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Dear Sir or Madame,

I would like to express my serious worries and anger at the possible plans and discussions for Thanington Recreational Park to be turned into a car park.

Having grown up on Thanington Estate I understand how crucial this green space and facilities that stand there are for the community. Yes, that's right — a real-life community where people still check in on their neighbours, have Saturday night bingo, hang at the rec, and unfortunately still rely on the generosity of a food bank. Your attempt to concrete over the rec is a sorry and sad example of how little you — and KCC — value community. And, your misunderstand of how much the people of Thanington value the rec

A place for the old to walk their dogs, the young to meet for a kickabout, the stressed to come for a breather, the sick to sit and touch grass; for families to celebrate and teens to fall in love with sports.

In a world so overconsumed by cars, grey, sadness and a lack of togetherness, the Thanington Without should be without is a recreation ground. This recreation ground.

My parents still live here and over the years we have seen the green spaces disappear — the football fields, the paths I'd run as a teenager to get some headspace, the trees My father grew up opposite and the birds my grandma used to greet.

Please do not get rid of this green space.

Yours sincerely,
Samantha Marshall
Grew up on Thanington estate, playing on the rec