

East Dunbartonshire Council  
Planning Department  
Land Planning and Development Department  
Southbank House  
Strathkelvin Place  
Kirkintilloch  
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Dear Ms Holland

**Ref TP/ED/26/010**

10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

I wish to record my strongest possible objection to the proposed location of the new Lenzie Academy, which I understand is to be built on Whitegates Park.

I have been a home owner (and council tax payer) in Kirkintilloch and Lenzie since 1970 and I think the current plan dismisses the objections of the local residents, undermines the residential character of the surrounding area, violates a much-used green space and raises concerns about traffic flow and safety issues.

Please consider the following points

**Unjustified Expansion**

Is the expansion to a 1400-pupil school justified given that some sources are projecting a falling birth-rate? How many of the places are being provided for placement of pupils from outside of East Dunbartonshire?

**Lack of consideration of Impact on Local Residents**

The increase of noise and exhaust pollution from the vehicles idling when uplifting and dropping off pupils will be in contravention of modern green planning initiatives.

The increase of traffic will destroy the peace and quiet in an area renowned for the tranquillity enjoyed since the homes were first built in the early 1930s. This will change the whole character of the area and will impact on property prices.

### **Inadequate Consultation/ Lack of Knowledge of Local Area**

To the astonishment of local residents it appears that the decision makers, who will be committing millions of pounds of our money to this project, have never visited the site! They are not familiar with the surrounding road layout and have not foreseen the bottlenecks. There does not appear to be adequate data about impact on Hazel Avenue, Laurel Avenue and Middlemuir Road.

### **The “Hole in the Wall” Access**

According to planning documents this will serve as a pedestrian cut-through!

A narrow opening over a culvert on a bend in the road! An accident waiting to happen!

The route most likely to be taken to the “Hole in the Wall” is via Hazel Ave, Laurel Ave or Middlemuir Road. These are narrow residential streets not designed to accommodate the volume of traffic that will inevitably use them.

### **Change to Amenities and Risks to Environment**

Whitegates Park is a much-loved and well-used local amenity with pedestrian pathways along old railway line giving access to Sports Centre in Kirkintilloch Restaurant in Lenzie, Woodilee Village with its Post Office, the new Aldi Supermarket, Deafblind Scotland Headquarters, and countryside walks further afield to Chryston and beyond. The possible provision of a green space on site of old school would not be an adequate substitute for these leisure and exercise opportunities currently enjoyed by young and old and their canine companions. The Whitegates Park football pitches would disappear.

Flooding has been an issue in this area and is likely to get worse due to climate change. This view is upheld by reputable insurance companies such as AVIVA. SEPA's flood maps and historical records contradict the developer's assessment of this issue.

I implore you to give full consideration to the above points and refuse the application.

Yours Sincerely

