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Good afternoon

I am writing to object to the proposal to steal Thanington rec - offering an inferior alternative site/resources against the best interests of thanington residents. The recreation facilities were gifted to Thanington community and taking that resource because it is convenient for Canterbury council amounts to theft. The provisions offered to compensate are not in the right place nor similar to the site of which Canterbury council wishes to take.

I feel that the current road system at the a2, Morrison site junction is already stressed and further traffic from the slip road from the a2 requires extensive reassessment and redesign. The light formation is excessive in areas, the yellow box is too large and often traffic turns into the a208 to sit in a vulnerable spot for some time. How will extra traffic help this situation?

Driving from our home on [REDACTED] to take our grandchild to school in Sittingbourne takes 50 minutes- 25 of those to do the 1/4 mile to the exit to join the a2. Bringing more traffic to this junction will render this road unusable.

The planned slip road could take a similar design to the brenley corner style of filtering one complete lane for this exit, meaning a shorter lane and not requiring taking the recreation ground.

The current underused park and ride parking are could be made to be two storey if necessary- I'm not convinced of this being needed.

The exit could be only for park and ride, and when full traffic sent to the next junction and other underused park and ride.

There are numerous options which would be cost effective without stealing the lungs of thanington. I find it puzzling that a recent council document points out the benefits of the rec, however does not mention that there is a plan to steal this site. Make your mind up - is it an ongoing asset or not?

The chalk stream pollution risk has not been reduced in any way with the proposal of the plan. David Attenborough speaks of the worlds limited chalk streams and Canterbury council are at strong risk of polluting and destroying one by their decisions and actions.

I would expect the council to review this matter and explore an alternative solution that does not destroy an important facility and natural environment with their solution which has numerous flaws.

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