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To whom this may concern,

I am alarmed at the news that consideration is being given to developing Thanington Recreation Ground into a Park and Ride car park. The fact that the Rec is the only piece of green space left for the community for this part of Canterbury to use. All other spaces have been developed/ sold off for housing. Thanington has been, in my opinion disproportionately, heavily overdeveloped in recent years without any developer seemingly addressing the abstract misery that the local residents are having to contend with. The A28 road from Milton Manor roundabout through to Wincheap is already at a standstill for best part of the day, even without the constant roadworks that seem to set up with increasing regularity.

To now increase the volume of traffic using this road is incredulous for the sake of an important and much needed community space.

As public servants holding public office, I believe you are there to protect local communities, and this proposal does not show any regard to local community life.

I think that there is a place in society for Park and Ride services, however to have one less than 1 mile of the city walls has and never will make any sense. Developers should be made to fund a Park and Ride site well outside the City to promote the health and well-being of those they are building for as well as those who are currently residing in the area.

I think that the proposal for a Park and Ride site being re-sited, to the Rec, for the provision of a slip road off the A2 is an abhorrent testimony as to how the Canterbury Council Leaders consider the residents of Thanington.

This proposal needs to be rejected, as it was in 2008, and the Recreation ground needs to be safeguarded from all future attempts to develop- a much needed and important area of green space for the local population who you are there to represent and protect. The draft local plan states that "*the sports pitches will be re-provided as part of the comprehensive sports hub development within the Merton Park scheme*". Thanington Recreation ground is more than just sports pitches -it is part of the community life of the area.

Kind regards,

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