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## Objection to Policy N3 - Thanington Recreation Ground

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Dear Planning Policy Team,

I am writing to object to Policy N3 in the draft Local Plan, which proposes development on Thanington Recreation Ground. This green space is vital to local residents' health, wellbeing, and community life. It is a much-loved public park, used daily for recreation and social activities, and is closely linked to the Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre, which relies on the space for outdoor programmes and accessibility. The proposed loss of the Recreation Ground is not justified, and no equivalent replacement has been identified. This contradicts national planning policy and the Council's own commitments to health, equality, and green infrastructure. Please remove Policy N3 from the Local Plan, and instead protect Thanington Recreation Ground as a designated open space.

I would add that I live on Saxonfields and I am not against the Park and Ride. I am a walk on passenger everyday for work. I see many empty spaces and wonder if a small multi story car park on the existing sight might be considered. Also, I have seen it suggested that Merton Park could offer facilities but this would be too for for most users particularly the local children.

Yours faithfully,

Louise Cabral-Jackson