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Planning Department,
Land Planning and Development
Southbank House
Strathkelvin Place,
Kirkintilloch,

3-7-2026

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Dear Sir,

In regards to your letter received 22 June 2026 concerning the proposed new parkland, open space, sport, woodland and wetland areas, I would like to make the following comments.

- 1) As this park would be immediately behind our house at [REDACTED] our premises and several of our neighbours' premises would be extremely susceptible to being broken into or vandalised.
- 2) Tared paths going around the park would encourage youths to bring their electric bikes and scooters into the park in order to whizz up and down, disturbing us and the wildlife.
- 3) The park would be an ideal place for youths to gather at dusk and have drink/drug sessions, leaving their litter behind, endangering the wildlife. At least at the present day, the Academy gates are locked at night.
- 4) The proposed pond and bog may cause problems in bordering gardens.
- 5) The parkland and recreational area would require a lot of upkeep to keep it under control. At this very moment East Dumbarton Council is not even able to take care of Regent Gardens.

The area of Regent Gardens bordering the main street is full of dandelions and another part is filled with Russian Vine which grows uncontrollably, whereas most towns have lovely flower displays, exhibiting civic pride.

(b) The present Kenzie Academy is in an ideal site, close to bus stops, the train station and food shops. All of these amenities are utilised by the schoolchildren whereas the Whitegates site is less accessible and has no shops nearby to purchase snacks.

Refurbishing the present Academy would be an easier and less expensive option and this solution would also avoid teachers and pupils suffering from illnesses resulting from the contaminated ground at Whitegates.

Yours faithfully,

