

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 made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am writing to express support for planning application TP/ED/26/0104 for the development of a replacement Lenzie Academy at Whitegates Park. As a parent of one child due to join S1 this year, and another in the future, I have a strong interest in ensuring that our children have access to high quality educational facilities that are fit for purpose. The proposal represents a welcome and necessary investment in the future of local young people.

The existing Lenzie Academy building dates from 1960 and has been identified by the Council as its last remaining legacy secondary school requiring replacement. The current building faces significant challenges and is clearly not fit for purpose. It is well below the standard being provided in other secondary schools in East Dunbartonshire and without a replacement our children will continue to be left behind.

The proposal therefore represents an important opportunity to deliver a modern, energy efficient, purpose-built educational facility that better supports learning, wellbeing and inclusion for pupils and staff.

Whilst there are community concerns regarding the potential loss of green space at Whitegates Park, an evidence-based feasibility and site selection process considered multiple sites within the catchment area, concluding that Whitegates Park is the only viable option capable of accommodating the scale and facilities required, including sports pitches, parking, and outdoor learning space.

In this case, the long-term community benefit of a modern secondary school clearly represents a reasonable and necessary trade-off.

The proposal aligns with NPF4 Policy 18 (Infrastructure First), Policy 14 (Design, Quality and Place), and Policy 2 (Climate Mitigation and Adaptation), delivering essential educational infrastructure in a high-quality, sustainable design.

Investment in modern school facilities is an investment in our children's future. I respectfully urge the Committee to grant planning permission.