

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

Name: [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: The site of the proposed new build is unsuitable for both pedestrian and vehicular access. Building a school on the fringes of a busy bypass, with access on the bypass, and with a supermarket directly across the bypass will lead to unnecessary, avoidable danger from fast moving (despite the speed limit) traffic for those children who try to cross the road before school or at lunchtime to buy sweets or sandwiches. The surrounding area, with Garngaber Road, the bypass, traffic from the Woodilee Estate is currently a traffic choke point which any new school in the area will exacerbate. In short, a huge amount of traffic between 7.30 and 9 am on any given school day. No thought has gone into traffic management and no consultation with residents in this area who are aware of these issues has been sought.

The decision to build a school on the only usable green space for the local area, safe for children, pets and the elderly and used extensively for leisure activities, which contains important wetlands, trees, wildlife, sports facilities, coupled with the plan to "replace" this green space with a "park" of some sort a mile away on the existing site at Myrtle Avenue, which is a stone's throw from a multi acre LNR is, by any standards, mystifying.

Simple arithmetic shows that it's clear that the existing site has more than enough space for the planned rebuild based on the existing plans which will reduce the footprint of the existing building and provide enough space for the necessary parking, sports facilities and landscaping. Any new plan proposing to build over 3 stories would create even more space on the existing site. A tandem build and or the decanting of pupils during the rebuild is clearly possible as this has been done with at least two fairly recent school rebuilds - St Ninians and Kirkintilloch High.

Whitegates Park was rejected as a site for the new school eventually built in Waterside. Nothing

has changed. And why disrupt two communities unnecessarily ?