

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: I object to the proposed development at Whitegates Park on the following grounds:

1. The consultation process lacked transparency over the site selection. Residents were not consulted on the location and there is no publicly available evidence to justify why this site was chosen, as required by NPPF4. Any objections raised in the consultation process relating to the location were excluded from analysis.
2. Whitegates Park is a designated public open space within the LDP2 and forms part of the Green Network. The LDP2 designation still applies, and any change of use must be made through a formal amendment process. Attempting to bypass this process, via a planning application, conflicts with the system required under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and NPF4. My family use the space for walking, running and cycling. My two children (future pupils of Lenzie Academy) say they do not want to lose the park.
3. The proposal results in biodiversity loss with adverse ecological effects which does not meet NPF3 policy 3. My family and I enjoy the wildlife and greenspace at Whitegates park and do not want to lose this connection to nature locally. The proposed mitigation at Myrtle Avenue is not secured to this application, does not fully replace habitats being destroyed and is c.1 mile away (not local).