

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

Name:

Address:

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I 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:

- unjustified projected need
- transport and access issues

Specifically many of the access points for the school will be unsafe for the number of pedestrians and increased vehicles during peak times. My main concern would be the bridge under the railway on Easter Garngaber Road. At this point the road goes to a single lane and the pedestrian pavement shrinks to under 1m in width. Around 10-15% of the catchment could use this route which would mean 150-200 kids walking through it within peak times. If you add in those kids who use it to walk towards Millersneuk primary school you are looking at up to 50 more kids plus parents going against the main flow. Walking this way this twice this week I have witnessed a mobility scooter and a pram having to use the road as they couldn't safely fit on the pavement. There is no opportunity to widen this point in the road and no room for a barrier. I can't see how to make this safe for increased pedestrians, increased cyclists and a significant increase in road traffic. I don't see it really considered in documents even though is around 50m away from one of the main access points to the park. I would ask any decision maker drive or walk through this bridge and imagine crowds of children trying to walk this way.

Additional concerns include the size of the school considering the 40% school roll outwith catchment. I understand the need for Auchinloch, parts of Kirkintilloch and out towards the campsies but building to accommodate students from Stepps, Cumbernauld, Muirhead, Chryston

and parts of the woodilee I find unfathomable. I would hope this be reconsidered and a school that suits the local community.

The current site could accommodate a tandem built of planned correctly. Please reconsider.