

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 wish to formally object to the proposal to construct the new Lenzie Academy building on the Whitegates Park site.

Whitegates Park is an important green space for the local community. It provides accessible recreational space for residents, families, and young people, and contributes to the character and environmental quality of the area. Building on this site would result in the permanent loss of valued open green space that is currently used by the wider community.

While it has been suggested that trees will be planted and a new park created on the site of the current Lenzie Academy building, this does not justify or adequately compensate for the loss of an established and well-used public park. Whitegates Park is already a mature green space with existing trees, wildlife, and community use. Replacing it with newly planted landscaping elsewhere does not replicate the environmental value or the role the park currently plays for local residents.

I am also concerned about the likely increase in traffic and congestion in the surrounding residential streets. A development of this scale will generate significant additional vehicle movements at peak times, creating safety risks for pedestrians and cyclists and placing further pressure on roads that are already busy.

In addition, the park currently provides environmental benefits, including supporting local wildlife and contributing to urban green infrastructure. Development would inevitably reduce these benefits and diminish biodiversity in the area.

There are also concerns regarding the rising costs associated with this project. With increasing

financial pressures on public services, it is important that major developments represent clear value for money and do not place unnecessary strain on public finances. The escalating costs raise questions about whether this proposal is the most responsible or sustainable option.