

Planning

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Sent: 27 April 2026 12:58
To: Planning
Subject: TP/ED/26/0104 - Objections to proposed Lenzie Academy new build proposals

Dear Sirs

I write to object in the strongest terms about the proposed new build of Lenzie Academy on Whitegates Park.

I wish to object for multiple reasons:

1. The financial implications of building on this site rather than a tandem build on the existing Lenzie Academy site, when St Ninian's High, Kirkintilloch High and Balmuildy Primary to name but three were rebuilt as tandem builds in recent years. To destroy a park in order to create a school and to destroy a school to create a park seems a needless and irresponsible use of money.
2. The ethical concern of building on green space and depriving the local community and environment of natural resources and habitat. This proposed development will lead to irreversible loss of natural habitat and if the proposed replacement park on the Myrtle Avenue site ever materialises, it will be many years before it is a fully functioning green space that in any way compensates for the destruction of Whitegates Park. It is my understanding that this conflicts with NPF4 Policy 3, Open space strategy and LDP2 Policy 17.
3. The financial waste of having to spend millions of pounds to decontaminate the Whitegates site and the ethical and environmental issues around that, when the ground was deemed unsuitable for building an ASN school just a few years ago. I understand that this conflicts with EDCs own previous findings and The Local Government in Scotland Act 2003, Best Value Guidance.
4. The siting of a new Lenzie Academy right next to a busy road with the resultant pollution concerns and road safety issues that will ensue for both pupils and staff.
5. The increased flood risk on the Whitegates park site compared to the current Lenzie Academy site, compounded by a greatly increased flooding risk in the surrounding area e.g. Woodside Avenue. This conflicts with NPF4. SEPA mapping shows Whitegates Park contains medium risk flood areas, which to my mind is an unacceptable risk to exacerbate with this proposed build.

6. The existing park is a vital public resource used by walkers, cyclists, joggers, dog walkers and the general community.
7. The potential for a disastrous amount of congestion and gridlock in the surrounding streets which are not designed for the volume of traffic that will be created by parents delivering children to school, especially now that parking on the pavement is illegal. Furthermore, the impact of school buses navigating the narrow streets will be extremely consequential and create tremendous inconvenience for local residents. This can be clearly understood despite the provision of a flawed and incomplete transport assessment PL45.
8. The unexpected influx of large numbers of boisterous teenagers to an established and potentially elderly community is likely to lead to distress for some residents of the local area.
9. The loss of valuable protected green space, sports pitches, mature trees and a generally healthy environment for local residents. This conflicts with Scottish Government Policy - Local living and 20 minute neighbourhoods planning guidance.
10. Moving the site of the school and its associated sports pitches to an area that hitherto has not had to deal with this is grossly unfair. Speaking as a local resident who lives beside [REDACTED], I can testify that the noise, litter, foul language and violent incursion of footballs – and rugby balls, as would be the case with Lenzie Academy! - into the garden are difficult enough to deal with when one has chosen to live near a school, so to have a new secondary school imposed on the residents adjacent to Whitegates Park is incredibly unfair and will no doubt have a detrimental effect on house prices in the area directly affected. Not only that, but there will be issues for local residents as a new school close to existing housing will deprive local homes and gardens of privacy that they currently experience. Noise Impact Assessment PL 46 relies on assumptions that are not secured. The sports pitch activity may raise noise levels by up to 10dB above evening background noise levels approaching 9pm. This conflicts with Sports Scotland guidance.

All in all, this is a totally unacceptable proposal and I hope that the council will listen to the concerns of local residents and council tax payers and revert to the much more sensible option of a tandem build on the existing site.

Please acknowledge receipt of this objection.

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27th April 2026

