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Dear Planning Policy Team,

I am writing to object to Policy N3 in the draft Local Plan, which proposes development on Thanington Recreation Ground.

This green space is vital to local residents' health, wellbeing, and community life. It is a much-loved public park, used daily for recreation and social activities, and is closely linked to the Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre, which relies on the space for outdoor programmes and accessibility. I myself walk my dogs here daily as do many others as it is the only nearby green space in thanington.

The proposed loss of the Recreation Ground is not justified, and no equivalent replacement has been identified. This contradicts national planning policy and the Council's own commitments to health, equality, and green infrastructure. The existing park and ride the other side of the A2 is rarely if ever used to capacity being only half full at the busiest.

Please remove Policy N3 from the Local Plan, and instead protect Thanington Recreation Ground as a designated open space.

Yours faithfully,
Charlie Cook
Thanington resident