

Comments for Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104

Application Summary

Application Number: TP/ED/26/0104

Address: Whitegates Park Middlemuir Road Lenzie East Dunbartonshire

Proposal: Erection of a secondary school including road access, landscaping, car parking, sports pitches, recreational areas and associated development.

Case Officer: Fraser McNair

Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I wish to object to the proposed development. My objection is based on the following material planning objections:

Loss of Greenspace & Inequitable Mitigation: It is essential access to nature for local residents and the health and wellbeing benefit that this provides. It is one of the only freely accessible greenspaces in this part of Lenzie. The proposed mitigation-creating a park a mile away-is inequitable and reduces accessibility for local residents and those with mobility issues. It will also take decades for the newly planted trees to reach the same level of maturity as in Whitegates Park. Removing parkland in a town with a deficit of provision directly conflicts with NPF4 Policy 20 and negatively impacts on the health and wellbeing of local residents.

Increased Flood Risk: The park currently acts as a natural sponge. Replacing permeable space with hard surfaces increases runoff. SEPA maps classify parts of the site as having a 10% annual flood risk. Building over this land risks displacing floodwater directly onto adjacent properties.

Contamination Risks: Council reports confirm severe contamination, including heavy metals, carcinogens, and asbestos. Disturbing and repurposing hazardous materials on-site, mere metres from existing homes, poses an unacceptable public health risk.

Unjustified Site Selection: The consultation asked only about a new school in principle, not the location. The report confirms site-specific objections were deemed outwith the remit and excluded from support levels. This cannot justify overriding Local Development Plan protections for open space.

Biodiversity impacts: The development would permanently remove nearly all existing, mature green space, habitat, and trees from the site. These established natural features provide far greater ecological value and cannot be realistically recreated within the restricted footprint of a school campus.

It is for these reasons that I request the application is refused.