

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: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object strongly based on environmental impacts and loss of designated open space and have serious concerns about the potential flood risk to the area and contamination levels in the soil should a build be approved.

[REDACTED] I have direct experience of the incredible variety of wildlife which relies on the park. The range of bird species, including many amber listed birds, mammals and amphibians all visit my property on a regular basis and their loss would be devastating.

The Ecological Impact Assessment (ECIA Feb 2026) confirms that the development will permanently destroy irreplaceable habitats of local importance. This directly conflicts with NPF4 Policy 3 (Biodiversity), which requires major developments to conserve, restore and enhance biodiversity and leave nature in a better state.

The impacts on Protected and Priority Species as identified in the ECIA also raise concerns regarding compliance with the Habitats Regulations, the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, and NPF4 Policy 4 (Natural Places).

Destruction of Whitegates Park is environmental vandalism.

Whitegates Park is very well used by the local community and is designated in LDP2 as Open Space of Neighbourhood Importance (OS139). It allows children access to safe play and cycle spaces and there is no suitable alternative which can be accessed without crossing busy roads and as such putting younger children in danger.

At a time when access to nature is being promoted on physical and mental health grounds, it's loss would be devastating and would conflict directly with; NPF4 Policy 11 (Play, Recreation and Sport) and LDP2 Open Space policies.

[REDACTED] I also have serious concerns about children and staff using a proposed building sitting atop an area of contaminated land.

For the reasons outlined above I respectfully request that East Dunbartonshire Council REFUSE Planning Application.