

# 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

## Customer Details



## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:wish to object to the proposed development of the new Lenzie Academy at Whitegates Park,

Lenzie. My objection is based on material planning considerations including  
- a flawed consultation process

The consultation has been insufficient and has excluded key stakeholders. Many residents and other stakeholders were not consulted in good time and were not properly engaged. Furthermore, there has been a complete lack of transparency in the site selection process. No compelling, publicly available evidence has been provided to justify why this protected site was chosen over alternative, brownfield, or non-designated locations, as required by NPPF4. This failure undermines the entire application.

The Council's Education consultation did not show support for building on Whitegates Park. People were only asked if they wanted a new school in principle, not if they agreed with the location. The Report itself admits many "Yes" answers were conditional (eg "not at Whitegates Park") and that many objections focused on the site, but these were excluded from the analysis. The outcome therefore cannot be used to claim community backing or to override protections for designated open space. The proposal must go through full planning scrutiny, where the suitability of Whitegates Park will be properly assessed.