

Thanington Rec

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Dear Councillor Baldock and Councillors representing Canterbury and surrounds,

We heard with dismay the plans afoot to destroy Thanington Rec. in order to relocate the Park and Ride car park.

Surely it is enough that much wildlife habitat has been destroyed by building new homes in the area, but having allowed the building of the new homes, you now want to take away the only playing fields in the area for both these new and current residents, as well as destroying yet more green spaces and animal and bird habitats.

We regularly go past the present Park and Ride car park in Wincheap and never have we seen it full. We used it ourselves last Christmas with no problems. If your plans are to cut down the use of cars going through Canterbury, think about what this city will be like for people living here with less and less green places to access.

We think one day people will look back at this time of manic building and say, 'What were they thinking of? Why did they destroy all the green spaces that people need in order to thrive in a city?'. People need green spaces for their mental health and children and young people need playing fields for both enjoyment and to keep fit. We need more green spaces, not less. Surely the pandemic taught us that much.

If the government is putting pressure on you, please stand up to them. The South East of England has already changed almost beyond recognition in the last twenty years.

Please consider our opinions

Yours faithfully

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