

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:

FLAWED CONSULTATION PROCESS

The Council's statutory consultation does not demonstrate public support for building a school at Whitegates Park. The consultation question asked only whether people supported the idea of a new school in principle, not whether they agreed with the location.

The Consultation Report itself confirms that many "Yes" responses were conditional ("yes, but not at this location") and that "many of the comments against the proposal are in relation to the proposed site (Whitegates Park)".

It also states that all comments about the site were deemed outwith the remit of the consultation and therefore not evaluated in determining overall support levels.

The outcome cannot therefore be relied upon as evidence of community support for development on Whitegates Park, nor can it be used to justify overriding Local Development Plan protections for designated open space.

The local consultation conducted by Susan Murray MP, which demonstrated overwhelming public opposition to the proposal, has been disregarded by the Council.

The proposal requires full scrutiny through the planning system, where the suitability of this specific

site must be assessed for environmental impact, policy compliance, accessibility, loss of public open space and alternatives.

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