

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: A site previously deemed unsuitable for a special needs school should never have been considered as the site for the Academy.

The reasons it was not used are still relevant. The measures needed to deal with the problems come at a massive cost and major logistical problems.

Whitegates Park provides protected open space, a wildlife corridor and serves a real community need.

The ground has toxic and phytotoxic soils. a flooding risk and gas risks.

There are major access problems which would have a massive impact on the surrounding quiet residential streets.

The Councils own ASN Site Options Appraisal(2021) looked at all the above points and reached the following conclusions-

a conflict with NPF4 Policy 5

a breach of NPF4 Policy 3

a conflict with LDP Policy 7 and LDP Policy 13

The Planning service requirement that the site be suitable, available and deliverable was deemed to be NOT DELIVERABLE by their own assessment.

The Planning Service conclusion was that Whitegates Park would not be acceptable in planning policy terms.

The plan to build goes against council policy, reports and cost considerations.

The proposed school will be the least effective cost wise in Scotland. Built to house a huge number of placements pupils while destroying a much loved and well used community space which is vital to health and environmental protection.

The decision to go ahead with this proposal defies all logic and adherence to financial prudence

