

# 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: I want to object to the proposal of relocating Lenzie Academy to Whitegates Park.

The proposed site of Whitegates Park is Unviable. In 2018, this was the outcome of official ground reports & site appraisals for the ASN school, and concluded W.P. is "UNVIABLE" without massive, expensive cleanup for toxic waste & unstable ground.

(Mason Evans 2018, ASN Site Appraisal 2018)

This was again outlined by EDC in 2021: "A loss of open space within the settlement of Lenzie is not considered viable given the existing pressure for provision & loss of community amenity. Additionally, the loss of a neighbourhood park of this standard and potential would not be acceptable in planning policy terms." (Planning service ASN site options Appraisal - March 2021).

W.P. is an important area of local ecology. In 2018, a direct ecology report stated that "The Whitegates site was found to be a diverse habitat, currently used as public parkland. It supports several bird species of conservation concern (e.g. willow warbler, mistle thrush) & provides foraging for pipistrelle bats (a European Protected Species). At least 24 trees were identified as having bat roost potential"

The process for this proposal also has to be questioned. In 2022, council officers recommended our local councillors vote for W.P. as the "preferred site" without full disclosure of all relevant documents ( PNCA/077/22/AB). Councillors voted "Yes" without being told the site was already rejected by their own experts.

There is a hazardous waste problem in an area of W.P. In 2025, EDC admits there is a £4.8M

"hazardous waste" problem (technical note to council 2025 - EDC/061/25/FR).

Instead of removing all the poison, they plan "Partial Remediation"-meaning they want to build a school on top of toxic waste rather than cleaning it all.

This is unacceptable. We cannot send children to a school where a "Partial" toxic cleanup has taken place.

I urge you to please reconsider. Thank you very much for your time.