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To whomever it may concern.

Please find enclosed messages written to you or dictated by residents of Thanington.

This reflects their views on the future of Thanington Recreation Ground and gives reasons why they wish it to be preserved.

I hope you understand that for some of the Residents, this is the only way that they could express themselves to you and you should recognise their efforts.



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Book of Thanington

October 2025

I think its important to save the recreation ground for the residents of Canterbury, Thanington and Wincheap.

It was created for the population to provide safe spaces for sports and recreation.

It meant a great deal to me as a child growing up in thanington.

I walked in it, played sports, walked the dog and watched the football games.

That was no easy option as it was 45mph speed limit and NO crossings

This spaces is too precious to concrete over!

It is so important to save the resource
Centre, we need it for the community.

The community centre and rec have
been a massive part of my families
lives for the 20 years I have lived
here. It is heartbreaking that future
generations may not benefit from
this beautiful open space and
the support the centre provides.

We need to save our rec because this is
a key part of our childhood and beer round
for generations from



Bob & Jan Nippe, [REDACTED]
Please keep our priceless green space -
playing fields. This makes absolutely
no sense!

Karen & Phil [REDACTED]

What madness is this. When things don't
make sense it usually means someone is up
for a fast buck ☹️ boo.

We should save it because of all the
good memories.

We should save the rec because of all it
does for the community.

to play football Archie I like The
Grass.

My social
savage.

We need to save our community space. It has been here for decades the rec brings us young kids a place of joy and comfort →

love the thannintong kids/gang ♡

Save our rec we ~~at~~ need it for our future and our kid and many more after that it have made a enormous impact on our ~~the~~ lives its the most important now because more kids spend inside
So I believe you should save the rec
↳ thanghton kid's ☺ ♡

We need to save the Rec because if we get rid of it no children will go out and have fun and my whole childhood will be gone and I will have no where to go. if it goes so save the Rec its has a massive impact on everyone life so save it now!

I have lived in thanington for my whole life and i strongly believe being with my friends on the ~~the~~ rec has shaped the person i have become today i believe as i become older i should be able to teach the younger generation all i have learned this is where my rugby career began and i hope for many young girls to learn aswell. This space truly shaped alot of my families lives and memories Save our rec and the future of Thanington!

I've lived on [REDACTED] for over 20yrs. When my children were young I came to mums + babbies group + saw the health visitor avoiding having to drive over to Kingmead area, we hired the hall for parties with other families. My teenage son now uses the rec to meet up with friends from other areas when they come to Canterbury - much preferable to them hanging out in the city centre. We so need this amenity. [REDACTED]

I have lived here for 69yrs and this open space is and has been my open space for all of this time. To concrete over is ridiculous when the existing site is NEVER full and the ground it replaces is under used with space available [REDACTED]

We have lived in Thurnington for 25 years and it is clear that the recreation ground and Resource Centre are vital to the wellbeing of the community - a community known to be in the top 10% of deprived areas in the UK. We strongly object to any attempt to deprive the community of such an asset.

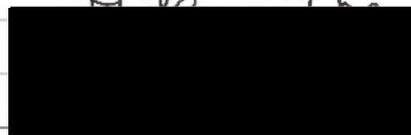
Open spaces are vital to mental health, this rec is the only space the community in Thurnington have. I have been using this space for 22 yrs with my children and now my grand children.

Our young family plays football and rugby on the field; our friends take their dogs for walks on the field; we also see football clubs and dog groups using the field. Please don't restrict the field or build a car park larger than Wincheap Park and Ride on it.

Why is important to save the recreation?

- The only open space in Thornton.
- Open space for our children to play and socialise.
- Converting the rec to a car park would be devastating for our children, wild life and our future as a community.

There is a large housing estate in Thornton and before the rec. was as it is now there was nowhere for children & adults to come for play or exercise. Since it has been here & since the Resource Centre was built it has resulted in a much more cohesive & united community. Please reconsider using this lovely site for a park. The area would be poorer without it.



As a [REDACTED] Resident, one of the reasons we chose to move here was the large open green space, if this is turned into a park we will lose a wonderful space that brings the local community together.

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Money was given to the Thanington Rec.
as mitigation for the Cockerig
Road development.

This will go to waste with
No Recreation ground

This playing field and green space is absolutely essential
for all the local residents. At a time when green spaces
are being promoted for mental health as well as physical
health the loss of this beautiful space would do great
damage.

