

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

## Application Summary

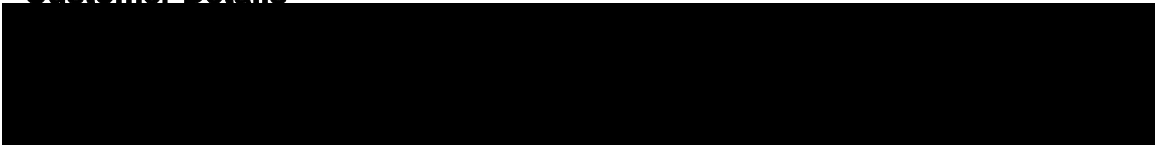
Application Number: TP/ED/26/0104

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 strongly object to this planning application.

The new School can be built in tandem on the existing Myrtle Ave site as has been done elsewhere.

The proposal was deemed UNVIABLE according to the soil reports on Whitegates Park in 2018 (this report was not given to voting councillors in 2022). The park has 4.5 metres of peat.

Whitegates is a flood risk area (residents on Woodside Avenue already experience frequent flooding), and removal of trees will make this worse.

Whitegates is contaminated due its previous use as a dump. Remediating the contamination will take £4.8 M at the very least of council tax payers' money which could be better spent elsewhere.

How does destroying Whitegates Park fit with the Scottish Government's green initiatives, when so much greenery, wildlife and ancient trees will be lost? As well as the opportunity for adults and children to play sport, walk their dogs and maintain their wellbeing by walking in the park and being outside.

How can all this be replaced by a new park at Myrtle avenue, which is already close to Lenzie Moss so hardly needed by residents of that area? How big would such a park be, and how much of that land would be used for new housing. It is well known that the Myrtle Avenue site has already been valued for housing.

The Council's estimated number of cars using the area around the drop offs appears very low for a school with 1400 pupils, many of whom do not live in Lenzie. Where does this data come from? What about Douglas Avenue and Woodside Avenue?

Secondary school children walk to and from school along Middlemuir Rd already. They are frequently blissfully unaware of traffic, walk 3 or 4 abreast into the road or walk with headphones on. It will be dangerous for Middlemuir residents to take their cars out of their drives at busy times with so many more children and could cause considerable delay getting out or danger to the children walking there. I would be very surprised if accidents/injuries do not result.