

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 wish to object to the planning application affecting Whitegates Park. The proposal would result in the loss or severe reduction of a vital community green space that has served Lenzie residents for generations.

Whitegates Park is one of the few accessible, safe, and centrally located open areas in Lenzie. It is used daily by families, young people, older residents, and dog walkers. Removing or restricting this space contradicts East Dunbartonshire Council's own commitments to protect green spaces, particularly where provision is already limited.

The park plays an essential role in supporting children and young people. It offers a safe, informal environment for play, exercise, and social interaction at a time when concerns about youth wellbeing and physical inactivity are increasing. No proposed alternative matches the accessibility, size, or safety of the existing park.

The development would also cause significant environmental harm. Whitegates Park contains mature trees, wildlife habitats, and green corridors that contribute to local biodiversity. Building on this land would destroy habitats, reduce natural drainage, increase surface water runoff, and diminish local air quality.

Traffic and safety concerns are also substantial. The area around Lenzie Academy already experiences congestion, especially at school dropoff and pickup times. Additional traffic and parking pressure would increase risks for pupils, pedestrians, and residents, and the application does not adequately address these issues.

Residents have repeatedly expressed strong opposition to losing this park, yet many feel their concerns have not been meaningfully considered. The proposal also fails to demonstrate why this specific site is necessary when alternatives could be explored.

For these reasons-loss of valued green space, environmental damage, increased traffic risks, and inadequate justification-I urge the planning authority to reject this application. Whitegates Park is an irreplaceable community asset that must be protected.