
Regulation 19 Draft Local Plan Consultation (2026): Merton Park and Thanington Recreation Ground

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Good afternoon CCC

Merton Park and Thanington Recreation Ground

I am a resident of Wincheap, South Canterbury and have key concerns about the draft proposals for property development on the areas known as Merton Park and Thanington Recreation Ground. I understand the current deadline for representation is 18th May 2026. I trust my points will be given due consideration.

'Soundness' of the development proposal: Inadequate sewage system

I understand from other, aborted, development schemes in the Canterbury area that the state of the sewage system does not allow for further large scale construction. Without this very basic need being adequately rectified it is hard to see that any development at this time can be 'sustainable' or 'sound'.

Depriving a local community of access to free health benefits

Both of the areas in question need to be retained as open spaces, providing opportunities for community sport (as at Thanington Rec) and simply walking in a stress free environment along the (designated) footpaths around 'Merton Park' fields, as many South Canterbury residents do. Outdoor green areas should not be reduced but retained, to encourage a healthy, active population.

With kind regards,

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