

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: To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed planning application to build Lenzie Academy on Whitegates Park. My objection is based on the following key concerns:

1. Health and Safety Risks: Whitegates Park is built on former landfill with hydrocarbon plumes, methane, and potential lead contamination. Constructing a school here poses serious risks to pupils and staff.
2. Traffic and Community Safety: Increased traffic from construction and daily school operations will endanger local residents and make the site unsafe for children traveling to and from school.
3. Environmental Impact: The development would destroy important green space, sports facilities, and wildlife habitats, diminishing recreational and ecological value for the community.
4. Financial and Practical Viability: Remediation of the site would require significant expenditure on gas mitigation, soil management, and long-term monitoring. Previous expert assessments identified Whitegates Park as "unviable," while Myrtle Avenue offers safe, ready-to-build land.
5. Governance and Community Concerns: The council's apparent prioritisation of housing development on the former site, despite clear community opposition, suggests a lack of transparency and disregard for resident input.

For these reasons, I urge the council to reconsider the current proposal and pursue alternative sites, such as the current site on Myrtle Avenue, which are safe, viable, and in the best interests of students and the community.

Thank you for considering this objection.