

# 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 write to formally object to the above application as the loss of a protected open space as allocated in local development plan 2. Its development for a large secondary school ( with building, pitches, parking, access road) would result in substantial net loss of multifunctional green space used daily for informal recreation, walking, sports and nature. This conflicts with LDp 2 policies protecting open spaces from inappropriate development unless robust replacement is provided ( which appears to be lacking here.) This is an established park with meadows, mature trees, hedgerows, wetlands and public rights of way. NPF4 policy 12 requires protection and enhancement of green infrastructure.

Construction and permanent use would fragment habitats, remove vegetation, and disrupt wildlife corridors. Red listed species such as Mistle Thrush and Dunnock are using this site. This contravenes NPF4 policy 3 ( biodiversity) and LDP2 green network policies.

Highway safety and traffic will also be impacted as increased pupil/staff/visitor traffic on middlemuir rd and the new access from the new Deafblind roundabout would exacerbate congestion and safety issues on already busy local roads. Sustainable transport links are limited, potentially increasing car dependency contrary to NPF4 sustainable transport policies.

I request refusal on these grounds. I am available to discuss or provide further information.

Yours sincerely

