

Comments for Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104

Application Summary

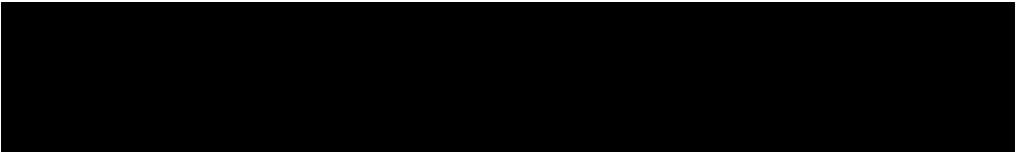
Application Number: TP/ED/26/0104

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: I write to formally object to the proposed relocation of Lenzie Academy to Whitegates Park. I believe East Dunbartonshire Council's (EDC) decision is fundamentally flawed for the following material planning reasons:

1. Conflict with Development Plan & Loss of Protected Open Space

Whitegates Park is a designated protected open space. Building on it directly contradicts the Local Development Plan, which requires such spaces to be preserved unless no viable alternative exists, a case that has not been made. The Committee resolved on 3 February 2026 to make a Tree Preservation Order covering Whitegates Park, with statutory consultation to follow. This decision is a material consideration and must be taken into account in the assessment of this application.

2. Contamination & Public Health Concerns

The site is affected by contaminants from the historic town gas plant, with developer reports confirming the presence of lead and carcinogenic chemicals in the soil. The proposed remediation strategy, to reuse this hazardous soil beneath the school building, is directly at odds with the same reports that state the material is too hazardous for standard landfill. This presents an unacceptable risk to public health and the environment.

3. Unacceptable Flood Risk & Policy Non-Compliance

The site is a known flood risk area. Building here contravenes both the "Clyde Valley Flood Action Plan" and EDC's own "Surface Water Plan (112040018)," which explicitly advises: "Applying strict planning policies to avoid new developments in high-risk flood areas." EDC is proposing to move a school from a low flood risk location to a high-risk one, a site historically known as the Loch of

Kirkintilloch. The site drains into the Luggie Water and then the River Kelvin, which already requires flood defences. Climate change will exacerbate this risk; Aviva predicts over double the properties in Scotland will face surface water flood risk by 2080.

I request that EDC refuse this application.