

Comments for Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104

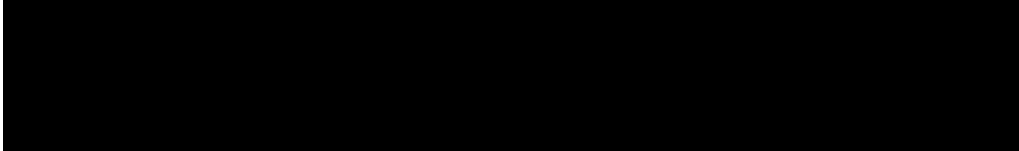
Application Summary

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: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to the proposed development of a new school on Whitegates Park. The park is a vital, accessible green space used daily by residents of all ages, valued for recreation, wellbeing, and community activity. It is protected open space in local plans.

The proposal would remove a significant area of parkland in a town already short of green space, directly conflicting with NPF4 Policy 20. The recent change to the Myrtle Avenue mitigation-now a separate application-means mitigation is no longer secured and cannot be relied upon.

The development removes a wellused playing field without a likeforlike replacement, contrary to national guidance. Public access to paths is not guaranteed, with no commitment that routes will remain public and permanent.

Whitegates Park forms part of the Green Network and is protected under LDP2 Policy 17. The proposal contradicts local planning principles that prioritise brownfield development and the protection of open space. Alternative sites have not been adequately explored. An emerging Tree Preservation Order is a material consideration.

If the application seeks to reclassify the park, this is procedurally unsound. Any change of use must follow a formal plan amendment process. The site also has a history of contamination, including asbestos, and no independent remediation plan has been published.

Residents feel excluded from the consultation process, and a replacement park a mile away does not address the loss of established routines or habitats. The scale of the proposed buildings would significantly alter the character of the area. Predicted sports pitch noise-up to 10 dB above

evening background levels-would cause substantial adverse impacts, especially with use and floodlighting until 9pm.

I urge the Committee to reject this application and require a full reassessment of sustainable alternatives that protect public health, open space, and community integrity.