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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Planning  
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Proposal: New Lenzie Academy build- Whitegates Park Lenzie.

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I wish to formally object to the above planning application proposing the development of a school on the existing public green space at Whitegates Park.

The proposal represents an unjustified loss of established open space that currently provides important recreational, environmental, and community value. Local green spaces form a critical component of sustainable urban planning and should be protected unless it can be clearly demonstrated that they are surplus to requirements or that there is no reasonable alternative site available.

The application appears inconsistent with the principles of sustainable development and the protection of public open space set out in both national and local planning policy. Established green spaces contribute significantly to community wellbeing, biodiversity, urban cooling, and surface water management. Their removal would have a permanent and irreversible impact on the character and environmental quality of the area.

In addition, the proposal raises significant concerns regarding increased traffic generation, road safety, and parking pressures within the surrounding residential streets. School-related vehicle movements during peak hours would likely exacerbate congestion and pose safety risks for pedestrians and cyclists.

Furthermore, it is unclear from the submitted documentation whether a robust sequential site assessment has been undertaken. Planning best practice requires that previously developed, i.e. existing site. or brownfield land should be prioritised ahead of the development of valued greenfield or open space sites. The loss of publicly accessible green space should only be considered as a last resort and must be supported by clear evidence that no reasonable alternatives exist.

The proposal also fails to adequately address the cumulative environmental impacts associated with the removal of green infrastructure, including the loss of trees, wildlife habitat, and natural drainage capacity. PL23 within Plan 14 showing full removal of trees in red graded area. This area is currently overlooked by residents at Larkfield Road.

For these reasons, the proposal does not represent appropriate or sustainable development and conflicts with the wider objectives of protecting community assets and maintaining accessible open space.

I therefore respectfully request that the Planning Authority refuse this application and require that alternative sites be fully explored before any consideration is given to the development of this valuable green space.

Yours faithfully,

