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Thanington Recreation Ground policy N3

Do not build a park and ride on this essential space.
Thanington has become a real close and positive community and the community centre and the Rec are what has improved the social needs of the area.

The rec is a **safe place** near homes for the youngsters. Suggesting going as far as the top of the Merton development isn't an option.

I suggest there is enough space to **double deck** the present Park and Ride with a **raised extension** over the old adjacent allotment site. This would avoid problems re flooding and protection of wildlife.

Merton Park N1

This is a huge area and the orchards and fields have been a wonderful local asset for all the existing surrounding housing areas.
I am concerned re the **scale of housing** and want to see more open space . I would refer you to Morden SW London where, in spite of massive new housing for LCC workers 100 years ago, there are large free areas for walking , sports and other activities.
 As Canterbury gets larger this must be planned in for **future proofing** with much **larger open spaces** than seems to be on your plan. As a member of Canterbury Country Paths Group who use this area regularly.

The **orchards** are a haven for wildlife and birds- many of them rare . I propose keeping at least part of the orchards as an area of biodiversity which can be offset like carbon neutral ideas.

Re **Access.** How do you propose access from Victoria road ? or do you mean cycle and walking which happens already.
How are you planning for traffic in Hollow Lane . The word is **Lane** .
I suggest a Park and Ride could be beyond Stuppington Lane with access on and off the A2 bypass.

Provision of **affordable** social housing is needed and isn't realised in present developments.

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