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**From:** Graham Page [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Consultations  
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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to strongly object to the proposed plan to turn Thanington Recreation Ground into a 900 space park and ride.

This recreation ground is the only safe, open area for children to play, families to meet and people to walk dogs.

Pitches used by local people would be moved miles away, cutting access for many.

Green spaces support mental and physical health, losing them harms everyone.

More traffic means more pollution where vulnerable people and children live.

Looking back to 2008, independent consultants rejected the idea of putting a Park and Ride on Thanington Rec.

It would mean reduced access to over 100 mature trees, vital for clean air, shade in summer and tackling climate change.

Canterbury City Council hasn't explained how this scheme will work, how much it will cost, or the real impact on traffic.

What of the future of Thanington Resource Centre? More traffic and less green space will reduce income and community use, threatening services people rely on.

There may be support for better transport solutions, but not at the cost of destroying our only park. A multistorey car park and redesigned slip road at Wincheap makes more sense, thus meeting transport needs without concreting over a green space.

Regards.

Mrs Patricia Smith  
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