

Comments for Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104

Application Summary

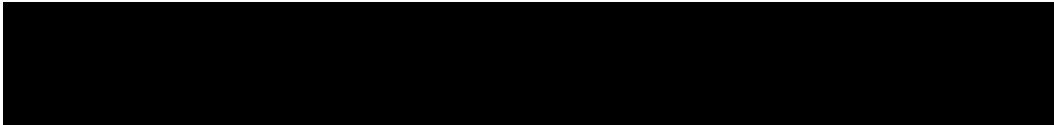
Application Number: TP/ED/26/0104

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: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: As a person who is registered disabled (I am partially sighted), I have concerns about the proposed development of the new Lenzie Academy.

I have significant concerns about transport, infrastructure and site suitability.

The surrounding road network has major congestion, especially around school times. Pavements are narrow, crossings are limited and there is already pressure on parking. Key junctions are already queued at busy times. A secondary school of this scale would intensify these issues and the formal drop off area is likely to worsen the situation, creating a bottleneck at that roundabout. There is a real risk of overspill drop off and parking into nearby residential streets, which would worsen existing congestion and affect road safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. There are numerous areas where traffic is likely to build up to an unworkable level.

Public transport connections in the immediate area do not effectively serve the likely school catchment. This undermines the sustainability of the proposal.

A 1,400-pupil school assumes sustained high demand despite fluctuating roll projections, discretionary intake and recent catchment changes. Building to this scale on a constrained site risks over-provision and the permanent loss of protected green space without clear evidence of enduring local need. Further to these problems, Whitegates Park also has long-standing issues related to drainage and ground conditions. These concerns raise questions about whether this is an appropriate site for a major school development.

The recent Technical Note confirms a change in approach to Myrtle Avenue, which is no longer being progressed as secured off-site mitigation within the Whitegates Park application, but instead as a separate major planning application. This represents a material change that affects how mitigation and policy compliance can properly be assessed at this stage.