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I am writing to you all to express my deepest upset and anger to hear of the proposals to turn Thanington recreational grounds (also known as the rec and/or the playing field to many residents here) into a park and ride. There are many reasons why this should NOT go ahead: Being a former resident for 26 years in Thanington and with my parents whom still happily live here, I have spent many enjoyable, memorable days playing in this field. Both as a child with my siblings, extended family and friends to now having these wonderful experiences here with my own 4 year old son and my 2 nephews aged 10 and 13. We spend so much of our time in this recreational ground - it is a safe place to go both after school and during school holidays to burn off their endless energy. This huge green space gives them their own free space to express themselves, have fresh air, socialise and keep fit and healthy which is so important for their mental health as well as my own. We spend much time playing football, golf, tennis, doing running races and just having fun. This recreational ground plays such a significant role in giving all the young children/teenagers, youth residents a place to go - a place to just be themselves and most importantly play! Having worked in education with children for twenty years now - I have learnt that PLAY is vital for children to grow, develop and thrive to their full potential. Having a green space near by gives many parents who live and visit here a place to encourage our children to go and play - it gives them a break from screen time (tablets/phones ect) which is such a huge catalyst for children just staying home these days.

The field also plays a huge part in the lives of Thanington's older and elderly generations. A place to walk, have a picnic, walk your dog, run, exercise and meet people. It is also worth mentioning that it is a beautiful place through all seasons of the year. I take my son and nephews out in all weathers here too, come rain or shine, we play in the Rec 😊
SAVE OUR REC!!!!!! and continue giving children a place to PLAY as-well as supporting the MENTAL HEALTH of all generations of Thanington!!

Thank you
Yours sincerely
Emma Allard

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