

# Comments for Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104

## Application Summary

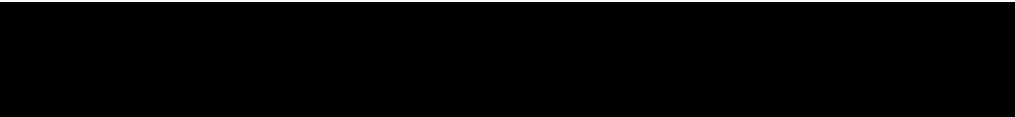
Application Number: TP/ED/26/0104

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 am writing to formally log my objection to the proposed development of the new Lenzie Academy at Whitegates Park. While I support the need for modern educational facilities, Whitegates Park is entirely unsuitable for a development of this scale for the following critical reasons:

**Severe Ground Contamination:** The historical use of this site as a gasworks means the ground contains highly toxic substances, including lead, nickel, and hazardous ground gases. A previous feasibility study in 2018 correctly deemed this site unviable for a school due to these exact hazards. I am deeply concerned that disturbing this ground poses an unacceptable risk to local residents, future students, and the local water table, and that the millions of pounds required for remediation represents an irresponsible use of public funds.

**Loss of Vital Open Space:** Whitegates Park is a highly valued, long-established community asset. Developing this land completely destroys a mature green space essential for the mental and physical well-being of residents in Kirkintilloch and Lenzie, violating local policies aimed at protecting open green networks.

**Ecological and Wildlife Impact:** The site supports a rich ecosystem, including active deer populations, bats, and several bird species of conservation concern. The destruction of mature woodland and natural habitats directly contradicts commitments to preserving local biodiversity.

**Traffic Congestion and Road Safety:** The surrounding residential roads-including Hazel Avenue, Laurel Avenue, and Middlemuir Road-cannot safely accommodate the massive influx of school traffic, coaches, and pedestrian footfall. The proposed pedestrian access points will create severe

bottlenecks and unsafe conditions on narrow residential streets.

For these reasons, I urge the planning board to reject this application and instead direct investment toward cleaner, safer, and less disruptive alternative sites.