

Comments for Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104

Application Summary

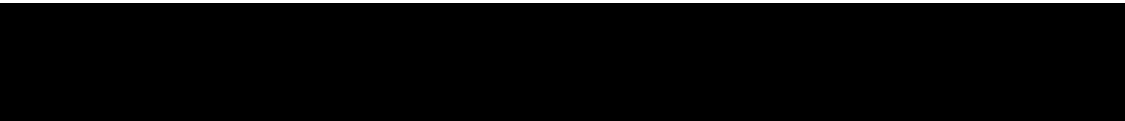
Application Number: TP/ED/26/0104

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



Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Although I am in favour of a new Lenzie Academy I strongly object to it being located on Whitegates Park for the following reasons:

IMPACT ON NEARBY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

The visual and noise impacts on nearby residential properties is significant and extremely intrusive.

Nearby residential properties will look onto a 4-storey high large modern school building on an area that is currently open, low-rise parkland.

The Noise Impact Assessment acknowledges that sports pitch activity may raise noise levels by up to 10 dB above evening background noise levels approaching 9pm. According to the Sport Scotland guidance referenced within the report, increases of this magnitude constitute a substantial adverse impact. In addition, the assessment assumes oodlit pitch use until 9pm.

INADEQUATE BIODIVERSITY MITIGATION AND CHANGE OF USE

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 the school campus.

I understand the mature trees in the park are now under a Tree Preservation Order. This should

be given serious due consideration in the review of this planning application.

The latest Technical Note confirms that Myrtle Avenue will come forward as a separate major planning application, rather than as secured mitigation linked to Whitegates Park. This material change undermines reliance on Myrtle Avenue to justify the current proposal.

For these reasons, I ask that the application is refused.