

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

Name [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: While I support the need for a modern secondary school, I believe that the proposed site is unsuitable and that the development would have significant negative impacts on the local environment, infrastructure, and community.

Loss of Established Public Green Space

Whitegates Park is an important and well-used public green space that provides recreational, environmental, and wellbeing benefits to the local community. The permanent loss of this parkland would remove a valuable community asset that supports outdoor activity, mental health, and social interaction. Once lost, this green space cannot realistically be replaced.

Conflict with Planning Policy Protecting Open Space

National and local planning policies generally prioritise the protection of established green spaces and recreational land. Development on such land is typically only supported where there is clear justification and where no reasonable alternatives exist. In this case, the proposal appears to conflict with the principle of safeguarding community green spaces.

-Environmental and Biodiversity Impact

Whitegates Park contains mature trees, natural habitats, and supports local wildlife. Large-scale development would inevitably result in habitat loss and disturbance to biodiversity. At a time when both national and local governments are promoting biodiversity protection and nature recovery, the loss of an established green space appears inconsistent with these objectives.

Climate and Environmental Sustainability Concerns

Urban green spaces play a key role in carbon storage, cooling urban environments, improving air quality, and supporting climate resilience. Removing a substantial green area for development

would reduce these environmental benefits and contribute to increased urbanisation of the area.

This is to name a few issues I have. I shall also be sending an email with more reasons I object.