

# 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: I wish to formally object to the proposed planning application for the development of the new school on this site.

The proposal would remove one of the last remaining green spaces in the area. This land currently provides an important open environment for families, children, and residents to walk, play, and spend time outdoors. With the poor quality and limited number of play parks locally, this green space acts as a valuable and much-needed informal recreational area and a sanctuary for the surrounding community. Losing it would significantly reduce accessible outdoor space and negatively impact local well being and biodiversity.

There are also serious concerns regarding access and traffic. The proposal to use Middlemuir Road as an access route is unrealistic and potentially dangerous. The road is already narrow, with limited capacity, and it is often difficult for two vehicles to pass safely. The surrounding residential streets are not designed to accommodate the additional traffic that a new school would generate, particularly during peak drop-off and collection times. This would inevitably lead to congestion, safety concerns for pedestrians and children, and increased disruption for residents.

The current academy site already has the infrastructure and footprint capable of supporting a phased redevelopment. A staged development on the existing site could allow for modernisation while maintaining continuity of education and minimising disruption to both students and the local community. Reusing the existing educational site would be a far more logical and sustainable approach than sacrificing valuable community green space.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the planning authority to reject this proposal and instead

prioritise redevelopment of the existing academy site.