

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 formally object to the proposal to build the new Lenzie Academy on the Whitegates Park site. While I fully support the need for a modern, high quality secondary school for our young people, the choice of location is deeply flawed & poses significant, long term risks to the community.

Whitegates Park has a complex history, including previous land uses that raise legitimate questions about soil quality & contamination identified in earlier ground investigations. Proceeding is an unacceptable gamble with public money & community wellbeing.

The existing Myrtle Avenue site, by contrast, is proven to safely support a large school building & associated infrastructure.

Whitegates Park is an accessible green area in Kirkintilloch used daily by families, dog walkers, children & sports groups.

Building here would permanently remove a community asset that cannot be replaced & impact the local nature network. In a time when councils should be protecting green space, this proposal does the opposite.

The proposed site would significantly increase traffic pressure on surrounding residential streets, many of which are narrow & already congested.

The Myrtle Avenue site benefits from established walking routes, safer drop off patterns & decades of proven accessibility for pupils.

Constructing on a site with hazardous ground conditions risks spiralling costs, delays & potential remediation expenses, which will once again hit the tax payer.

The existing school site avoids these risks entirely & ensures that more of the budget is spent on educational facilities rather than land problems.

Rebuilding on the current site allows the council to deliver a state of the art school without sacrificing green space, environmental damage & creating new traffic hazards.

It is the option that best serves pupils, families & the wider community.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the council to reject the proposal to build on Whitegates Park & instead pursue redevelopment of the existing site.