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Dear Consultations Team,

I wish to formally object to the current Draft Local Plan on the grounds that it is fundamentally unsound due to its failure to properly address infrastructure delivery and developer accountability.

My key points are:

Infrastructure Failure: The plan is building housing without proving that existing infrastructure (schools, GPs, hospitals) can cope. This imbalance is making life in the district unsustainable. Housing targets must be immediately linked to a binding, scheduled delivery of necessary public services.

Developer Non-Compliance: The Council is failing to enforce Section 106 agreements. The Saxon Fields (Thanington Park) development is a prime example: where are the promised school, hospice, and additional medical provisions? I demand a public update on the timeline for these obligations.

Misguided Priorities in Thanington: I strongly oppose the proposed use of the only local green space in Thanington for a car park. This is poor common sense.

I urge the Council to redirect funds (e.g., those earmarked for unnecessary slip roads) toward a genuinely needed community asset, such as a medical centre, which would directly benefit local council tax payers.

The Local Plan requires a complete rethink to ensure it is infrastructure-led and protects existing communities.

Kind Regards,
Mark Gooding