

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

## Application Summary

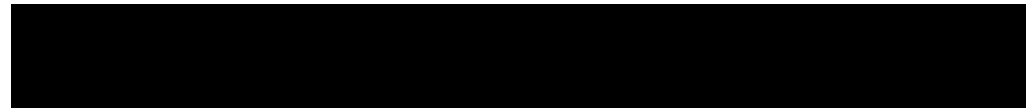
Application Number: TP/ED/26/0104

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 made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: The current school facility has reached a state of critical failure that transcends mere inconvenience.

Structural instability is a present danger; my daughter was nearly struck by masonry falling off the wall highlighting that the building is no longer a safe environment for children or staff.

Chronic issues with water ingress and heating failure are directly sabotaging educational outcomes. The destruction of IT equipment and the inability to maintain a habitable temperature make the current site unfit for purpose under modern educational standards.

The current cohort has already endured the systemic disruptions of COVID and austerity. Forcing them to remain in a dilapidated facility, or rebuilding on the current site would force them to endure years of onsite construction noise and disruption, it would be a failure of our duty of care toward their development.

While the site is technically designated as 'Whitegates Park,' its practical utility to the community has historically been negligible. This site has functioned as underutilised waste ground rather than a functional community asset. Repurposing it for a high school development transforms a neglected space into a high-value civic hub.

The site sits at the geographical heart of Lenzie's catchment area, perfectly bridging the established town with the newer Woodilee residents.

The location of Whitegates offers opportunities for Active Travel compared to alternative or

existing arrangements. Its central position encourages active travel, directly supporting local & national climate targets by reducing school-run congestion.

For Lenzie to remain a desirable place for young families, high-quality academic spaces are essential. This school is the leveling up that this demographic desperately requires and deserves.