

# 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:

### POLICY CONFLICT & LOSS OF PROTECTED SPACE

Whitegates Park is designated open space forming part of the established Green Network and protected under Policy 17 of the LDP2, the Open Space Strategy.

If this application seeks to reclassify Whitegates Park from protected open space, it is procedurally unsound. The LDP2 designation remains in force, and any change of use must be made through a formal amendment process, subject to consultation and examination. Attempting to bypass this process via a planning application would conflict with the planned system required under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and NPF4.

Whitegates Park is used daily by local residents for walking, recreation and general wellbeing. Losing this space would remove one of the only accessible areas of green space in this part of Lenzie. The proposed mitigation - creating a new park a mile away - is inequitable and does not replace the well-established, mature green space that is central to our community's health.

The proposal would remove a large area of public parkland in a town that already has a deficit of public park provision, directly conflicting with NPF4 Policy 20, which requires development not to exacerbate deficiencies in green infrastructure.

While 're-provision' of paths is mentioned, the proposals would reroute access around the school

and remove the open, informal routes people currently use across the park.

The loss of the existing grass football pitch also reduces local sports and recreation provision for the community.

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