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OBJECTION TO THE PLANNING PROPOSAL TO BUILD THE NEW LENZIE ACADEMY ON THE SITE OF WHITEGATES PARK

due to the large scale of the new building , which is for a 1400 capacity and will be more than 1 STOREY HIGH.

1 The proposed site has toxic contaminated ground beneath which will unnecessarily be uprooted and disturbed in a major way

I object to the proposed New Build at Whitegates Park on the following grounds:

FULL and not Partial Remedial REMOVAL , proposed by E.D.C., of toxic elements is required to make the site safe now and in the future, for pupils and residents nearby

A Plinth is NOT SUFFICIENT.

2 This site was not deemed safe, viable and too costly, several years ago for a 400 pupil capacity school.

Anevidence based Surveyors Report initiated through the Council confirms this.

Yet for a larger scale build it's now deemed to be so!

3 The increased risk of flooding if such a large building is sited there, to the nearby neighbourhood residential properties as the park currently has standing water issues.

4 The Consultation process was flawed . Most of us only found out about the plans by accident as was on social media or EDC website.

I'm totally blind and like many over 65's do not communicate this way. Many don't have digital access or

knowledge either so didn't get the opportunity to air our views at the start of the planning proces. We didn't have a voice. on this extremely important neighbourhood issue.

There's also a detremental environmental & health impact.

The Council did not make us fully aware of all facts / findings in earlier relevant Reports made. They weren't open and transparent with us when making decisions adversely affecting constituents.

5 Rebuilding on the current Academy site is a Cleaner , safer and less costly option with easily accessible transport links already in place. Why relocate?

There's a Conflict of interest. The Council appear to be motivated by profits & land values, instead of those which benefit constituents.

6 Whitegates Park is a well used local Community open Green Space, designated in the Local Development Plan & part of the Green Network.

It's used by Community football groups, walkers, joggers , dog walkers and it was a near and safe place for me to "free run" my guide dogs.

This proposal means absolutely no Green Space left for us nearby.

Those of us with disabilities or mobility issues can't safely or easily accesthe suggested new proposed green area at Myrtle Ave due to distance,busy roads without Controlled Crossings. It's not a safe viable option.

Woodhead Park also is surrounded by linking publicpathways which may no longer have open access.

