

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: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am appalled, once again, with the decision of East Dunbartonshire Council to proceed with their attempt to build a replacement school for Lenzie Academy on green and recreational land.

I should initially add that the site of the so called Whitegates Park is not in Lenzie but is part of Kirkintilloch and whilst not within the old burgh boundary, is attached to Kirkintilloch on three sides including the old Monklands to Kirkintilloch railway line which does not go through Lenzie, at any part, north of the main Glasgow to Edinburgh railway line.

Loss of public parkland

Whitegates Park is approximately 68,000 square metres of public green space currently used for recreation by the local community. Building the school there would permanently remove this parkland.

National Planning Framework 4 policy

Scotland's National Planning Framework 4 (Policy 21 - Play, Recreation and Sport) states that development which results in the loss of public open space such as parks should only be approved if the planning authority can demonstrate that the space is no longer required or that an equivalent or better replacement will be provided.

If the school is built at Whitegates Park, the community risks losing both the public park and the current Myrtle Avenue school site if that land is later sold or redeveloped.

Community consultation responses

Previous consultation responses recorded significant concern from residents about building the

school on Whitegates Park and the permanent loss of a large area of public green space.
Risk of losing two community assets.

The site has already been deemed unsuitable for building on by SERPS after EDC had attempted to build another school on the site which ended up in Waterside on another open space which has now been eliminated from the green/recreational space in Kirkintilloch.

This elected members do not have the capabilities to listen to what the residents want as well as being incompetent in the financial running of the council.