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Planning Applications East Dunbartonshire Council 12 Strathkelvin Place Kirkintilloch G66 1TJ

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Dear Sir/Madam

Our children and teachers deserve a school:

- that doesn't surface toxic chemicals into their environment through its construction or during their future learning.
- that doesn't put their local area and their families into debt for many, many years.
- that doesn't take away a vital green space conducive to their and their families' physical and mental health and wellbeing.
- that doesn't change the character of the area they grew up in forever.
- that doesn't remove a key arterial route and part of Strathkelvin's railway heritage.
- that doesn't destroy the homes around it with excess traffic, light and noise.
- that doesn't forever destroy the homes of many animal, plant and tree species.

Most of all, they deserve a school that has been fully planned, costed, and those things clearly communicated. With every risk mitigated and every concern taken seriously and sensitively addressed.

I object strongly to this development.
and respectfully request that East Dunbartonshire Council REFUSE Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104.

The specific aspects of the planning proposal relating to the key points of my objection are below.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm receipt of this objection, thank you.

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1. Toxic chemicals

A full breakdown of the building process, all chemicals and contaminants involved, the risks, mitigations and reassurance that the build will be safe is not provided.

2. Finances

No clear outline of full financial costs, including interest to be accrued, is available.

3. Vital green space - Whitegates Park is designated in LDP2 as **Open Space of Neighbourhood Importance (OS139)**. It also functions as a **Green Network Hub**. Conflicts with: **NPF4 Policy 11 (Play, Recreation and Sport)**, **NPF4 Policy 8 (Green Belts & Green Networks)**, **LDP2 Open Space policies**

Whitegates Park is a well-used, accessible green space that supports: physical and mental wellbeing, community gathering, local biodiversity

Its loss contradicts the aims of **NPF4 Policy 11** and **LDP2 Open Space Strategy**.

4. Character of the area

Lenzie is a calm, green, community environment. A development of this size and scope next to a busy main road, leisure centre and housing will change the feel of the area with increased traffic, artificial light, congestion and potentially through flooding and inadequate drainage.

5. Heritage

Loss of section of the Strathkelvin railway route and key arterial walking and cycling route from the community.

6. Homes

Adverse impact on local homes, risk of flooding, excess light and excess additional footfall and traffic.

7. Plant and animal species: **Irreversible Loss of Priority Habitats (Ecological Impact Assessment, Feb 2026)**. The proposal directly conflicts with **NPF4 Policy 3 (Biodiversity)**, which requires major developments to **conserve, restore and enhance** biodiversity and leave nature in a **better state**. Impact on protected species. Concerns regarding compliance with the **Habitats Regulations**, the **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**, and **NPF4 Policy 4 (Natural Places)**.

8. Process

Local community groups have raised ongoing concerns. Lack of engagement with community voices. Lack of openness creates a huge lack of trust in this development.