

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: As a former pupil of Lenzie Academy and a resident of Douglas Avenue in Lenzie who regularly uses Whitegates Park to walk and exercise my dog, I am very disappointed to hear about the proposed plans for a new school on this ground. The green space around Lenzie has already shrank immeasurably over the years, and there are now very few spaces left to walk uninterrupted by busy roads. This is exacerbated by the lack of planning consideration to pedestrians through the lack of underpasses or bridges over Initiative Road.

I am objecting to the proposed development at Whitegates Park due to profound environmental, climate, biodiversity, and social equity concerns. Whitegates Park is designated open space forming part of the established Green Network and protected under Policy 17 of the LDP2, and the Open Space Strategy.

If this application seeks to reclassify Whitegates Park from protected open space, it is procedurally unsound. The LDP2 designation remains in force, and any change of use must be made through a formal amendment process, subject to consultation and examination. Attempting to bypass this process via a planning application would conflict with the planned system required under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and NPF4.

The development would permanently remove nearly all existing, mature green space, habitat, and trees from the site. These established natural features provide far greater ecological value and cannot be realistically recreated within the restricted footprint of a school campus. The proposal would remove a large area of public parkland in a town that already has a deficit of public park provision, directly conflicting with NPF4 Policy 20, which requires development not to exacerbate deficiencies in green infrastructure.

I urge the Committee to reject this application and call for a full reassessment of viable, sustainable alternatives that do not compromise public health or community integrity.

Best wishes,

