

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

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: that the pitch at WP will be replaced as a result of the inferred park at MA for reasons I have already outlined.

It is disingenuous of the applicant to claim there will be no reduction in the overall playing capacity in the area as a result of the proposal and that relocating the WP pitch over a mile away results in that location qualifying as an equally convenient location for users. The applicant provides no such evidence that this is the case and merely subjectively speculates that it will be.

I don't dispute that it will be suggested the proposed pitches are available for let but dispute, as a result of information released to me by the council demonstrating the number of times the current LA pitches are available to the public, that the proposed pitches will be available to the public, as has happened, despite assurances from the council, at the Woodland View ANS school.

The applicant again relies on criteria A of LDP2 policy 13 to justify the loss of the formal football pitch at WP. "Suitable replacement and enhanced facilities are provided in a location that is convenient and accessible for users" and "off-site mitigation measures from an open space perspective" at the MA.

As previously rehearsed I believe it is unreasonable for the applicant to claim that the inferred park provides a suitable replacement for the reasons I have previously outlined.

In relation to NPF4 policy 3 I disagree with the applicant's claim that a full understanding of the existing characteristics of the site has been established or that it has been demonstrated that the proposal will conserve, restore and enhance biodiversity, including nature networks.

The applicant's own Ecological Impact Assessment PL 50 confirms the proposal does not deliver the significant biodiversity enhancement required but the applicant dismisses this as insignificant.

The applicant states that "Habitat loss is expected" page 19 of several