
POLICY N3 - THANINGTON RECREATION GROUND

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Good afternoon.

I refer to proposal in the Canterbury Draft Local Plan to concrete over our only community green space for a 900 space park and ride at Thanington.

This is the only safe, open area for children to play, families to meet, and neighbours to walk dogs.

Pitches used by local people will be moved miles away, cutting access for many.

Green spaces support mental and physical health: losing them harms everyone.

More traffic means more fumes, right where children and vulnerable people live.

Back in 2008, independent consultants rejected the idea of putting Park and Ride on Thanington Rec.

The proposal will mean reduced access to over 100 trees, vital for clean air, shade in summer, and tackling climate change,

There is NO clear plan as to how this will work, how much it will cost, or the real impact on traffic. No proposal for access into and exit from the car park and no indication of where the bus depot will be located or how the buses will gain access.

The Resource Centre will suffer greatly, and could even be forced to close as more traffic and less green space will reduce community use and income, threatening services that people rely on.

There must be a better way!!! Another proposal should not be to the detriment of existing park. Why not a multi-storey car park at original location and re-designed slip road at Wincheap. This makes far more sense, meeting transport needs WITHOUT CONCRETING OVER THANINGTON'S ONLY GREEN SPACE.

Let's show a bit of common sense.

Kind regards.

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