There are plenty of other spaces further out along the
Ashford Rd which would be suitable and not take this
essential space away from Thanington's residents.

Please urgently re-consider your plan.

THE REMOVAL OF THE RSC & RESOURCES
CENTRE IS COMPLETELY ABSURD. THE ONLY
GREEN SPACE FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
IS VITAL & WILL BE A HUGE NEGATIVE
IMPACT.

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My name is Thomas Price I lived here 33
years & the resource center has
been the most significant change
to the local area before it
was terrible to take this away
would kill things

I Think We could save the REC
Beacuse It is So important to the
Children of Thanington it Promotes a
healthy Lifestyle. **SAVE The REC!** -
Charlie, Thanington Recourse Centre.

8/10/2025

my NAME IS CAROL HERRON "OAP"



I WOULD LIKE

TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO THE RESOURCE
CENTRE AND GROUNDS AT THANINGTON I CANNOT

BELIEVE THE COUNCIL IS PROPOSING TO TAKE
OVER THE RECREATION GROUND FOR A
DLOOMING PARKING ISSUE THIS GROUND IS OUR
"ONLY" GREAT OUTDOOR SPACE. IT IS

ESSENTIAL THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS RE-THOUGHT
AND OVERTURNED I USE THIS SPACE TO
RE-WIND AND RECHARGE MY BATTERIES
PLEASE RE-CONSIDER



No-one knows this, but many years ago I was in a very dark place. I was on the way the way down the field heading towards the bridge on the A2. Let's just say I was on the way to 'end it all'. I mean I had nothing to live or give. But..... As I passed the centre, someone was sitting outside, and that's it, I'm still here because of that person/centre. This centre has saved so many people's lives. Canterbury City Council what the hell are you thinking?

Penny Harris [REDACTED]

Where can I walk my dog? The park is taken away?

I come to the Rec to clear my head and on significant days to me, to think and remember my families.

My boys loved coming to play on the Rec. Playing football and flying their kites.

The Centre's youth clubs where my children came allowed me to have a break and some me time. They have autism - ADHD and this was vital.

We don't need a car park. build a multi storey instead

Aaron Ryan [REDACTED]

The traffic lights at the top of 10 perch Rd are currently ill suited for a slip road.

The park and ride is at most at half capacity.

Why not run the slip road through the often empty part of the park and ride and replace the traffic lights with a roundabout.

Seems like a better solution than paying over the lost green space we have left.

The green space is a sanctuary for the local children this needs to be taken into consideration.

Keep the green space - it is essential for well-being for the community
The roundabout suggestion is a much better solution.

Liz Reed. Friends + Family Forget Me NOTS

Green spaces are vital in this area and are becoming rapidly depleted. The community around Thannington reserves centre NEEDS this facility and its green area to serve the needs of the community.

Please do not turn this into a Park and Ride it will be noisy / dangerous and polluting and will only serve those coming into Canterbury and not those who live and work here.

It would be a very sad turn of events if the proposed changes came into being. I urge you to consider a full range of alternatives

As a Thanington resident I was alarmed and dismayed to hear that the TRC open green space may be covered in concrete as a new park & ride site.

This is totally unnecessary.

The existing park + ride site is well used to a max of 50-60% leaving the $\frac{1}{3}$ by the A28 almost always empty. If part of the current site needs to be used as an exit from the A2 then shifting and better utilising the existing site would be a far better use of funds and environmentally far better thus retaining a rare green space and recreational resource.



The green space is too important for residents and groups who travel to thanington to be built on, especially for a park and ride with such a big car park already, that isn't used to full capacity!

The green space is well used when I visit for my monthly visit. Its a lovely setting for visitors and it would be a lot noisier & congested. We are losing so many green spaces in the area, that this would be ~~a~~ a great loss for all the community.



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I work for the local Mental Health NHS Trust.
I support the Forget-Me-Nots, a local group for
people living with dementia.

The green space is vital for us to use and to
be surrounded by.

Additionally, I am the mother of 3 boys, all
use the green space for sport and activity as there
is little large green space similar to this in
Canterbury city.



For 13 years I have run groups
for people with dementia at
Thurington Resource Centre. The green
space has enabled us the chance
to get out and walk as well
as contributed greatly to the
pleasantness of the building and the
members of the groups wellbeing.
I am also a local resident and
have used the NR for birthday
parties for my children as well
as playtimes and also walking.