

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: I wish to object to the proposed Lenzie Academy at Whitegates Park based on the following material planning objections:

Loss of Greenspace & Inequitable Mitigation: I and many residents use this park daily for essential access to nature. It is one of the only freely accessible greenspaces in this part of Lenzie. The proposed mitigation-creating a park a mile away-is inequitable and reduces accessibility for those with mobility issues. It will also take decades for new trees to mature. Removing parkland in a town with a deficit directly conflicts with NPF4 Policy 20 and negatively impacts local health and wellbeing.

Increased Flood Risk: The park acts as a natural sponge. Replacing permeable space with hard surfaces increases runoff. SEPA maps classify parts of the site as having a 10% annual chance of flooding. Building over this land risks displacing floodwater directly onto adjacent properties.

Contamination Risks: Council reports confirm severe contamination, including heavy metals, carcinogens, and asbestos. Disturbing and repurposing hazardous materials on-site, mere metres from existing homes, poses an unacceptable public health risk.

Traffic Congestion & Road Safety: Surrounding roads already experience significant congestion and parking pressure at peak times. A large secondary school would make these issues worse and create additional safety risks for pedestrians.

Noise Pollution: Proposals include floodlit sports pitches with assumed use until 9pm. The Noise Impact Assessment models specific match scenarios but does not fully assess the potential effects

of regular evening use, spectators and associated activity on nearby residential amenity.

Biodiversity Impacts: The development would permanently remove nearly all existing, mature green space, habitat, and trees. These features provide far greater ecological value and cannot be realistically recreated within the restricted footprint of a school campus.