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I am writing to object to the council's proposal to relocate the Wincheap Park & Ride facility onto Thanington recreation park. Whilst I believe that the Park & Ride has always been poorly located, the loss of Thanington's only public green space, purely on financial grounds, must not happen.

I have lived in the Wincheap and Thanington areas since 1970 and in my current home since 2000. Thanington, as far as I am aware, is in the top 10% of deprived areas in the UK and yet the council proposes adding to that deprivation. How thoughtless is that?

Thanington recreation park provides a vital physical and mental asset and coupled with the good work of the Resource Centre the local community has enjoyed a 50% reduction in local crime. Surely, nobody would allow that progress to be put at risk.

On a personal level, my home is among several on the Western boundary of Thanington recreation park and would be directly affected by the proposal to relocate Wincheap Park & Ride onto the park. It would appear foolhardy to propose a Park & Ride facility having a residential boundary where there would be obvious concerns over fumes, noise and light pollution.

I recall that a scheme similar to the current proposal was junked some years ago - the current proposal should go the same way.

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