged to Mr Lilleywhite it was deemed vital towards the war effort so therefore ^{was} ploughed, some years ago the Kentish Gazette published on their letter page a photograph of Nancy Ashenden on her tractor doing just that.

I presume the council bought the land and if so were there any stipulations attached? I enquire because when Mr Quinn bought the top garden he said he planned to build a play area in Larky Valley woods, the woods belonged to neither him or the council, Frank Hooker gave them to the people of Canterbury and the council were to maintain them in their entirety. I'm clutching at straws now in the hope you may find Mr Lileywhite had done something similar.

When the top gardens were first on the market a golf course was planned it was rejected on the grounds

it would bring too much traffic into Hollow Lane, with the passing of time the traffic must have grown to suggest taking the sport from Thanington to Stenton is plain stupid, it would send even more traffic through Hollow

3/ Lane.

It is to feel the people of Tharlington have endured more than enough, for months on end they lived with their homes closed against the dust which still got in, at least they had the recreation ground to go to. Imagine their worry of what may yet to come, they would be subjected to even more fumes than they are now this would be for the rest of their lives how wicked is that? The recreation ground must stay as it is, with growing conflict in the world our food security is unsure we should not rely on countries to feed us our population is now massive to what it was in war time when our Rums didn't eat all day to make the food go round, if it was necessary

if to plough the recreation ground
then it is vital it is available
now.

Yours sincerely,

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