
The plans to build a Park and Ride by Thanington Resource Centre

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I wish to raise my objections to the above plans.

The Thanington Centre provides both a unique and valuable service to the local community, of ALL ages!

It was originally conceived through fund raising and grants and is now a successful registered charity. With a solid reputation, nationally and internally and is unlike any other resource in Canterbury.

There has also been a 50% reduction in crime and anti social behaviour. In what is one of the most deprived areas in Canterbury. This is a fact that CCC should be trying to support and take pride in. Not plan to destroy!

There are very few facilities in this city that cater for residents of all ages; particularly children and young people. Whos needs are grossly overlooked by this Council.

Although the plans may not remove the centre, how can it provide the same services if the green space, play area and skate board park disappear. Putting a huge park and ride there, will bring about the demise of the Thanington Resource Centre!

The current park and ride is not fully used now, so why do the Council think we need an even bigger one, which may not be even fully used?

As for the proposed slip road onto the current park and ride, how does the Council think this will work, when cars will need to negotiate the traffic lights, in an already congested area. That's without all the extra car fumes and air pollution, all from the cars stuck at the lights.

The proposed slip road will go where the current park and ride is, so why can't the new park and ride go on land on the industrial estate, or utilise the current car parks, in that area Thus avoiding going into green space around the centre and the need to go through the already busy traffic lights?

The current plans appear to be poorly thought out and with little regard on the impact to the Great Resource Centre, local people, as well as the massive increase in air pollution. Let alone the loss of vital and well used green spaces.

Please rethink this proposal and give some thought and regard to council tax payers and just possible visitors!

Regards a very concerned LOCAL tax payer
Sharon Mills

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