

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 have grave concerns over the Whitegates site for the proposed new Lenzie Academy. It is wholly unsuitable on many grounds.

Environmental impact.

Building on contaminated ground.

Multiple environmental studies have found the land to be toxic. Whitegates was a potential site school for pupils with special educational needs. It was deemed unsuitable due to the ground contamination. It doesn't magically disappear. This was less than a decade ago. Nothing has changed so why does EDC think that it would ?

Why are they proposing to churn this ground, exposing residents to potential short and long term health issues associated with this and exposing our young people to these toxins every day?

This also comes at a cost - the budget for the project has sky-rocketed to make the site fit the remit.

Impact on wildlife and loss of local green space. The delicate local ecosystem relies on the local wildlife, flora and fauna. Losing this and protected species would be heartbreaking. We need our open space for physical and mental health. Concrete jungles and sick buildings are not the answer.

I have concerns about the increased traffic and congestion on Initiative Road. This is already very busy, dangerous road, add in the school run traffic and children and this could be a recipe for disaster. The roads around the proposed site are simply not designed for that sort of through traffic and parking is a joke.

Why is the redevelopment of existing school site not the preferred option ? Local infrastructure set-up. Minimal local impact. Cost, minimal environmental impact, no loss of local green space.

Minimal impact on local business.