

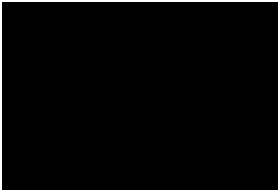
## Planning

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 March 2026 15:08  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Ref no: TP/ED/26/0104

I wish to object to the proposed construction of a school at Whitegates Park, Lenzie.

I am:



My reasons for objecting are as follows:

**1, Traffic issues.** My understanding is that the new school would be primarily accessed via Initiative Road. However, I believe streets in the surrounding area, eg Middlemuir Road, Woodside Road, Douglas Avenue, Laurel Avenue, Monkland Avenue, Parkview Avenue/Court, will be adversely affected by traffic at the beginning and end of the school day. These are all narrow, residential streets which, in my view, are unsuited to large volumes of traffic. The junction off Lenzie Road which leads to Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre is often severely congested now without adding access to a secondary school. The roads around the current Academy, eg Beech Road, Cedar Drive, Elm Avenue, are badly affected by congestion at these times and I predict this would be made worse by the narrow, twisting nature of the roads in the vicinity of the proposed site.

**2. Contamination.** This site was rejected for the construction of the special needs school which was built in Waterside, Kirkintilloch. I understand Whitegates Park is still contaminated. Why, then, is it now suitable for the construction of a school?

**3 Ecological impact.** I have read an ecological report on the proposed site. It talks of a 61% wet woodland loss, 77% lowland fen loss, 60% broadleaved woodland loss, 61% tree removal and an adverse residual effects for bats and birds. How can such an impact be acceptable?

**4 Loss of open space.** Whitegates Park is a much-loved and well-used space which I understand is designated in the Local Development Plan as open space of regional or neighbourhood importance. Lenzie has precious few such spaces which are very important for maintaining physical and mental health.

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March 3rd, 2026.