

# 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 strongly object to the proposed new school for the following reasons:

- a) I live on the road directly across from the leisure centre (Parkview Avenue) and the traffic is currently abysmal at the end of leisure centre lessons, thanks to the terrible junction on Kirkintilloch Road. I can only imagine how much more worse it will be if the proposed back gate route is implemented.
- b) Nowhere in the plans has any consideration been given to a crossing on Initiative Road, given that the new Aldi would be the closest shop to the school and IT IS ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEED THAT KIDS WILL BE RUNNING ACROSS A BUSY "A ROAD" at lunch time. Putting up a fence won't stop them, as it isn't stopping people now; there's a gap that people have been using because the alternatives are either walk all the way along the railway line to the Woodilee and double-back along pavement-less roads, or walk through Woodhead Park and double-back up Loch Road. It's only a matter of time before someone is killed and building a school there only increases those chances.
- c) By the council's own admittance, the land is polluted and requires extensive and expensive clean-up, and frequent monitoring afterwards. I used to play on the land when I was wee, building bike tracks back in the 80's after the gasworks were torn down, and digging up the soil back then revealed bright orange soil a foot down; the burns through the area were just as orange. The burn that remains at the back of Monklands Avenue is still bright orange.
- d) I am deeply distrusting of the behind-the-scenes shenanigans and the secrecy that the council is employing regarding plans for Myrtle Avenue. Other high schools in the district have been rebuilt

on the same land, including two in Kirkintilloch, so what is different about Myrtle Avenue, other than the prime real estate? Yes, the current council are on record as saying that THEY won't build housing, but in the same breath they said that subsequent councils might. It reeks of corruption.