

Comments for Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104

Application Summary

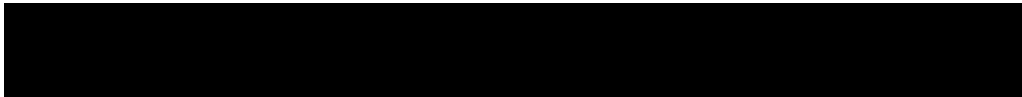
Application Number: TP/ED/26/0104

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 object on the grounds that this development will negatively affect the health and wellbeing of local residents through increased noise, air, and light pollution which would not only occur during the construction phase and daily school operations, but also in the evenings and weekends. It would also place additional strain on surrounding residential streets, in particular Middlemuir Road, Woodside Avenue, Laurel Avenue and Monkland Avenue with increased traffic flows and congestion which will lead to reduced road safety, increased pollution levels and a noticeable decline in residents' quality of life. The significant rise in pedestrian activity would likely result in more littering. I have serious concerns that the development would exacerbate existing flooding risks, placing additional strain on already stretched drainage infrastructure and raises questions about the site's suitability. The loss of this highly valued park and protected green space would remove an important resource for the health and wellbeing of both local residents and the wider community. The proposal does not adequately safeguard biodiversity, and the resultant removal of trees (protected by a Tree Preservation Order) would harm local protected wildlife, including deer, bats, and many bird species through the destruction of their natural habitat. I have serious concerns about the well documented toxic soil contamination at the site and the potential risks this poses to pupils, staff, and local residents. It is unclear to me what has changed since the council's 2018 decision to reject a previous school build on this site due to toxic contamination levels. The proposal is inconsistent with EDC's Local Development Plan and UK policies on Green Belt and designated open space, as well as broader commitments to protect such areas. The preferred access routes for drop offs/pickups are clearly unrealistic, with the afore-mentioned (and adjacent) streets undoubtedly in line to become highly congested.