

# Comments for Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104

## Application Summary

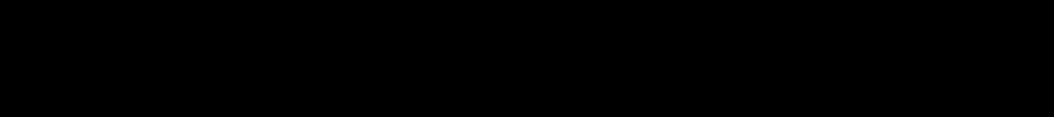
Application Number: TP/ED/26/0104

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 wish to object on the following grounds: this development will negatively affect the health and wellbeing of local residents through increased noise, air, and light pollution which would arise not only during the construction phase and daily school operations, but also in the evenings and weekends. It would also place additional strain on surrounding residential streets, including Middlemuir Road, Douglas Avenue, Laurel Avenue, Woodside Avenue, and Monkland Avenue with increased traffic flows and congestion which will lead to higher pollution levels, reduced road safety, and a noticeable decline in residents' quality of life. Furthermore, a rise in pedestrian activity is likely to result in more littering. I have serious concerns that the development would exacerbate existing flooding risks, placing additional strain on already stretched drainage infrastructure. This raises questions about the site's suitability and the long-term sustainability of the proposal. The loss of this protected and highly valued green space would remove an important resource for the health and wellbeing of both the local and wider community. The proposal does not adequately safeguard biodiversity, and the removal of trees (protected by a Tree Preservation Order) would harm local protected wildlife, including deer, bats, and many bird species through the destruction of their natural habitat. I have serious concerns regarding soil contamination at the site and the potential risks this poses to pupils, staff, and nearby residents. It is unclear what has changed since the council's 2018 decision to reject development on this site due to toxic contamination levels. The proposal is inconsistent with Local Development Plan policies on Green Belt and designated open space, as well as broader commitments to protect such areas. The proposed access arrangements are unrealistic and the afore-mentioned (and adjacent) streets will become the primary drop off/pickup locations, increasing congestion.