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**Fwd: Plan to use Thanington Rec as alternative Park and Ride**

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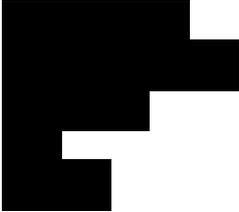
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Thank you  
Wendy

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**From:** Wendy Personal [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 7 October 2025 at 20:11:31 BST  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Plan to use Thanington Rec as alternative Park and Ride

Dear Dane

This evening I was at the Thanington Resource Centre and heard a range of local people of all ages talk about the importance of the Rec to them, their families and friends.

I have lived in Thanington for over 20 years. When I was a new mum I used the mums and babies group and saw my health visitor at the resource centre. We hired the hall for family parties joining with other Wincheap and Thanington friends to celebrate. Our children played in the park.

I have always been impressed by how well used the resource centre is. The football matches, the dog training and the youth club. The combination of the modern building the playing fields is a brilliant resource for a relatively poorly resourced area.

I am lucky to live in one of the larger detached properties however due to the nature of our gardens ball games are not possible. Our gardens slope steeply.

My teenaged son goes to one of the Canterbury grammar schools and therefore has friends from Herne Bay and Whitstable as well as Canterbury. When they meet up in Canterbury they walk up from Toddler's Cove along the cycle path and play football on the field at the Rec. This safe green space gives them a chance to let off steam and is much preferable to them hanging out in the city centre. My son is proud of this local resource that his friends want to visit and spend time in.

I regularly use the park and ride and also drive out of the area for work using the slip road down to the A2. These travel options are a great benefit for the area however losing the recreation fields to improve those is just not justifiable. There must be other options that could be investigated and seriously considered.

Please pass on my email to whoever needs to see it.

Kind regards  
Wendy

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