

FORMAL OBJECTION: PLANNING APPLICATION TP/ED/26/0104

Loss of Community Amenity, Health, and Natural Heritage

TO: East Dunbartonshire Council Planning Department

FROM: (Full Name): _____

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DATE: 26/04/2026

I am writing to formally **OBJECT** to Planning Application **TP/ED/26/0104**. This objection focuses on the permanent loss of Whitegates Park as a vital green asset, and the inadequacy of the proposed mitigation measures.

1. Inadequacy of Myrtle Avenue Mitigation (NPF4 policy 9).

The applicant proposes "mitigation" at Myrtle Avenue to compensate for the loss of Whitegates Park. Under (National planning policy) **NPF4 policy 9**, the loss of protected open space is only acceptable if a superior alternative is provided.

- **Objection:** Myrtle Avenue is a "manufactured" replacement that cannot replicate the **established ecosystem** of Whitegates. Whitegates is a natural wetland and peatland with decades of biodiversity growth. A new, smaller green patch does not compensate for the destruction of a complex, functioning natural habitat.

2. Accessibility and Convenience for the Community.

Whitegates park is centrally located and serves as a critical "Green Node" for residents in Lenzie and Kirkintilloch. Its layout provides safe, flat, and accessible routes for all generations.

- **Objection:** For many elderly residents, young families, and those with limited mobility, Whitegates is the only accessible, large-scale of green space within walking distance. Forcing the community to travel further to a smaller, secondary site (Myrtle Avenue) reduces **convenience and equity of access**, effectively "locking out" those who rely on the park for daily exercise and fresh air.

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