

# 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: Evidence of such investigation is not apparent to me in the proposal plans and supporting documents.

The applicant acknowledges the proposal site is a known flood risk area, that significant Peat lies beneath most of the ground which forms the surface of the park and there is a high water table. My own research informs me that when the high water table is added to the equation it creates ground conditions that make the site extremely unstable and not suitable to build on. I have read nothing in the applicant's plans and supporting documents that reassures me that measures proposed will reverse this risk. The precautionary principle clearly applies in this case i.e. long term safety over risk of irreversible impact.

I am aware a report assessing the proposal will be prepared by the Planning Case Officer (PCO), outlining what are considered by the PCO to be all the material considerations applicable to the proposal, for presentation with recommendations and possibly planning conditions to the Planning Committee (PC) at a future date.

A great deal of commentary is provided by the applicant in this proposal in relation to the site selection process and the arrival at the proposal site as the preferred option. In consequence the site selection process and all related documents and records are material considerations in this proposal. Having considered the publicly available material and documents obtained as a result of information requests I question the appropriateness and robustness of that process and in consequence object to the selection of the proposal site as the only viable option for a new LA. There are a number of documents which relate to planning and fairly and reasonably refer to this proposal but which are not referred to in or submitted with the applicant's proposal.

I am surprised by this as these documents are held by the council and are material considerations in this proposal e.g. Mason and Evans 2018 ground investigation report, page 2 of several