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I very strongly object to the Thanington Recreation Ground being paved over as a Park and Ride for 900 cars.

This is a green area used by local residents for recreational, sports activities as well as dog training, dog walking and the only green space left in our parish.

It's tied to a Lottery funded Resource Centre serving our community for 25 years and should not be expendable together with 9 jobs there too. The area has extensive new housing with young families moved in and it is therefore even more important to the parish that this green space and Resource Centre is retained. The planning document suggestion is that local people use new facilities to be built at Merton Farm area but many people do not have transport.

The current Park and Ride has space for approximately 600 cars and has plenty of free spaces unused each day, so losing 100 spaces to the building of the new link road is unlikely to inconvenience current users.

Is there a planning document from the council providing figures on recent Wincheap Park and Ride usage, CO2 emissions etc. and a forecast with rationale on why 900 car spaces would be needed as against a slight reduction to 500. Since Covid more and more people are doing hybrid working and shopping online, having food delivered rather than going out to eat, where are the additional cars coming from to use the Park and Ride to justify this proposal.

Why is it more important to increase Park and Ride spaces here and take away the use of our only green space.

This development will require further traffic light installation and put pressure on the use of Ashford Road which is already log jammed with resulting increase in CO2 emissions.

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